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Cullman Police Department outlines Beau's Law requirements ahead of Oct. 1 start

Noah Galilee, Lauren Estes
Contributors

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Police Department is encouraging dog owners to review Alabama's new care, shelter and tethering requirements for outdoor dogs before Beau's Law takes effect Oct. 1, 2026.

The legislation, introduced as Senate Bill 361 and sponsored by Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, was signed by Gov. Kay Ivey earlier this year.

The CPD's Animal Control notice outlines requirements for keeping dogs outdoors and misdemeanor penalties that increase for repeat violations.

The law takes its name from Beau, a dog found outside in cold weather with cardboard for shelter, according to Alabama Daily News' reporting.

In The Tribune's April 16 coverage, Cullman County Animal Control Director Rodney Banister said defining adequate shelter would help agencies address conditions they regularly encounter.

"The main issue is it defines 'shelter'; animal control agencies across the state have needed this for a long time," Banister said.

He added this week that Beau's Law is ex- » PAGE 4

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CULLMAN PARKS, RECREATION & SPORTS TOURISM

2026 Cullman Oktoberfest Bürgermeister Edgar Veigl will serve as the festival's official ambassador.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Oktoberfest has named Edgar Veigl its 2026 Bürgermeister. Veigl will serve as the festival's official ambassador during its four-day run at Depot Park, Oct. 1-4.

"Bürgermeister" is German for "mayor." Each year, Cullman Oktoberfest selects one community member to carry the festival's German heritage in public, appearing at Opening Ceremonies, moving through the biergartens and vendor rows and welcoming visitors from across the region.

Veigl is a descendant of the original German settlers who followed Colonel John G. Cullmann to north Alabama, and preserving that heritage has been a lifelong pursuit. As former chairman of Friends of Frankweiler, he helped deepen the relationship between Cullman and its German sister city, and his family still hosts visiting delegations and former German exchange students in their home.

His preservation work is visible around town. Veigl has restored historic homes and buildings throughout the community, an interest that traces back to age 9, when he became an apprentice to his father learning traditional building techniques, woodworking, forestry and farming. People who knew his father, known around Cullman as "Willie," describe Edgar as carrying forward the same craftsmanship and integrity that earned Willie his reputation.

Veigl has been nominated for Bürgermeister repeatedly over the years without ever seeking the recognition.

"My family has been in Cullman County a long time, and this town has given us a great deal," Veigl said. "I have spent most of my life trying to hold onto what the settlers built here, whether that meant a house worth saving or a friendship with Frankweiler worth keeping. Being asked to represent that at Oktoberfest is humbling. I intend to spend those four days doing what I already enjoy, which is talking with people about where Cullman came from."

Cullman Oktoberfest drew approximately 75,000 people over three days in 2025. The 2026 festival expands to four days for the first time, adding Sunday, Oct. 4, and opens Thursday, Oct. 1, with Opening Ceremonies at 6 p.m.

"Oktoberfest is the weekend Cullman shows the rest of the state who we are," Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs said. "It fills our downtown, our restaurants and our hotels, and it reminds our own residents that our German heritage is not a theme we put on once a year. It is our history. The Bürgermeister is the person who carries that through the whole » PAGE 3

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2025 Ms. Senior Cullman County Sheri Rasco (left) and 2025 Ms. Super Senior Cullman County Mazzie Twilley
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Aug. 28

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Aug. 28, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Aug. 24

- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 222
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Sunnyside Dr. SW
- theft of property; CR 819
- criminal mischief; College Dr. NE
- theft of property; Hwy. 278W

Aug. 25

- stalking; harassing communications; CR 485
- trespassing; Michelle St. NW
- criminal mischief; CR 671
- burglary; CR 1518

Aug. 26

- domestic violence; CR 437
- theft of property; CR 623
- domestic violence; CR 1114
- domestic violence; CR 1356
- theft of property; Commercial St. NE
- theft of property; CR 1856

ARRESTS

Aug. 24-26

Bauer, Sal M.; 62

- negotiating worthless instrument (4 counts)

Denham, Heaven J.; 28

- public intoxication

Graham, Brandy N.; 45

- FTA – financial exploitation of the elderly
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, $500-less than $1500
- FTA – illegal possession/use of a credit/debit card (5 counts)
- FTA – theft of property-3rd degree – other motor vehicle-does not exceed $1,499 (2 counts)

Grisom, Jr., Clinton; 78

- sex offense-sexual misconduct

Hamby, Casey L.; 21

- criminal trespass

Holcomb, Mary K.; 68

- assault-domestic-reckless endangerment

Johnson, Catherine L.; 26

- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance

Lee, Justin B.; 42

- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

McClendon, Temple T.; 61

- FTA – sell/distribution of dangerous drugs

Moctezuma, Kimberly L.; 33

- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA – promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Morgan, Alton W.; 63

- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Murray, Jr., Haywood L.; 41

- FTA – theft-miscellaneous

Pezzeca Smith, Billy L.; 44

- FTA – no seat belt
- traffic-speeding-no workers-construction zone

Pugh, Paul A.; 34

- FTA – failure/refusal to display insurance
- FTA – improper lane usage
- FTA – no/improper tag light
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Randolph, Finis J.; 56

- FTA – obstructing criminal investigation
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Simmons, James W.; 46

- possession of drug paraphernalia

Smelser, Shawn K.; 41

- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of dangerous drugs

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Aug. 21

- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '19 Honda Civic; $1,000; 2nd Ave. NW

Aug. 22

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $87; Olive St. SW

Aug. 23

- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Apple Ln. NW
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person

Aug. 26

- burglary-3rd degree; theft of property-4th degree; person; miscellaneous; Donauer Dr. SW

ARRESTS

Aug. 26

Graham, Brandy N.; 45

- FTA – harassing communications

McNabb, Calvin A.; 26

- public intoxication
- harassment

Hernandez, Luis R.; 28

- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Recycling (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The City of Cullman will move to an optional residential curbside recycling program beginning Feb. 1, 2027, replacing its small blue bins with 96-gallon rolling carts at a cost of $10 per month, per cart.

Residents who want to continue curbside recycling must submit a signup flyer or Residential Recycle Service Application to the Sanitation Department by Sept. 18, 2026, according to the city's application at www.cullmanal.gov/DocumentCenter/View/615/Resi-Recycle-Form-08-25-2026. The existing 18-gallon blue bins will no longer be used once the current service ends.

In an announcement addressing frequently asked questions, the city emphasized that residents are not required to enroll.

"The new curbside recycling service is 100% optional," the city said.

Residents who choose not to participate can continue using their regular trash carts. They will not receive a recycling cart and do not need to return the signup form.

Free recycling will remain available to city residents who prefer to drop off their materials instead of paying for curbside collection.

The Recycling Center is located at 925 Convent Road NE. The city's announcement lists its hours as 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The change will not alter the types of materials accepted through residential recycling. Residents may continue recycling paper, cardboard, plastics Nos. 1 and 2, tin and aluminum.

The Sanitation Department will collect and remove the old blue bins placed at the curb Jan. 25-28, 2027, during the final week of the existing bin service. Residents who enroll in the new program must switch to the larger carts to continue receiving curbside collection.

The city attributed the program changes to instability in recycling markets and increased costs associated with transporting and processing materials.

According to the announcement, international market changes, including China's decision to stop accepting many recyclable materials, have contributed to an oversupply of materials and concerns about contamination.

Regional drop-off closures have also required Cullman to send its recyclables to more distant markets, the city said. Those facilities have stricter standards and higher transportation and processing costs.

The application asks residents to provide their name, service address, phone number, email address and water account number, indicate whether they own or rent their property and sign the form.

Residents seeking information about enrollment, recycling materials or the transition can contact the Cullman Sanitation Department at 256-737-7560. Applications and additional service details are available at www.cullmanal.gov/191/Sanitation-Recycling.

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Gudger announces major investment in school transportation for Cullman County

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, on Wednesday announced a major investment in rural Alabama schools following the Alabama Legislature's full funding of school transportation for public schools.

"For years, school systems have been forced to use money intended for the classroom to cover the cost of getting students safely to and from school. With this year's investment, rural school buses can operate without taking dollars away from teachers, students and classrooms," Gudger's office reported. "For the school systems in Senate District 4 alone, full transportation funding means freeing up more than $3 million in funding each year that can remain focused on educating students."

Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette shared what the investment means for Cullman County.

"I am very appreciative of Senator Gudger and our other local legislators, Heath Allbright, Cindy Myrex and Tim Wadsworth, for making the funding of school transportation a priority," he said. "For decades, our school system, as well as many others, have operated in the red trying to provide buses for our students and families. While operating in the red, these additional funds have been pulled from limited local resources that could be used for other things. I am thankful that Senator Gudger and our delegation listened to our concerns and worked to help us in this area."

"This didn't happen by accident. It happened because we made rural Alabama a priority and worked together to get it done," Gudger said.

Gudger expressed his appreciation to Governor Kay Ivey, State Superintendent Dr. Eric Mackey, Lt. Governor Will Ainsworth, Speaker Nathaniel Ledbetter, Senate Education Budget Chairman Senator Arthur Orr, House Education Budget Chairman Danny Garrett, House Rural Caucus Chairman David Standridge and his colleagues in the Alabama Senate and House for working together to reach this milestone.

"And we're just getting started. We're going to keep working, keep investing and keep moving rural Alabama forward," Gudger said.

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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 North Alabama Agriplex Heritage Building. 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.

Alpha Delta Kappa Invitation
• Are you a woman educator looking to connect, grow, serve, and make a difference? We want to invite you to contact our local Cullman chapters Alpha Theta or Beta Delta. Alpha Delta Kappa is a national honorary organization of more than 25,000 women educators who share a commitment to valuing all people and promoting quality education.
• Build lifelong friendships
• Connect with educators who share your passion
• Grow through leadership and professional opportunities
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• For more information contact President of Alpha Theta Laurita Hogland 256-531-2298 or Presidents of Beta Delta Rhonda Vanzant 256-708-7980 or Lisa Hullett 256-962-4252.

Church Services: Spirit Life Church
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• 256-739-3326
• spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
• FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
• Sunday, Aug. 30 – 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.
• Wednesday, Sept. 2 – 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, Sept. 4 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hangups 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.
• Saturday, Sept. 5 – 8 a.m. Men's breakfast. 10:30 Foundry Farm outreach.
• Sunday, Sept. 6 – 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. Prayer service at 2 p.m.

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, Sept. 2, 10 a.m. Storytime with teenager Savannah Kesick reading "Frog & Toad"
• Thursday, Sept. 3, 1-3 p.m. Crochet class. Bring your own design, beginner lessons available or make a baby hat
• Wednesday, Sept. 9, 10 a.m. Storytime with Suhana Chitatia, board member
• Wednesday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m. Storytime with Gracie Miller, volunteer
• Wednesday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m. Storytime with Susan Melton "Ten Red Apples" by Pat Hutchins
• Wednesday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m. Storytime with Briana Taylor and Angelyn Riggs, children's book club
• 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.

Cheeseball Tasting Tea at Grace Episcopal Church – Place Your Holiday Order Early!
The Grace Episcopal Church Women will host a Cheeseball Tasting Tea on Sunday, Aug. 30 from 1-4 p.m. at The Arnold House, next door to the church - 305 Arnold St. NE, Cullman. This year we are offering nine cheeseball flavors for your tasting pleasure. You will have the opportunity to order your cheeseballs early, and they will be ready for pickup on Thursday, Nov. 19, in time for the holidays. If you are unable to be with us at the tea, cheeseball order forms will be available on the Grace Episcopal Church website, www.gracecullman.org on Aug. 30, 2026. All proceeds from our cheeseball project go to outreach including Committee on Church Cooperation (CCC), The Good Samaritan Health Clinic, The Pilot Light Home, The Willow Path (formerly Victim Services), Hope Horses, Cullman Caring for Kids and Wallace State Campus Ministries. We look forward to having you join us!

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singings
Saturday, Sept. 5, at 5 p.m. with The Perrys and Sunday, Sept. 20, at 5 p.m. with Living Faith. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 E, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond, on the left. Everyone is invited. For more information, call 256-339-1862 or 256-590-1501.

Seventh Street Baptist Church Welcomes New Pastor Bro. Delbert Freeman
Sunday, Sept. 6. Join us for Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. and worship at 10:30. 708 Seventh St. SW, Cullman.

Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District Quarterly Board Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 9:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center, 501 Fourth St. SW, Cullman.

Community Loss of Spouse or Partner Support Group
• Grieving the emotional loss of a spouse is an extremely traumatic experience. Meeting with and talking to others who have experienced a similar loss encourages you that your life can move forward. Those who have had similar loss may have valuable advice, suggestions, critical insights, resources or a different outlook to share, even struggles similar to yours.
• Grieving can be terribly lonely and isolating, making it very difficult to get on with your life. A support gathering can help to understand grief, provide needed camaraderie, support, sharing, compassion, hope, comfort, education, resources and a sense of purpose.
• There will be an introductory meeting on Saturday, Sept. 12, beginning at 11 a.m. in the meeting room at the Cullman County Public Library. The goal is to meet monthly thereafter, depending on attendance and interest.
• Those interested in attending should pre-register, as seating may be limited. Register by contacting the Cullman County Public Library at 256-734-2720, or by text or voice message to 256-255-9959. Please come and let us journey together.

NARFE Cullman Chapter Meeting
Monday, Sept. 14, at the former Freddie Day Catering, 1628 Second Ave. NW (U.S. Highway 31 North) $15 lunch at 11 a.m. Business meeting and program at noon. VP Peggy Harris will be the speaker. The topic will be services available to seniors through the Alabama Department of Senior Services. Members, spouses and friends are urged to attend.

Sacred Heart Church Christmas in September
Saturday, Sept. 19, 7 a.m. -7 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 20, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Shop for gently used holiday decorations in the Sacred Heart Church gym. Proceeds go to St. Vincent DePaul.

Sacred Heart Church German Dinner
Wednesday, Sept. 30, 4-7 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Church gym. Traditional German food, $15 per plate. Dine in or take out.

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

Veigl (from Front)

festival, and Edgar has been carrying it here for decades already."

Ben Harrison, a past Bürgermeister, member of the Cullman Oktoberfest Committee, and director of Cullman Regional Airport, said the role calls for a specific kind of person.

"A good Bürgermeister is not the loudest person in the biergarten," Harrison said. "It is somebody people already trust, somebody who can talk to a visitor from Frankweiler and a first-time visitor from Birmingham in the same afternoon and make both of them feel welcome. When I served, I learned pretty quickly that most of the job is listening. Edgar has been doing that his entire life. He has been nominated year after year because people around here already treat him like the Bürgermeister. This makes it official."

Veigl will appear throughout the festival weekend, including at Opening Ceremonies on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 6 p.m.

Festival information and the full schedule are available at www.cullmanoktoberfestival.com.

Follow the festival at www.facebook.com/cullmanoktoberfest and www.instagram.com/cullmanoktoberfest.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Addison comes away with a commanding 3-0 win over Winston County

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. — The defending state champs and top ranked 1A Addison Lady Bulldogs hosted their neighbors from across the lake, the 2A Winston County Lady Jackets, and came away with a dominating victory to move their record to 6-3. It was a packed house at Allen Stephenson Gym as the fans from both teams came out to cheer their respective teams, with the Lady 'Dawgs fans going away happy as Addison also won the JV and Junior Team matches. All of the Lady Bulldogs losses so far this season have been to larger ranked schools. Addison's student section was very into this game, and was rambunctious throughout the match supporting the Lady 'Dawgs.

1st Set, Addison 25-WCHS 14

Addison's Morgan Lee opened the game by serving for three straight points, taking the 'Dawgs to a 3-0 lead. WCHS came back taking three of the next four points to cut the lead to 4-3 when AnnaBeth Powell got hot and served seven straight points to give the ladies from Addison the commanding 11-3 lead. The Addison front line of AnnaBeth and AllieRuth Powell (yes, they are sisters), plus Ava Bartlett, dominated the front. The height and athleticism of the Lady 'Dawgs was too much for the Lady Jackets.

2nd Set, Addison 25-WCHS 10

Addison again started fast, and they took a 6-1 lead with AllieRuth Powell serving for 4 of the points. The teams alternated the next eight points and Addison led 12-6 when the Lady Bulldogs took 12 of the next 15 points to go up 22-9. Addison's Kabri Dyson led the charge by serving for four of the points in the run. Addison's defense was exceptional during this long run, and even though WCHS kept some long volleys going during the set, they just couldn't cope with the height of the Lady 'Dawgs. Addison has five girls that are over 5'10, which is exceptional at this level. Addison ended up taking the set and command of the game, 2-0.

3rd Set, Addison 25-WCHS 11

Addison continued their run of fast starts as they jumped out 7-2 with Rylan O'Brien, who was using the luck of the Irish in serving for the opening three points to get the Lady 'Dawgs off to the quick beginning.

AnnaBeth Powell then took over and it really started clicking for the ladies as their team defense and offense went into overdrive as AnnaBeth Powell served for 10 straight points as Addison sealed the game away leading 17-3. They basically just alternated points with a small run here for both teams, for the remainder of the game as Addison took the third set.

Addison will next play in the West Morgan Tournament on Saturday. They will take on the ladies from Covenant Christian, Colbert Heights and Muscle Shoals.

Official stats:

- Kills: AllieRuth Powell – 20, Ava Bartlett – 10 and AnnaBeth Powell – 3
- Aces: The Powells – 3 each , and Bartlett – 1
- Digs: The Powells – 8 each, Bartlett – 1
- Blocks: Bartlett – 8, AnnaBeth Powell – two
- Assists: AnnaBeth Powell – 34

Beau's Law (from Front)

pected to give animal control agencies clearer authority to address neglect involving dogs before conditions escalate into serious cruelty cases.

"The common type of neglect cases are no shelter and starvation," Banister said. "We work several of these cases and they are arrested and sent to prosecution by the Cullman County District Attorney's Office. Tethering can also be part of a broader pattern of neglect, particularly when dogs become tangled or are unable to move freely. This is often combined with improper shelter and lack of proper sustenance."

Food, water and shelter

The law establishes standards for adequate food and potable water, requiring sufficient amounts at suitable intervals to prevent starvation, dehydration or significant health risks.

Dogs subject to its tethering and enclosure requirements must have continuous access to food, water and shelter.

For dogs kept tethered or confined outdoors, shelter must protect them from the elements and provide enough room to stand, turn around, lie down normally and extend their limbs.

It must be enclosed with an entrance and solid floor, built from durable materials, adequately ventilated and free of accumulated waste, standing water and debris.

The shelter must also provide shade and cold-weather bedding when necessary. Dogs must have unrestricted access to it, according to the legislation.

Outdoor enclosures must be secure and fully fenced, provide adequate room for movement and keep the dog on the property of its owner or caretaker.

Tethering restrictions

Unless an exception applies, dogs may not be tethered to stationary objects such as trees, poles or structures without a trolley system meeting the law's requirements.

The tether must connect to a properly fitted collar or harness and have swivels at both ends to reduce tangling. It cannot be unreasonably heavy for the dog, and each tether may connect to only one dog.

Logging chains, choke collars and pinch collars are prohibited for tethering.

The tether's placement must prevent entanglement with objects or other animals, keep the dog on the owner's or caretaker's property and avoid edges or obstacles that could cause injury or strangulation.

Penalties and enforcement

The CPD outlined the following potential penalties:

- First violation: Class C misdemeanor, with up to three months in jail and a fine of up to $500.
- Second violation: Class B misdemeanor, with up to six months in jail and a fine of up to $3,000.
- Third and subsequent violations: Class A misdemeanor, with up to one year in jail and a fine of up to $6,000.

Those figures reflect Alabama's standard misdemeanor jail limits and fine limits. Violators must also pay the dog's boarding and veterinary care costs.

With probable cause of a violation, a certified law enforcement officer may order care at the owner's expense or remove a dog believed to be in life-threatening danger. Those actions are subject to statutory hearing and disposition procedures.

Exceptions

The law distinguishes between exceptions to its tethering and enclosure rules and broader exemptions.

Specified veterinary, boarding, shelter, grooming, training and dog-event circumstances are exempt from the tethering and enclosure provisions, as are service or assistance dogs, leash walking and necessary temporary restraint.

Commercial breeders licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as Class A dealers are also exempt from those provisions.

Separate exemptions cover specified agricultural, hunting and retrieving dogs, along with certain temporary restraint near businesses, at campsites, in recreation areas or at home, subject to conditions including reasonable duration considering the weather.

Existing animal cruelty and neglect laws remain enforceable. The full exceptions appear in Sections 2 and 4 of the act.

In The Tribune's April coverage, Cullman County Animal Shelter Director Andrea Hudson said the shelter planned public education about the requirements and encouraged residents struggling to comply to reach out.

The CPD likewise encouraged owners to familiarize themselves with the law before October.

"Responsible pet ownership means providing our animals with proper care, protection, food, water and shelter," the department said.

Police Chief Joey Duncan said the goal at the CPD is education, compliance and protecting the welfare of animals in our community.

"Beau's Law is about responsible pet ownership and making sure dogs in our community receive the basic care, protection, food, water and shelter they deserve," he said. "With the strong support of Mayor (Woody Jacobs) and the Cullman City Council, we recently made our Animal Control position a full-time, certified police officer position. This is a significant step forward for our community. It gives us a dedicated officer who can respond more effectively to animal-related calls, investigate cases, enforce applicable laws, educate pet owners and work closely with our community to address animal welfare concerns. We appreciate the Mayor and Cullman City Council recognizing the importance of this position and investing in the safety and well-being of both our residents and animals."







Camp Patriot Charity Gala set for Sept. 19

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Camp Patriot Charity Gala will be held Saturday, Sept. 19, at 5:30 p.m. at Cotton Creek. The event raises money for disabled Veterans.

Crane Hill native Laura Rogers and her daughter Brooke had the opportunity to visit Camp Patriot in Montana during fall break in 2024. The ranch's mission of helping wounded and disabled veterans immediately left a lasting impression on Rogers.

"During the visit, Micah (Clark), a former Navy corpsman and the founder of Camp Patriot, shared stories of veterans whose lives had been impacted by the program," Rogers said. "Two stories, in particular, stayed with me: one of a veteran who was blinded by a combat injury, and another who lost a leg, but through Camp Patriot's recreational therapy programs, went on to climb Mount Rainier. I returned home determined to find a way to support the organization and its mission."

Founded in 2005, Camp Patriot is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to empower and thank wounded and disabled military veterans of all generations through outdoor programs.

Rogers organized the inaugural Camp Patriot Charity Gala at Cotton Creek Venue in Cullman last year, bringing the community together to raise funds and awareness for the organization's efforts to help wounded and disabled veterans rediscover purpose, connection and healing through outdoor experiences.

"Sept.19 will be the second year for this event," Rogers said. "There are around 4.4 million wounded and disabled military veterans in the United States. It is Camp Patriot's mission to empower American disabled veterans by providing the right relationships and assistance so that they can once again enjoy the great outdoors. Camp Patriot funding is solely by 'a grateful nation,' individuals, families and corporations."

Over 200 guests showed up at the inaugural Camp Patriot Charity Gala in 2025, and $25,220 was raised for Camp Patriot.

"Our goal is to exceed last year and raise $30,000 or more for Camp Patriot this year," Rogers said. "The black tie is an optional dress code for the night of patriotism and celebration at Cotton Creek Cullman on Sept. 19, 2026. The doors open at 5:30. Get ready for an evening featuring live music from The Overtones, silent auction and dinner catered by Wade Maynard, longtime chef at All Steak. The keynote speaker is Will Summers – Special Forces communication sergeant assigned to 5th Special Forces Group as a member of ODA 595, nicknamed 'The Horse Soldiers' and recognized as the most successful unconventional warfare team in modern history. Their mission inspired the America's Response Monument and the movie '12 Strong.'"

Camp Patriot Founder Micah Clark said since last year's gala they have hosted over 10 separate trips for veterans at the ranch, including a Gold Star family trip and a Thanksgiving meal.

"The trips all went great – fly fishing, ice fishing, floating our rivers and ATV riding to name a few activities, produced big smiles on many faces," Clark said. "We have also completed several projects on the ranch including winterizing vehicles, ATVs and tractors; moving hay for the farm animals; and constructing a forge for forging and blacksmithing classes. We were also able to purchase and construct a Quonset hut-style plastic shelter to store the pontoon boat that was donated to the ranch last fall."

Event details

- Attire: Black tie optional
- 5:30p.m. doors open
- 6-7 p.m. cocktails, silent auction and 50/50 raffle
- Cocktail hour featuring live music by The Overtones, Horse Soldier bourbon
- 7-8 p.m. Special Forces soldiers
- Dinner and keynote speaker Will Summers, Green Beret and one of the "12 Strong"
- 8-10:30 p.m.- Meet and greet with Will Summers and Micah Clark, founder of Camp Patriot and afterparty with dancing and live music by The Overtones

Tickets, tables and sponsorships can be purchased at ticketstripe.com/cpgala2026 or by contacting Laura Rogers at camppatriotgala@gmail.com. More info about Camp Patriot's mission can be found at camppatriot.org.

Next Miss Wallace State Interest Meeting will be Sept. 10

Chasady Woods, Emily McMunn

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The next Miss Wallace State Interest Meeting will be held at the Burrow Center Recital Hall located at 801 Main St. NW, Hanceville on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. The first was held Aug. 24.

Miss Wallace State 2027 will earn a full tuition scholarship.

Participants must be female, a U.S. citizen, never married and have no criminal record. They must also maintain a 2.75 GPA or higher with six credit hours in fall and spring.

"It's not a beauty pageant, it's a scholarship program," Wallace State Success Advisor Candice Fomby shared.

The competition will consist of several phases:

Private interview
This will count for 30% of a contestant's score. Each contestant will go into a room with a panel of judges and speak about themselves and their community service initiative.

"It is 30%. They are 10 minutes long, but you'll go in, have a 30-second introduction, you'll talk about yourself and your CSI, and then that's when the questions will start with the judges," Fomby said.

Health and fitness
"We are doing music from 'Top Gun,' so if you want to be practicing your health and fitness walk. You can throw something on from there, or even your evening gown. That's what we're going to be using," she said.

Advisors note that while a Rebel Athletic set is not required, any red athletic top and bottom will be necessary for this portion.

Fomby emphasized, "And one thing I will say about any phase of competition: whatever you wear, make sure it's appropriate and fits you well."

This portion will contribute to 20% of the total score.

"The judges are looking for a contestant's confidence and comfort on stage, while getting a look into their commitment to health and fitness," Fomby explained.

On-stage conversation
Fomby said this is a continuation of the private interview and the contestants will be asked questions about their community service initiative. This will count for 10% of the total score.

Talents and her story
For this phase, Fomby noted that contestants can display their talents. Participants in the first meeting had talents ranging from piano to baton twirling to flute to dancing. This will count for 20% of the total score.

There is also an opportunity for contestants to sing and to tell their story, though the latter is not a requirement.

Any talents should ideally be pre-approved, especially those containing music choices, to ensure they are appropriate.

Evening gown
Fomby told the audience, "Evening gown, that's 20%. You get to wear your evening gown of your choice. You're going to be judged not on the dress, but how you represent yourself in the dress. And then on stage, that is 10% of your total score."

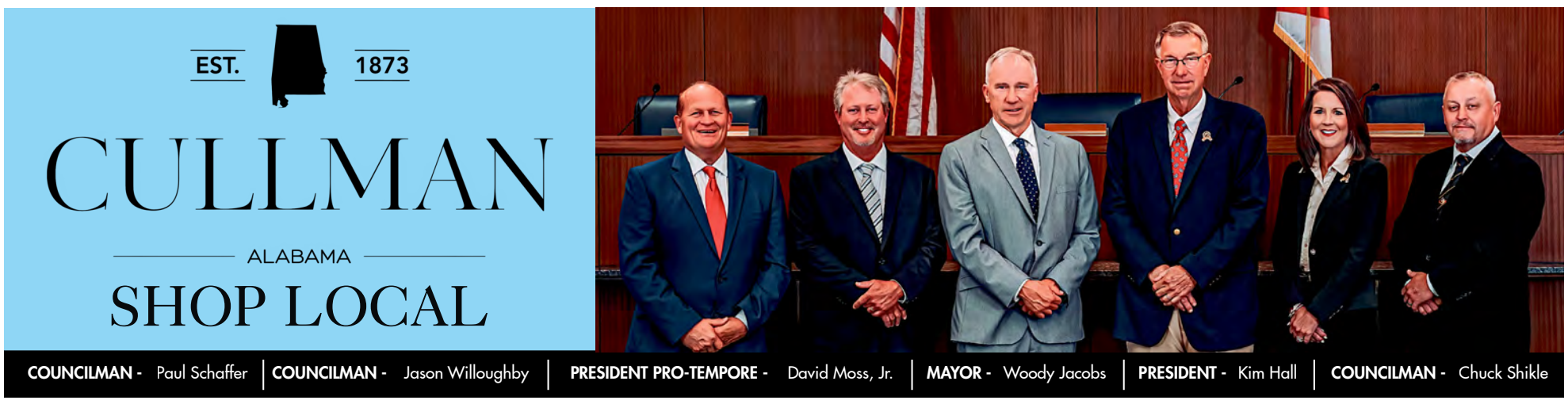
She also noted, "You do have to register with Miss America to be able to be a contestant in any local preliminary, and it is $49.99 for the first time that year. So if you decide to compete with us, you only have to do that once."

This year will also be Miss Wallace State's 50th Anniversary so whomever is crowned will be the winner of the celebratory year.

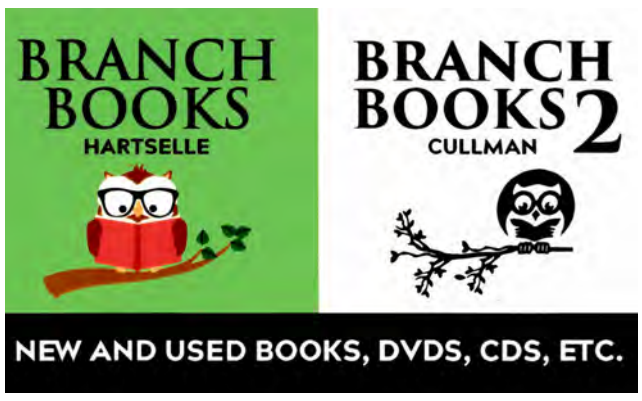
Fomby made a point to acknowledge the true meaning behind the competition: "One of my goals for Miss Wallace State is to be like a family. Whether you win or not, we will be cheering you on for whatever you do next."

The Miss Wallace State paperwork deadline is Sept. 21 and can be accessed online at https://misswallacestateorganizationregistration.canva.link or picked up at the Sept. 10 meeting.

For more info, email lioncentral@wallacestate.edu or call 256-352-8236.



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Pageant (from Front)

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Ms. Senior Cullman County Pageant will take place Saturday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m. at the Fairview High School auditorium. The deadline to submit an application to enter is Sept. 1.

Ms. Senior Cullman County Pageant Director Gidget Gregory entry is limited to 12 delegates.

"We have a few spots remaining, so please reach out to secure your spot," Gregory said. "Ms. Senior Cullman County ages 60-69 and Ms. Super Senior Cullman County 70 and above are the two divisions for the pageant."

Gregory is entering her second season as pageant director and said they love the support the event receives from the community.

"We would appreciate any local Individuals or businesses sponsoring us through this process and getting involved," Gregory said. "Their business/ad will go in our program and we will also announce them on Facebook if they do the higher levels. We try to give back to our community as much as we can through this process."

This event was founded by Betty Leeth Haynes, who crowned Ms. Senior Cullman County in 1997, Gregory shared.

"After earning the title Ms. Senior Alabama in 1997, she was inspired to give other ladies in Cullman County a similar opportunity," she said.

This year, Gregory said they are giving back to two charities: LEAD and First Source for Women.

"The ladies will need the help of the audience for the People's Choice Award," Gregory said. "Every dollar donated towards a delegate counts as a vote. Portions of the People's Choice will be donated toward these two charities."

There will be four categories: Interview 30%, Fun fashion 20%, Active wear 20%, Evening wear 20% / On-stage question 10%.

The pageant will be held Saturday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m. at the Fairview High School auditorium.

For more information, visit Facebook/Ms. Senior Cullman County Pageant, call 256-507-1687 or email msccp2025@gmail.com.



Legal Notice

Surplus property of Wallace State Community College (Hanceville Campus) will be offered for sale on the website www.govdeals.com Various sales will occur on this website, please check the www.govdeals.com website weekly to see any current sales. This is a government auction website and you MUST be registered on the website to bid on any items. You may view the surplus property to be sold without registration. The govdeals.com website will contain detailed information including descriptions and photos. Items may be inspected by APPOINTMENT ONLY: Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact Wesley Sams at inventory@wallacestate.edu to schedule any appointments. All items listed are to be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS". Wallace State Community College reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2026-036

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF GARY DEWAYNE REID and TAMMY BOHLER REID.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: Rodric Carr and Marilyn Carr
whose whereabouts and location are unknown

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of J.S.C., a minor child born on February 2, 2015, to Cedric Dewayne Carr and Jaclyn Suzanne Shaeyfelt Carr, was filed on the 29th day of July, 2026, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioners Gary Dewayne Reid and Tammy Bohler Reid. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said Petitioners, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this 6th day of August, 2026.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

PUBLIC HEARING

SPECIAL NOTICE BY THE ALCOHOL REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR

THE CITY OF GOOD HOPE

This letter is to inform the public of a meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2026

at 6:00 pm at Good Hope City Hall, 135 Municipal Drive. The public hearing will be held for

the approval of an alcohol license for:

S & S PACKAGE, LLC
6073 County Road 490
Hanceville, AL 35077
All interested in the above item are welcome to attend the public hearing and express themselves concerning the same.

Christie Chamblee

City Clerk

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
AVISE ALLEN, * **CASE NO.: PC2026-324**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Ancillary Letters of Testamentary having been granted to Tamara Nichole Vanderpool, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Avise Allen, deceased, on the 18th day of August, 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.

Tamara Nichole Vanderpool
Personal Representative

Shelbie G. Hankey
Hankey Law Firm, LLC
409 2nd Ave SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

Please publish the above 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
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
SAMMIE AUDREY JONES, * CASE NO.: PC 2026-301
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION of said deceased having been granted to **SETH B. THOMPSON** on the 18th day of August, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Court Judge of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within six months after the granting of Letters or within five months from the first publication of this notice, whichever is the latter to occur of the same will be barred.

Seth B. Thompson
Personal Representative

The Thompson Law Firm, LLC
201 Second Avenue Southeast
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Phone: 256-73-4591
Fax: 866-826-4785

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

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
MAXIE T. HUDSON, * CASE NO. PC2026-314
DECEASED. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Daphne Paige Faulk and Maxie Scott Hudson as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of MAXIE T. HUDSON, deceased, on the 13th day August, 2026, 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.

Daphne Paige Faulk

Maxie Scott Hudson

Gaynor L. St. John
Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives

ST. JOHN & ST. JOHN, LLC
108 3rd Street SE
Cullman, AL 35055
Telephone: (256) 734-3542

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
PAULINE ALLEN HAWKINS, * **CASE NO.: PC2026-230**
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration With the Will Annexed on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Rodney Lee Hawkins on the 18th day of August, 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.

Rodney Lee Hawkins
Personal Representative

Trent Lowry
Attorney for Petitioner
409 1st Avenue, S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
CLAUDIA ANN WILLCUTT, * **CASE NO.: PC 2025-402**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to KATHY DOUGLAS, as Personal Representative of the Estate of CLAUDIA ANN WILLCUTT, deceased, on the 24th day of August, 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.

Claudia Ann Willcutt
Personal Representative

Laura Alfano
Attorney for the Estate
440 Twin Ridge Road
Warrior, Alabama 35180

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

Please publish the above Notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2026 - 900273

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LISA McSWAIN
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CULLMAN COUNTY

TINA STRICKLIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

The North Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Seven (7), Township 10 South, Range 1 West, containing 20 acres, more or less. Situated and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama.
LESS AND EXCEPT:
A part of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 10 South, Range 1 West, more particularly described as follows: Begin at the Northwest Corner of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 10 South, Rage 1 West for the point of beginning of the land herein conveyed; thence South along the West line of said twenty a distance of 660 feet and being the Southwest Corner of said twenty acre tract; thence due East along the South line of said twenty acre tract a distance of 787 feet to a point; thence due Northerly along a fence to a point on the North line of said twenty that is 748 feet due East of the Northwest Corner of said twenty and the point of beginning; thence due West along the North line of said twenty a distance of 748 feet, more or less, to the Northwest Corner of said twenty and the point of beginning. Containing approximately twelve (12) acres, more or less.
LESS AND EXCEPT:
Commence at the Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter Section 7, Township 10 South, Range 1 West, thence North 0 degrees 28' 30" E 664.30 feet to the point of beginning, thence S 89 degrees 53' W 485.23 feet a point, thence N 8 degrees 27' 22" W 450.0 feet to a point, thence N 89 degrees 23' 41" E 555.16 feet to a point, thence S 0 degrees 28' 30" E 450.0 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 5.35 acres, more or less. Said land lying in the NE ¼ - NW ¼ of Sec. 7 T 10S R 1 W, Cullman County, Alabama. According the survey of James W. Baldy, AL Reg. No. 11845, dated October 3, 1989. Leaving herein 2.7 acres, more or less. Said property is subject to all right of ways or easements of record.

Parcel ID: 15-03-07-0-001-005.000; PIN: 5784; Account Number: 72164,

AND

Those Fictitious Parties A-Z, whose identities are currently unknown and who will be added to this Complaint by amendment when ascertained, including any persons claiming any present interest therein and including any persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the above-described property,

AND

KATHY D. COLLUM FARLEY,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: Kathy D. Collum Farley, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown.

You are hereby notified that on the 29th day of July, 2026, a Complaint to quiet title and foreclose the right to redeem the above-described real property was filed in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Tina Stricklin against Kathy D. Collum Farley, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown, whose names and whereabouts cannot be ascertained after exercise of due diligence and who are believed may claim some right, title, interest, or claim in and to the above-described real property. All persons having an interest in said lands or any portion thereof, claiming any title thereto or encumbrance or lien thereon, are hereby directed to plead, answer, demur, or otherwise respond to the Complaint on or before the 19th day of October, 2026, else at the expiration of thirty (30) days thereafter suffer a judgment by default to be rendered against them, it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

Hon. Lisa McSwain
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Cullman County, Alabama

Plaintiffs' Attorney:
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
611 7th Street SW
Cullman, AL 35055
256-841-7800

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for four consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Circuit Clerk.

Hon. Lisa McSwain
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Cullman County, Alabama

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

NANCY ALICE REICHWEIN, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2026-300

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF NANCY ALICE REICHWEIN, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Joan R. Smith on the 17th day of August, 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.

Joan R. Smith, 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

Steven C. Smith
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0398
Phone: (256) 734-4721
Fax: (256) 734-4774
e-mail: steve@smithandsmithllp.com

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
SHEILA ANN WILLOUGHBY, **Case No.: PC-2026-281**
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to Tara Ann Alldredge, on the 17th day of August, 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.

TARA ANN ALLDREDGE,
Personal Representative

Shelbie G. Hankey,
Hankey Law Firm, LLC
409 2nd Ave SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055
(256) 736- 8744

To: The publisher of *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-171

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LALA B. POWE, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Gregory C. Powe on the 18th day of August, 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.

Gregory C. Powe
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please cause the above notice to be published once a week for three successive weeks in said newspaper, and thereafter forward an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

I almost knew Elvis

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



This month we celebrated the life and remembered the death of one of the biggest names in the world of entertainment. Even though he has been dead for 49 years now, his music still lives on and to a much lesser degree, so do his movies. Elvis Presley is said to be one of the most culturally significant figures of the 20th century. His life was a true rags-to-riches story.

Tragically, Elvis died on Aug. 16, 1977. The anniversary of his passing has become known around Memphis as "Dead Elvis Week." Almost a half century after his death, fans still flock to Memphis from all over to world during the middle week in August. Candlelight vigils are held each night in front of his Graceland Mansion, which has become almost as well know as he was. They come to mourn and remember. Some come dressed in black and weep as if he has just died. They sing his songs.

When I lived in the Memphis area, I never attended any of the Graceland gatherings during those weeks. I did, however, drive by some years just to witness the unusual crowds who gathered there.

I never met Elvis. I never even attended one of his concerts or heard him sing in person. I did own several of his records when I was growing up. I didn't know Elvis, but I did know several people who knew him well and shared their stories with me.

Graceland Baptist Church was located on E. Raines Road in the Whitehaven community of Memphis. That area is now often called the Graceland community. The church was founded there in 1955 and Elvis moved into Graceland in 1957. Dr. Lowell Adams was the founding pastor of Graceland Baptist Church. When Elvis' mother died in 1958, Dr. Adams was called to come to the Graceland Mansion to console the deeply distraught Elvis.

In the mid-1990s, the church relocated to Southaven (MS), and merged with Summerwood Baptist Church to form Gracewood. Dr. Adams became pastor emeritus at Gracewood and in 1998 I became the senior pastor there.

Of course, Elvis was long gone by then, but many of our members had known him. Ms. Dean Phillips was a faithful member of our church and quite a piano player herself. She not only knew Elvis, but she was also the sister-in-law of Sam Phillips, who first recorded Elvis at Sun Studio. Ms. Dean also worked at Sun Studio.

Sam Phillips attended our church on a few occasions while I was there. Yes, I shamelessly have his autograph. I also had the privilege of getting to know Red West quite well; well, at least one of them. There were two and both of them were part of Elvis' entourage. They were brothers and both were nicknamed Red.

The one I knew, along with his wife, joined Gracewood church while I served there. After Hurricane Katrina destroyed the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Red drove his travel home and a team of cleanup volunteers to help with the work there several times. I had plenty of time on those trips to pick his brain about Elvis.

I never knew Elvis Presley personally, but because of my close connection with so many who did, it seems almost as if I did. Elvis was a character who seems larger than life itself; however, in the end he was just like all of us. Even as talented, famous and wealthy as he was, he was human. He lived large, but unfortunately, he died and much too young. Honestly, it makes me a little sad. Oh, the people we've met and the ones we didn't...but came close.

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: Aug. 29, 1957

From the files of Aug. 29, 1957

Sacred Heart Alumnae Hold Homecoming

Sacred Heart Alumnae from five states and one foreign country met for their homecoming and annual meeting at Sacred Heart College recently.

Silver Jubilee Alumnae present were Mrs. Al Sachs, Mrs. Joe Voss, both of Cullman, Mrs. Anthony Russo of Birmingham and Sisters Martina and Elizabeth, O.S.B., of Sacred Heart.

Miss Frances Wolcott, Biloxi, Miss., was awarded the Alumnae Scholarship to Sacred Heart College for 1957-58.

Cullman Alumnae attending the meeting were Mrs. Susie Kelly, Mrs. J. A. Dunlap, Mrs. M. A. Gresik, Carolina Klein, Louise Moore, Mary Ellan House, Margaret Anne Baier, Susann Galin, Martha Voss, Mrs. Harry Maus, Mrs. Chas. Millar, Mrs. Lon Waters, Mrs. Joe Voss, Mrs. Al Sachs, Claud Schlosser, Miss Margaret Marjorie Noble, Betty Dunn, Mrs. Deppe, Mrs. John Imbusch, Mrs. Henry Klein, Hermina Schaffer, Christine Schaffer, Virginia Boike, Charlotte Schaffer, Mrs. Lelton Hale, Mrs. Bill Mangum, Barbara Thomas, Mrs. Wm. K. Pirkle, Mary F. Branch, and Mrs. Susie Clark, honorary member.

Young 4-H Farmer
By: Everett Chandler
Ass't County Agent

One of the County's young 4-H former's is Jerry Nuss of Hanceville, Route 1. Since his dad, Fred Nuss, works off the farm Jerry looks after the farming. His sixteen acres of corn and 4.5 acres of cotton is as pretty as most any crop you will see in the county. Besides cotton and corn Jerry has about three acres of sweet potatoes as a money crop. Jerry is sixteen years old and will be in the eleventh grade at Hanceville this year.

Jerry finally admitted that his Dad helps him just a little when he gets real pushed.

For A Cleaner, Cullman

By an official regulation, adopted and approved by the city officials, residents of Cullman are given legal protection against menace caused by domestic animals, or by trash, weeds, or other unwholesome things on vacant lots.

During two decades, strides have been made here in making Cullman a healthful community. With the sewerage system and the disposal plant and the municipal collection of garbage, there has been progress in sanitation.

This new regulation, about domestic animals and vacant lots, is another governmental supervision of living here. —As with many laws, this regulation has become necessary in the opinion of many citizens, because some of the residents allow their domestic animals to be a nuisance, while some of the owners of vacant lots neglect to keep their property clean.

Cullman is one big neighborhood of folk.—And that splendid admonition about "love thy neighbor as thyself", should prompt the owners of domestic animals and vacant lots to cooperate with the municipal officials in making ours a cleaner city!

A New Product In Cullman

Another new product is being manufactured here.

With the installation of specially-designed machinery to remove the bark from the logs, chips are being processed from slabs at the C. Arnold and Son sawmill.

The specially-processed chips are transported from Cullman to Guntersville by truck. From Guntersville, the chips are shipped by river barge to a large paper-manufacturing plant in Calhoun, Tennessee.

This is another example of invention, investment and market in the local march of progress. Through inventive genius machinery was made to remove the bark from the log and process the slabs into chips. — Because there was a market for the wood chips, C. Arnold and Son invested in



this special machinery. — And with invention, investment and market, many people are receiving employment at this large sawmill.

S.T.A.R. Entertains

The S.T.A.R. Club and their dates enjoyed an outdoor wiener roast party for the new and old members at the home of Miss Barbara Yost.

Those attending were Barbara Yost and Bobby Jacobs, Carol Sue Brindley and Charles Harwell, Donna Kinney and Kerry Butler, Brenda Tiffin and Ted Quick, Barbara Tompkins and Wayne Dahlke, Kay and Theawn Cheatwood, Sharon Dahlke and Perry West, Sandy McPhillips and Hubert Grisom, Mary Benton Engel and Max Brown, Jackie Hamilton and Dale Cook, Lucinda Leeth and Rocky Terry, Pat Schaffer and Butch Bachmann, Becky Hudson and Ken Campbell, Suzie West, Becky Maxcy and Tommy Gilley.

POET'S CORNER

The Oak Tree

By: Randy C. Hale



GREG HAMLIN

Pause beneath the oak tree
And look up to its heights

Ask it lots of questions
Ask it about its times

Ask what it sees from its vision
And what it feels beneath the earth

Listen to its whisper
Speaking things it only knows

Pause beneath the oak tree
Seek peace beneath its shade

And rest beneath its branches
at times along the way.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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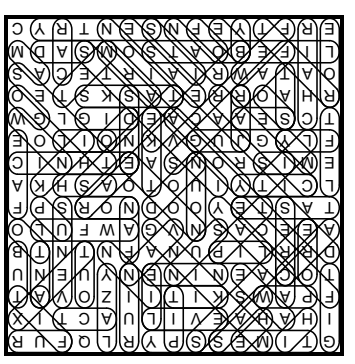
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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
AUGUST 29, 2026

Blount County Fair returns Sept. 15-19

Staff Reports
Contributor

CLEVELAND, Ala. — Families are invited to experience the sights, sounds and traditions of the fair when the Blount County Fair returns Sept. 15-19, 2026, bringing five days of family-friendly entertainment, agricultural events and community fun to Blount County.

The annual fair offers something for visitors of all ages, from livestock shows and youth agricultural programs to hands-on cooking demonstrations and special activities for children.

The fair opens at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 15, and the fun continues throughout the week with a full schedule of livestock shows and activities, including the second annual horse show on Friday night and the Show Me Swine Racers are back for two shows nightly. Special friends day will be held on Sept. 17.

Beyond the agricultural events and educational activities, fairgoers can enjoy all the classic fun that makes a county fair a favorite fall tradition. Families can take a spin on carnival rides, test their skills at midway games, enjoy classic fair food and sweet treats and spend time together soaking up the lively atmosphere.

Daily admission is $5 per person and free for 5 and younger. Ride armbands are $18 Sept. 15-17 and $25 Sept.18-19 or individual ride tickets will be available for purchase.

The fair will be held Sept. 15-19 at the Blount County Multi-Purpose Center located at 6700 County Highway 1 in Cleveland, Alabama. For event times and additional details, visit www.blountcountyfair.com.



Remembering Tabitha Franklin after 17 years

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Tabitha Franklin's friends and family gathered at Sportsman Lake Park on Saturday, Aug. 22, to remember the young woman who went missing Aug. 13, 2009. Seventeen years later, there are still no answers as to her whereabouts.

Her three children, Gavin, Dawson and Hannah Franklin, released butterflies in her memory. Tabitha Franklin loved butterflies and the family noted that jean skirts and hoop earrings were her signature look. Her daughter, Hannah, along with several others, wore them to honor her.

"Today we're raising awareness for our mother who went missing 17 years ago. Unfortunately we haven't gotten the outreach we'd like to have, but this time it seems like we've gotten a lot of community help," Gavin Franklin stated.

They each showed appreciation for local musician Jesse Priest, who attended and performed at the event, bringing more attention to their mother's disappearance. He also expressed that with more traction brought to her case, the more likely it will be for someone to hold themselves accountable and bring forward any information that may help to bring their mother home.

Tabitha Franklin was last seen Aug. 13, 2009, around 8:30 p.m. in Cullman County on County Road 1136.

She was 28 at the time of her disappearance. She had blonde hair, blue eyes, was 5 ′6″ and weighed 140 lbs. There is a $20,000 award for information leading to her whereabouts. Those with any information are advised to call Cullman County Sheriff's Office at 256-734-0342.

Franklin's loved ones said she is more than a missing person. She is held dearly in their hearts even still, and that will never change.

Her children described her personality as fiery and recounted what they remembered about her.

"She loved hiking," Dawson Franklin noted. "Anything nature-wise she loved to do. She would pick up a dead snake – or even a live snake."

Hannah Franklin nodded. "She was very spontaneous. If she wanted to go eat barbecue in Tennessee, then we would leave in two hours."

Gavin Franklin shared his favorite memory of her: "Her ability to be a fiery and fierce woman, but also be equally as vulnerable at the same time."

"She was the type to wear high heels and kick them off to go play football," Dawson Franklin added.

Family and friends said they want answers and they will not stop until they have them.



CHASADY WOODS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Family and friends of Tabitha Franklin at a remembrance event

More: www.cullmantribune.com/2026/06/23/17-years-later-tabitha-franklins-family-still-searches-for-answers

Obituary Announcements: Aug. 27-28

Jenifer Johnson, 39
Jenifer Johnson, 39, passed away peacefully at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She was surrounded by the love of family and friends who cared deeply for her and will be greatly missed and forever remembered by everyone whose life she touched. Jenifer leaves behind five children: Chris Cole (Emma), Angel Thomas (Aaron), Lillie Kilgore, Isabella Kilgore, and Jaxon Day. They will carry her memory in their hearts and cherish the moments they shared with their mother. She is also survived by her parents, Greg Johnson (Karen) and Tammy Champion (Joe); her two sisters, Mary Stewart (Josh) and Melissa McKinney (Cody); her four grandchildren; her surviving grandparent, Faith; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members who loved her dearly. Jenifer was preceded in death by her sister and grandparents, including Donna Sutton. Her memory will live on through her children, grandchildren, family, and everyone whose life she touched. Though she passed away peacefully, the love she gave will continue to surround those who knew her. Her laughter, kindness, and the precious memories she created will remain in their hearts forever. She may no longer be here to hold her children, but the love she poured into them will never fade. Through each of them, a part of Jenifer will live on, reminding everyone that she was deeply loved, will be forever missed, and will never, ever be forgotten.

Roxie Shirley Ponder, 91
Roxie Shirley Goodwin Fields Ponder passed away peacefully on Aug. 27, 2026. She was born May 2, 1935, to Ophir Goodwin and Elvia Wilson Goodwin. She was preceded in death by her loving parents, daughter Lisa Fields, and husband Johnny Fields. A lifelong resident of Cullman County, she spent the majority of her life educating students at Cold Springs, Hanceville, East Point, Prospect, and Holly Pond schools. She loved attending church and spent much of her time listening to hymns and the occasional country music ballad. She will be remembered for her love of sweets, high heels, and most of all her family. She is survived by her daughter, Lynn Fields Rutherford (Mark); brothers Jerry Goodwin and Kendall (Madus) Goodwin; and grandchildren, Erica and Skyeler Rutherford. A graveside service celebrating her life will be held at Ryan's Creek Baptist Church at a later date.

Bonnie Sue Bailey, 75
A graveside service for Bonnie Sue Bailey, 75, of Hayden will be 12:45 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at Oak Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 10 a.m.-noon at Hanceville Funeral Home. Ms. Bailey was born June 27, 1951, in Blount County, Alabama to Fat and Dorothy Adams. She passed away Aug. 26, 2026, in Jefferson County, Alabama. Bonnie was a beautiful soul whose greatest gift was the love she freely gave to others. She was the kind of person who would give anything to anyone in need, never expecting anything in return. Her generous heart and selfless spirit touched the lives of so many. Bonnie never met a stranger. She had a way of making everyone feel welcome, loved, and accepted. She loved everyone and treated people with kindness and compassion. Whether she had known you for years or had just met you, Bonnie made you feel like you mattered. Those who knew and loved Bonnie will remember her for her giving heart, and the countless ways she helped others. Her life was a reflection of kindness, generosity, and love. She leaves behind precious memories that will be treasured forever by her family, friends, and all who had the blessing of knowing her. Ms. Bailey is survived by her children, John Bailey (Jessica), and Donna Hays (Stephen); grandchildren, Ava Bailey, and Ashlee Bailey; siblings, Bud Adams, Linda Hicks, Darlene Adamson, and Mary Johnson; and a host of nieces and nephews. Ms. Bailey was preceded in death by her parents, Fat & Dorothy Adams; and her siblings, Terry Adams, and Edna Giddy. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Bailey family.

William Otis 'Bill' Trimble, Jr., 99
W. O. "Bill" Trimble Jr., of Spring, Texas, passed away peacefully on the afternoon of Aug. 23, 2026, at the age of 99. Born on March 26, 1927, in Sipsey, Alabama son of W. O. Trimble Sr. and Myrtie Doss Trimble. Bill grew up in the Cullman and Trimble Alabama areas. After graduating from Citronelle High School, where he met his future wife, Pauline, he attended the University of Alabama. There, he served as a class yearbook photographer, worked alongside author Nelle Harper Lee, and photographed visiting celebrities like Bob Hope and Doris Day. Bill also proudly served as a Navy medic at the Treasure Island naval hospital during World War II. On June 7, 1948, Bill married the love of his life, Pauline Ford. Together, they raised a family while living across Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. Bill spent over four decades in the transportation industry, beginning with Eastern Airlines, moving to Baton Rouge for a tanker hauling company, and eventually retiring after more than a decade with ARAMCO in Saudi Arabia. During his time abroad, he earned his master's degree in business management from the University of Saint Thomas. Returning to Houston in the 1980s, Bill and Pauline owned and operated a lawn service, started and helped operate a security company with his sons, and successfully ran an online vintage clothing resale business on eBay. Bill was an avid traveler, exploring Europe, driving an RV across the country, and regularly visiting Ted's and Teresa's ranches in Colorado. For several years, he flew to Paula and Larry's home in Anchorage, Alaska, in the late summer to escape the Texas heat. He had a lifelong passion for photography, hunting, pawn shop treasure seeking, and collecting cameras, binoculars, knives, guns, and western books. Bill was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Pauline; his son, Joe; his brothers, Joe and Gene; his grandsons, Bryon, Cody, and Jacob; and his daughter-in-law, Roxie. He is survived by his children, Gyinn (Jerry), Bill F (Roxie), Paula (Larry), Teresa (Tom), and Ted (Melanie); his grandchildren, Julie (Margaux), Amanda (Bailey), Matthew (Lindsay), Patrick, Christopher, and Holly (Jarret); and his eleven great-grandchildren, Deane, Brayden, Conner, Matalyn, Jacob, Tyler, Everett, Thatcher, Garrison, Lilah Mae, and Ronan. Sister in-law, Judy Trimble. Nephew, Jonathan Trimble (Alina). Niece, Jennifer Trimble. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Sept. 18, 2026, at Klein Funeral Home, 1400 W. Main St., Tomball, TX. He will be laid to rest with Military Honors next to Pauline at Klein Memorial Park Cemetery. A celebration of life will follow at the Northcrest Activity Building, 23010 Northcrest Drive, Spring, TX. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in his memory to the Greater San Marcos Youth Council (GSMYC), P.O. Box 1455, San Marcos, TX 78667, or online at www.gsmyc.org.

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