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City of Good Hope hosting Back-to-School Bash Aug. 6

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Families are invited to celebrate the start of the new school year during the 2026 Back-to-School Bash, hosted by the City of Good Hope. The free community event will take place Thursday, Aug. 6, from 5-7 p.m. at Good Hope Municipal Park, 135 Municipal Drive, Cullman.

According to the City of Good Hope, the event is designed to help students and families kick off the new school year with an evening of food, activities and community fellowship.

Activities planned for the event include:

- Door prizes
- A free meal
- Water slides
- A gaming trailer
- Back-to-school photos
- Free haircuts for school-aged children
- Additional family-friendly activities

City officials said gates will open at 5 p.m. The event is open to the public, and admission is free.

The Back-to-School Bash has become one of several community events hosted by the City of Good Hope throughout the year, bringing together local families, businesses and community organizations as students prepare to return to the classroom.

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James C. Fields Jr. on the history of Colony

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CULLMAN, Ala. — James C. Fields Jr. was the special guest speaker at the recent meeting of the Cullman County Historical Society. He spoke about the history of Colony.

Fields said Colony, a historically significant African-American community, was established shortly after the Civil War. Known for its resilience and rich culture, Colony wasn't always part of Cullman County.

Fields said that when coal mines began opening nearby, the leaders of Cullman County sought to bring the mines into the county for economic reasons. To do so, they had to include Colony as well. This integration into Cullman County in 1873 marked the town's formal inclusion in the county's jurisdiction, even though it had existed as a separate African-American community for decades before that.

The land that is now Colony was not exactly what one would call good farming land, he said, and that alone was enough to discourage white settlers from the area. It had very poor soil. It wouldn't be until after the Civil War that the land now known as Colony would soon be a beautiful community.

It is believed that the original settlers of the town were most likely freed enslaved people from Baltimore, Alabama. Those who originally settled there were given land as compensation for being slaves, with over 8,000 acres eventually cultivated as farm land. At one time, Colony housed nearly 4,000 people; today it's only about 169.



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Beverly Wilkerson (left) James C. Fields. Jr. (right)

Fields said that most people moved to Docena, Alabama to work in the coal mines. "A lot of my father's brothers and a lot of the cousins, they moved first, along with Wayne Trimble's dad. And they moved on towards Ensley."

But that didn't slow the people of Colony down. It's estimated that in 1927 the Rosenwald School was built, due to the work of John Johnson and M.A Griffith. "He was field worker," stated Fields, "and was instrumental in urging others, when they built the school, to come together to build it." Fields said there wasn't that much money available for the school to be built, just a meager $500. Adjusted for inflation, that would be about $9,000 today.

There were many other things built to sustain Colony such as a cotton gin, a steam mill, a sawmill and a grist mill. The first church was built by one of the » PAGE 7

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PET OF THE WEEK
Gideon, a proper gentleman with extra toes and an extraordinary heart



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 29

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 29, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; **FTA** = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 28

- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person
- burglary-3rd degree; criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; miscellaneous, damaged property; Sharpton Rd. NE
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damaged fence; $50; 6th St. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Main Ave. SW

ARRESTS

July 27-28

Bright, Nicholas J.; 45

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – improper lane usage
- FTA – driving while suspended

Nugent, Allison R.; 19

- FTA – public intoxication

Gray, Paul J.; 60

- FTA – public intoxication (2 counts)

Garcia, Fernando D.; 37

- domestic violence-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Gideon (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Gideon is a precious polydactyl cat with a gentle spirit, a sublime personality and a few extra toes that make him especially memorable. He's The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week!

Approximately 6 years old, Gideon is known as a Hemingway cat. This handsome fellow has two extra toes on each of his front paws and one extra toe on each of his back paws.

Gideon is still becoming accustomed to his surroundings and may appear shy when first introduced. Give him a little time, however, and his personality begins to unfold.

At first, Gideon carries himself like a proper gentleman, quietly observing everything around him. Once he realizes he is safe and comfortable, that dignified exterior gives way to a relaxed kitty who is perfectly content to roll around and act casual.

His calm nature and affectionate personality could make him an exceptional therapy or companion cat. Gideon may be especially well suited for someone seeking a steady, comforting presence and a loyal feline friend with whom to share the quieter moments of life.

He has already been neutered, so his adoption fee is only $35, an amount that is certainly not indicative of his worth. The adoption fee also covers age-appropriate vaccinations and a microchip.

Those who meet Gideon may quickly understand why this sweet gentleman has already begun pulling at the heartstrings of those caring for him.

To meet Gideon, visit the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. You can also call 256-734-5448 or email cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

If Gideon has already found his forever home, be sure to meet his friends. The shelter has many other wonderful cats and dogs still waiting for families of their own.

Prior to entering any Alabama school or child care center, an up-to-date Certificate of Immunization must be submitted for each child.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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PUBLIC NOTICE

• The Cullman County Special Education Program is seeking to locate children with disabilities ages 0-21 within the Cullman County School District. Ages 0-3 call Kristie Smith, 256-734-3253. Ages 3-21 call Katie Meigs, Special Education Coordinator, 256-739-0486, Ext 2.

• The system is also seeking to locate intellectually gifted and talented children, with the emphasis on second-grade students.

Contact Special Education Coordinator Katie Meigs at 17600 U.S. Highway 31 N, Cullman, Al 35058.

The Poetry of Recovery: Recovery Support Group

Every Saturday at 10 a.m. at 514 Cleveland Ave. SW in Cullman. Facebook/The Poetry of Recovery. Contact Jeff at 727-542-6413 or John at 256-636-0612.

Cullman County Historical Society Meetings

We meet the fourth Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. at the Cullman County Museum. Each meeting features a specific program or speaker. Join us!

Attention Senior Citizens

• If you are 60 or over, please come to the Cullman Senior Center at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW and have some fun with us and eat lunch. Good fun, good friends and good food. Different things going on Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-noon.

• Volunteers needed to deliver meals to homebound. Call Commission on Aging for info. 256-734-1241.

Cullman County Republican Women Monthly Meetings

Second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Cullman VFW. President Cathi Bradford: "We are going to begin training to track legislation in Montgomery. If you need information, you can directly message me on Facebook." Full meals at 5:30. Meetings start at 6.

The Crossing Food Bank

The Crossing is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. We are located at 1503 Second St. SW, Cullman (in the Housing Authority).

Cullman Low Vision Support Group Meetings

Third Tuesday of every month, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Alabama Career Center, 1201 Katherine St. NW in Cullman. Contact Olivia Wade, case manager, at 256-389-2502.

Baileyton Bargain Days

First Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park. Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items. A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted. Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous

The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Alcoholics Anonymous

Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings

Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at the Donald E. Green Adult Active Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW. The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings

The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Cullman Al-Anon Meetings

The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. The Cullman Serenity Al-Anon Group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a Zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The Courage to Change Al-Anon Family Group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at 305 Arnold St. NE in the Carriage House, located between the church and the Arnold House on the corner. For more information call 256-734-2231 or 256-531-4429.

The Pantry at The Link

• 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055

• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

• Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

Church Services: Spirit Life Church

• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman

• 256-739-3326

• spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com

• FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman

• Friday, July 31 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.

• Sunday, Aug. 2 – 8:15 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11. 2 p.m. prayer service.

• Wednesday, Aug. 5– 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area 5:15-5:30. Call Aimee at 256-841-2060 for pickup.

• Friday, Aug. 7 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.

• Sunday, Aug. 9 – 8:15 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

Shirley Burden Public Library in Hanceville

• The library is open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed from noon-1 p.m.) and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on Facebook for weekly details or please feel free to call us at 256-352-0685. Follow Facebook/Hanceville Public Library for event details.

• Friday, July 31, 6 p.m. Poetry Night – all writers, amateurs, singers and songwriters invited

• Wednesday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m. Children's author Ernie Swindle (bringing Matilda the Donkey for petting, located in the back parking lot)

• Friday, Aug. 7, 10 a.m. "Larry the Magician" a happy, interactive program full of laughter. This is his last season performing; he is retiring after this summer.

• Wednesday, Aug. 12, 10 a.m. Storytime Cullman Extension 4-H Kerri Roberts

• Saturday, Aug. 15, 10 a.m. Adult book club

• Tuesday, Aug. 18, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Teenage club art project

• Wednesday, Aug. 19, 10 a.m. Storytime with college volunteer

• Wednesday, Aug. 26, 10 a.m. Children's book club and storytime with Briana Taylor and Angelyn Riggs

• Wednesday, Sept. 2, 10 a.m. Storytime with teenager Savannah Kesick reading "Frog & Toad"

• Wednesday, Sept. 9, 10 a.m. Storytime with Suhana, board member

• Thursdays, 1-3 p.m., Crochet class

• We are looking for community volunteers to read storytime on Wednesdays. Contact Teresa Rivera for details. Volunteers make our library successful, so we thank our local community.

Guy Hunt Library Summer Reading Program

Make plans to join us at Guy Hunt Library in Holly Pond on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. for the Summer Reading Program! Drinks and snacks will be provided. For more information contact the Guy Hunt Library at 256-796-5226, or guyhuntlibrary@gmail.com.

Holly Pond Lions Club All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, Aug. 15, from 6-9 a.m. at the Holly Pond Lions Club Building. For a donation, guests can enjoy pancakes, bacon, sausage and coffee, available for dine-in or take-out. All proceeds will support the HP Lions Club Project Fund and the local food pantry. Thank you community for supporting your local Lions Club.

Little Pink Dress Benefit

Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 6-9 p.m. at The Venue at Stone Bridge Farms. Tickets on sale now! www.cullmanbosombuddies.com/service/little-pink-dress-event

Bash (from Front)

Municipal Park serves as a gathering place for many of the city's recreational programs and special events, providing space for residents to enjoy family activities throughout the year.

With the new school year approaching, the event offers families an opportunity to enjoy an evening together while taking advantage of free activities and services available before classes begin.

2026 Back-to-School Bash

- When: Thursday, Aug. 6, 2026
- Time: 5-7 p.m. (Gates open at 5)
- Where: Good Hope Municipal Park, 135 Municipal Drive, Cullman
- Admission: Free
- Hosted by: City of Good Hope

For additional information, visit www.facebook.com/CityOfGoodHope.

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Wallace State adds former Priceville head coach Emily Williams to volleyball staff

Wallace State Sports Information

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State has strengthened its volleyball coaching staff with the addition of former Priceville head coach Emily Williams as an assistant coach.

Williams joins the Lady Lions after guiding the Priceville program for the past five seasons, where she helped continue the growth of one of North Alabama's respected high school volleyball programs. She has already been working with the Wallace State team since the spring and has made an immediate impact, according to head coach Randy Daniel.

"Emily's been with us since early in the spring and Emily's a great communicator," Daniel said.

"She has a very young, positive amount of energy. I feel like she's kind of infused that into the team. Obviously I'm old and experienced, and she can really help the team. She's been doing great with the team, and they all love her."

Williams said the opportunity to begin working with the team during the spring made the transition to the college level much smoother.

"It's been a whirlwind of coming in and getting to meet everybody and getting to know all the players," Williams said. "During the spring we didn't have all of our out-of-state players, but we had a lot of our in-state girls here. It was really nice getting to watch them on the floor and see what we have and the structure of what we're going to build around."

She said the extra time allowed her to learn the players' strengths and weaknesses while also becoming familiar with Daniel's coaching philosophy.

"I'm going from a head coach to an assistant coach, so you've got to figure out what the boss wants, what the boss likes and how I can help the program in that way," Williams said.

Daniel believes Williams' enthusiasm, communication skills and commitment to the sport have already benefited the Lady Lions.

"She's going to be a tremendous amount of help," Daniel said. "Just having another body on the bench that is dedicated to volleyball, not just being an assistant as they finish college or something like that."

Although she spent the last five seasons as a head coach, Williams said she is excited to embrace her new role.

"It's been great, and I'm not saying that one role is more important than another," Williams said. "Every piece makes the puzzle. Assistant coaches are there for the behind-the-scenes work. I want the head coach to be focused on what the head coach needs to do, and that's winning ball games and taking care of the kids."

She added that her goal is to make Daniel's job easier in any way possible.

"I'm a helper by trade, so anything I can do to help, that's what I want to do," Williams said.

"I love building relationships with the girls and then being able to strategize to figure out how to win ball games."

For Williams, accepting the position at Wallace State also carries personal significance. While she developed strong ties to the Priceville community during her coaching career, Wallace State has been part of her life since childhood.

"If anybody has learned anything from me in all of my coaching stages and places in life, it's loyalty," Williams said.

"I was very loyal to Priceville because that's where I was from and I loved the people there. But Wallace—we go all the way back."

Williams' sister won a national championship with the Wallace State softball program, while her brother-in-law played baseball for the Lions.

The two met while attending Wallace State, giving Williams countless memories of the campus long before she became a coach.

"As a middle school kid, I was running around here," Williams said. "I was running around in the Coliseum. I was running around on the softball field and the baseball field. So this is another kind of home for me."

She also pointed to the college's athletic tradition and first-class facilities as reasons she is excited to be part of the program.

"Some Division I colleges don't have the facilities that we have," Williams said. "Being able to get in that atmosphere and environment is really rewarding. It feels good to be here."

Williams said Wallace State's longstanding reputation for success was another factor that attracted her to the position.

"The history, the tradition of winning and excellence—it's the standard that's been set here for years," she said. "I'm lucky to get to learn from Coach Daniel and see how that standard is set."

Daniel said Williams' experience as a head coach gives her another valuable perspective that will help the Lady Lions both on and off the court.

"I think her communication skills are something that excels for her personally," Daniel said.

"Just being able to say things a certain way or a different way than I say things obviously increases the amount of instruction and hopefully reaches kids in a better way that can make a difference for them on the court and as a person."

He added that Williams has already become an important part of the program.

"I'm excited about her," Daniel said. "She's been a tremendous amount of help. She was great."



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WSCC volleyball assistant coach Emily Williams

Williams joins Daniel, who is entering his 19th season as Wallace State's head coach. The Lady Lions return Darcy Alford, Cheyenne Lucas and Kenzie Wilson from last season's squad while welcoming 15 newcomers as they look to rebound from an injury-plagued 2025 campaign.

Wallace State Athletics Earns 2025-26 ACCC Athletics Academic Champion Award

Wallace State Sports Information

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Athletics has once again demonstrated that success extends far beyond competition, earning the 2025-26 Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) Athletics Academic Champion Award for outstanding academic achievement across all sports.

The prestigious honor recognizes the conference's top overall athletic department for academic excellence, with Wallace State posting an impressive 74.3 percent of its student-athletes earning a 3.00 GPA or higher during the 2025-26 academic year.

The award reflects the commitment of Wallace State's student-athletes, coaches, faculty and staff to maintaining excellence in the classroom while competing at a high level in intercollegiate athletics.

"This award is a tremendous accomplishment for our student-athletes and everyone involved in our athletic department," said Wallace State Athletic Director Paul Bailey.

"Our coaches emphasize that success in the classroom is just as important as success in competition, and our student-athletes have embraced that challenge. We are incredibly proud of their dedication, discipline and commitment to excellence."

Throughout the 2025-26 academic year, Wallace State student-athletes continued to excel academically while representing the college in competition across the ACCC and national levels.

Their collective achievement underscores the department's commitment to developing well-rounded student-athletes who are prepared for success both during their time at Wallace State and beyond.

The Academic Champion Award is presented annually to the ACCC institution that records the highest percentage of student-athletes earning at least a 3.00 grade-point average across all athletic programs.

Wallace State's 74.3 percent mark highlights a culture where academic achievement is a cornerstone of the athletic experience.

The honor also reflects the support provided by faculty, academic advisors, tutors and athletic staff who work together to ensure student-athletes have the resources necessary to succeed.

The recognition adds to another outstanding year for Wallace State Athletics, further reinforcing the college's reputation as one of the premier community college athletic programs in Alabama and the nation.

By earning the 2025-26 ACCC Athletics Academic Champion Award, the Lions have once again proven that championship performances are measured not only by wins and titles, but also by excellence in the classroom.



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Wallace State's 2025-26 ACCC Athletics Academic Championship Award

Hanceville (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The city of Hanceville celebrated the America 250 on Saturday, July 25, at C.W. Day Park.

The day-long festivities include food and beverage options like JJ's Tacos, Warehouse Nutrition and fresh watermelon slices. There were also several different vendors to browse, one of which traveled from Birmingham.

Both children and adults got to spend time playing in the fun zone sponsored by Life Church, with three bounce houses and face painting available.

Admission to the pool was free all day, and there was a dunking booth where many children tested their aim.

Fire trucks were on-site, displaying flags and allowing visitors to get a close-up look, and live music included O'Toole Brothers, Junction 231, Billmon Road Band and Jesse Priest.


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From left to right are David Wasilewski, Morgan Wasilewski, Sarah Gilliland, Garrett Gilliland, Councilman Robert Powell and Becky Hinkle.

The celebration was capped off by a grand fireworks display.

According to Hanceville City Councilman Robert Powell, the event was a step forward in transparency to gain the trust of the community and bring everyone back together.

He said he wants the residents of Hanceville to take pride in their town once more, and this event was just the beginning of what's to come.


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Anastasia Dauksza (left) and Charleigh Bennett (right)



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Mandy Laney


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Phoebe James



CPD Sgt. Adam Walker earns FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Police Department Sgt. Adam Walker has completed a three-part law enforcement leadership program and earned the FBI-Law Enforcement Executive Development Association Trilogy Award.

The department announced Walker's accomplishment and recognized his continued commitment to professional development and leadership.

The Trilogy Award is presented to law enforcement professionals who successfully complete FBI-LEEDA's Supervisor Leadership Institute, Command Leadership Institute and Executive Leadership Institute.

The three programs are designed to provide leadership education for officers serving at different levels of responsibility within an agency.

Each institute is a four-and-a-half-day course, amounting to approximately 13.5 days of leadership training across the full Trilogy.

The courses may be completed in any order, although FBI-LEEDA recommends progressing from the supervisory course to the command course and then the executive course because each builds on concepts addressed in the earlier programs.

The Supervisor Leadership Institute is intended primarily for first-line supervisors and middle managers. Its curriculum includes supervisory leadership, professional credibility, law enforcement liability, discipline, behavioral leadership styles and leading employees from different generations.

The Command Leadership Institute is designed for officers serving in or preparing for command-level positions. Topics include team building, ethical decision-making, resilient leadership and working with challenging employees.

The Executive Leadership Institute focuses on issues facing senior law enforcement leaders, including public trust, procedural justice, strategic planning, officer wellness, recruitment and retention and future trends in policing.

FBI-LEEDA describes the three-course series as a comprehensive leadership education intended to help participants develop a stronger leadership identity and apply the principles within their agencies.

The organization established the Trilogy Award in 2009 to recognize individuals who completed all three leadership institutes.

FBI-LEEDA is a private nonprofit law enforcement training association and is not part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation or acting on the bureau's behalf.

Its mission centers on advancing law enforcement leadership and improving management practices through education, training and professional networking.

According to CPD, the Trilogy program equips law enforcement supervisors with skills to lead personnel, strengthen teams and better serve their communities.

"At the Cullman Police Department, we believe that investing in leadership is investing in our officers and the citizens we serve," the department stated. "We place a strong emphasis on professional development and leadership training at every level because well-trained leaders help build a stronger department, make better decisions and set the standard for those around them."

The department congratulated Walker on completing the program and earning the Trilogy Award.

"Please join us in congratulating Sgt. Walker on this outstanding accomplishment and his continued commitment to professional excellence and leadership," CPD stated.



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
CPD Sgt. Adam Walker

Obituary Announcements: July 28-29

Frances Joan Leeth Miller, 74
Funeral Service for Frances Joan Leeth Miller, age 74 of Vinemont, were at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at West Point First Baptist Church, with Pastor Michael Jones and Rev. Samuel Tucker officiating. Burial was at Shoal Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation was be from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Joan passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2026, at her residence, surrounded by her loving family. She was born Aug. 29, 1951, to Houston B. Leeth and Ivalyn Riley Leeth. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Thaila Dale Leeth; brother, Ronald Hugh Leeth. Survivors include her daughters, Rita Miller, Regina Miller, and Gail (Joe) Letson; granddaughter, Jana (Noah) Earls; grandson, J. J. Letson; great granddaughters, Ava Earls, Evelyn Earls and Willow Letson; great grandson, Jack Earls; sisters, Linda Sue Maxwell and Jeanice Galin; brother, Benny Leeth; a huge host of nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins, and "adopted" family, loved ones, and friends. Serving as pallbearers are J.J. Letson, Noah Earls, Michael Nelson, Tim Leeth, Howard Maxwell, and Paul Ellis Knighten. Joan Miller loved her family and friends, loved God, and serving God by serving others. She loved her job at CRMC where she worked for 20 years, before retiring in 2018. She was a pancreatic cancer and melanoma survivor. Joan's fighting, loving, serving spirit will be carried on by all who loved her.

Hollis Wendell Baggett, 81
A graveside service for Hollis Wendell Baggett, 81, of Hanceville will be 11 a.m. Thursday July 30, at Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, Alabama. Visitation will be Wednesday, July 29, from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Baggett was born Dec. 14, 1944, in Cleburne County, Georgia. He passed away July 25, 2026, in Birmingham, Alabama. Hollis Baggett passed away, leaving behind a legacy of service, dedication, and quiet strength. He was a proud Vietnam veteran who honorably served his country in the United States Army. After a distinguished military career, he retired from the Army, carrying with him the values of integrity, discipline, and selfless service that guided him throughout his life. Following his military retirement, Hollis continued to serve his community through his work in the IT Department at Wallace State Community College. After many years of faithful service, he retired from Wallace State, leaving a lasting impact on colleagues and students alike. Hollis will be remembered as a man of honor, commitment, and quiet humility. Whether serving his country, supporting those around him through his work, or spending time with family and friends, he lived a life marked by purpose and dedication. He leaves behind cherished family members, friends, and all who were blessed to know him. His life was one of faithful service, and his memory will continue to inspire those who loved him. Mr. Baggett is survived by his children, Jayla Ann Chambers, Amelia LeNette Wisener (Dustin James Wisener), Janette Susan Hipp, Kimberly BreAnna Baggett; grandchildren, Anthony Phillip Faronea, Veronica Lynn Taylor (Justin Craig Taylor), Cody Allen Wisener, Louis Carter Hipp, Crimson Rose Hipp; great grandchildren, Adrian Lucas Faronea, Pepper Ann Taylor, Keiran Henry Taylor; siblings, Glenda Baggett, and Patricia Baggett. Mr. Baggett was preceded in death by his wife, Lisa Baggett; sister, Janice Annette Baggett-Smith; and his parents, Henry Albert Baggett and Fannie Ruth Chambers-Baggett. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Baggett family.

Dorothy Ann Chaney, 86
My wonderful mother Dorothy Chaney passed away on June 22. She was 86 years young and lived a long life. We are having a Celebration of Life service on the 15th of August in Holly Pond, Alabama. Everyone that knew her is invited to come celebrate with us. Location: Holly Pond Methodist Church, Holly Pond, Alabama | Time: 11 a.m. | Date: Aug. 15

Travis Lynn White, 74
Travis Lynn White, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away on Sunday morning, July 26, 2026, at the age of 74. Travis was born on Aug. 8, 1951, to the late James Aubrey and Lucy Anna Ree Love White. Those proceeding Mr. White in death include his parents; beloved wife of 38 years, Linda Reid White; brother, Jerry White; and grandchildren, Tarrant White and Lexi White. Travis is survived by his children, Brett White (Jennifer), Lacey McGriff (Zach), Chuck Schultz (Nandi); sister, Betty Green; sister-in-law, Alice White; grandchildren, Destiny Goodman (Mason), Collin Schultz, Mia McGriff, Jackson Schultz, Grayson McGriff; a host of nieces and nephews; and many dear friends. Travis was a member of the Holly Pond High School Graduating Class of 1969. While in school Travis, known to most everyone as "Moose," was an all-around athlete, playing all sports well. He continued to play adult softball for many years and umpired, all while working a full-time job in quality control and raising a family. Travis was a man of large statue with a heart just as big. His kind and gentle spirit was known to all who knew him. Travis was a loving husband (spoiled rotten by his late wife, Linda), adoring father (rarely even frustrated by Lacey, but the boys were another story), and doting Papa Moose to his grandchildren (grandchildren are perfect.) Travis's love for his family was second only to his love for his Heavenly Father. When his health allowed, Travis attended his church home, Victory Church, where he enjoyed worshipping alongside his friends and neighbors. Travis had several things he was very passionate about; his family, Classic Rock music; gameshows; and Alabama football. Mr. White was an avid Bama fan and was excited about the upcoming season. If you knew Travis, you also knew he was almost always wearing his team's colors and he was always ready to talk about football. While this gentle giant may no longer be here with us, his sweet spirit and love for his family will be remembered for generations to come. Friends are invited to join the family on Friday, July 31, 2026, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel for a time of visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Funeral services will follow visitation, beginning at noon with Pastor Jeremy Collier officiating. Travis will be laid to rest in Union Grove Cemetery alongside his beloved Linda following services. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the White family.

Ester Braswell, 94
Ester Braswell, 94, of Huntsville, passed away peacefully at her residence on Sunday, July 26, 2026, surrounded by her loving children. Born on Nov. 5, 1931, in Curry, Alabama, Ester was the daughter of the late John Miller and Mary Richardson Miller. She was one of eleven children who learned the value of hard work, faith, and the importance of family. Ester found her greatest joy in spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A faithful member of First Baptist Church of Meridianville, Ester attended regularly until her health no longer allowed her to do so. Her unwavering faith was an important part of her life and was reflected in the kindness and love she shared with others. In addition to her parents, Ester was preceded in death by her ten siblings and two children, Mike Ray Braswell and Linda Jo Fry. She is survived by her son, Greg Braswell; her daughter, Lisa Lowhorn; seven grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and many extended family members and friends who will cherish her memory. The family will hold a Celebration of Life service at a later date and time. Decatur Brown Service Funeral Home is honored to serve the Braswell Family.

Alpha M. Wallace, 85
Alpha M. Wallace, 85, of Decatur, passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2026. Born on Sept. 8, 1940, in Lawrence County, Alabama, Alpha was the daughter of the late Alfred Glenn Stokes and Kerena Steadman Stokes. She dedicated 44 years of service as an underwriter with Mutual Insurance Company, where she was known for her hard work and commitment. Alpha was a woman of deep faith and a devoted member of Cave Springs Baptist Church. She faithfully read her Bible each day and found great joy in serving the Lord throughout her life. Her love of music began at an early age when, at just 12 years old, she served as music director at her church while her 10-year-old sister accompanied her on the piano. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, working crossword puzzles, and attending tractor shows with her late husband, Waymon. She also loved spending time with her grandchildren, who brought her immense joy. Growing up on a family farm, Alpha learned the value of hard work and often believed that hard work was one of life's greatest expressions of love. In addition to her parents, Alpha was preceded in death by her husbands, Robert "Bob" Johnson and Waymon Wallace; and her sisters, Bunita Stokes Morgan and Lockie Stokes Woodard. She is survived by her son, Glenn Johnson; stepchildren, Melissa (Lynn Williams) Wallace and Wesley (Megan) Wallace; grandsons, Dylan Johnson and Skyler Keeton; step-grandson, Andrew (Kate) Wallace; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends who will cherish her memory. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026, at Impact Church of Decatur, 1701 Carridale Street SW, Decatur, Alabama, with Pastor Sandra Locke-Godbey officiating. Burial will follow at Roselawn Cemetery in Decatur. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday at the church. Decatur Brown Service Funeral Home is honored to serve the Wallace Family.

Fred Allen "Peanut" Sparks, 80
Memorial Service for Fred Allen "Peanut" Sparks, age 80 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026, at Welti Cumberland Presbyterian Church; Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Sparks passed away on Monday, July 27, 2026, at his residence. He was born, March 1, 1946, to Joseph Olen Sparks and Willie Pearl Sparks. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Dorothy Brannan. Survivors include his wife, Kay Sparks; son, Randy Sparks (Karen); daughter, Lynn Yarbrough (Jeff), grandchildren, Bryant Sparks (Jessica) and Kristen Sparks and brother, James Sparks and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Amelia Margaret Peinhardt, 85
Amelia Margaret Peinhardt of Cullman passed away at Cullman Regional Medical Center on July 27, 2026, at the age of 85. Ms. Peinhardt was born March 26, 1941, to Emil Louis and Emma Kress Peinhardt in Cullman Alabama. She is preceded in death by her Parents, Brother: Louis Peinhardt Jr., Sister: Louise Peinhardt Pugh, Stepmother: Marie Schlichting Peinhardt. A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will be on Friday, July 31, 2026, at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with Rodney Chambers, Keith Chambers and Richard Chambers officiating. Interment will follow services in Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be on Friday from 1-2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Survivors are: Half Sister: Linda Peinhardt Chambers, three Nephews: Richard (Lisa) Chambers, Rodney (Jane Ann) Chambers, Keith (Hope) Chambers, five Great Nephews: Andy (Caitlin) Chambers, Colin (Chelsea) Chambers, Josh (Frances) Chambers, Eli (Faith) Chambers and Ian Chambers, one Great Great Nephew and six Great Great Nieces.

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LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF: *
MARY ELLA KIMBRIL SHIKLE, * **CASE NO.: PC2026-256**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to TRAVIS DARREN SHIKLE, as Personal Representative of the Estate of MARY ELLA KIMBRIL SHIKLE, deceased, on the 20th day of July, 2026, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Travis Darren Shikle
Personal Representative

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TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Please publish the forgoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

DONE this 20th day of July, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Tina W Bagwell, Joseph M Yovino to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for New South Federal Savings Bank, its successors and assigns dated May 19, 2004; said mortgage being recorded on May 19, 2004 in Deed Book 1382, Page 474 as having been modified by an agreement recorded in Deed Book 2011, Page 373 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing by assignment recorded in Deed Book 361, Page 827 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on October 8, 2026 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot No. Six (6) in Block One (1) of Karter's Lakeview Subdivision as shown and known on the map recorded in Book 1, Page 18 in the Probate Records of Cullman County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as **1517 Maple Drive Nw, Cullman, AL 35055**.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. Bidders must perform their own due diligence. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, went into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including nonjudicial foreclosures) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. As part of this Rule, purchasers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and the source of funds used in the reportable transaction, if applicable.* The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

* The Rule is the subject of ongoing litigation in several jurisdictions. We suggest that you seek your own legal counsel if you have questions about the status of the Rule and its applicability to your sale, if any.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258, if applicable.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
HUBERT RUSSELL WALKER, * **CASE NO.: PC2026-274**
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary having been granted to NATHAN L. AYERS as Personal Representative of the Estate of HUBERT RUSSELL WALKER, deceased, on the 14th day of July, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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Personal Representative

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Eight tenths (.8) of an acre, more or less, in the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 5, Township 13 South, Range 3 West and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of the said forty acre tract, thence North along the West line of the forty a distance of 151 feet, thence East 20 feet, thence North 36° 55' East 315 feet, thence North 21° East 210 feet, thence North 200 feet to an iron pin, which is the point of beginning of the property here conveyed, thence South 35° 30' East 229 feet, thence North 55° 55' East 222 feet, thence North 37° 35' West 104 feet thence South 85° 21' West 255.5 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to existing rights of way for public roads and public utility lines and poles.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
)
SUSAN CLUXTON RIX,) CASE NO.: PC2026-081
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH THE WILL ANNEXED and PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: JASON MURPHREE, JACKIE MURPHREE, NIKKI DALE WILBORN and all Known and Unknown Heirs of the estate of SUSAN RIX CLUXTON, deceased.

The *Petition for Letters of Administration with the Will Annexed* and *Petition for Probate of Will* has been set for hearing on **20th day of October, 2026, at 10:00a.m.** before Tammy Brown Judge of Probate, Room 101.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear, and contest said Petition if they see proper.

DONE this 27th day of July, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

GLENN WILSON,
Plaintiff

vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2026-900132.00**

DONNA HARTZELL,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Donna Hartzell, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Glenn Wilson's Divorce Complaint by August 31st, 2026, or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2026-900132.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 2nd day of July, 2026.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CARRIE COLEMAN,
Plaintiff

vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2026-000148.00**

KEN COLEMAN,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Ken Coleman, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Carrie Coleman's Divorce Complaint by September 7, 2026, or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2026-000148.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 28th day of July, 2026.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER:
CARRIE COLEMAN
1642 COUNTY ROAD 362
CRANE HILL, AL 35033

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
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CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-132

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARGARET ANN KLEIN BAUMGARTNER, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Patrick L. Klein and Rebecca K. Klein on the 21st day July, 2026, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Patrick L. Klein and Rebecca K. Klein
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-275

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LORRAINE MARIE COLE, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Michael Russell Gandy on the 14th day of July, 2026, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Michael Russell Gandy
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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Tammy Brown
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The start of a new school year

Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff

As summer draws to a close, excitement is building across our community as the Cullman City School System prepares to welcome 3,200 students back for the first day of school on Aug. 11.

The start of a new school year is always a special time. It represents new beginnings, a fresh start and the opportunity to learn, grow and build lasting relationships. Students will be reunited with old friends while also having the chance to make new ones. For some children, Aug.11 will mark their very first day of school, a milestone that families will remember for years to come. For others, especially our seniors, it will be their last first day, the beginning of a memorable final chapter before graduation. No matter the grade level, the first day of school is a significant occasion.

Our teachers, administrators and support staff are eager to welcome students back into our classrooms. Families are also preparing to transition back into school routines, from earlier bedtimes to morning schedules. Together, let's make the 2026-2027 school year our best yet.

One of the most important keys to student success is attendance. We encourage every student to arrive at school on time each day and set a goal of achieving perfect attendance. Every school day provides valuable learning opportunities that help students thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

As the school year begins, we also ask our parents and community members to help us keep our students and employees safe. Please be mindful of increased school traffic and children walking to and around our campuses. Allow yourself extra travel time, slow down in school zones and remain focused while driving. If you are in a school car line, please stay off your cell phone so your full attention is on the students, staff and other vehicles around you.

The continued support of our families, stakeholders and community is one of the many reasons the Cullman City School System continues to be recognized as one of Alabama's top-tier school systems. Thank you for partnering with us to ensure every student has a safe, successful and rewarding school year.

We look forward to an outstanding 2026-2027 school year. Together, we can make it the best one yet.

Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff

Seipel (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — On Wednesday, July 29, bells rang out over the St. Bernard campus to announce the election of the Right Reverend Brendan John Seipel, of the Order of Saint Benedict, as the Abbot of Saint Bernard Abbey. Abbot Brendan is the 11th Abbot in St. Bernard's 135-year history.

The election process began on June 15, when the monks gathered in the Abbey Church to celebrate the Mass of the Holy Spirit, invoking the Paraclete's wisdom and guidance throughout the election process. The Right Rev. Jonathan R. Licari, O.S.B., abbot president of the American-Cassinese Congregation of Benedictine Monks, was the principal celebrant for the Mass and presided at the election, in which the monks in solemn vows took part.

After temporarily recessing the election chapter until canonical recourse could be made to the Holy See, Abbot Jonathan reopened the election chapter on July 29, when Abbot Brendan was formally elected and confirmed.

Immediately following the election chapter, the monks gathered for a service of thanksgiving in the Abbey Church, where Abbot Brendan presided.

Joining the monks for this festive occasion were the Most Rev. Steven J. Raica, bishop of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama, and the Most Rev. Robert J. Baker, bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Birmingham, as well as priests of the Diocese, Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery and a host of lay faithful who came to give thanks to God.

Abbot Brendan assumes responsibility as spiritual and temporal leader of St. Bernard immediately; as is customary, the formal blessing of the new Abbot will take place in the coming months.

Abbot Brendan, a native of Lanesville, Indiana, entered St. Bernard Abbey in 2002 and professed vows as a Benedictine monk on March 21, 2004.

Over the years, he has served in various roles at St. Bernard, including guest master, director of the St. Boniface Retreat Center, director of the Abbey Farm, member of the Senior Council and as Subprior and Prior.

Fields (from Front)

Drennan family's brothers, who was a Methodist pastor. That's how Pleasant Grove was the first church built in Colony. Fields stated that at the time they were Methodist Episcopal Church of Zion because of what side of the Mississippi River they were on. It wouldn't be until 1968 that they would merge with the United Brethren and become the United Methodist Church. He also mentioned Mr. Malfields, who opened a general store.

Fields said of his childhood home, "We had four rooms, no electricity until I was about 11 or 12, and I remember the one string running in and had one light hanging, and that was the light for the whole house. There was two beds in each room, and what we now call the living room and then the kitchen around the old wood stove."

Fields said they bathe in the creek right below the house, and he told the audience about his experience with the family's first washing machine. "I think my grandmother Merle was working for the oldest Dr. Stitt and he helped us get a washing machine. I remember getting my fingers hung into that ringer. And, you know, you're standing there and you're screaming, and your mother would walk up and say, 'I told you not to do that. Don't you know better!?' and she'd laugh," he chuckled.

He also reminisced about having to share the bed with his siblings. "Two beds in the bedroom, three of us in each bed and we would scuffle and fight, and mother would come in with, you know what, 'the peace maker.' The only tough time then was that if you had to go out and get your own, you better come back with a good one." The audience laughed recalling the times they once had to do the same. He said the adults in his life kept him and others on the right path. "I attributed a lot to being born and reared in Colony, I attributed a lot to a lot of the adults that was in my life in Colony. I can't think of one adult that mistreated me in any way. They corrected us. They made sure we stayed straight. They wouldn't let you fight. If you did, you got a whoopin then and there. And then by the time you got home, you got a whoopin there. I don't know how they communicated because there was no telephone." This got a loud laugh from the audience.

Colony, according to Fields, was "truly blessed."



EMILY MCMUNN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

James C. Fields. Jr.

Will Roberts Day (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Gov. Kay Ivey on Wednesday proclaimed Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026, as Will Roberts Day across Alabama, honoring a 15-year-old whose battle with stage 4 osteosarcoma drew support from people across the state and nation.

William Britton "Will" Roberts, of Ralph, was the son of Alabama Law Enforcement Agency State Bureau of Investigation Capt. Jason Roberts and Brittney Roberts.

Will passed Thursday, July 23, at Rady Children's Hospital in San Diego following a battle with cancer that lasted more than a year and a half.

The proclamation recognizes Will's courage, faith and impact on those who followed his journey. Aug. 1, the day designated as Will Roberts Day, is also the day of his funeral.

"Alabama is remembering Will as a brave young man whose courage inspired us all," Ivey said. "God has called him home, where he is healed and with our Savior. I am proud to honor his life well-lived by officially proclaiming Will Roberts Day in the state of Alabama. He inspired me, and he inspired us all."

Will was diagnosed with stage 4 osteosarcoma Jan. 9, 2025. His treatment included surgeries, chemotherapy, radiation and numerous hospital stays.

He also lost a leg to cancer and learned to walk again as his treatment eventually took him more than 2,000 miles from home.

Osteosarcoma is a rare and aggressive form of bone cancer that primarily affects children, teenagers and young adults.

Will gained national attention in April after using his mother's Facebook account to post a video asking for help obtaining access to an experimental cancer treatment.

The video received more than 6.5 million views on Facebook and reached Dr. Mehmet Oz, administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Oz helped connect the Roberts family with those involved in the treatment Will later began receiving in California.

While undergoing treatment, Will met Oz and spoke with U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. He and his family also advocated for other children to have greater access to treatments for osteosarcoma.

"I want my life so bad," Will told WVTM 13. "I'm determined to get it. So I'm fighting for it."

Will's public appeal led to an outpouring of financial assistance, prayers and other support from individuals, churches, businesses and organizations across the country.

The Governor's Office said Will continued encouraging others throughout his illness and described his life as an example for children in Alabama and elsewhere who have faced cancer.

"Will was a light to everyone around him," the Governor's Office stated. "Despite his difficult journey, he could always find a reason to smile or encourage someone else. His journey united many in prayer, faith and community."

Will passed away during the early morning hours of his mother's birthday. In announcing his passing, Britney Roberts said her son "is finally ringing his forever cancer-free bell."

The family's obituary remembered Will for his love of Jesus, his family, hunting, fishing, sports, laughter and time spent outdoors. It also recognized the medical professionals, law enforcement officers, friends and supporters who stood beside the family during his illness.

Public visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Shelton State Community College Gymnasium, located at 9500 Old Greensboro Road in Tuscaloosa.

The funeral will begin at noon, followed by burial at Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Ralph.

The proclamation calls on Alabamians to remember Will's life and the example he provided to remain strong, keep hope and have faith.

LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Bill Floyd,

PLAINTIFF,

VS. CASE NO: CV 2026-900228

Debbie A. Sutton,

DEFENDANT.

NOTICE OF FILING LAWSUIT

The above listed Defendant, Debbie Sutton, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Plaintiff's complaint for loan ($178,313.19) by August 31, 2026 or, thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the Defendant in Case No. CV 2026-900228, Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 7th day of July, 2026.

Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk of Cullman County

Pro Se Plaintiff
Bill Floyd
409 6th Street SW
Cullman, AL 35055

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD 2026-025

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF
MICHAEL WAYNE PRUITT, II
TO ADOPT R.J.C. a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: JESSIE DAVID CUNDIFF, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF R.J.C BORN May 12, 2008

Please take notice that a *Petition for Adoption* to adopt R.J.C. a minor child (born on May 12, 2008, to Sabrina Pridmore Cundiff Pruitt) was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Michael Wayne Pruitt, II, Petitioner. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herewith the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 17th DAY OF July, 2026.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

Please publish the above notice once a week for four (4) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Dean R. Smith
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD 2026-026

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF
MICHAEL WAYNE PRUITT, II
TO ADOPT E.F.C. a minor child.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: JESSIE DAVID CUNDIFF, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF E.F.C. BORN February 28, 2011

Please take notice that a *Petition for Adoption* to adopt E.F.C. a minor child (born on February 28, 2011, to Sabrina Pridmore Cundiff Pruitt) was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Michael Wayne Pruitt, II, Petitioner. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herewith the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO.: PC 2026-209
SYLVIA JUNE ROPER HARE, *
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Ashley Davis a/k/a Ashley Hare, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Sylvia June Roper Hare, deceased, on the 27th day of July, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Ashley Davis a/k/a Ashely Hare
Personal Representatives

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Personal Representative
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Tuesday August 4, 2026, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Short form subdivision -2nd Avenue NW & 8th Street NW – 2 lots - Murphy Oil USA
2. Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance 26-43 – residential zoning and tables
3. Short form subdivision -3rd Street SE (US Highway 278 East) – 2 lots

For further information contact Brian Landreth or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.



MIKE HARRISON

Left to right are Ty Harrison, Bradley Woods (back), Brayden Bell, Levi Calvert, Jessey Morton, Jason Simpson, Vicki Hunkeapillar and Terry Paul Hunkeapillar.

Holly Pond 5th annual Day in the Park coming Aug. 1

Lauren Estes
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HOLLY POND, Ala. — The Holly Pond Fire Department will host the fifth annual Day in the Park event on Saturday, Aug. 1, from 5-8 p.m. at Governors Park.

Fire Chief Mike Harrison said this event is important for the community because it's an opportunity to meet the local fire department and cadets.

"The Cadets is a program for 14-21 year olds interested in learning more about the fire department," Harrison said.

"We will have free hot dogs supplied by Temple Baptist Fairview, free drinks from Pepsi and free bags of school supplies. There will also be train rides, bouncy houses and other events for the kids. We will also have Sweet Addictions there as a vendor."

In the event of inclement weather, the event will move to the fire station.

"We will have some of our fire trucks there, including a new tanker for people to see," Harrison said.

"The tanker was delivered earlier this month and gives us the ability to bring 3,400 gallons of water to the scene. It will be an asset to not only Holly Pond, but also Cullman and the surrounding counties."

For more information, visit Facebook/Holly Pond Fire Department.



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