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The Willow Path celebrating 35 years

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Willow Path, formerly known as Victim Services of Cullman, is celebrating 35 years of service. It has helped survivors of domestic violence and stood by them through the process of healing, offering safety and hope in times of uncertainty.

"While the organization's public name has evolved to The Willow Path, its mission has remained the same: ensuring that no survivor has to face abuse alone," Executive Director Jessica Atchley remarked.

Atchley has been with Willow Path for roughly three years.

In 2026 she told the Tribune, "I am honored to join Victim Services and be part of an organization that plays a crucial role in supporting survivors and promoting healing within our community. I am committed to building on the strong foundation laid by my predecessor and working collaboratively with the dedicated » PAGE 2



CULLMAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Willow Path, formerly known as Victim Services of Cullman, is celebrating 35 years of service.

Cullman Regional Airport set for $279,267 taxiway pavement improvements



NOAH GALILEE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman Regional Airport Director Ben Harrison shows off the latest plans to continue expansion and rehabilitation at the airport.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A $279,267 pavement rehabilitation project is planned at Cullman Regional Airport - Folsom Field. Federal funds will cover approximately 95% of the total cost, while the local airport sponsor's share is $6,982.

Federal Aviation Administration funds will provide $265,304. The state will contribute $6,981. The Alabama Department of Transportation identifies the City of Cullman as the airport sponsor contributing the remaining $6,982.

The project will include sealcoating and crack sealing on Parallel Taxiways A and B and the south hangar taxilanes, which provide aircraft access to the hangar area. The work will preserve existing pavement rather than construct new taxiways.

Cullman County Economic Development officials said maintaining the surfaces will help keep the airport dependable for pilots, local businesses and emergency operations.

"These types of projects are vital to protecting the pavement investment," Cullman Regional Airport Director Ben Harrison said. "This project has been listed on our long-term capital improvement plan for a few years."

Harrison added that continued investment ensures the airport remains safe and operational for the community.

"We are thankful for the FAA and ALDOT, along with our local city and county governments, for their continued support of the airport," Harrison said. "This project is part of our long-term development plan, as we are always working to make this regional airport the best it can be to support our patrons and economic development."

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Aug. 3

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Aug. 3, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

July 30

- theft of property; CR 437
- harassment; CR 1133
- theft of property; CR 822
- domestic violence; CR 1343

July 31

- domestic violence; CR 1522
- sell-distribute dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; CR 571
- domestic violence; Industrial Park Rd.

Aug. 1

- trespassing; criminal mischief; CR 532
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; tampering with physical evidence; I65NB Rest Area
- possession of dangerous drugs; Hwy. 278W
- domestic violence; CR 1769
- possession of controlled substance; Main St. NE Hanceville
- possession of drug paraphernalia; tampering with physical evidence; Hwy. 278E
- attempt to elude law enforcement officer; Hwy. 69

Aug. 2

- trafficking drugs; Lindsey Rd.
- harassment; Hwy. 91
- harassment; CR 1273
- theft of property; cruelty to animals; CR 310

ARRESTS

July 30 – Aug. 2

Adams, Christopher L.; 45
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Atkins, Anthony M.; 43
- FTA – assault-aggravated assault family-strong arm
- FTA – unlawful breaking and entering a vehicle (no theft or damage)
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- sell/distribution of dangerous drugs
- FTA – tampering with physical evidence
- FTA – unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Basinger, Henry A.; 58
- FTA – possessing stolen property, less than $500

Bigham, Emily K.; 31
- DUI (controlled substances)

Bishop, Martin W.; 43
- DUI (alcohol)

Francisco-Colmenates, Pedro J.; 29
- possession of methamphetamine
- public intoxication

Golden, Paul M.; 48
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs
- tampering with physical evidence

Johns, Taylor N.; 28
- public intoxication

Johnsey, John C.; 54
- certain person forbidden possession of pistol (2 counts)
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- theft-miscellaneous, $1500-2500
- forged instrument
- theft of property-2nd degree, $1500-2500
- harassing communications
- assault-aggravated assault-a to m aggravated assault (attempted murder)

King, Heath A.; 26
- assault-harassment (harassment/intimidation)

Montgomery, Jacob B.; 25
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Moody, Michael D.; 34
- GJ – no person shall solicit, compel, or coerce any minor to have sex or participate in any natural or unnatural sexual act, deviate sex, or sexual contact
- GJ – sex offense-electronic solicitation of a child

Mooney, Clint R.; 47
- FTA – reckless endangerment

Najera, Arly; 22
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- tampering with physical evidence

Nellsch, Michel L.; 46
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Pace, James J.; 65
- GJ – sex offense-failure of adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement and/or comply with residential restrictions

Pannell, Brandon L.; 41
- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – traffic-speed above 55 mph, highway under 4 lanes

Peterson, John B.; 34
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Peterson, Sarah C.; 33
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Scifert, Nicholas J.; 32
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Townsend, James R.; 28
- public intoxication

Wade, Michela W.; 51
- FTA – assault-child abuse-simple-family
- FTA – financial exploitation of the elderly-1st offense
- FTA – forgery-counterfeiting
- FTA – forgery-forged instrument
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, less than $500

Whaley, James K.; 18
- driving under the influence of alcohol and/or 0.08 percent or more by weight of alcohol in blood
- minor in possession of alcohol
- attempting to elude a police officer
- reckless driving

Wilkerson, William R.; 22
- FTA – theft-shoplifting, less than $500
- FTA – criminal trespass

Wooldridge, Sandy E.; 32
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 31

- theft of property-1st degree; person; jewelry; $6,000
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $315; Olive St. SW
- burglary-1st degree; robbery-1st degree; theft of property-1st degree; criminal mischief-2nd degree; person; miscellaneous; Rosemont Ave. SW
- harassing communications; person

Aug. 1

- theft of property-3rd degree; Moore's Pure; cash; Main Ave. SW
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damage to '13 Ford Mustang; $250; Cherokee Ave. SW/Swafford Rd. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Books-A-Million; general merchandise; Cullman Shopping Center

ARRESTS

July 31 – Aug. 1

Atkins, Anthony M.; 43
- FTA – driving while revoked

Basinger, Henry A.; 58
- FTA – public intoxication
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Drummond, Tiffany A.; 42
- theft of property-4th degree

Kennedy, Elizabeth N.; 38
- theft of property-4th degree

Gray, Paul J.; 60
- public intoxication

Pearson, Juwan I.; 29
- FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

Graham, Ronald K.; 54
- FTA – driving without license (3 counts)
- FTA – running red light
- FTA – driving on wrong side of road
- FTA – insurance violation

Self, Amber L.; 41
- public intoxication

Hardin, Joshua N.; 38
- GJ – forgery-3rd degree
- GJ – possessing forged instrument
- GJ – attempted theft of property

Lopez, Martin; 50
- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

Find arrest and incident reports online Monday-Friday at www.CullmanTribune.com.

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The Willow Path (from Front)

team at Victim Services."

The nonprofit is the county's only comprehensive domestic violence service provider, offering services 24 hours a day, seven days a week to individuals and families seeking safety and support.

The shelter can house individuals for roughly 1-3 months, but cases can vary due to there being a capacity of 24 beds at the time.

It takes anywhere from 600 to 800 crisis calls a year, but its work goes beyond that.

On average the shelter goes through 100 laundry pods, 40 rolls of toilet paper, 20 rolls of paper towels, 60 garbage bags and five cases of bottled water a week. That exceeds $500 every single month in basic necessities alone.

The nonprofit invites churches, businesses, offices and teams to donate or volunteer. Contact The Willow Path through Facebook Messenger or call 256-775-2600.

Donations can be made directly through The Willow Circle at www.www.thewillowpath.org/the-willow-circle.

"Domestic violence is not just a private issue, it is a community issue.

"Every conversation, every donation, every volunteer hour and every act of support helps create a safer Cullman County," Atchley said.

Another way to help those surviving abuse is to know the signs of abuse. Atchley wrote the following tips for recognizing several layers of abuse and measures of prevention:

Domestic violence is more than physical abuse

One of the greatest misconceptions surrounding domestic violence is that it only involves physical violence. While physical assault is one form of abuse, many victims experience other forms of control long before physical violence occurs.

Domestic violence is a pattern of behaviors used by one person to gain and maintain power and control over another.

These behaviors may include:

- **Emotional and psychological abuse** – Constant criticism, manipulation, intimidation, humiliation, isolation from family and friends, threats or making someone question their own reality and self-worth.

- **Financial abuse** – Controlling money, preventing someone from working, withholding financial resources, ruining credit or creating financial dependence that makes leaving more difficult.

- **Verbal abuse** – Name-calling, insults, yelling, threats and degrading language intended to diminish confidence and create fear.

- **Sexual abuse** – Any unwanted sexual contact, coercion, reproductive control or sexual activity without consent, regardless of marital or relationship status.

- **Digital abuse** – Monitoring phones, demanding passwords, tracking locations, controlling social media accounts, excessive texting or calling or using technology to intimidate or control.

- **Stalking and harassment** – Repeated unwanted contact, following someone, showing up unexpectedly or creating fear through persistent surveillance or intimidation.

Because many forms of abuse leave no visible injuries, victims often struggle to recognize that what they are experiencing is abuse. Friends, family members, coworkers and neighbors may also overlook warning signs when they expect abuse to be physical.

Prevention through education

While The Willow Path provides life-saving crisis services every day, the organization also believes the best way to reduce domestic violence is through prevention.

Throughout the year, staff members provide prevention education in local schools, healthy relationship education for teens, child safety programs for elementary students, trauma-informed training for foster families and educational opportunities for healthcare providers and community partners.

By teaching children and young adults about healthy relationships, boundaries, respect, consent and available resources, the organization hopes to prevent violence before it begins.

A growing need

The need for services continues to increase across Cullman County.

Over the past year, The Willow Path experienced a 68.5% increase in emergency shelter stays, a 48.8% increase in the number of individuals served, a 100% increase in successful program completions and a 40% increase in clients achieving stable housing outcomes. These numbers represent more than statistics — they represent individuals and families who found safety, support and hope during times of crisis.

Celebrating 35 years of service

This year marks 35 years of serving Cullman County, and the organization is celebrating this milestone by reflecting on the lives changed, the partnerships built and the community that has supported its mission for more than three decades.

As part of the anniversary celebration, The Willow Path is inviting the community to attend its signature annual fundraiser:

Passport Series: A Night in the French Quarter

Guests will enjoy an evening inspired by New Orleans, featuring authentic Cajun cuisine, live entertainment, exciting auctions and opportunities to support local survivors of domestic violence.

Date: Sept. 17, 2026
Location: Cotton Creek Venue

Every dollar raised helps ensure that victims and their children have access to emergency shelter, advocacy, counseling, prevention education and the support they need to build safer futures.

Tickets are on sale now at https://donorbox.org/events/954963/steps/choose_tickets.

How the community can help

Domestic violence is not just a private issue — it is a community issue. Every conversation, every donation, every volunteer hour and every act of support helps create a safer Cullman County.

As The Willow Path celebrates 35 years of service, the organization remains committed to walking alongside survivors, educating future generations and working toward a community where every individual can live free from fear and violence.

"The Willow Path provides emergency shelter, counseling, legal advocacy and personalized support for survivors of domestic violence in Cullman County. Whether you're reaching out for the first time or rebuilding after crisis, we walk with you toward safety, strength and new beginnings."

The next meeting of its Domestic Violence Support Group will take place on Thursday, Aug. 6, at 4 p.m. Call 256-775-2600 to get support.

The Willow Path is located at 310 Third Ave. NE, Cullman.

For more information on the shelter and other services, visit www.thewillowpath.org or call 256-775-2600. A 24-hour crisis line is available at 256-734-6100.

Airport (from Front)

July 30, as part of its latest round of funding through the Alabama Airport Improvement Funding Program.

Cullman Regional Airport was one of 11 public-use airports included in the announcement.

The program provides financial assistance and technical support for airport construction, maintenance and operational improvements.

"These grants will help local airports address important needs and maintain facilities that pilots, businesses and communities can depend on," said Frank Farmer, bureau chief of ALDOT's Aeronautics Bureau.

Offender (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office recently took absconded sex offender, James Jackson Pace, 65, into custody.

The CCSO said it received an anonymous tip regarding Pace's location on Friday, July 31.

"After acting on the information received, deputies responded to the location and safely apprehended James Jackson Pace without incident," it said.

Pace was arrested on a Cullman County grand jury indictment on two counts of violating the Alabama Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification Act SORNA. He is currently being held on a $20,000 property bond.

According to the CCSO, Pace served 15 years in the Alabama Department of

Corrections after being convicted of first-degree rape and first-degree sodomy involving an 8-year-old female victim.

Following his release from prison in January 2022, Pace registered with the CCSO SORNA Unit as required by law.

During a monthly address verification conducted in August 2024, deputies discovered that Pace had moved from his registered residence without notifying the SORNA Unit, a violation of Alabama law. A warrant was issued for Pace's arrest, and the U.S. Marshals Service was notified that he had absconded.

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry said despite ongoing efforts to locate him, his whereabouts remained unknown until Friday's anonymous tip led deputies directly to his location.

"I want to commend our deputies for their outstanding work in safely taking this offender into custody," he said. "This arrest is a perfect example of how important our partnership with the community truly is. One anonymous tip helped remove an absconded sex offender from our streets. If you know something, please say something. The information you provide could make all the difference in keeping Cullman County safe."

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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

• 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.

• 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.

City of Good Hope 2026 Back-to-School Bash

Thursday, Aug. 6, from 5-7 p.m. at Good Hope Municipal Park, 135 Municipal Drive, Cullman. Door prizes, a free meal, water slides, a gaming trailer, back-to-school photos, free haircuts for school-aged children and more. This is a free event.

Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church Revival

Through Aug. 7, 7 p.m. nightly, at 40 Mt. Pleasant Road, Altoona, AL 35952 (Egypt community). Pastor Bro. Trevor Shoemaker and Bro. Blaine Burbanks.

Cullman Chapter of The National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees August Meeting

Monday, Aug. 10, at 11 a.m. Lunch on your own at Ready Freddie's restaurant (new owners Roy and Erica Bates). Business meeting and guest speaker at noon. Members are urged to attend and bring someone.

Heartland Quilt Guild

Heartland Quilt Guild will meet Thursday, Aug. 13, at 6 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 Saint Joseph Dr. NW Cullman, Al 35055. Quilters of all experience levels are welcome.

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 takeout. 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

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From county standouts to national champions: Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame inducts 26th class

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SPECIAL TO THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame inducted its 26th class Saturday, July 25, 2026, at Stone Bridge Farms. The Class of 2026 includes Deserae Campbell (Cold Springs), Bob Bryan (Cullman), Trey Jones (Cullman), A.J. Lamar (Cullman), Matt Black (Fairview), Susan Cofer (Good Hope), Rod Elliott (Hanceville), Ronald Swann (Hanceville), Chuck Gambrill (Holly Pond), Joseph Sherrell (Vinemont) and Neil Lowry (West Point).

CULLMAN, Ala. — Their paths began at eight Cullman County high schools and led to state championships, collegiate national titles, coaching records and decades of service to athletics.

Eleven former athletes, coaches and administrators were inducted into the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame's 26th class Saturday, July 25, at Stone Bridge Farms.

The Class of 2026 includes Deserae Campbell, Bob Bryan, Trey Jones, A.J. Lamar, Matt Black, Susan Cofer, Rod Elliott, Ronald Swann, Chuck Gambrill, Joseph Sherrell and the late Neil Lowry.

The honorees' careers stretch from the late 1960s to the present and cover football, basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball, track and field, cross-country, golf, powerlifting and bodybuilding.

Deserae Campbell, Cold Springs

Campbell, a 2000 Cold Springs High School graduate, built a multisport résumé as an all-county performer in basketball, track and volleyball.

She won the Class 2A state championship in the 1,600-meter run in 1998 with a time of 5:43.57. Campbell returned to the state meet in 1999 and placed third in the 1,600, fourth in the 800-meter run and seventh in the triple jump.

Campbell was also a member of Cold Springs' 1998-99 Class 2A state championship basketball team. The Eagles finished 32-1 and became the first Cullman County basketball program to win a state championship.

She later competed at Wallace State, where her Hall of Fame résumé credits her with championship success in cross-country and track.

Bob Bryan, Cullman

Bryan graduated from Cullman High School in 1971 after lettering in football for three seasons.

The Bearcats' team captain earned all-state and All-Tennessee Valley Conference honors. The Cullman Quarterback Club presented him with its Most Valuable Lineman and Academic Achievement awards, while WKUL Radio named him Defensive Player of the Year.

Bryan represented Cullman in the Alabama North-South All-Star Game and was selected as the North team's most valuable player by his teammates.

He accepted a scholarship to the University of Alabama, played three seasons under coach Paul "Bear" Bryant and graduated from Alabama in 1975.

Trey Jones, Cullman

Jones' career has carried him from Cullman to the highest levels of collegiate golf.

A 1986 Cullman High School graduate, Jones completed his degree at the University of North Alabama in 1991. Florida State hired him as its head men's golf coach and director of golf in 2003.

Jones has led the Seminoles to 41 tournament victories, the most in program history, and 20 consecutive NCAA regional appearances. His teams have recorded four top-five finishes at the NCAA Championship, including a national runner-up finish in 2024.

Florida State returned to the NCAA Championship Finals in 2026 after making five consecutive appearances from 2021-25.

Jones is a three-time Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year and was named the Golf Coaches Association of America's Southeast Region Coach of the Year in 2021. He was inducted into the GCAA Hall of Fame in December 2025 and served as a Team USA co-head coach for the 2026 Palmer Cup.

During his Florida State tenure, Jones has coached 16 All-Americans who have combined to earn 44 All-America honors.

A.J. Lamar, Cullman

Lamar graduated from Cullman High School in 1993 following one of the most accomplished multisport careers in Bearcats history.

He rushed for a school single-season record of 2,198 yards in 1992 and finished with 3,909 career rushing yards. Lamar was a two-time all-area selection, the 1992 Cullman County Player of the Year and a first-team all-state selection.

His accomplishments extended beyond football. Lamar earned all-area and all-state basketball honors in 1993 and was an all-area and East-West All-Star selection in baseball.

Lamar continued his football career at UNA, where he was a member of three consecutive NCAA Division II national championship teams from 1993-95. He earned All-Gulf South Conference honors in 1995 and 1996 and was named a third-team All-American in 1996.

He was later selected to UNA's 1989-98 Team of the Decade.

Matt Black, Fairview

Black began contributing to Fairview athletics long before his senior year. He lettered in varsity baseball as a seventh grader and varsity football as an eighth grader.

The 1996 Fairview graduate finished his football career with 4,832 rushing yards and 72 touchdowns. Those totals stood as Fairview standards for approximately three decades.

Black earned all-county and all-area honors in 1993, 1994 and 1995. He was named first-team all-state as a junior in 1994.

Susan Cofer, Good Hope

Cofer, a 1984 Good Hope High School graduate, distinguished herself in basketball, volleyball and softball.

She earned all-county and all-area basketball honors in 1983 and 1984. Cofer was named Good Hope's best defensive player in 1984, selected to the Region 6 All-Tournament Team and chosen for the East-West All-Star team.

Cofer was also a two-time all-county and all-area volleyball player. Her 1984 season included best defensive player, all-tournament and first-team all-state honors.

She also competed for 10 years in the Good Hope Community Softball League.

Rod Elliott, Hanceville

Elliott graduated from Hanceville High School in 1986 after excelling in football, basketball and baseball.

He was a first-team all-state football selection, team captain and team most valuable player in 1985. Elliott earned all-county football honors in 1984 and 1985 and was selected as an AHSAA Player of the Week during his senior season.

On the basketball court, Elliott earned all-county and all-area recognition in 1984, 1985 and 1986. He led Hanceville in scoring during each of those seasons and was named most valuable player of the 1986 East-West Basketball Game. He also participated in the 1986 East-West Baseball Game.

Elliott later became the winningest head football coach in Cold Springs history. He recorded 60 victories during 12 seasons across two tenures and led seven teams to the playoffs.

He also established Cold Springs' fast-pitch softball program. His 2006 team won the county championship and became the first Cullman County fast-pitch softball team to reach the state championship tournament.

Ronald Swann, Hanceville

Swann's nearly four decades in high school athletics included work as a coach, administrator and Alabama High School Athletic Association official.

A 1965 Hanceville High School graduate, Swann later graduated from the University of Montevallo in 1977.

He became Jemison High School's head football coach and athletic director in 1979. Swann compiled a 60-27-1 record during eight seasons and led the program to three region championships.

His success earned him a coaching position in the 1984 North-South All-Star Football Game at Auburn University.

Swann later served as head football coach and athletic director at Handley High School and defensive coordinator at W.A. Berry High School. He joined the Hoover City Schools administrative staff in 1992 and became Hoover High School's athletic director in 1999.

Hoover's athletic programs captured 28 state championships during his five years as athletic director.

After retiring from public education in 2004, Swann became the AHSAA's director of marketing. He later served as athletic director at Shades Mountain Christian School and spent seven years as the AHSAA Fifth District compliance officer.

Chuck Gambrill, Holly Pond

Gambrill, a 1988 Holly Pond High School graduate, reached the AHSAA Final Four in each of his final three basketball seasons.

He was a four-time all-county selection and earned all-area honors in 1986, 1987 and 1988. Holly Pond captured three consecutive area championships from 1986-88 and won the Cullman County championship in 1987.

Gambrill scored 1,200 career points, earned all-state recognition and was named most valuable player of the 1988 East-West All-Star Game. His performance earned him a basketball scholarship to Wallace State.

He also earned all-county recognition and an East-West selection in baseball.

Gambrill's basketball coaching résumé includes area championship teams in 1994, 1995 and 2003 and a county championship in 2001. He was also part of AAU state championship teams in 2008 and 2021.

As a golf coach, Gambrill led teams to three consecutive county championships from 2000-02. His teams reached the state tournament in 2001 and 2002, finishing third in 2002.

Joseph Sherrell, Vinemont

Sherrell graduated from Vinemont High School in 1995 after compiling achievements in track and field, powerlifting and basketball.

He led Vinemont's track and field team in points scored in 1993, 1994 and 1995. Sherrell won his weight class at the 1994 Cullman County Powerlifting Championship and was named the competition's Most Outstanding Lifter.

His senior track season included Cullman County, Class 2A Area 10 and sectional championship most valuable player honors.

At the 1995 AHSAA state meet, Sherrell won Class 3A championships in the long jump and triple jump and earned a bronze medal in the shot put.

He was also Vinemont's leading basketball scorer and team most valuable player during the 1994-95 season.

Sherrell joined the Wallace State baseball program in 1996 and qualified for the National Junior College Indoor Track Championship, where he finished 13th nationally. He was a member of Wallace State's 1997 junior college outdoor track national championship team.

Sherrell added another title to his résumé in 2009 when he won the NGA Alabama light-heavyweight bodybuilding championship.

Neil Lowry, West Point

Lowry, who passed away in 2021, was inducted posthumously.

The 1969 West Point High School graduate earned all-county basketball honors in 1967. He repeated as an all-county selection in 1968 and 1969 while also earning team most valuable player and all-area honors.

Lowry also competed in track and won the Cullman County mile championship in 1969.

Together, the 11 inductees represent more than half a century of Cullman County athletic history and accomplishments extending from local fields and gymnasiums to state and national championship stages.



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28-32 Oz.
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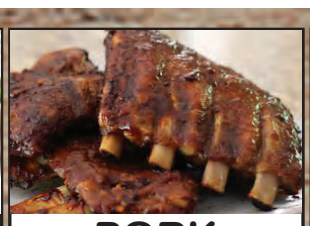
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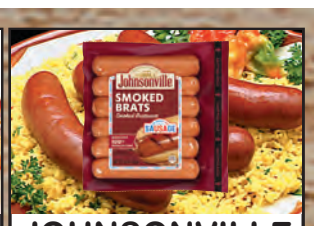
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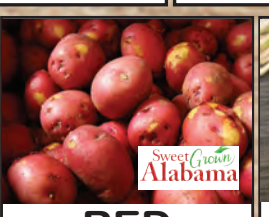
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Selected Varieties
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ARMOUR LUNCHMAKERS
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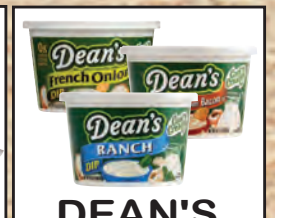
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or With Calcium
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12 Ct.
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28-32 Oz.
Selected Varieties
$4.99 EA.



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4-8 Ct., 12-18 Oz.
Selected Varieties
$5.99 EA.



FARM RICH APPETIZERS
10-22 Oz.
Selected Varieties
$4.99 EA.



NIAGARA DRINKING WATER
24 Pk.
16.9 Oz. Bottles
3 for $10



YOO-HOO CHOCOLATE DRINK
12 Pk.
11 Oz. Cans
$5.99 EA.



RED DIAMOND TEA BAGS
24 Ct. Family Size
Original
2 for $4



CHEX MIX OR BUGLES SNACKS
7-8 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $5



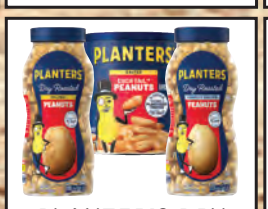
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16-16.3 Oz.
Selected Varieties
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24 Oz.
Selected Varieties
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3 Pk. Microwave
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2 for $3



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16 Oz. Selected Varieties or
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14-15 Oz.
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12 Oz. Hawaiian
or 12 Grain
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Cosmic Brownies, Nutty Buddy or Swiss Rolls
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‘I Am a Pilgrim’

Wallace State Community College’s Fine and Performing Arts program presented “I Am a Pilgrim: The Evolution of American Gospel Music” July 23-25, before taking the show to Scotland to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Photos: Sherry Brown/The Cullman Tribune











Game (from Front)

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CURT'S CLOSET

The Curt's Closet team and supporters pose for a photo after taking home the win during the community charity softball game benefiting the nonprofit's Back-To-School Drive.

CULLMAN, Ala. — On July 30, the community charity softball game at Champion Field at Ingle Park had one purpose: to give back.

And give back it did.

Hosted by Sprout Fiber Internet, the event brought together determined community members to make a difference, all in the name of Curt’s Closet and the kids and families the nonprofit serves.

By the end of the night, the fundraiser had raised more than $1,400 through concessions, raffles and donations, while also providing Curt′s Closet with a cart full of brand-new clothing, shoes and backpacks that will go directly to children in need. And it couldn′t have come at a better time.

“This is our busiest season, and we′ve already served more than 1,600 children this year,” said Cheyenne Sharp, community outreach and fundraising specialist. “Every donation and every act of kindness helps us make sure kids walk into school with confidence.”

Sharp also expressed her appreciation, on behalf of Curt’s Closet, to Sprout Fiber Internet for selecting them as the beneficiary of the fundraiser.

″We′re so thankful to Sprout for thinking of Curt′s Closet and inviting us to be part of this event,″ she said. ″We hope we get the chance to do it again, and maybe we′ll go the full nine innings next time.″

To Curt′s Closet Founder and Executive Director Ashley Wilson, the night at the ballfield was just another demonstration of the beauty of a community that wants to make a difference through a common goal.

″When people come together like they did, it′s about so much more than a game; it′s always about the kids,″ Wilson said. ″Every raffle ticket, every hot dog bought, every dollar donated and every backpack dropped off means another child gets to start school feeling confident and worthy. That′s what makes partnerships like this with Sprout so special.″

Sharp echoed those sentiments, praising the Cullman community who continues to show up, allowing Curt’s Closet to do what it does best: serving those in need.

″This is the community we love,″ she said. ″The community that loved Curt so deeply continues to honor his legacy every single day through their generosity and support. We are incredibly grateful to be surrounded by people who believe in this mission and show up for local kids in such impactful ways.″

To learn more about Curt′s Closet or get involved, visit www.curtscloset.org or contact them at 256-735-4557 or info@curtscloset.org. For more information about Sprout Fiber Internet, visit www.SproutFiberInternet.com.



LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
)
IRA STONEY LEE MILBURN,) CASE NO.: PC2026-242
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: LUCENDA GIBBS and all Known and Unknown Heirs of the estate of IRA STONEY LEE MILBURN, deceased.

The *Petition for Probate of Will* has been set for hearing on **10th day of September, 2026, at 10:30a.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 PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
)
NORMA LAMPITT,) CASE NO.: PC2026-205
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: KAREN RAYBURN BEDFORD, RICHARD LAMPITT, JASMINE LIVINSTON, JAVONNAH JANEE KNOX AND ANY KNOWN AND UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KINS OR INTERESTED PARTIES OF NORMA LAMPITT

Petition for Probate of Will filed by Kristina L. Miller, Petitioner, through Attorney, Dan J. Willingham has been set for hearing on **10th day of September, 2026, at 09:30a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Cullman County Courthouse
Probate Office
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

DONE this 27th day of July, 2026.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF: *
MARY ANN WILKS, * **CASE NO.: PC2026-287**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Tammy W. Pate, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Ann Wilks, deceased, on the 27th 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.

Tammy W. Pate
Personal Representative

Clint L. Maze
Attorney for Petitioner
725 North Brindlee Mountain Parkway
Arab, Alabama 35016

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.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

STATE OF ALABAMA,
CULLMAN COUNTY.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by **FRUTUOSO JAIMEZ GONZALEZ, an unmarried man,** to Cullman Savings Bank, dated November 13, 2014, which mortgage appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, at Mortgage Book 1748 Page 97, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the undersigned Cullman Savings Bank as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Cullman County, Alabama, on **August 27, 2026**, during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 14 of Walker Heights Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 111 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Subject to restrictions as set forth in instrument recorded in Miscellaneous Book 45, Page 663 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Parcel ID Number: 16-02-03-0-001-044.002

Property address: 45 County Road 1624, Cullman, AL 35058

This property will be sold on an "as-is, where-is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of the County where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. 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. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The purchase price must be paid in certified funds by close of business on the date of sale at the Law Office of Bland, Harris & McClellan, P.C. at the address indicated below. Bland, Harris & McClellan, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

CULLMAN SAVINGS BANK
By: Nancy F. McClellan
401 2nd Avenue SW Cullman, Alabama 35055
(256) 734-4040

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
)
JAMES ROLLO,) CASE NO.: P2026-238
)
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

Petition for Probate of Will received the 9th day of June, 2026, made court record the 11th day of June, 2026, filed by Christie Rollo, Petitioner, through Attorney Perry D. Knight. A hearing on this matter has been scheduled for the **2nd day of September, 2026, at 10:00 A.M.** before Tammy Brown Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama.

DONE this 24th day of July, 2026.

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

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served by either hand-delivery, by U.S. Mail, or by placing a copy of the same in the box provided for counsel in the Probate Court's office.

Perry D. Knight

Court Clerk

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
K.C.L.C., * **CASE NO.: JU 25-120.02**
a minor, DOB: 03-03-2025. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

DENISE ANN TANNER aka DENISE ANN CONNELL, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources in regards to the above referenced child born on March 3, 2025, by the 8th day of September, 2026, or thereafter a judgment terminating her parental rights may be entered against her in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 29th day of July, 2026.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
P. O. Box 990
1220 St. Joseph Street NW
Cullman, AL 35056

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CIRCUIT COURT
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD 2026-027

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF
MICHAEL WAYNE PRUITT, II
TO ADOPT J.D.C.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: JESSIE DAVID CUNDIFF, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF J.D.C. BORN July 7, 2006

Please take notice that a *Petition for Adoption* to adopt J. D.C. (born 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
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.

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-276

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GAY BARBER VOSS, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Michael William Voss on the 17th 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 William Voss
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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION OF CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION Notice is hereby given that the Cullman County Commission (the Commission) will meet in public session at 4:00 P.M. on August 11, 2026, in the Cullman County Courthouse located at 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 104, Cullman, Alabama 35055, for the purpose of considering the transaction of business that may properly come before the Commission, such business to include, among other things, consideration of a resolution (the Authorizing Resolution) approving the execution and delivery of a development Agreement (the Agreement), to be dated its date of execution, among Cullman County (the County) and A1 Composites a Limited Liability Company (Developer). The terms of the Agreement address certain obligations of the County and the Developer regarding the construction, development and operation, on approximately 43 acres of real property located within the County (the Site), of an industrial manufacturing facility (the Project). Under the Agreement, the County would be obligated to remit and pay to the Developer,
Improvements are subject to a maximum expenditure of half the total project cost, not to exceed $160,000. The expenditure may include in-kind work by the County for such improvements (the "Infrastructure Work"). The final decisions regarding said infrastructure improvements will be made by the County engineer(s).
If approved, the Agreement will be executed and delivered pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Alabama, including, without limitation, Section 94.01 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022 (formerly codified as Amendment No. 772 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended). The County has determined that the development of the Project will substantially expand and enhance the prosperity, contentment, and general welfare of the County and its residents by, among other things, (i) aiding in the elimination and remediation of blight and similar effects resulting from underuse of the Site; (ii) promoting enhancement and adaptive reuse of a high-visibility area of the County; (iii) bringing substantial commercial activity to an under developed area and fostering the use and development of underutilized commercial properties around the Site; (iv) helping improve the appearance and vibrancy of undeveloped areas of the County; (v) expanding commercial activity within the County; (vi) facilitating the growth and development of commercial sites and developments around the Site; (vii) supporting and expanding industrial and economic development within the County; and (viii) expanding jobs and employment opportunities within the County. The business entities and individuals to whom or for whose benefit the County proposes to lend its credit or grant public funds or thing of value are the Developer, Further information concerning the information in this notice can be obtained from the Commission at the offices thereof during normal business hours.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: The following self-storage units containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by Legacy Self Storage 106 13th Street SW, Cullman, Al 35055 to satisfy a lien on August 19, 2026, at Time 10:00 A.M. at Storagetreasures.com: Unit 1145 Ashley Davis, Unit 1015 Jimmy Parker.

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
K.C.L.C., * **CASE NO.: JU 25-120.02**
a minor, DOB: 03-03-2025. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

DENISE ANN TANNER aka DENISE ANN CONNELL, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources in regards to the above referenced child born on March 3, 2025, by the 8th day of September, 2026, or thereafter a judgment terminating her parental rights may be entered against her in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 29th day of July, 2026.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
P. O. Box 990
1220 St. Joseph Street NW
Cullman, AL 35056

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City of Cullman
Zoning Board of Adjustments

On Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. 1432 Dripping Springs Road NW – Rosemont Avenue NW & Dripping Springs Road NW – minimum lot area

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

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One-half (1/2) of the Net sales taxes (approximately 1.10%) realized upon taxable sales originating and collected from the operations of the Project during the life of this Agreement, excluding net sales taxes from the anchor tenant A0 illustrated on the site plan to the extent engaged in the sale of sporting goods, restaurants and any business relocating from an existing location in Cullman County. The rebate shall not to exceed $1,929,825 and is to be paid quarterly for a period not to exceed ten (10) years. Relocating business shall be defined as a business currently located in Cullman County that relocates to this Project.
Improvements to Swafford Road SW, Cherokee Avenue SW, and Main Avenue SW with input from the Company, subject to a maximum expenditure of Three Hundred Thousand and No/100 Dollars ($300,000.00) or forty percent (40%) of the total project cost. The expenditure may include in-kind work by the County for such improvements (the "Infrastructure Work"). The final decisions regarding said infrastructure improvements will be made by the city engineer(s).
If approved, the Agreement will be executed and delivered pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Alabama, including, without limitation, Section 94.01 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022 (formerly codified as Amendment No. 772 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended). The County has determined that the development of the Project will substantially expand and enhance the prosperity, contentment, and general welfare of the County and its residents by, among other things, (i) aiding in the elimination and remediation of blight and similar effects resulting from underuse of the Site; (ii) promoting enhancement and adaptive reuse of a high-visibility area of the County; (iii) bringing substantial commercial activity to an under developed area and fostering the use and development of underutilized commercial properties around the Site; (iv) helping improve the appearance and vibrancy of undeveloped areas of the County; (v) expanding commercial activity within the County; (vi) facilitating the growth and development of commercial sites and developments around the Site; (vii) supporting and expanding industrial and economic development within the County; and (viii) expanding jobs and employment opportunities within the County. The business entities and individuals to whom or for whose benefit the County proposes to lend its credit or grant public funds or thing of value are the Developer, API Cullman, L.L.C. Further information concerning the information in this notice can be obtained from the Commission at the offices thereof during normal business hours.

Cullman City School Board welcomes new teacher, Lacey K. H. Wood

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City School Board held a special-called meeting on July 30, approving the contract for Lacey K. H. Wood. Wood will serve as a teacher for the deaf and hard of hearing. Her contract runs from Aug. 3, 2026-July 31, 2027.

The Board approved a service agreement with Bright-Signs Interpreting LLC for interpreting services.

It also approved a School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding for Aug. 1, 2026-July 31, 2027. The MoU is a formal legal agreement that defines duties, expectations and operational roles for officers of school campuses.

The Board awarded a bid in the amount of $279,600 to Manning Construction for the Cullman Middle School parking lot.

Board Member Mark Britton, before the meeting adjourned, addressed the Board regarding Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff's contract. The topic was not discussed further.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2026, at 5 p.m. at the Cullman City Board of Education at 301 First St. NE.

Cullman City Schools back-to-school info 2026-2027

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman City Schools will welcome students Tuesday, Aug. 11, for the 2026-2027 school year.

Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff told The Tribune, "In all five of our schools, students and families can expect an environment where every child is both challenged and supported. Our teachers are dedicated to developing higher-order thinking skills through collaboration, problem-solving, critical thinking and real-world application. They invest countless hours preparing for each school year, and their commitment is reflected in the exceptional academic achievement of our students."

He continued, "The 2026–2027 school year will be especially memorable for our school community. For the first time in many years, our sixth-grade students will return to Cullman Middle School, marking an exciting new chapter for those students and their families. It will also be the final school year for East Elementary School and West Elementary School before they come together in 2027–2028 to form Cullman Intermediate School. While we will celebrate the rich traditions and legacies of both schools throughout the year, we are equally excited about the opportunities this transition will create for future generations of Cullman City students."

OPEN HOUSES

Cullman City Pre-K (Thursday, Aug. 6, 2026)
• 900 Hoehn Dr. NE, 2 p.m.

Cullman City Primary School (Thursday, Aug. 6, 2026)
• 900 Hoehn Dr. NE, from 3-5 p.m.

West Elementary School (Monday, Aug. 10, 2026)
• Schedule based on last names. Last names beginning with A-I will arrive from 3-4 p.m. and J-Z from 4-5 p.m. 303 Rosemont Ave. SW.

East Elementary School (Monday, Aug. 10, 2026)
• Schedule based on last names. Last named beginning with A-I will arrive from 3-4 p.m. and J–Z from 4-5 p.m. 608 Fourth Ave. SE.

Cullman Middle School (Thursday, Aug. 6, 2026)
• 800 Second Ave. NE, from 5-7 p.m.

Cullman High School (Monday, Aug. 10, 2026)
• 510 13th St. NE, Cullman 6-7:30 p.m.

Miscellaneous notes
Cullman City Primary School advises that children should have a water bottle with them daily and that tennis shoes are required for physical education.

East and West Elementary Schools suggest parents log in to PowerSchool and ParentSquare on Aug. 6 to view their child's homeroom teacher.

"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," Kallhoff recently wrote in a letter to the editor.

He also stressed that attendance is every student's key to success.

"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."

School hours
• Cullman City Primary School: 7:55 a.m.-2:45 p.m.
• East and West Elementary Schools: Morning drop-off begins at 7:30 a.m. Class begins at 7:55. Dismissal begins at 2:55 p.m. and concludes at 3:10
• Cullman Middle School: 7:45 a.m.-3 p.m.
• Cullman High School: 8 a.m.-3:05 p.m.

Tips for ensuring your child is prepared for the school year
• Have morning and bedtime routines in place to help them better adjust to waking up early again.
• Prep breakfast/lunches the night before.
• Keep all school forms in your child's backpack.
• Keep car keys and backpacks in the same area every day so there isn't a last-minute search party.
• Arrive early so your child isn't feeling rushed and anxious at the start of the day.

"As a school superintendent, the first weeks of school are my favorite time of the year. The excitement reminds me of a young child on Christmas morning. There is an incredible energy that comes with welcoming students back to campus as they begin a new school year filled with new opportunities, new challenges and endless possibilities. Seeing our classrooms come to life again and watching students reconnect with friends, teachers and staff is one of the greatest joys of this profession!" Kallhoff said.

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

CARY VAN MARK BENNETT, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2026-280

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF CARY VAN MARK BENNETT, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Amy Edwards Bennett on the 17th day of July, 2026, by the Honorable 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.

Amy Edwards Bennett, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Obituary Announcements: Aug. 1-3

Sandra Annette Sinyard, 79
Graveside memorial service for Sandra Annette Rushing Sinyard, 79, of Cullman will be at 5 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 6, 2026, at Prospect Cemetery, Bro. Steton Hayes officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Sandra passed away July 31, 2026, at The Folsom Center. She was born Nov. 16, 1946, to Asa L. and Hazel Speegle Rushing. She is preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, Terry Rushing and Steven Rushing. Survivors include her sons, Byron (Heather) Sinyard, Eric Neal Sinyard; sister, Karen Rushing; sister-in-law, Katherine Rushing; grandchildren, Trevor (Savannah) Sinyard, Travis (Ashley) Sinyard, Trennon Sinyard (Emma Kimbril); great-grandchildren, Ridge Sinyard, Sutton Sinyard; nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Angela Dema Lee, 58
Funeral service for Angela Dema Lee, 58, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2026, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Cullman City Cemetery, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from noon-2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Angela passed away Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026, at CRMC. She was born Dec. 19, 1967, to Bobby and Linda Winfrey Helms. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She loved life and lived life to the fullest even with her illness. She was a happy person who really enjoyed her family, grandkids, gardening, camping, going to the beach and anything outdoors. She was preceded in death by her father; her husband, John Lee; brother, Dewayne Helms; sister, Ann Stricklin. Those left to cherish her memory are her mother, Linda Helms; son, Nicholas Lee; daughter, Crystal Lee; special friend, Brandon Wallace; sisters, Rena Vincent, Theresa (Anthony) Black; grandchildren, Chloie Lee, Jerric Lee; nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Jim Mack Flanagan, 91
Graveside service for Jim Mack Flanagan was Monday, Aug. 3, 2026, at Mount Zion Cemetery at 11 a.m. Mr. Flanagan was born Nov. 27, 1934. He passed away at his residence on Friday, July 31, 2026. He is survived by his loving wife, Myra Flanagan and many other family members and friends.

Donald Michael 'Mike' Martin, 77
Funeral service with military honors for Donald Michael "Mike" Martin, age 77, of Cullman is Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2026, at 1 p.m. at Cullman Church of Christ, officiated by Bro. Steve Cummings, son, Wade Martin, son-in-law, Brad Lewis, Bro. Jim Wright, and Bro. Jimmy Dale Burgess. Visitation will be held Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2026, from 6-8 p.m. at Childhaven and Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2026, from noon-1 p.m. at Cullman Church of Christ. Mr. Martin will be laid to rest at New Hope No. 2 Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mike was born on November 25, 1948, in Morgan County, Alabama. He passed away at North Alabama Specialty Hospital in Huntsville on Friday, July 31, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Ones Hays; mother-in-law, Era Hays; brothers-in-law, Royce Hays and Kevin Shabel; aunt and uncle Jane and Jude Martin. He is survived by his loving wife of fifty-seven years, Wonda Hays Martin; daughter, Amy Martin Lewis (Brad); son, Wade Martin (Magaly); grandchildren, Cody Wayne Lewis, Austin Michael Lewis (Maci), and Lydia Elizabeth Lewis; a host of family and friends.

Shannon Green, 51
Shannon Lee Green, age 51, of Cullman, passed away at Cullman Regional Medical Center on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026. A memorial service will be held in his honor at a date to be announced. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Shannon was born on April 28, 1975, to Danny Eugene Green and Carol Barnes. He is preceded in death by his mother, Carol Barnes; brother, Kevin Green. He is survived by his daughter, Tori Pack (Kevin); son, Keith Green; father, Danny Green (Cindy); grandchildren, Ali Pack, Gabbie Pack, Stella Pack, Maileigh Pimental, Maci Pimental, and Marshall Pimental; brother, Jarred Green; sister, Collista Motter; niece, Brittney Green; nephew, Tyler Green.

Douglas MacArthur Wasson, Jr., 51
Douglas MacArthur Wasson Jr., age 51, passed away on July 28, 2026. Born on Sept. 24, 1974, Douglas was a resident of Cullman, Alabama. Douglas was beloved and cherished by those who knew him, remembered for a steady kindness and an honest, thoughtful way of showing up for the people he loved. Hard-working and loyal, he carried himself with quiet devotion—never seeking attention, but offering it freely to others through care, support, and a willingness to lend a helping hand. Above all, Douglas was a devoted husband and loving caregiver. For 27 years, his wife, Leslie Rinelle Collier Wasson, was the love of his life, and he dedicated himself to caring for her with a compassion that shaped his days and defined his legacy. He also embraced his wife's family as his own, and in that circle he was, in every sense, a selfless presence—the best uncle, brother, and son to her family, generous with his time and steadfast in his support. Douglas found joy in the things he loved—Alabama Football and WWE wrestling—and those who shared a game day or a match with him will remember the simple happiness it brought him. He also dearly loved his fur babies: Peanut, Penelope, and Big Mac, who were a treasured part of his home and heart. Douglas is survived by his wife, Leslie Rinelle Collier Wasson; sisters-in-law, Jainnie Free (Dale) and Jeannie Collier; nephew, Nathan Free (Katelynn); niece, Abigail Mann (Nicholas); great niece, Gwendalen Mann; mother-in-law, Shirley Collier; and multiple other family members and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Riley Collier. The family extends sincere gratitude to Moss Service Funeral Home, who went above and beyond to help our family during this time. "Roll Tide."

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Man (from Front)

Lauren Estes, Noah Galilee
Contributors

CULLMAN, Ala. — An 85-year-old man, missing for two days, was found safe early Saturday morning, Aug. 1. Ernest Gary Calvert, who suffers from dementia, was located about half a mile from his home in a wooded area, according to the Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Matt Gentry thanked the law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, community members, churches, volunteers and others who searched miles of difficult terrain for Calvert.

"Praise God, we are so thankful that Mr. Calvert has been located and is safe," Gentry said. "This effort shows how truly special Cullman County is."

Calvert left his residence on foot and was last seen at approximately 1 p.m. in the area of County Road 122, according to the CCSO.

The Cullman Police Department identified the search area as near Alabama Highway 69 and County Road 122.

The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency issued an active Missing and Endangered Person Alert for Calvert on July 30 at the request of the sheriff's office.

The Cullman Police Department said Friday morning, July 31, that its Aviation Unit had been requested by the sheriff's office to assist with the search.

Property owners were asked to carefully inspect outbuildings, barns, sheds and other areas that may not be regularly visited or monitored.

Officials also asked residents to review footage from game cameras and security cameras for anything that could assist investigators.

A command post was set up along County Road 122 before the CCSO firing range.

Resources deployed during the search included deputies, investigators, K-9 teams, drones and helicopters. Responding agencies included the CCSO, CPD, ALEA, Cullman County EMA, several volunteer fire departments and other partner agencies, as well as residents.



Local Tourism Spotlight: Visit Cullman

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Last month Visit Cullman was named 2026 Alabama Tourism Organization of the Year by the Alabama Department of Tourism.

Harmony Heard Steed, executive director of Visit Cullman, stated, "Being named Tourism Organization of the Year is an incredible honor and a testament to what is possible when an entire community believes in the power of tourism. This award belongs to our board, our staff, our elected officials, our tourism partners, our businesses, our volunteers and every resident who welcomes visitors with genuine hospitality."

She continued, "Together, we've transformed momentum into measurable results, showcasing Cullman County as one of Alabama's premier destinations. While we're proud of how far we've come, we're even more excited about where we're headed. The best is still to come for Cullman County!"

Visit Cullman is Cullman's tourism bureau and marketing organization. It promotes tourism, provides visitors and tourists with travel information, supports events and helps shine a light on all things Cullman.

Things to do

Visitcullman.com provides an organized approach to taking in the abundance of local opportunities, whether it's supporting local business, roaming historical buildings, popping by popular tourist attractions or dining at trending downtown eateries. Visit Cullman provides the full scope of the city and county hotspots.

For shopping, the website features local boutiques, florists, consignment shops, markets and even local butchers.

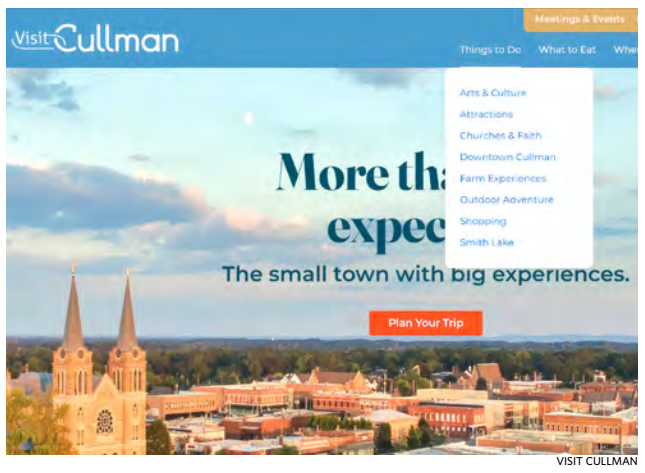
You can even choose your "shop type" and "shopping location" to narrow down your search.

Visit Cullman provide specifics on planning a trip or weekend, which help lay out the experience. Whether that's the perfect girls weekend, lake time relaxation, faith-focused outing or farm fun – there's something for everyone.

Under "Plan Your Trip" there is a tab for "Tours" that gives time frames for local tours with the Alabama Tourism Department on guided history walks. This brings light to the history of Cullman and is a crucial way to encourage an interest in cultural history and values.

On top of the local engagement it brings to businesses, Visit Cullman will host the very first Restaurant Week Sept. 10-21, 2026.

"Participating restaurants will serve up special menus, exclusive deals and limited-time offerings designed to give locals and visitors a true taste of Cullman.



VISIT CULLMAN

"It's the perfect excuse to revisit your favorite spot, try something new and celebrate the incredible culinary scene growing right here in our community."

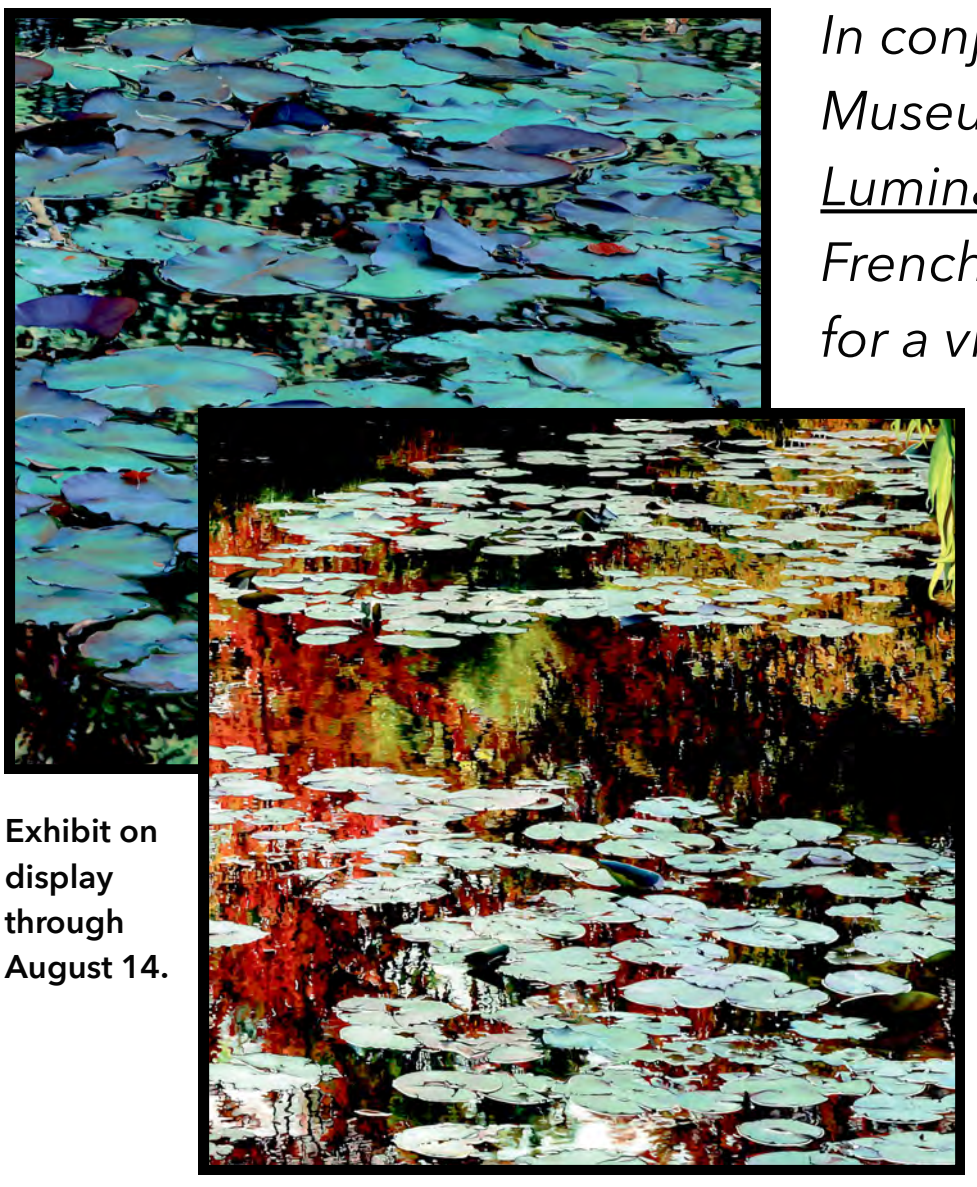
To reserve tickets visit www.visitcullman.com/restaurant-week

Browse www.visitcullman.com for future events and more.

The Evelyn Burrow Museum

Monet & the History of Art

A Virtual Presentation by Maggie Crosland, Ph.D.



In conjunction with The Evelyn Burrow Museum's current exhibition, Nympheus Luminansis (Water Lilies of Light) by French artist Laurence Saunois, join us for a virtual presentation exploring Claude Monet's influence on the evolution of art with the Birmingham Museum of Art's Curator of European Art.

Exhibit on display through August 14.

Friday, Aug. 7, 11:00 am

Scan QR Code to register for event and receive viewing link.

This event has been made possible by a grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

The Evelyn Burrow Museum | 256.352.8457 | burrowmuseum.org

Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 9am - 4:30pm; Friday 9am - 2pm