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Cullman City Council approves transportation plans, fall events

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council at its Aug. 31 meeting adopted two resolutions pertaining to transportation improvements.

Resolution No. 2026-140 outlines the city's adoption of its annual transportation plan pursuant to the Rebuild Alabama Act for fiscal year 2027.

The resolution reads: "The City Council of Cullman, Alabama, estimates that its anticipated allocation from the Rebuild Alabama Act fund for the first fiscal year will be approximately $112,328.51, with increasing allocations for each fiscal year thereafter. Pursuant to the Act, the City anticipates expending funds received pursuant to the Act, in part or in whole, to fund any of the following listed projects: Kessler Drive SE, Churchill Circle SE, Derby Drive SE and Churchill Lane SE."

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Cullman Community Theatre talks final showing of 'My Fair Lady'



CULLMAN COMMUNITY THEATRE

"That's a wrap on 'My Fair Lady'!"

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Community Theatre wrapped up the final two performances of "My Fair Lady" on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2026, at the Cullman High School auditorium.

Prior to their first performance of the day, Production Director Kristy McCrickard spoke to The Tribune.

"This cast is a collaboration of very experienced theater people and people who - this is their first show! It has been remarkable," she said. "As a director it is so fun to see that happen and come together."

She went on, "This is truly community theater. Yet, it has been on a more professional level just because of the collaboration and mentoring that's happened."

Crickard acknowledged the devotion from every participant, no matter the title. "It has been a joy as a director to see that happen."

She also made a point to note that, going into the start of the production, "My Fair Lady" is considered a classic musical production. The directors acknowledged the need to make the production more palatable to a newer audience.

"I feel that we've done that with casting. We have a lot of younger people in the ensemble with - I would call it brilliant energy! We really tried to focus on the relationships of the characters, so that's helped appeal to a broad audience."

The first day of June marked the start of practice for cast members, stage crew, etc. This gave all participants roughly three months before their first showing on Aug. 24.

Savannah Seay, playing the role of Eliza Doolittle, stated the process has been, "An absolute joy! We have the most fun people that we are working with and we've just had a great time creating this story together.

"It's been a long time coming. We've worked our entire summer with all of us working together on how we want this story portrayed to our audience because many are not familiar with the story."

She elaborated that "My Fair Lady" is the classic retelling of "Pygmalion," a 1913 play by George Bernard Shaw. The story follows a girl who changes everything about herself, going from » PAGE 4

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PET OF THE WEEK

Randall brings 'personality plus'



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 2

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 2, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Aug. 31

• theft of property; person; mail; Oak Manor Dr. SW

Sept. 1

• domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Violent Ave. NW

ARRESTS

Sept. 1

Hughes, Stephen L.; 56

• FTA – driving without license

Clark, Madison B.; 29

• domestic violence-3rd degree - harassment

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Randall (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Meet Randall, The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week. Randall is a domestic longhair cat who is approximately 4 years old, but it will not take nearly that long for this handsome fellow to show off his personality.

Described as having "personality plus," Randall gladly soaks up every bit of attention offered to him. When he is not enjoying affection, he can often be found playing with one of his favorite toys.

Beneath that playful personality is a calm, adaptable companion. Shelter staff said this unassuming fellow quietly "bobs and weaves" through whatever situations life sends his way.

His relaxed temperament, affectionate nature and ability to take life as it comes could make Randall an excellent therapy or companion cat.

Randall is already neutered, so his adoption fee is only $35, an amount that does not begin to reflect his worth.

One shelter staff member summed up Randall's appeal simply: "I just love him!"

Visit Randall at the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Contact the shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

If Randall has already found his forever home by the time you call, do not worry. Plenty of his friends at the shelter are still waiting for families and forever homes of their own.

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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

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• 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.

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• Grow through leadership and professional opportunities

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• Celebrate the important work of women educators

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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

• Friday, Sept. 4 – 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.

• 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.

• 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.

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.

Fairview Lions Club Labor Day Celebration

Monday, Sept. 7, at Randall Shedd Community Park. The community celebration will begin at 8 a.m. at the park, located at 649 Wesley Ave. N, and will include the annual car show, a parade, live music, food trucks and vendors, along with a cornhole tournament. The car show is scheduled from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., while live music will be performed from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The cornhole tournament is set to begin at 10 a.m. The annual Labor Day parade will begin at 11 a.m.

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.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 10, at 6 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 Saint Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman. Quilters of all experience levels are welcome.

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

Trail (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Area Literacy Council is inviting local businesses, nonprofit organizations, clubs, churches, schools and individuals to showcase their creativity during Cullman's inaugural Scarecrow Trail at Heritage Park.

The family-friendly trail will be open to the public throughout October, beginning Oct. 1 and continuing through Oct. 31. Admission to view the displays will be free.

Registered participants will create scarecrow exhibits representing themselves or their organizations.

Organizers said the displays will offer participants a seasonal way to promote their work and increase their visibility within the community.

Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism is sponsoring the event. Proceeds from exhibit registrations will benefit the Cullman Area Literacy Council, also known as CALiCo.

The exhibit-registration fee is $25. Registration is now open to businesses, nonprofits, organizations, clubs, churches, schools and individual participants. The event flyer states that late registration will close Sept. 30.

CALiCo is Cullman's local affiliate of the Alabama Literacy Association and International Literacy Association. The organization supports literacy, student leadership, learning and youth-related community service projects in the Cullman area.

Cullman Area Literacy Council Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/p/Cullman-Area-Literacy-Council-61570385681722/

Participants may register by scanning the QR code on the event flyer or visiting: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/scarecrow-trail-for-cullman-area-literacy-council-tickets-1999188175650

Additional exhibit information and updates will be posted on the Cullman Area Literacy Council's Facebook page.

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JAMIE TROUTMAN

The Cullman High School Class of 1996 held its 30-year reunion at Ethos Craft Brewing on Aug. 29, 2026.



CULLMAN COMMUNITY THEATRE

Directors, stage crew, set builders and more contributors to the performance of "My Fair Lady"

Theatre (from Front)

a very lowly flower girl to a refined lady.

"There's a lot of comedy along the way," Seay added.

She also talked about the time the cast and crew spent together, "We've supported each other and a lot of people have had things going on throughout the summer, whether it be personal things or things at work, and, yes, things within the show that we've had to work on together. We've all gotten pretty close.

"This is volunteer; we're doing this outside of our regular lives. It is a big commitment, but everyone has put their whole heart and soul into it. It's made this whole process worth every moment."

Seay described the entire cast and crew as one big family.

Rich Valenta, cast as Professor Henry Higgins, described his debut as challenging, being his first-ever performance.

He initially auditioned for a different part, but amid a callback received the leading role.

"It's been really rewarding," Valenta stated.

He noted that his daughter, Skylar Valenta, started shows very early in her life and joining the Cullman Community Theatre was a way to be closer. She actually recommended her father audition for the show.

"It has been so cool," he said. "There's downtime while we're practicing and I get to catch up with her. I get to dance with her in the waltz - it's been great.

"Cullman Community Theatre - all of these guys are now like family," Valenta went on. "You spend a lot of time with each other. It's great because you get to break out of the people that you know and are used to. You bond and find your groups. Everyone is different here and it's amazing to get to really know so many different people, how they're thinking, how they're ticking and come together and do a show!"

The curtains closed to conclude the performance of "My Fair Lady" for the last time around 9 p.m. on Aug. 29, but the community and family who are Cullman Community Theatre will return with a new production soon.

The group wrote this following their performance: "This My Fair Lady production team right here is a dream. Their expertise, creativity, and dedication set a high standard for what community theatre can be!

"Mix that with the incredible talent Cullman has to offer, and the result is something truly special. The caliber of this production is a testament to the many people who have poured their time, talent, and hard work into bringing it to life!

"We are so proud of this team and incredibly grateful to be part of a community that continues to show up, work hard, and create amazing theatre together."

They credited the following individuals:

- Director & Choreographer: Kristy McCrickard
- Assistant Director & Musical Director: Rodney Basenburg
- Assistant Director & Pianist: Debbie Johnson
- Choreographer & Social Media Specialist: Madalyn Jordan
- Ser Design & Tech Director: Wayne Cook
- Lighting Design & Tech Director: Aaron Johnston
- Sound Design: Chris Van Dyke
- Stage Manager & Costumes: Laura Harris
- Assistant Stage Manager: Connor Seay
- Set Builder: Levi Strickland
- Set Builder: Mark Priess
- Lighting Tech: Karen Harmon
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New Lake Catoma courtesy dock gives anglers safer access

**Noah Galilee,
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Anglers using Lake Catoma no longer have to pick their way across slick, uneven riprap to reach their boats following the completion of a new courtesy dock at the reservoir.

The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center joined Cullman Utilities and community leaders for a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday, Aug. 31, at the Lake Catoma boat launch. The dock is intended to provide a safer transition between the launch ramp and the water.

Cullman Diabetes Center sponsored the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Before the dock was installed, launching a boat could require an awkward and potentially hazardous routine. Boaters often had to pull their vessels against the rock-lined shore, cross the riprap to secure them, park their vehicles and trailers and then make their way across the rocks again to board.

Wet surfaces, changing water levels and unstable footing made the process particularly difficult. Officials said reports of near-misses and safety concerns raised by lake users helped demonstrate the need for a better access point.

Cullman Water Treatment Plant Manager Brian Styles said the improvement should make a significant difference for those who regularly use the launch.

"It's going to be a very valuable asset," Styles said during the ceremony.

The courtesy dock gives boaters a stable place to board and exit their vessels, as well as a safer place to secure a boat while moving a vehicle and trailer.

Construction was completed in approximately two weeks by Cullman-based Flotation Systems Inc., a company located along Alabama Highway 69 South that specializes in aluminum dock systems. Project leaders said selecting a local company allowed the Utilities Board to obtain specialized craftsmanship while keeping the work within the Cullman community.

Although modest in size, the project serves one of Cullman's most important pieces of infrastructure. Constructed in th e mid-1960s to meet the area's growing water needs, Lake Catoma remains the city of Cullman's primary drinking-water source. The reservoir covers more than 500 acres within the Eightmile Creek watershed and supplies water to residents, businesses and portions of surrounding counties.

Cullman's Water Treatment Plant also can draw from Duck River Reservoir or blend water from the two sources depending on water quality and treatment needs. Lake Catoma continues to serve as an important safeguard during droughts and periods of increased demand. Because Lake Catoma is first and foremost a drinking-water reservoir, it is not managed like a conventional recreational lake. Swimming, wading and water skiing are prohibited, recreational use is limited and boat motors are restricted to 25 horsepower.

The new courtesy dock does not change those protections. Instead, it improves access for fishing and other activities already permitted under the city's rules.

"Duck River and Lake Catoma have more stringent ordinances and regulations than somewhere like Smith Lake," Styles told The Tribune during a November 2025 lake cleanup. He said the stricter rules reflect the reservoirs' role in supplying drinking water and the need to meet environmental and safety requirements.

Anglers also should be aware of Alabama's current fish-consumption guidance. The Alabama Department of Public Health's 2026 advisory recommends that people not eat largemouth bass caught in Lake Catoma's lower reservoir and forebay area because of mercury levels.

The advisory concerns eating the fish and does not prohibit fishing or catch-and-release activity.

Following the ribbon-cutting, the Chamber thanked the Cullman Utilities Board for its work and investment in the project.

"Projects like this continue to enhance our community and provide new opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy everything Cullman has to offer," the Chamber stated.

For Lake Catoma's regular anglers, that opportunity now begins with something simple but important: a secure place to step between land and boat.



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PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Region play kicking off in week three; Holly Pond, Fairview have opportunities for statement wins

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Week three of the high school football season is bringing the start of region play, and some of the most exciting local matchups so far. Holly Pond and Fairview have a chance to make statements and build off strong starts, and Hanceville and West Point will work to find the win column for the first time this season.

(2-0) #2 Addison @ (0-1) Waterloo*
After two dominant shutout wins over Winston County and Lynn, the Bulldogs are the second-ranked Class 1A team in the state, and open their region schedule at Waterloo this Friday. The Cougars look like another potential blowout victim for quarterback Elijah Roberts' offense, after falling 35-0 in their first and only game of the season in week one.

"After Friday we are working in practice trying to fix a lot of mistakes. Hopefully we can get everyone healthy for Waterloo. Getting that first region win is huge," Bulldog head coach Mark Hastings said.

(1-1) Meek @ (1-0) Hackleburg*
Following their tough loss in the season opener, Meek bounced back last week in front of their home crowd with the win over Winston County. They'll need to carry their momentum into this week as they travel to take on Hackleburg to take on their first region opponent of the year. The Panthers will have fresh legs as they come off their early bye week after defeating Marion County in their first matchup.

On their week three matchup, head coach Daniel Evans said, "Coach Hudson and Hackleburg have been one of the most consistent teams over the last four years in 1A. They run an efficient offense and defense and they are always a tough team to scheme against. As a team we ready for the opportunity to start region play 1-0. It should be an exciting game!"

(1-0) Cold Springs @ (1-1) Locust Fork
The Eagles got off to a strong start to 2026 in their first game last week, blanking a Vinemont team that put up 48 points in their first game. They'll now travel southeast to take on a Hornet squad averaging 30 points per game over their first two, and is coming off a 42-14 win over Pennington.

"Locust Fork has a really good football team. Last week we faced a team that ran 2 tight ends and 3 running backs, this week Locust Fork will have receivers everywhere. We have a lot of things we need to improve on if we want to put our self in a position to compete in the game Friday night," Eagles coach Brendan Voce said.

(0-2) Hanceville @ (1-1) Vinemont*
County and region foes will face off at Vinemont on Friday, presenting the Bulldogs an opportunity to get massive win to break their winless streak, but also for Vinemont to get their offense back on track after their 9-0 loss to Cold Springs. For a Hanceville win to happen, they'll have to tighten up on the defensive side after giving up 59 and 35 points in their first two games.

"Vinemont has depth and size that will be a real challenge. However, growth only comes through adversity and it's another opportunity for us to get better and measure our progress," Hanceville coach Cody Sellers said.

(1-0) Holly Pond vs. (2-0) #7 Oneonta*
The Broncos got off to an impressive start to the season with their 20-0 win over Pennington in week one, and face a steep challenge after their bye week. They'll host the seventh-ranked 3A team in the state in Oneonta, who's led by junior Sam Garrison, one of the most highly regarded dual threat quarterbacks in Alabama. Oneonta's offense has been hot with Garrison, putting up 38 points per game so far, but has shown weaknesses on the defense, where they've given up 69 points over their first two matchups.

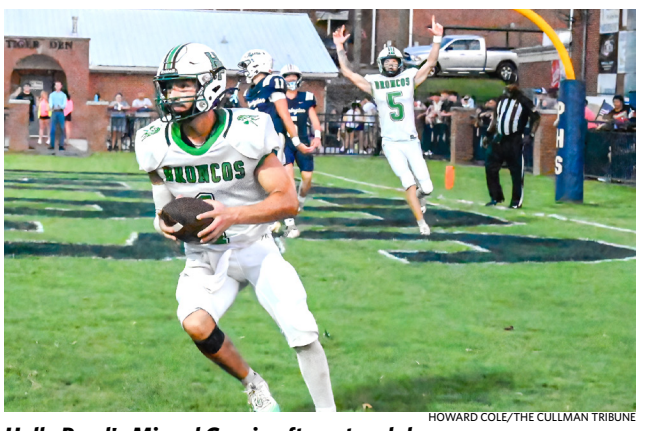
"They're very well coached with a future college QB operating their offense. It will be a tremendous challenge," Broncos head coach Will McDaniel said.

(1-1) Good Hope vs. (1-1) Guntersville*
Coming off their dominant win at Brewer, the Raiders will open region play, hosting a Guntersville team that has played on both ends of the spectrum through their first two games. In week one vs. Arab, the Wildcats were shut out, losing 14-0, but bounced back last week with a 38-0 thrashing of Sardis.

"Guntersville is a really good football team. They have played a tough schedule so far and have competed very well. They are extremely well-coached and play sound football in every aspect of the game. Playing a disciplined game will be critical to our success," Good Hope coach Alan Scott said.

(2-0) Fairview @ (2-0) Scottsboro
The Aggies received top-ten votes heading into the third week, and after two wins, it looks like Fairview is heading towards another strong season. This week will be particularly telling, however, as they hit the road to take on a 2-0 Wildcats squad that dropped a offensive bomb on Crossville last week in their 62-0 victory.

Fairview head coach Brian Simmons said, "Scottsboro is a terrific team. They are very physical and athletic. This is a huge region matchup for us, and playing at Scottsboro will be difficult. The guys are focused, and excited for this week."



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Holly Pond's Miguel Garcia after a touchdown run vs. J.B. Pennington in week one of the 2026 season.

(0-2) West Point vs. (2-0) Priceville*
The Warriors have faced a tough start to '26, but have a chance to put a check in the win column, and more importantly, a region win. Head coach Kevin McCravy's defense will have to step up, however, vs. a Bulldog offense that has scored 85 points across their first two games.

"Priceville has a very physical football team. They're very well coached, and Coach Burke has done a great job in his first year. Our message this week has been the more physical team will win the game," McCravy said.

(1-1) Cullman vs. (1-0) Minor*
The Bearcats enter region play, looking to build on the momentum of their thrilling victory over rival Hartselle last week. Head coach Trent Walker's defense has taken a step forward, only allowing 15 points per game so far, and poses an exciting matchup with the Tigers' offense that scored 47 in their first game of the season.

"We're looking forward to opening region play Friday night at home against a good Minor football team. Our guys competed hard and found a way to win last Friday against our rival Hartselle. It was a tremendous crowd and environment which led to emotions running high all night and all through the weekend. Now our guys have the tremendous task ahead of them of refocusing on their preparation process for a very talented Minor team who is off to a great start. This is a team Cullman has never played so a great opportunity for this senior class to make another mark in our programs history," Walker said.

**Region game*

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

No. 13 Alabama hosts East Carolina, Auburn opens Golesh era against Baylor

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The first full week of the college football season features 14 games involving Alabama's 15 four-year programs, including home openers for No. 13 Alabama, Samford, Troy, South Alabama, Jacksonville State, Alabama State, Alabama A&M, Faulkner and Huntingdon.

UAB and Samford will begin the state's schedule Thursday before the remaining programs take the field Saturday. Alabama returns from a College Football Playoff appearance, Auburn begins the Alex Golesh era and several other programs will attempt to build on victories or respond to season-opening losses.

No. 13 Alabama vs. East Carolina
Alabama begins the 2026 season after finishing 11-4 and reaching the College Football Playoff last year.

The Crimson Tide defeated Oklahoma 34-24 in the opening round before falling to No. 1 Indiana. Alabama averaged 29.5 points per game and allowed 19.2 last season.

Keelon Russell has been named Alabama's starting quarterback after completing 11 of 15 passes for 143 yards and two touchdowns in limited action last season. Ryan Coleman-Williams returns after catching 49 passes for 689 yards and four touchdowns.

Coleman-Williams and offensive lineman Michael Carroll were selected to the preseason All-SEC second team. Defensive backs Zabien Brown and Bray Hubbard earned first-team recognition, while Yhonzae Pierre and Keon Sabb were third-team selections.

East Carolina finished 9-4 last season and closed the year with a 23-17 bowl victory over Pittsburgh. The Pirates averaged 32.7 points and 449 yards per game but return only four positional starters.

This will be the second meeting between the programs and the first in Tuscaloosa. Alabama escaped with a 23-22 victory at Legion Field in 1998.

Alabama and East Carolina will kick off at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, at Saban Field at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa. ABC will televise the game.

Auburn vs. Baylor
Auburn will open the Alex Golesh era against Baylor in the Aflac Kickoff Game.

Golesh took over an Auburn program that finished 5-7 last season and added 39 players through the transfer portal.

Former South Florida quarterback Byrum Brown followed Golesh to Auburn after completing 66.3% of his passes for 3,158 yards and 28 touchdowns last season. Brown added 1,008 yards and 14 touchdowns on the ground to finish with 42 total touchdowns.

Former Baylor running back Bryson Washington also joined the Tigers after beginning his career with the Bears.

Baylor will counter with quarterback DJ Lagway, who has made 19 career starts and passed for 4,179 yards and 28 touchdowns. Lagway was selected as one of the Bears' captains.

Auburn defeated Baylor 38-24 in Waco last season. The Tigers rushed for 307 yards, while Baylor accumulated 419 yards through the air. The all-time series is tied 2-2-1.

The rematch will begin at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta. ABC will carry the game.

UAB at Illinois
Alex Mortensen will make his debut as UAB's head coach against an Illinois program coming off consecutive nine-win seasons.

The Blazers finished 4-8 last season but defeated No. 22 Memphis and won three of their final five games.

Quarterback Ryder Burton completed 57 passes for 708 yards and seven touchdowns in nine appearances, including two starts. He will lead an offense attempting to establish consistency against an Illinois program that has won 19 games over the past two seasons.

This will be the first meeting between UAB and Illinois.

The Blazers and Fighting Illini will play at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, at Gies Memorial Stadium in Champaign, Illinois. Big Ten Network will televise the game.

No. 16 Southern Illinois at Samford
Samford will attempt to rebound from a 22-10 loss to North Alabama when it hosts No. 16 Southern Illinois.

The Bulldogs were held to minus-8 net rushing yards and allowed six sacks in the opener. Gabarri Johnson produced Samford's biggest offensive play when he connected with Marquise Henderson for an 86-yard touchdown.

Southern Illinois will provide another early test for a Samford offense searching for more balance and protection.

The Bulldogs' home opener will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday at Pete Hanna Stadium in Homewood. ESPN+ will stream the game.

North Alabama at Arkansas
North Alabama will play an SEC opponent for the first time since facing Vanderbilt in 1959.

The Lions opened the season with a 22-10 victory over Samford, finishing with 394 yards of offense while recording 13 tackles for loss and six sacks. UNA held Samford to minus-8 net rushing yards.

Destin Wade completed 13 of 19 passes for 229 yards, including a program-record 95-yard touchdown pass to Xavier Johnson. Johnson caught five passes for 129 yards.

UNA will face Arkansas at 3:15 p.m. Saturday at Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium in Fayetteville, Arkansas. SEC Network will televise the game.

Sam Houston at Troy
Troy begins its season as the preseason favorite in the Sun Belt Conference West Division.

The Trojans finished 8-6 last season and received 12 of 14 first-place votes in the division's preseason poll. Donnie Smith was selected as the conference's preseason defensive player of the year, while Evan Crenshaw received preseason special teams player of the year honors.

Troy leads its series with Sam Houston 7-0-1 and has won five consecutive meetings. This will be the first matchup between the programs since both became members of the Football Bowl Subdivision.

Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Troy. ESPN+ will stream the game.

Southeastern Louisiana at South Alabama
South Alabama will open against a Southeastern Louisiana team that fell to Houston Christian 34-28 in its opener.

The Lions entered the season nationally ranked at the Football Championship Subdivision level, giving South Alabama an early test before conference play.

The Jaguars averaged 199.8 rushing yards per game last season. Ethan Hubbard returns as part of a South Alabama team selected to finish sixth in the Sun Belt West.

The Jaguars and Lions will kick off at 6 p.m. Saturday at Hancock Whitney Stadium in Mobile. ESPN+ will stream the game.

Eastern Kentucky at Jacksonville State
Jacksonville State will attempt to respond after opening its season with a 33-7 loss at North Dakota State.

The Gamecocks were limited to 170 total yards and did not score during the final three quarters. Eastern Kentucky also enters the matchup searching for its first victory.

Jacksonville State leads the all-time series 11-8 and has won seven of the past 10 meetings. The Gamecocks have forced at least one turnover in 18 consecutive games.

Jacksonville State's home opener is scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday at AmFirst Stadium in Jacksonville. ESPN+ will carry the game.

Lane at Alabama State
Alabama State will return home after defeating Southern 30-17 in its season opener.

The Hornets trailed 17-13 at halftime before scoring 17 unanswered points in the second half. Andrew Body completed 14 of 23 passes for 192 yards and a touchdown.

Randall King caught four passes for 77 yards and a touchdown. Alabama State rushed for 159 yards, converted all five of its red-zone opportunities and did not commit a turnover.

The Hornets will host Lane at 5 p.m. Saturday at ASU Stadium in Montgomery. HBCU GO will carry the game.

Miles at Alabama A&M
Alabama A&M and Miles will meet in the Louis Crews Classic with both programs attempting to recover from opening losses.

The Bulldogs fell to Howard 31-24, while Miles suffered a 56-7 loss to Alcorn State. Miles produced its touchdown on a 61-yard pass from Brinley Vandiver to Glen Williams.

The in-state matchup will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday at Louis Crews Stadium in Huntsville. SWAC TV will stream the game.

Union Commonwealth at Faulkner
Faulkner will play its home opener after falling to No. 15 Southeastern 37-23 in Lakeland, Florida.

Union Commonwealth also lost its opener. The Eagles defeated the Bulldogs 41-15 last season and will attempt to repeat that performance while evening their record.

Kickoff is set for noon Saturday at Billy D. Hilyer Stadium in Montgomery. The game will stream through Faulkner Athletics' official YouTube channel.

West Alabama at Lenoir-Rhyne
West Alabama will face a short turnaround after playing Tuskegee in Sunday's Red Tails Classic.

The Tigers will travel to a Lenoir-Rhyne program that opened its season with a 45-3 victory over No. 14 Virginia Union. Because the West Alabama-Tuskegee game had not been completed when this preview was prepared, West Alabama's updated record was not included.

The Tigers and Bears will kick off at 2 p.m. Central on Saturday at Helen and Leonard Moretz Stadium in Hickory, North Carolina. FloCollege will stream the game.

Tuskegee vs. Fort Valley State
Tuskegee will also return to the field six days after facing West Alabama.

The Golden Tigers will meet SIAC opponent Fort Valley State in the Port City Classic. Fort Valley State opened its season Saturday with a 17-14 victory over Elizabeth City State.

The Port City Classic will begin at 4 p.m. Saturday at Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile. ESPN+ will carry the game.

Berry at Huntingdon
Huntingdon will open its season against Berry after being selected to finish second in the USA South preseason poll.

The Hawks will attempt to reverse last season's result after Berry defeated Huntingdon 58-28. Huntingdon Head Coach Mike Turk begins his 23rd season leading the program.

The Hawks and Vikings will kick off at 6 p.m. Saturday at Charles Lee Field at Samford Stadium in Montgomery. BoxCast will stream the game.

All kickoff times are Central. West Alabama and Tuskegee records should be updated after Sunday night's Red Tails Classic.



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The Cullman City Council is seen on Monday, Aug. 31, 2026.

Cullman Council (from Front)

abama Department of Transportation for an Intelligent Transportation System.

During the work session, Council members said the system operators will work with the City of Cullman traffic engineers.

For example, operators will be able to adjust traffic signals remotely, in the event of a wreck on the interstate, to help any traffic accumulating from that flow better.

The mayor noted, "They can do it remotely to keep that traffic moving."

Ordinances approved

The Council held the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-47 which aims to establish a uniform policy and procedure to ensure public transparency about grant applications made by the City of Cullman.

Section 2 of the ordinance reads: "This policy applies to all grant applications, including federal, state, private foundations, and other external funding opportunities, whether for operating expenses, capital projects, programs, or studies."

The Council also held the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-48 to establish a uniform policy procedure for the obtainment of goods, services, equipment, material, supplies and construction services for the City of Cullman.

Part of the ordinance reads: "The policy ensures compliance with all applicable Alabama state laws, promotes fiscal responsibility, transparency, accountability, fair competition, and protects the interests of the City and its taxpayers."

Resolutions adopted

Resolution No. 2026-141, to enter into an agreement with Respondr Technologies, LLC for maps and territory training software. This contract noted that the training software is not to exceed $2,500 per year. This is software for territory training for each fire station to utilize toward navigatory training purposes.

The service license agreement specified that the software, TerritoryBoard, is a map oriented, territory and familiarization training platform that displays a department's coverage area on a station TV while personnel can use a phone or tablet controller to run road, cross-street and landmark drills.

Resolution No. 2026-142 which awarded Willoughby Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc. the bid for the Train Depot roof replacement. The was $64,000.

Jacobs noted that this company is not affiliated with Councilman Jason Willoughby, for which Willoughby thanked the mayor. Willoughby did express that he was proud to see a local roofing company awarded the project.

Resolution No. 2026-143, pertaining to a Memorandum of Agreement with the Alabama State Department of Education, authorize the Jacobs to approve the agreement and allow the participation of a part-time police officer, Seth Sullivan, in ALSDE's Safe School Council.

The agreement is from Oct. 1, 2026-Sept. 30, 2027. The Alabama State Department of Education agreed to provide $31,000 for salary and $10,000 for travel and training expenses. The resolution notes that the total amount of the agreement cannot exceed $41,000 which is to be distributed upon receipt of the completely executed contract and invoice.

"The State Department of Education will reimburse the city up to $41,000. It helps cover his salary, training and travel expenses. He's been a tremendous asset for the city during his employment here," Councilman Chuck Shikle said.

First readings. No action taken.

Ordinance No. 2026-49 will amend Section 22-50 of the Code of Ordinances to adopt the 2021 International Fire Code published by the International Code Council and the 2021 Life Safety Code 101. This is in accordance with Code of Ala. 1975, § 11-45-8, setting rules and regulations to conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion.

The ordinance will also amend Sections 22-85, 86, 87 regarding open burning. The act of open burning will require a permit and must be 500 feet from homes, other occupied dwellings and roads whereas smoke could lead to driving visibility issues. This also requires the constant supervision of the fire with a garden hose or fire-extinguisher nearby. Burning will only be allowed for untreated wood and vegetation between 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. with no added vegetation after 3 p.m.

Ordinance No. 2026-50 aims to delete Chapter 58 Vegetation and replace Chapter 32 Nuisances of the Code of Ordinances to reduce the duplication and overlap of grass and weed nuisances, property upkeep, citations, enforcements, liens and abatements.

The Council said the updates will improve transparency and improve the health, safety and welfare of Cullman residents.

The Council approved the following special events

• Tonya Carter, owner of Wren + Revel, will hold an annual fall street sale within the Cullman Warehouse District on First Avenue Northeast Sept. 11-12, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. The portion of First Avenue, from Flavors through If The Shoe Fits, will be closed both days during this timeframe.

• Curtis Newman requested the use of the parking deck neighboring Loft 212 located at 212 Fourth St. SW Cullman, for West Point High Schools Class of 1982 reunion on Sept. 26. This will last from noon-4 p.m. that day and should only affect one level of the parking lot for attendees of the reunion.

• Event coordinator for Cullman Parks, Recreations & Sports Tourism Micah Means requested the closure of Depot Park, Festhalle and First Avenue Northeast areas be closed for Cullman's annual Oktoberfest event to celebrate Cullman's German heritage. This will take place on Oct. 1-4. The time duration will be Thursday 4-10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m.-11 p.m. and Sunday from noon-8 p.m.

• Sacred Heart School will hold its German Festival Oct. 2-3, from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. each day. This will feature food, bingo, games and more in the parking lot/street area surrounding the Sacred Heart School gym and parking lot including First Street Northeast between Second Avenue Northeast and Third Avenue Northeast.

• Spirit Life Church located at 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW Cullman will have its outdoor fall music festival on Oct. 3, from 3-8 p.m. featuring gospel musicians and vendors.

• Erin Smith of St. Paul's Lutheran School requested to close Sixth Street Southeast between Third and Fourth Avenues Southeast from 2-2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday while school is in session. She explained that St. Paul's has increased grade levels and since older students have outgrown the playground they would like to have recess in the school's parking lot for the older grades.

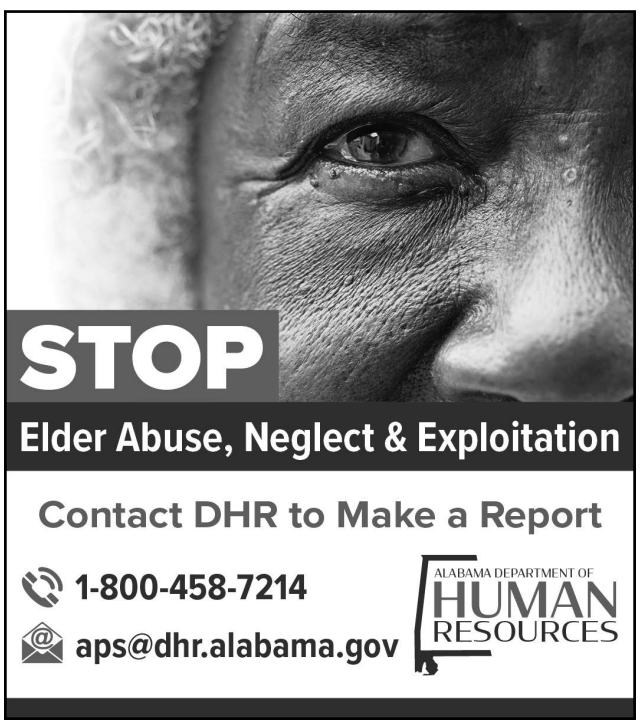
• Cullman Police Department will be holding a Trunk or Treat at 601 Second Ave. NE, Oct. 30, from 5-9 p.m. Attendees will trick or treat at different vehicles throughout the CPD parking lot while music plays.

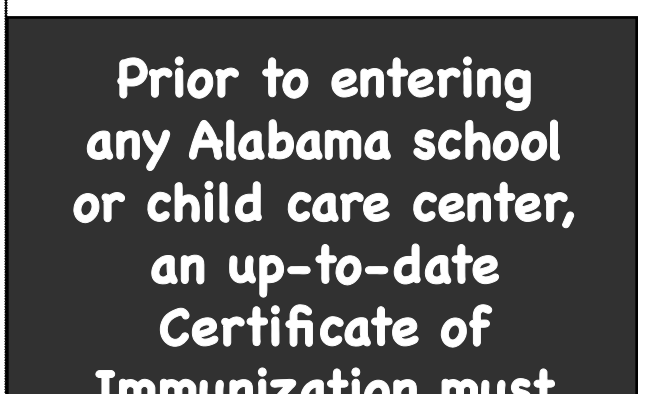
The Council also read a proposed budget for fiscal year 2027. This will be voted on at the next meeting.

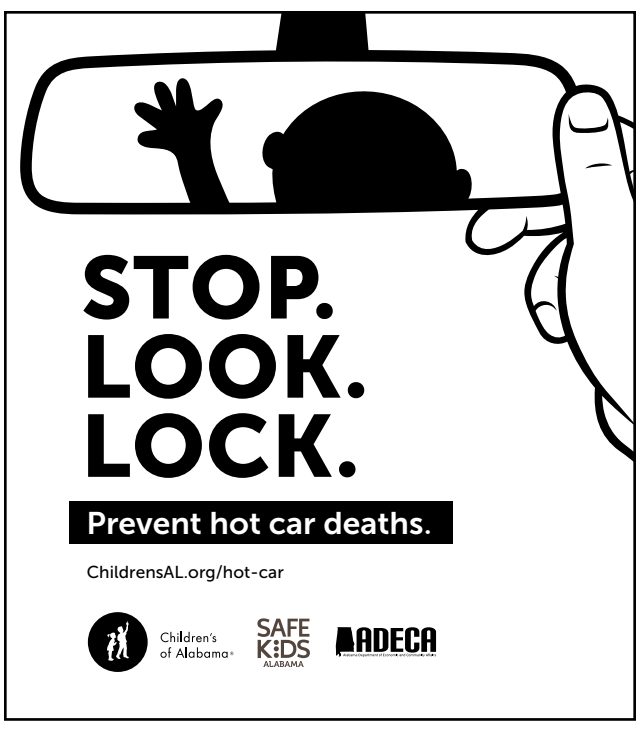
The next Cullman City Council meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 14, at the city hall auditorium at 7 p.m. following the 6 p.m. work session.















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Hartselle, AL 35640

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

HAMMONS VERNA, Plaintiff,
V. Case No.: CV-2026-900246.00
GASAWAY DAVID LEE, Defendant.

ORDER

MOTION & AFFIDAVIT FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION filed by HAMMONS VERNA is hereby GRANTED.

DONE this 5th day of August, 2026.

/s/ J. CHAD FLOYD
CIRCUIT JUDGE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
SHERRY HODGES, Deceased. CASE NO.: PC2023-182

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NOTICE OF HEARING
VERIFIED MOTION TO COMPEL FINAL SETTLEMENT OF DECEDENT'S ESTATE

TO: DEVAN HODGES, BETH WOOD, AMY BLAIR and all Known and Unknown Heirs of the estate of SHERRY HODGES, deceased.

The *Verified Motion to Compel Final Settlement of Decedent's Estate* has been set for hearing on **22nd day of October, 2026, at 10:00a.m.** before Tammy Brown Judge of Probate, Room 101.
Amended to add a Next of Kin.

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

DONE this 17th day of August, 2026.

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STEPHANIE ANNE HALL,
Plaintiff

vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2026-900192.00**

MARTY RAY HALL,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Marty Ray Hall, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Stephanie Anne Hall's Divorce Complaint by October 5, 2026, or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2026-900192.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 5th day of August, 2026.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
B. KING
204 3rd ST N
ONEONTA, AL 35121-1452

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC 2026-345

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BONNIE LENORA RODGERS SKINNER, DECEASED

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that a verified Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by Andrew Thomas Kerr on August 24, 2026.

Thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Dated this the 31st day of August, 2026.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

TO: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice **one time** in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for Petitioner
Smith & Smith Attorneys, LLC
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0398

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-344

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF KENNETH LEE SPORTS, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Carrie Ann Sports and Kendra Leigh Sports on the 31st 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.

Carrie Ann Sports and Kendra Leigh Sports
Personal Representatives

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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ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 48
ESTABLISHING THE PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. Purpose
This Ordinance establishes uniform procedures for the procurement of goods, services, materials, equipment, supplies, and construction services by the City of Cullman, Alabama. The policy ensures compliance with all applicable Alabama state laws, promotes fiscal responsibility, transparency, accountability, fair competition, and protects the interests of the City and its taxpayers.

Section 2. General Requirements
Budget Requirement: All purchases must be supported by an approved budget. The annual budget must be approved by the City Council prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. The approved budget may be amended by resolution of the City Council as they deem necessary.
Council Approval: All contracts, regardless of amount, must be approved by the City Council unless otherwise delegated by resolution of the City Council.
Prohibition on Splitting Purchases: Purchases shall not be divided or structured to avoid competitive bidding or other requirements of this policy or Alabama law (Ala. Code § 41-16-50 et seq.).
Compliance with State Law: This policy incorporates and complies with the Alabama Competitive Bid Law (Ala. Code § 41-16-50 et seq.) and the Alabama Public Works Law (Ala. Code Title 39).
Bid Process and Procedures: All formal bids must be received and opened at Cullman City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. All bids must be immediately placed in the designated bid location which shall remain locked until the time of the public bid opening. The City Clerk (or designee) shall conduct the bid opening publicly at the advertised time. Bids received after the advertised time of the bid opening shall not be accepted. The City of Cullman reserves the right to reject any or all bids in accordance with state law.

Section 3. Purchasing Procedures by Thresholds
Budgeted Purchases Less Than $100 do not require a purchase order but must be approved by the department head. All purchases must be within the budget approved by the City Council.
Budgeted Purchases of $100 or More (but under applicable bid thresholds) require a purchase order issued prior to the purchase. All purchases must be within the budget approved by the City Council. All purchases approved by resolution of the City Council shall not require a purchase order.
Budgeted Purchases Greater Than $5,000 but Less Than $30,000 require a minimum of three (3) written quotes from responsible vendors. Documentation of the quotes obtained must be submitted to the City Clerk's office and maintained in the official procurement file. If three quotes cannot be obtained due to a lack of vendors or limited vendor response, the department head shall submit to the City Clerk's office the quotes received and a statement explaining why at least three quotes cannot be obtained. All purchases must be within the budget approved by the City Council. All purchases approved by resolution of the City Council shall not require a purchase order. Budgeted purchases that are listed in Section 4 Cooperative Purchasing, Intergovernmental Agreements, and State Bid Lists and Section 5 Exceptions and Exemptions are not included in these requirements.
Budgeted Purchases of Materials, Equipment, Supplies, Services, etc. of $30,000 or More require formal competitive bidding through the City Clerk's Office in accordance with Alabama Competitive Bid Law (§ 41-16-50 et seq.). Bids should be advertised according to the state law. Bids shall be awarded by the City Council. Bids shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, unless the City Council uses the local preference rules or rejects the bids. All purchases must be within the budget approved by the City Council. All purchases approved by resolution of the City Council shall not require a purchase order. Budgeted purchases that are listed in Section 4 Cooperative Purchasing, Intergovernmental Agreements, and State Bid Lists and Section 5 Exceptions and Exemptions are not included in these requirements.

i. **Purchases of Materials, Equipment, Supplies, Services, etc.** may not be divided into separate parts, contracts, or purchases in lesser sums for the purpose of evading the bid law requirements.

Construction and Public Works Projects

i. **Projects Less Than $100,000** require a minimum of three (3) written quotes to be received and submitted to the City Clerk's office prior to award. Documentation of the quotes obtained must be submitted to the City Clerk's office and maintained in the official procurement file. If three quotes cannot be obtained due to a lack of vendors or limited vendor response, the department head shall submit to the City Clerk's office the quotes received and a statement explaining why at least three quotes cannot be obtained. All projects must be within the budget approved by the City Council. All projects approved by resolution of the City Council shall not require a purchase order. Budgeted projects that are listed in Section 4 Cooperative Purchasing, Intergovernmental Agreements, and State Bid Lists and Section 5 Exceptions and Exemptions are not included in these requirements.
ii. **Projects $100,000 or More** require formal public works competitive bidding through the City Clerk's Office in accordance with Alabama Public Works Law (Title 39). Bids shall be advertised according to the state law. Bidders must have the appropriate bonding as required by state law. Bids shall be awarded by the City Council. Bids shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, unless the City Council rejects the bids. All projects must be within the budget approved by the City Council. All projects approved by resolution of the City Council shall not require a purchase order. Budgeted projects that are listed in Section 4 Cooperative Purchasing, Intergovernmental Agreements, and State Bid Lists and Section 5 Exceptions and Exemptions are not included in these requirements.
iii. **Construction and Public Works Projects** may not be divided into separate parts, contracts, or purchases in lesser sums for the purpose of evading the bid law requirements.

Section 4. Cooperative Purchasing, Intergovernmental Agreements, and State Bid Lists
The City may participate in cooperative purchasing programs, intergovernmental agreements, State of Alabama bid lists, or piggyback on bid contracts with other governmental entities when such participation is determined to be in the best interest of the City and complies with Alabama law. Use of approved cooperative purchasing contracts and state bid lists satisfy the competitive bidding requirements when properly documented. Budgeted purchases from approved cooperative purchasing contracts and state bid lists require the submittal of the cooperative purchasing or state bid list documentation to the City Clerk's office prior to the issuance of a purchase order. All purchases must be within the budget approved by the City Council.

Section 5. Exceptions and Exemptions
Exceptions to competitive and public working bidding shall be made only as permitted by Alabama law (e.g., sole source, professional services, utilities, or other statutory exemptions). All exceptions to competitive or public works bidding require written justification to the City Clerk's office and approval by the City Clerk prior to the purchase.

Section 6. Emergency Procurement Exceptions
In the event of an emergency that threatens public health, safety, or property, the Mayor is hereby authorized to implement emergency procurement procedures. During an emergency, the expenditure(s) must be deemed necessary by the Mayor and mitigate the immediate emergency. If budgeted funds are not available, then the Mayor should notify the City Council of the emergency expenditure as soon as reasonably possible, but mitigating the emergency and maintaining public safety should always take priority. When budgeted funds are not available, the expenditure(s) that are deemed necessary by the Mayor shall be presented to the City Council for ratification at its next meeting. During emergency procurement and when feasible, multiple quotes shall be obtained but mitigating the emergency and public safety are the priority. This emergency procurement authority is given to the Mayor and may not be used to circumvent the normal procurement procedures during non-emergency situations.

Section 7. Conflicts of Interest and Alabama Ethics Law
All employees (part-time, full-time, and temporary), appointed officials, volunteers, designated representatives, and elected officials of the City shall comply fully with the Alabama Ethics Law (Ala. Code § 36-25-1 et seq.). No person mentioned above shall use their official position to obtain personal gain for themselves, a family member, or any associated business. Any person designated by the City shall not participate in any procurement decisions in which they, a family member, or associated business with a financial interest. Any person designated by the City shall not engage in any contract with the City unless awarded through competitive bidding, public works bidding, and in full compliance with state law. Those involved in procurement shall disclose any potential conflicts of interest in writing to the City Clerk and recuse themselves from related party decisions. Violations may result in disciplinary action, contract voidance, and penalties under Alabama Ethics Law.

Section 8. Responsibilities
Department Heads: Ensure all purchases are budgeted, necessary, and compliant with this procurement policy.
City Clerk's Office: Administer the formal bidding processes including posting, receiving, and opening bids. Maintain all procurement records in accordance with the records retention laws of the State of Alabama.
Mayor: To implement emergency procurement procedures during an emergency. To communicate emergency purchases to the City Council for their ratification.
City Council: To establish and approve the procurement policy of the City of Cullman, Alabama. To ratify emergency purchases made by the Mayor during an emergency.

Section 9. Severability
If any section, subsection, or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the remainder shall not be affected.

Section 10. Effective Date
This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication as required by law.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 31st day of August, 2026. ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 31st day of August 2026./s/Kim Hall - President of City Council. **ATTESTED BY:** /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk. **APPROVED** this the 31st day of August, 2026. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 47
ESTABLISHING THE GRANT SUBMITTAL POLICY FOR THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. Purpose
The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a uniform policy and procedure for the review, approval, and submittal of grant applications by the City of Cullman. This policy ensures public transparency, fiscal responsibility, proper oversight, and full compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and grant requirements. This policy promotes the responsible use of grant funding to enhance the community, recreation, public safety, quality of life, and infrastructure for the City of Cullman and its citizens.

Section 2. Scope
This policy applies to all grant applications, including federal, state, private foundations, and other external funding opportunities, whether for operating expenses, capital projects, programs, or studies.

Section 3. Definitions
a) "Grant" means any award, subaward, subgrant, cooperative agreement, or other funding opportunity offered to the City by a federal, state, regional, private, or nonprofit granting entity.
b) "Matching funds" means any cash or in-kind contribution that the City is required, as a condition of a grant, to commit from its current or future fiscal year budget(s), including but not limited to direct cash match, in-kind match (such as staff time, use of City equipment or facilities, or donated materials), and any other City resource pledged to satisfy a grant's matching, cost-share, or maintenance-of-effort requirement.
c) "Department head" means the director or head of any City department, office, board, or agency.
d) "Grant request" means the written request and supporting documentation, submitted to seek Council authorization to submit a grant application.

Section 4. Council Approval Required Before Submission.
a) No department head, officer, employee, board, commission, or other instrumentality of the City may submit an application for any grant unless the City Council has first approved the submission by resolution adopted at a regular or special meeting of the Council.
b) This requirement applies regardless of the dollar amount of the grant or the required match, regardless of whether the match is cash or in-kind, and regardless of whether the granting entity is a federal, state, regional, private, or nonprofit organization.
c) Council approval under this section authorizes only the submission of the grant application. It does not constitute acceptance of a grant award or appropriation of matching funds. Grant acceptance and appropriation of matching funds require the adoption of an additional resolution by the City Council.
d) No exceptions to the prior-approval requirement of this section are authorized. If a grant application is not approved by resolution of the City Council, the City shall not submit the grant application.

Section 3. Grant Submittal Procedures
a) The person seeking to apply for grant shall be responsible for completing the grant application, attaching the required grant documentation, and obtaining a recommendation letter from the Mayor on the grant application.
b) The person shall submit the grant application, supporting documentation, and recommendation letter from the Mayor to the City Clerk's Office. The City Clerk's office shall review the grant application, supporting documentation, and recommendation letter from the Mayor. The City Clerk's office shall draft a resolution authorizing the grant application for the City Council to consider at a future meeting.
c) All proposed grant applications should be submitted to the City Clerk's Office at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the grant application deadline. All grant applications must include the name of the grant, the granting entity, the application deadline, the purpose of the grant and its expected benefit, the total amount of the project, the amount of the grant, the type and amount of match required, any maintenance obligations of the project, and any other relevant information.
d) The City Council shall review the grant application and then approve or deny the submittal of the grant application by resolution. The resolution, if approved, shall authorize the appropriate City officials or designees to submit the grant application and execute all necessary documents related to the grant. The City Council shall adopt a separate resolution to accept the grant and to appropriate the funding necessary to complete the grant project.
e) No grant application shall be submitted on behalf of the City of Cullman without prior approval by resolution of the City Council.

Section 4. Matching Funds Provisions
a) Any grant application that requires a local match (cash, in-kind services, or other contributions) must clearly identify the source and availability of the matching funds.
b) Matching funds must be included in the current approved budget or identified in a proposed budget amendment submitted concurrently with the grant application.
c) The City Council must approve the commitment of any City funds or resources as a local match prior to submitting the grant application.
d) No grant application shall be submitted unless the necessary matching funds are secured or formally approved by the City Council.

Section 5. Budget Requirements
a) The total cost of a grant project should be incorporated into the annual budget adopted by the City Council. If a grant project is awarded but not included in the approved annual budget, the City Council may approve, by resolution, a budget amendment to include the grant project, suspend the grant project for a designated period of time, or reject the grant project due to lack of approved funding.
b) No one can expend funds related to a grant application or a grant project unless it is included in the approved budget for the current fiscal year as adopted and amended by the City Council.

Section 6. Record Retention and Audit
a) All grant records shall be maintained in the City Clerk's office in accordance with Alabama records retention laws.
b) The City Clerk shall maintain a master log of all grant requests submitted by the City of Cullman.
c) The City Clerk shall provide a resolution to consider the grant application, the grant application including the required information, and a recommendation letter from the Mayor to the City Council, for review, prior to placing the resolution on the agenda for the City Council to consider in a public meeting.

Section 7. Violations
Any violation of this policy may result in suspension and/or cancellation of the grant.

Section 8. Severability
If any section, subsection, or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the remainder shall not be affected.

Section 9. Effective Date
This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication as required by law.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 31st day of August, 2026. ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 31st day of August 2026./s/Kim Hall - President of City Council. **ATTESTED BY:** /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk. **APPROVED** this the 31st day of August, 2026. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2026 - 900283

TED F. MOORE,

Plaintiff,

v.

Commencing at an axle at the Southwest corner of the Northwest quarter of Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 1 East; thence North 89 degrees 15 minutes East 290.92 feet to the Northwest corner of the property belonging to the State of Alabama; thence North 89 degrees 15 minutes East along said property 724.56 feet to the Southwest corner of the property belonging to Billy Gibson; thence in a Northwesterly direction along the West boundary of property belonging to Billy Gibson a distance of 70 feet to a fence corner marker by a metal pipe driven in the ground which will be known as the point of origin for described property; thence East along a web wire fence a distance of 137 feet to a metal pipe in the ground, which is the Southwest corner of the following described property and the point of beginning; thence in a North by Northwest direction a length of 130 feet to the Northwest corner of described property to a metal pipe; thence in an Easterly direction 70 feet to the Northeast corner of the described property to a metal pipe; thence South 130 feet to a metal pipe in the ground, which is the Southeast corner of described property; thence West 70 feet to a metal pipe in the ground, which is described as the point of beginning.

Parcel ID: 01-09-32-0-001-010.009; PIN: 70767; Account Number: 230931,

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

REDSTONE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,

AND

LISA A. ALDAZ,

Defendants.

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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: Redstone Federal Credit Union, Lisa A. Aldaz, 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 4th day of August, 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 Ted F. Moore against Redstone Federal Credit Union, Lisa A. Aldaz, 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

Plaintiff's 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

REQUESTS FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received until Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Cullman City Hall located at 204 2nd Ave NE Cullman, AL 35055 and at said time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work necessary for: Midfield Hangar Construction at Cullman Regional Airport. Major items of work include: Grade, drain, base, pave, electrical and hangar building.

Information for the Project can be found on the following website: https://www.gmcnetwork.com/bids/.

The Issuing Office for the Bid Documents is Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC, located at 117 Jefferson Street North, Huntsville, AL 35801 Email: jennifer.farineau@gmcnetwork.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bid Documents Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Goodwyn Mills Cawood located at 2660 East Chase Lane, Suite 200, Montgomery, AL 36117.

Copies of the Bid Documents may be obtained from the issuing office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a one-time administrative fee of $20 for digital access/file sharing access. Said cost represents the cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution, therefore no refund will be granted. Checks for Bid Documents shall be payable to "Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC." Partial sets of Bid Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bid Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid guaranty in the amount of five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid, but not to exceed $50,000. The bid guaranty may be by certified check or bid bond made payable to the City of Cullman / Cullman County.

All Bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Engineer; the Bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying the license number on the outside of the envelope in which the Proposal is delivered. "A contractor must have a general contractor's license to **bid as prime for this project**."

Bids may be held by the City of Cullman / Cullman County for a period not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of evaluating bids prior to award of contract.

Title VI Solicitation Notice: The City of Cullman / Cullman County, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4), 28 CFR § 50.3, and 49 CFR Part 21, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, all contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of the owner's race, color, national origin, sex, creed, age, or disability in consideration for an award.

The requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 including any amendments thereto apply to this contract. It is the policy of the City of Cullman / Cullman County to practice nondiscrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin in the award or performance of this contract. The Owner encourages participation by all firms qualifying under this solicitation regardless of business size or ownership.

All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the provisions of 29 CFR Part 201, et seq, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), with the same force and effect as if given in full text. The FLSA sets minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and child labor standards for full and part-time workers.

The Contractor has full responsibility to monitor compliance to the referenced statute or regulation. The Contractor must address any claims or disputes that arise from this requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor – Wage and Hour Division.

The City of Cullman / Cullman County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in the bids received.

Woody Jacobs, Mayor
City of Cullman
231 County Road 1360
Vinemont, AL 35179

ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that, Hernandez Universal Construction, Inc., Contractor, has completed the Contract for Construction of North Alabama Agriplex Extension at 1714 Tally Ho Street, Cullman, AL 35055 for the State of Alabama and the City of Cullman, Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify 5R Design, PC, 120 Holmes Ave. NE, Ste 303, Huntsville, AL 35801.

Hernandez Universal Construction, Inc.
444 Old Trinty Road
Decatur, AL 35601

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

JOHN WAYNE NICKLES,
Plaintiff

vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2026-900174.00**

RACHEL SUSAN NICKLES,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Rachel Susan Nickles, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer John Wayne Nickles' Divorce Complaint by October 26, 2026, or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2026-900174.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 21st day of August, 2026.

Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2026 - 900271

TINA STRICKLIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

A parcel of land in the Southeast corner of the North half of the Northeast quarter of Southwest quarter of Section 2, Township 9 South, Range 1 West, being all the property in the Southeast corner of said twenty acre tract which lies South and East of Monroe Bailey Road and embracing 1 acre, more or less. Said property is subject to all right of ways or easements of record.

Parcel ID: 11-05-22-0-001-020.000; PIN: 23753; Account Number: 17060,

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

CURTIS WAYNE AND EARLINE THOMAS,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: Curtis Wayne and Earline Thomas, 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 Curtis Wayne and Earline Thomas, 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 CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2026 - 900272

TINA STRICKLIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

The North half of the East half of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 9, Township 11, South, Range 2 West, containing 10 acres, more or less, Cullman County, Alabama.

LESS AND EXCEPT:
The NW ¼ - NW ¼ of Section 9 T11S R2W and more particularly described as; beginning at the Northwest corner of said forty; thence S89 degrees 15 minutes 55 seconds East 664.95 feet to the Northwest corner of the North half of the East half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 9; thence due South 19.27 feet to a point on the South right-of-way of County Road 609 and the true point of beginning of the property herein described; thence continue due South 240.37 feet; thence S 88 degrees 29 minutes 42 seconds East 407.67 feet; thence N 9 degrees 32 minutes 21 seconds East 250.01 feet to a point on the South right of way of said road; thence N 89 degrees 25 minutes 22 seconds West along said right of way 448.98 feet to the true point of beginning and containing 2.40 acres more or less. Said property is subject to all right of ways or easements of record.

Parcel ID: 23-02-09-0-000-007.000; PIN: 37517; Account Number: 27448,

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

LOUIE FRANKLIN SELF,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: Louie Franklin Self, 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 Louie Franklin Self, 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

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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

James Isaac Tanner, Jr., 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 child born to Denise Ann Tanner aka Denise Ann Connell on March 3, 2025, by the 17 day of September, 2026, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 7 day of August 2026.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

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

Perry D. Knight
Attorney for Petitioner
412 First Avenue SE
Suite 101
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-4090

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

GARRISON LOGISTICS, INC., *
PLAINTIFF, *
V. * CASE NO. CV 2026 – 900159
RANDHAWA TRUCK LINES, INC., *
DEFENDANT. *

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Please take notice that a Summons and Complaint in the above-styled matter was filed by Plaintiff, Garrison Logistics, Inc., in the District Court of Cullman County, Alabama, on May 13, 2026. An attempt has been made to serve the Defendant, Randhawa Truck Lines, Inc., with the Summons and Complaint by Restricted, Certified, U.S. Mail at the Defendant's address of 6227 W Northdale Avenue, Fresno, California 93723. Please be advised that Randhawa Truck Lines, Inc., as the named Defendant, has thirty (30) days from the last date of publication to contest said Complaint and must do so by filing a written response with the Cullman County Clerk of Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055 and with Plaintiff's Attorney, Shay Persall, Shay Persall Law, LLC, 611 7th Street SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Done this 14th day of August, 2026.

LISA McSWAIN, CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

/s/ Shay Persall
Attorney for Plaintiff
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

JACOB CANTRELL,
Plaintiff

vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2026-900161.00**

LYDIA ANNE CANTRELL,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Lydia Anne Cantrell, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Jacob Cantrell's Divorce Complaint by October 26, 2026, or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2026-900161.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 27th day of August, 2026.

Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
G. RHYS BATTLES
200 2nd AV SE
CULLMAN, AL 35055

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2026 - 900284

TED F. MOORE,

Plaintiff,

v.

Part of the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of the SE ¼, Sec. 33, T12S, R3W, described as beginning at the point of intersection of the North line of said NW ¼ of the SE ¼ with a creek (which point is marked by an iron pin); thence Southwesterly along the creek 175 feet; thence Southeasterly 250 feet; thence North 227 feet; thence West 227 feet to the P.O.B.

Parcel ID: 26-08-33-0-000-006.009; PIN: 60356; Account Number: 41478,

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

THE ESTATE OF R. J. GAMBLE, SR., by and through ROBERT J. GAMBLE, JR., its Personal Representative,

AND

WADE L. SELLERS

AND

DEBORAH DINGLER SELLERS,

Defendants.

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CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: The Estate of R. J. Gamble, Sr., by and through Robert J. Gamble, Jr., its Personal Representative, Wade L. Sellers, and Deborah Dingler Sellers, 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 4th day of August, 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 Ted F. Moore against R. J. Gamble, Sr., Wade L. Sellers, and Deborah Dingler Sellers, 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 thirty (30) days from the last date of publication, 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.

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Month (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Department of Mental Health and its statewide partners are observing National Suicide Prevention Month by encouraging Alabamians to strengthen personal connections, discuss mental health openly and make lifesaving resources more visible throughout their communities.

This year's theme is "Cultivating Connection Nationwide: Strengthen Suicide Prevention Together."

ADMH said Alabama recorded 837 deaths by suicide in 2024, equivalent to approximately 16.2 deaths per 100,000 residents. The department said the number underscores the importance of reducing stigma, recognizing warning signs and ensuring people know where to turn before or during a crisis.

A central part of Alabama's crisis-response system is the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Since its July 2022 launch, the lifeline has received more than 179,000 contacts from Alabama.

ADMH said more than 5,000 people experiencing signs of a suicidal crisis have also received immediate assistance through Alabama's six crisis centers.

Calls and texts to 988 are answered by trained crisis professionals who can provide support, assess an individual's needs and connect callers with mobile crisis teams, crisis centers or emergency responders when necessary.

The service is available for suicide-related concerns, mental health or substance use crises and other forms of emotional distress. People may also contact 988 when they are concerned about a loved one.

"Every call to 988 represents a step toward hope and healing and a life saved," ADMH Commissioner Kimberly Boswell said. "Our mission at ADMH is to build a stronger, more connected system of care. Through our crisis centers, mobile crisis teams and the dedication of our statewide partners, we are working every day to ensure that no one in Alabama must face a crisis alone."

Project Zero Suicide, facilitated by VitAL, will offer suicide-prevention webinars throughout September.

Scheduled sessions include "Suicide Prevention in College Students & Young Adults" at 11 a.m. Sept. 11, Question, Persuade, Refer training at 11 a.m. Sept. 23 and "Understanding and Responding to Youth Suicide Risk: A Multisystemic Approach" at 1 p.m. Sept. 24.

Statewide prevention organizations also offer evidence-based training programs such as QPR and Mental Health First Aid. The programs teach participants how to recognize warning signs, begin potentially lifesaving conversations and connect people with professional assistance.

On Sept. 10, the Council on Substance Abuse will lead its annual "R U OK? Day." The initiative encourages people to check on relatives, friends, neighbors and co-workers who may be struggling.

ADMH said asking a simple question and listening without judgment can be an important first step toward getting someone help.

In Cullman County, WellStone operates 24-hour mobile crisis teams for adults, children and adolescents.

The adult mobile crisis team can be reached at 256-763-8554.

The children and adolescents team can be reached at 256-947-4016.

WellStone's Cullman Access to Care line is 256-255-1020.

Anyone struggling or experiencing a crisis may call or text 988 for free, confidential assistance 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Veterans may call 988 and press 1 to reach the Veterans Crisis Line. Anyone facing an immediate, life-threatening emergency should call 911.

Gala (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Tickets and sponsorships are now available for The Link of Cullman County's annual fundraising gala, "Signs & Wonders," set for Thursday, Nov. 5, at The Venue at Cotton Creek.

Organizers are promising an evening of celebration, inspiration, food, entertainment and surprises centered on the work made possible when Cullman County residents support their neighbors.

"Most importantly, this evening is about celebrating the wonders that happen every day because our community chooses to show up, give back and believe in what's possible," The Link said in announcing ticket sales.

Event tables are available for $1,250 and seat eight guests. Each table purchase includes admission, dinner and dessert for all eight attendees.

Those interested in purchasing individual tickets should contact Tiffany Wright at tiffanywright@linkingcullman.org.

Several sponsorship levels are also available.

Experience sponsorships cost $5,000 and allow businesses or organizations to support one of three portions of the gala: the welcome and cocktail hour, dinner service or dessert hour. Experience sponsors will be featured prominently and recognized throughout the portion of the evening they select.

Event sponsorships are available for $2,500. Each includes a table for eight guests as well as sponsor recognition at the gala and in event marketing.

The $10,000 title sponsorship, which included two tables and seating for 16 guests, has already sold out. At the time of publication, the ticket page listed three experience sponsorships and five event sponsorships as remaining.

The annual gala traditionally serves as the beginning of The Link's end-of-year giving campaign while recognizing the volunteers, community partners and supporters who help carry out the nonprofit's mission.

The Link describes itself as a family resource center built on relationships where neighbors work together to strengthen families, share responsibility and support one another. Its work is organized through supportive services, educational enrichment, personal pathways and family foundations.

Those services include food and basic-needs assistance as well as programs intended to promote education, personal development, stronger families and long-term stability.

The Link's 2025 "In His Image" gala drew approximately 450 guests to The Venue at Cotton Creek. The event placed particular emphasis on the community's growing need for food assistance, with proceeds supporting The Pantry at The Link, according to previous Tribune coverage.

The 2024 gala, "Fruitful," honored volunteers across The Link's service areas and included dinner, a silent auction, custom portraits and an awards ceremony.

Tickets, tables and sponsorships for "Signs & Wonders" can be purchased at https://tinyurl.com/swjf525j.

For individual tickets, sponsorship questions or additional information, contact Tiffany Wright at tiffanywright@linkingcullman.org.

The Venue at Cotton Creek is located at 417 Third Ave. SW in Cullman. A starting time had not been included in the public announcement or ticket page as of Tuesday, Sept. 1.

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Harvest at the Park (from Front)

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BAILEYTON, Ala. — The Town of Baileyton has announced the entertainment lineup and finalized schedule for its inaugural Harvest at the Park, a daylong fall festival planned for Saturday, Oct. 31, at Baileyton Town Park.

The event will run from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at the park, located at 390 Fire Station Road, and will include live music, vendors, food trucks, a car show, games, bounce houses, a trunk or treat and other family activities.

Hudd Music will open the live entertainment schedule, performing from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Jesse Priest will take the stage at 2 p.m. and perform through the festival's conclusion at 7 p.m.

The trunk-or-treat portion of the event will be held from 5-7 p.m.

Organizers said Harvest at the Park is intended to bring residents together for a full day of food, shopping, entertainment and Halloween activities while establishing a new fall tradition in Baileyton.

The town is accepting applications from vendors as well as individuals, businesses and organizations interested in participating in the trunk or treat.

Vendor spaces are limited and will be reserved on a first-paid, first-served basis. Applications can be picked up at Baileyton Town Hall (55 Fire Station Road) or requested by email (clerk@townofbaileytonal.gov).

Those interested in participating or seeking additional information can contact Lisa at Baileyton Town Hall at 256-796-6447.

Questions may also be submitted through the official Harvest at the Park event page or by messaging the Town of Baileyton through Facebook at www.facebook.com/thetownofbaileyton.

Organizers noted that comments left on shared social media posts may not be seen and encouraged participants to contact the town directly.

LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

Notice is hereby given that the Cullman City Council will meet in public session at 7:00 p.m. on September 14, 2026, in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium in Cullman City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055, to consider the approval of an economic development agreement (commonly known as a "772 Agreement") pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Alabama, including, without limitation, Section 94.01 of the Constitution of Alabama 2022 (formerly codified as Amendment No. 722 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended), with First National Bank Corporation in the city limits of Cullman, Alabama. The proposed project has a capital investment of approximately $15,000,000 and is located on the property directly north of the intersection of 4th Avenue SW and 3rd Street SW (Highway 278) in Cullman, Alabama. This agreement would authorize the City to provide certain public incentives, including but not limited to the use of public funds or resources for the installation of a decel lane on Highway 278 in exchange for the economic benefits associated with the project, such as job creation, increased tax revenues, and significant commercial development in an underdeveloped area of our downtown business district. The Cullman City Council has determined that the proposed economic development agreement serves a valid public purpose by promoting economic and industrial development in the City of Cullman, Alabama. This proposed economic development agreement excludes any type of tax rebate or tax abatement. All interested citizens are invited to attend. The full text of the proposed economic development agreement (commonly known as a "772 Agreement") is available for public inspection during normal business hours of the office of the City Clerk in Cullman City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Published this 3rd day of September 2026.
Wesley Moore - Cullman City Clerk

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CULLMAN PILOT CLUB'S HOLIDAY MARKET

Saturday
September 5th
8am-3pm

Cullman Co. AG Center
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Scholarship (from Front)

Gauge Day
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Applications are currently being accepted through Sept. 15 for a $2,000 educational scholarship that will be awarded through the Sydni Helms-Hipp Memorial Scholarship Fund later this year. The scholarship will be awarded to one participant in the fourth annual Sydni Helms-Hipp Barrel Race, set for Nov. 7 at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center.

The scholarship fund was established by Helms-Hipp's mother, Loni Helms and Angie Payne following Helms-Hipp's passing as a way to honor her memory by helping others pursue their educational and career goals. The organization now awards multiple scholarships in her name.

The opportunity is open to high school seniors anywhere in the United States, as well as adults who are pursuing or planning to pursue additional education. The scholarship can be used toward any area of study, including traditional college degrees and trade or training programs such as EMS, firefighting and farrier training. Scholarship funds must be used by August 2027.

"This is a great way to get a $2,000 scholarship if you are planning on going to any trade school/program or college in the next year," said Payne, co-founder of the Sydni Helms-Hipp Memorial Scholarship Fund. "This scholarship is open to any area of study."

Applicants are required to participate in the Nov. 7 barrel race to be eligible, but Payne stressed that they do not have to place in the competition to have a chance at receiving the scholarship.

"You do have to participate in the barrel race, but are not required to place in the event," Payne said. "We have literally had someone in the past who borrowed a horse and just trotted so they would have a chance to win this scholarship."

Applications for the $2,000 scholarship are available at www.facebook.com/Sydnihelmshippmemorialscholarship or by emailing sydnihelmshippmemorial@gmail.com. Completed applications must be submitted by Sept. 15.

Registration for the fourth annual Sydni Helms-Hipp Barrel Race is available through www.SaddleBook.com. The event will take place Nov. 7 at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center. There will be an upcoming preview article by The Cullman Tribune detailing the event as the date draws closer.

For questions or additional information, contact Angie Payne at 205-522-3409 or Loni Helms at 205-471-4691.

Vinemont Council (from Front)

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Vinemont Town Council approved its proposed budgets for the 2026-2027 fiscal year and moved forward with several projects during its regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, Sept. 1.

The council approved five resolutions concerning the town's upcoming fiscal year budgets. These included Resolution No. 2026-09-01 for the General Fund and Municipal Park Fund; Resolution No. 2026-09-02 for the Capital Improvement Fund; Resolution No. 2026-09-03 for the 4, 5 and 7 Cent Fund; Resolution No. 2026-09-04 for the Rebuild Alabama Fund; and Resolution No. 2026-09-05 for the Henry Roe Wood Park Fund.

Council members also approved Resolution No. 2026-09-06, providing a 2% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) schedule increase for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, and Resolution No. 2026-09-07, providing a one-time pay supplement for full-time employees.

Several bids related to work at Vinemont Town Hall were also approved. The bids covered HVAC work, labor-only roofing, sheetrock installation, painting, brick installation, flooring for the new addition, gas piping for the new HVAC system, a storefront door, gutter installation, insulation installation and concrete finishing.

The work comes as the town continues its previously approved expansion of town hall, which will provide additional office space and a larger council meeting room.

The council also approved $24,000 for Safe-T-Shelters to paint the interior of the town's storm shelter and $12,155 for Southeast Concrete Solutions to complete flooring work at the sports complex.

Two additions to the town's senior citizen programming were approved. Beginning in January, an additional Senior Citizens Day for games and crafts will be held on the first Monday of each month. Senior citizen fitness activities will also be offered every Thursday.

The council additionally approved moving its October and November work sessions and council meetings to the third Tuesday of each respective month.

Several upcoming community events and meetings were announced:

- A community meeting regarding annexation will be held Thursday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center
- Senior Citizens Day will be held Monday, Sept. 21, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center
- A special-called meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 21, at 5:30 p.m. at Vinemont Town Hall

The next regular meeting of the Vinemont Town Council will be Tuesday, Oct. 20, at Vinemont Town Hall. The work session will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the regular meeting to follow at 6.

Vinemont Town Hall is located at 36 Patton Drive.

Obituary Announcements: Sept. 1-2

Robert Gerald Hardin, 88
Funeral service for Robert Gerald Hardin, 88, of Vinemont will be at 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Cullman Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1:30-4 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. It is with heavy hearts and profound gratitude for a life well-lived that we announce the passing of Robert Gerald Hardin, who peacefully departed this world in his sleep on Aug. 29, 2026, at the age of 88. Gerald was born on June 5, 1938, in Cullman, Alabama, to loving parents, O.B. and Eura Hardin. Gerald was a man of deep faith and unwavering dedication to his family and friends. An active member of Cornerstone Nazarene Church, he found joy and purpose in his community, living a life that reflected his values and beliefs. He spent a lot of his time at singings with The Inspirations in the smokies and even helped drive their bus around the United States. His warmth and kindness touched all who knew him, leaving a legacy of love and compassion. Throughout his life, Gerald was predeceased by many cherished family members, including his parents, O.B. and Eura Hardin; his beloved wives, Ima Jean Ray Hardin and Edna B. Hardin; brothers, O.N. Hardin and Harold Hardin; sister-in-law, Jessie Hardin; brother-in-law, Willie Joe Ray; great-grandson, Robert Walter Gable; son-in-law, Craig Hughes; stepson, Jerry McBrayer; and stepdaughters, Patricia Brown and Sylvia Tyson. Gerald leaves behind a devoted family who will forever carry his spirit in their hearts. He is survived by his daughters, Lavonda Hughes and Paula (Rick) Barnett; his grandchildren, Wesley (Candi) Still and LaShane Haynes; his great-grandchildren, Kaitlynn (Devin) Gable and Darius Taylor; Chase, Delayne and Devyn Still; and two great-great-grandchildren, Skylee and Stetson Nickelson. Sister in laws, Norma Wrenn and Margaret Hardin. his stepsons, Dale McBrayer and Mark McBrayer; his step-grandchildren, Eric Barnett, Jamie (John) Hobson, Laura Hughes, and Clay (Katie) Hughes; brothers-in-law, Garland Ray, Darryal Ray, Randal Ray. He is also fondly remembered by his loyal canine companion, Cocoa The family extends their heartfelt thanks to Comfort Care Hospice and Cullman Funeral Home for their compassionate care and support during this difficult time. Robert Gerald Hardin's life was a testament to love and service, and he will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. As we say goodbye, we celebrate a life filled with love, laughter, and enduring faith. - LaShane Still Haynes

Arnold E. Abbott, 91
Arnold E. Abbott, age 91, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2026. Arnold was a preacher and minister who spent many years sharing his faith and the Word of God with others. Music was also an important part of his life and the Abbott family. Singing, playing music, and worship became a family tradition that continues through the generations. Arnold was preceded in death by his wife, Eloise Nelson Abbott; his parents, Arthur Oliver Andrew Abbott and Lena Rebecca Laney Abbott; his brothers, Cecil Lee Abbott, J.C. Abbott, Junior Abbott, and James Harley Abbott; and his sister, Nellie Hildred Elizabeth Abbott. He is survived by his sons, Randy Abbott (Belinda), Paul Abbott (Jessica), Bruce Abbott (Kandi), and Chris Abbott (Janet), along with a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. Arnold leaves behind a legacy of family, faith, ministry, and music that will continue through the generations. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." — 2 Timothy 4:7

Doris Betty Jean Quattlebaum, 88
Funeral service for Doris Betty Jean Floyd Quattlebaum, 88, of Hanceville was at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2026, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Fellowship Cemetery at Springhill. The family received friends at the funeral home from 1-2 p.m. on Wednesday. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Quattlebaum passed away Sunday, Aug. 30, 2026, at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab. She was born Feb. 2, 1938, to Emory Talmadge and Delphia Brennis White Floyd. She was employed by the State of Alabama and for many years she enjoyed working with Ace Hardware. She was a member of Cahaba Springs Presbyterian Church in Trussville. The family would especially like to thank Hanceville Nursing and Rehab, Donna Guthrie and the staff on Magnolia Hall for the wonderful care given to Betty during her stay there. Betty was looking forward to a reunion with those gone before her, her parents, Emory and Brennis Floyd; her husband, Onas Quattlebaum; daughter, Rita Young; siblings, Talmadge Floyd, Mary Jo Floyd, twins, Maxine and Christine Floyd, Ruth Morgan, Wynell Jones, Helen Skinner, Margaret Stallings. Those left to cherish her memory are her brother, Bill (Arminda) Floyd; sister, Brenda Betts; grandchildren, Madelyn and Lauren Young; son-in-law, Mike Young; family and friends. In lieu of flowers. the family suggests making donations to the Emory and Brennis Floyd Scholarship Fund at Samford University established for the purpose of scholarships for students of integrity and in need. Pallbearers will be Mike Young, Mike Floyd, Jimmy Floyd, Jimmy Quattlebaum, Jose' Paredes, Scott Robinson. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

John Dennis Smith, 49
Funeral Service for John Dennis Smith, age 49 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with burial at Vinemont First Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Smith passed away on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2026. He was born Wednesday, July 20, 1977, to Dennis Smith and Pamela Price. He was preceded in death by his, parents; daughter, Meagan Smith; brother, Donald Smith; and sister-in-law, Laura Baxter. Survivors include his wife, Kimberly Smith; sons, Ryan Moreno and Jonathan Smith; daughter, Arabella Smith; step-father, Bill Price; niece, Allie Smith; nephew, Dillon Smith; sister-in-law, Shelly Baur and a host of other family and friends. The family would like to give a special thank you to Mark Bates.

Carol Marie Speegle, 75
Graveside service for Carol Marie Speegle, 75, of Hanceville will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026, at Shelton Grove Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Speegle passed away Sept. 1, 2026, at her residence. She was born Oct. 9, 1950, to John Louie and Alma Pauline Lay Downing. Carol loved her family and she loved her cats, dogs and goats. She will be missed. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, William Henry Speegle; her son, Parrish Speegle and a sister, Wanda Speegle. Those left to cherish her memory are her son, William Keith (Lola) Speegle; daughter, Angela Thrasher, Caroline Speegle (Fred Pope), Amanda Taylor; brother, Joe (Charlene) Downing; grandchildren, David (Tiffany), Joey, Jamie, Justin, Nate, Jake, Chloe, Alyssa, Olivia, Mazie; seven great-grandchildren; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Esther Ruth Cooksey, 57
Funeral services for Esther Ruth Cooksey, 57, of Hanceville will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Shelton Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 1-2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Bro. David Johns will be officiating services. Mrs. Cooksey was born April 4, 1969, in Jefferson County, Alabama. She passed away Aug. 31, 2026, at Cullman Regional Medical Center in Cullman, Alabama. She and Randy were married for 37 years. Together they were faithful members of Gardendale First Baptist Church, where they shared deep faith in the Lord. Though their time apart was brief, they are now reunited once again in the presence of their savior, together for eternity. Esther was a special woman whose life was a beautiful example of faith, love, kindness, and compassion. She stayed devoted to her prayer and never hesitated to lift her loved ones up in prayer. She loved everyone and she never met a person who did not deserve her kindness. She was sweet, gentle, and caring, always willing to offer a listening ear, a helping hand, or a word of encouragement. She simply loved people for who they were. One of Esther's greatest joys was loving and caring for children. She had a special place in her heart for her nieces and nephews and was there for them in ways that went far beyond what anyone could ask. She helped raise them all, pouring her time, patience, guidance, and love into their lives. To them, she was a mother figure, a source of comfort, and someone they could always count on. Mrs. Cooksey is survived by her mother, Margaret Pettus; siblings, David Pettus, Mark Pettus (Kristen), Matthew Pettus, and Sarah Elliott; grandson, Elijah Suarez; and a host of nieces and nephews. Mrs. Cooksey was preceded in death by her husband, Randy Cooksey; sister, Becky Johns; and her brother, Paul Pettus. Serving as pallbearers will be David Suarez, Colton Teeling, Dylan Guess, Jake Pettus, Austin Heim, Wyatt Johns, Lee Whatley, and Wayne Day. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Cooksey family.

Suzanne Portwood Adams, 63
Suzanne Portwood Adams, 63, passed away Aug. 31, 2026. Suzanne was loved by all who knew her and her love for everyone never wavered. She always made time for everyone, especially her four-legged babies... 8 of them. Suzanne was a veteran of the Air Force after serving seven years, worked at GE for 13 years and Longhorn 10 years. She had a beautiful presence and enjoyed her life to the fullest. Suzanne is survived by her husband of almost 23 years, Matthew Pearsall, her brother Eddie Portwood and her sister Kelly Jo Portwood Moore (all Decatur). Nieces Beth Guasque (Kevin) (Muscle Shoals) and Jennifer Chevallier (Niel) (Monroe, Louisiana), her nephews Ryan Whisenant, Austin Whisenant (both of Decatur) and Chris Marthaller (Lonview, Washington). Great nieces Katlyn Jo Whisenant and Abbigal Whisenant (both Decatur) and Allie Guasque (Muscle Shoals) and great nephews Ashton Whisenant & Sammy Whisenant (both Decatur), Lewis Chevallier and Isaac Chevallier (Monroe, Louisiana). There will be a celebration of life for Suzanne to be announced on Facebook. The family ask that in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your local no kill animal shelter/humane society to be used for spade and neutering. God bless you all who had the chance to know her. You are all in our prayers. Decatur Brown Service Funeral Home is honored to serve the Adams Family.

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Do you have a library card?

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CULLMAN, Ala. — September is Library Card Sign-up Month for the Cullman County Public Library System. The CCPLS encourages residents to celebrate the month by signing up for a library card and discovering the benefits of supporting local libraries.

"For the month of September, new Cullman library card holders will receive a special sticker featuring the library or Friends of the Library logo!" the CCPLS wrote. This is while supplies last.

Though there are perks that come with a library card that go beyond stickers and checking out a book. Library cards open the door for free programs and homework help, streaming media and job resources.

"The library offers something to everyone – no matter your age, background or goals." The CCPLS noted.

Libraries are free, valuable resources, helping communities connect, find inspiration and learn.

Having a library card helps showcase the community's need for funding and resources. The CCPLS can track cardholder activity and provide data to prove local impact. This can help the CCPLS better advocate for grants, larger budgets and additional funding, benefiting the community through upgrades and service expansion.

Cullman County Public Library cards grant holders access to all five libraries in Cullman County: Shirley Burden Public Library (Hanceville), Guy Hunt Library (Holly Pond), Garden City Public Library, Tom Bevill Library (Colony) and the Cullman County Public Library (downtown Cullman). This also includes their digital catalogs.

By making small changes such as going to the library for a book rather than ordering online or buying from a corporation, readers are supporting local needs.

Considering renting a film online or debating purchasing a subscription to watch it without ads? Use your library card and roam the free selection instead. There is no catch! (Other than bringing the items back damage free.)

The Cullman County Public Library is located at 200 Clark St. NE, Cullman. Get more info and branch addresses at www.cullmanlib.org.



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Cullman County Public Library Card

Relay For Life of Cullman County invites community to 'go gold' Sept. 10

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Relay For Life of Cullman County is inviting residents to "go gold" Thursday, Sept. 10, when every dollar raised through Relay For Life nationwide will be restricted to childhood cancer research, advocacy and patient support programs.

Gold Together Day is part of the American Cancer Society's Gold Together initiative and coincides with Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. The campaign is intended to show children fighting cancer and their families that communities across the country are standing alongside them.

Registered Relay For Life participants can also earn special incentives through the one-day fundraising challenge. For every $50 raised Sept. 10, a participant will receive one entry for a chance to win one of 98 prize packages containing an exclusive Gold Together Day travel blanket and Relay For Life tote bag. Participants may earn up to 10 entries.

The 10 highest-fundraising participants nationwide will receive a full-size Gold Together Day blanket and Relay For Life tote bag. Relay Rewards points will also be doubled for up to 500 points earned during the challenge.

The Gold Together movement was created by childhood brain cancer survivor Cole Eicher, who envisioned a designated childhood cancer team at every Relay For Life event. The American Cancer Society said the initiative has raised approximately $11 million since 2019.

Gold Together has previously had a direct presence in Cullman County. Tribune reporting in 2020 documented Wallace State Community College's participation as the county's Gold Together team after childhood cancer affected the family of a Wallace State faculty member. The team raised money specifically for childhood cancer research, education, prevention efforts and patient support.

Relay For Life has been held in Cullman County since 1994. By the local program's 30th anniversary in 2023, Cullman County participants had contributed more than $1 million to the American Cancer Society's broader fight against cancer.

The annual local Relay celebrates survivors, remembers those lost to cancer and supports research and patient programs. Cullman County's 2026 Relay was held May 30 at Depot Park and included the traditional Survivors Lap and Luminaria Service.

Registration is now open for Relay For Life of Cullman County's 2027 campaign. Participants who want to join a team, create a team or begin raising money ahead of Gold Together Day can register at www.relayforlife.org/cullmanal.

Additional information is available from Relay For Life of Cullman County at www.facebook.com/RFLCullmanAL, 256-615-2488 or cullmancountyrelay@gmail.com.

The American Cancer Society's cancer information specialists are available 24 hours a day at 800-227-2345 or www.cancer.org.

Photographer Spotlight: Sherry Brown

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"I've always had a camera since I was a kid," Sherry Brown stated in an interview with The Tribune.

She said her first camera was a 110 pocket film camera at age 10.

"I was always taking pictures of my brothers, cousins and I would get my dad to take me out to St. Bernard to take pictures out there. Of course, they weren't very good, but I had a good time," she explained.

Brown said she wasn't always as professional as she is now. She made a point to say that photography is a continuous learning experience because knowing your way around a camera takes time.

She taught herself how to operate basic settings and even taught herself to use a camera better through videos and materials online.

"I took photography as my electives in college," Brown noted. "I started seeing all of this beautiful landscape photography and I wanted to learn it. So I reached out to several people who did that and were willing to be mentors and they were so helpful and sweet."

At this time she progressed to a Canon EOS 6. "It was a crop screen; it wasn't even a full frame. I used that thing for years, but the one thing it taught me was settings."

She reminisced that at times her training consisted of placing a teddy bear on a barstool and analyzing the settings. With the camera set to manual this allowed her to see what settings provided the best detail and to take into account how the lighting affected the shot.

Brown most recently photographed the Christina Chambers Twilight 5K, but expressed her love for photographing any and all events.

She also has a deep love for landscape photography and stated that it may be contributed to growing up on a farm in Winston County. She was born in Cullman and still resides here, but was raised on a busy family farm.

Several households lived and grew up on the farm and shared what was produced with each other. The homestead held chicken houses, community gardens and most afternoons would be spent shelling beans and canning fresh-picked-produce.

"We were always busy on the farm," Brown remarked. "We all worked together. It was a family community of sorts."

She credited the steady work on the farm for her constant habit of staying busy.

In 1982, she completed Wallace State LPN School, with electives in photography. She worked as a nurse for roughly 15 years, then decided to pursue counseling and attended Athens State for two years. In 1996 she graduated with a psychology and behavioral science degree. She then went to Alabama A&M for her master's degree in clinical social work.

She now owns and practices at Restoration Counseling Services, and when she isn't with clients or aiding others, she is traveling or finding the perfect way to photograph landscapes and everyday experiences.

In addition to providing counsel to others, she finds peace with her love of photography and perspective caught through the lens.

"One of the things photography does for me, and I even tell my clients, is that I've never felt alone with my camera," said Brown, who stated she has gotten a few clients into photography as well.

"No matter where I go I just go explore, look around and I have the best time just being in nature. I've spent time at Bankhead and finding something off-road like a barn in the distance. I've never felt alone with my camera."

She explained that her practice consists of trauma and grief counseling as well as sessions for depression and anxiety.

"The camera is my exhale. Everything I absorb through the week, when I go out and shoot on the camera - that's where I breathe and let go of all of that."

She recently wrote about a mountain landscape shot she took in Tennessee stating, "The heavens open in front of me."

She recalled a church in Italy she photographed in 2003. A thick mist would travel along the church every so often and Brown intended to capture a photo of it concealing itself. She said the church was enveloped in a thick mist and looked as if it were in the heavens.


JEN JOHNSTON PHOTOGRAPHY
Sherry Brown with camera

Brown was traveling with a group of photographers in Italy for 10 days and went on to Rome for three days as well.

"I couldn't go all the way there and not go to Rome," she smiled.

Brown has been with The Cullman Tribune as a photographer since 2020 and continues to showcase unique, unwavering talent.

Publisher and Co-owner Noah Galilee shared, "Sherry has always been a true pleasure to work with as she is willing to learn new ways of showcasing her talents through the lens even if that takes her to the west coast to visit Oregon or standing on the sidelines shooting Friday night football.

"Her willingness to share her talents through The Tribune is an honor and one I do not take lightly. Sherry is helping set the bar for all photographers at The Tribune but the rare aspect is that she is willing to share her knowledge with those same individuals. She is truly one of my most favorite people to have had the pleasure to know."