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Cullman Electric Co-op collecting diapers, wipes for First Source for Women

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Electric Cooperative is asking its members and other residents to help provide two everyday necessities for local babies and their families.

The Cooperative's Diapers & Wipes Drive began Sept. 1 and will continue through Oct. 12. Donations collected at CEC's Cullman and Addison offices will benefit First Source for Women, a faith-based pregnancy resource center serving women, parents and families throughout Cullman County and surrounding communities.

Those who donate will be entered for a chance to win gift cards to The Butcher and Ace Hardware. CEC has not announced the value of the gift cards or when the drawing will be held.

"Every donation makes an impact. Thank you for helping us give local families a little extra support!" the Cooperative stated.

First Source accepts diapers ranging from preemie through size 6, along with boxes and refill packages of baby wipes. A recent list of the center's most pressing needs specifically highlighted size 4, 5 and 6 diapers. Most donated baby supplies should be new and unopened.

The drive will help replenish supplies distributed through First Source's Baby Boutique and other assistance programs. Parents can earn "baby bucks" by completing pregnancy, parenting and life-skills classes, then use them to obtain diapers, wipes, clothing and other necessities for their children.

The need for those supplies is substantial. The Tribune reported that First Source distributed approximately 21,000 » PAGE 4

Kissel midway will be cashless at 2026 Cullman County Fair



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

The Ferris wheel at the Cullman County Fairgrounds in 2022

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Visitors planning to ride, play midway games or purchase food from Kissel Entertainment at the 2026 Cullman County Fair will need more than cash in their pockets.

Kissel has announced that its midway will be "completely cashless" during the fair, which is scheduled for Oct. 15-24, at the Cullman County Fairgrounds.

Credit cards, debit cards, Apple Pay and Google Pay will be accepted at Kissel ride ticket booths, games and food concessions.

Visitors who bring cash will still be able to participate. Kissel says a reverse ATM will be available to transfer cash onto a prepaid Mastercard. That card can be used throughout the Kissel midway and anywhere else Mastercard is accepted.

Once money is placed on the prepaid card, however, it cannot be converted back into cash. Kissel's published information does not state whether the reverse ATM will charge a fee, whether minimum or maximum loading amounts will apply or how many machines will be available.

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LAJUAN TALLO

The "Christmas in September" sale at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church benefits St. Vincent DePaul Food Bank and is used to purchase food for holiday meals for those in need. The 2026 "Christmas in September" Sale will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 20, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Family Life Center Gym at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. » PAGE 4

Sacred Heart German Dinner to kick off Oktoberfest Sept. 30



LAJUAN TALLO

Longtime Sacred Heart Altar Society member Pat Arentz heads up the group's annual traditional German Dinner, which takes place at the church on the Wednesday before the city's Oktoberfest begins. » PAGE 2



CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 4

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 4, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

No incidents reported.

ARRESTS

Aug. 31 – Sept. 2

Barry, Benjamin Z.; 48
- FTA – theft of property-2nd degree, $1500-2500 (2 counts)
- FTA – forged instrument (2 counts)

Berryhill, Erica L.; 42
- possession of a stolen vehicle
- possessing stolen property
- harboring a fugitive
- theft-miscellaneous, $500-less than $1500
- burglary-residence-force

Brown, Jarret C.; 52
- reckless endangerment

Crow, Ryan L.; 47
- public intoxication

Dasilva, Rachel M.; 37
- theft-shoplifting, less than $500
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Dover, Janissa C.; 33
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Gibson, Jeffy L.; 46
- PROBATION VIOLATION – buying/receiving stolen property

Hanners, Joshua E.; 37
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA – sell/distribution of dangerous drugs (4 counts)
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (4 counts)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA – obstructing justice using a false identity-fictitious person
- FTA – no plainly visible tag
- FTA – switched tag
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA – tampering with physical evidence
- FTA – drug trafficking
- FTA – buying/receiving stolen property

Hinman, James T.; 45
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Hopper, Pamela B.; 73
- FTA – fail stop sign

Hudson, Anna N.; 26
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Hughes, Stephen L.; 56
- FTA – no seat belt
- FTA – speeding-no workers-construction zone

Johnson, Marcus S.; 44
- assault-aggravated assault-menacing-gun
- reckless endangerment

Lott, Dakota L.; 29
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Lovell, Alex W.; 27
- possession of burglary tools
- FTA – buying/receiving stolen property, $1500 or $1500 or more
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Lynn, Skyler K.; 26
- assault-harassment (harassment/intimidation)

Moore, Tiffany B.; 35
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Morris, William M.; 40
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Rogers, Andrew C.; 39
- possession of methamphetamine
- attempting to elude a police officer

Speegle, Kevin A.; 44
- assault-harassment

Still, Andrew J.; 26
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Tucker, Daniel B.; 35
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Wilkey, Scott E.; 45
- FTA – theft of property-2nd degree, $1500-2500
- FTA – forged instrument (2 counts)

Wilkins, Toby A.; 52
- possession of a stolen vehicle
- obstruction-governmental operations
- possessing stolen property
- FTA – burglary-non-residence-force (2 counts)
- theft-miscellaneous, $500-less than $1500
- burglary-residence-force
- weapons-drunk/addict in possession of a firearm

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 2
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '12 Lexus; $200; St. Joseph Dr. NW
- theft of lost property; person; cash; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-2nd degree; person; cash; $1,896
- harassment; person; 5th St. SW

ARRESTS

Sept. 2

Talley, Lane G.; 19
- DUI

Tucker, Daniel B.; 35
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – driving while revoked

Martin, Bobby D.; 47
- burglary-3rd degree
- theft of property-4th degree

Pankey, Wesley S.; 48
- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrets or incidents reported.

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



City of Cullman announces 2 water/sewer/sanitation payment locations

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CULLMAN, Ala. — As of Sept. 1, there are two locations available to Cullman city residents to pay their water, sewer and sanitation bills.

Cullman City Hall
- 204 Second Ave. NE
- Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

The city advises that a payment drop-box is available in the south parking lot of city hall.

Water Department
- 1717 Eva Road NE
- Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

The city advises there is no drop-box at this location. It is for walk-in payments only.

These utility payment options are valid for water, sewer and sanitation bills only.

If you have questions regarding your bill, please contact the billing office at utilitiesbilling@cullmanal.gov or 256-775-7107 during regular office hours.

Dinner (from Front)

LaJuan Tallo
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — To help kick off Oktoberfest, the Sacred Heart Altar Society is once again gearing up to offer their traditional German Dinner on Wednesday, Sept. 30, from 4-7 p.m. in the Family Life Center at the church.

This year, as in the past, the dinner will feature a menu of bratwurst, German potato salad, sauerkraut, green beans, applesauce, bread and a homemade dessert. Many of the recipes used have been passed down from generation to generation according to Pat Arentz, who heads up the dinner for the Altar Society.

"This German dinner brings together so many people from the parish who volunteer their time and talents to make it happen. From peeling potatoes for the potato salad to bringing dinners out for our drive through, people of all ages work together to make it a reality," Arentz said.

The meat used in the dinner comes from Brickyard Meats in Cullman, which is owned by a family of Sacred Heart parishioners.

During the dinner, students from Sacred Heart School will have a table selling raffle tickets for their upcoming School German Festival on Oct. 3. The grand prize is $5,000 this year.

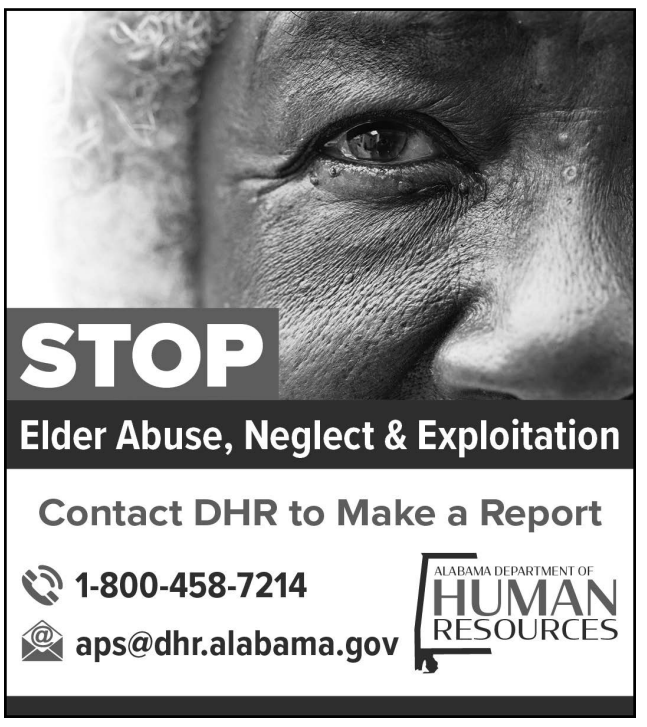
"We have a lot of people who drive through and take dinners home each year. I would encourage folks to dine in if they can. It feels like a big family picnic where you can go to catch up face to face with long lost relatives. There's a lot of fellowship and fun at the dinner," Arentz said.

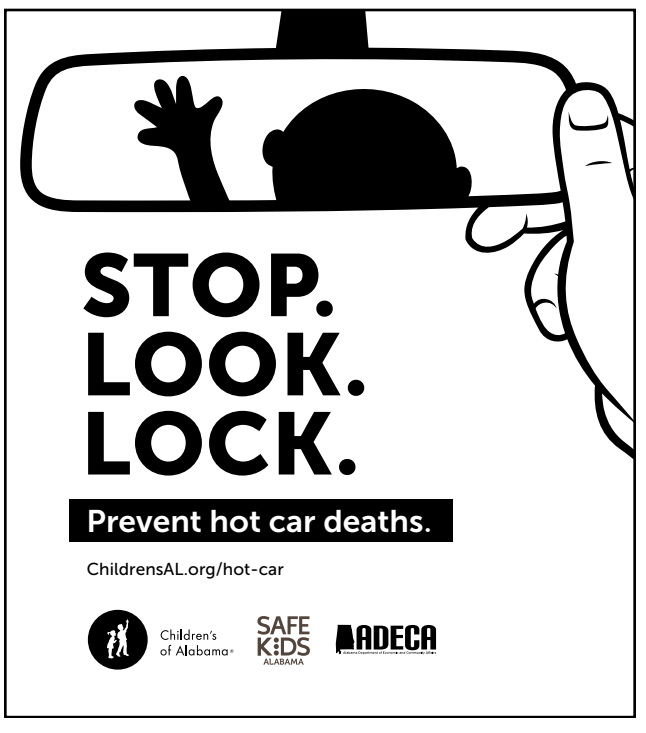
Dinners are $15 a plate and are available for dining in or drive through/take out.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church is located at 112 Second Ave. SE in downtown Cullman.











Data center agenda item withdrawn from Planning Commission agenda

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Cullman City Hall

CULLMAN, Ala. — The City of Cullman Planning Commission met on Tuesday, Sept. 1, to address Ordinance No. 2026-42, which would prohibit the development and operation of data centers in city limits. However, the agenda item was withdrawn, and no discussion took place.

On Monday, June 22, the Cullman City Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-116, which imposed a temporary moratorium on data centers. And Ordinance No. 2026-42 was addressed, though no action was taken. The Council said it would need to refer to the Planning Commission on the ordinance.

A letter was sent to the Planning Commission on Aug. 24, from Cullman City Clerk Wesley Moore, asking for Ordinance No. 2026-42 to be removed from the Planning Commission's Sept. 1 meeting agenda. The letter stated, "Additional time is needed for review."

"A quorum is not present today, therefore the Cullman Planning Commission cannot take official action or vote on any agenda items during this meeting," Planning Commission Chairman Michael Sullins told those in attendance Sept. 1.

Read more about Ordinance No. 2026-42 and the temporary moratorium at www.cullmantribune.com/2026/06/23/cullman-city-council-imposes-temporary-moratorium-on-data-centers/

The next City of Cullman Planning Commission meeting will be held on Oct. 6, at Cullman City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

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Grace Episcopal Church Cheeseball Sales are Underway! Place Your Holiday Order by Oct. 5.
The Grace Episcopal Church Women are currently selling their popular cheeseballs for the holidays! This year we are offering nine cheeseball flavors. Orders must be placed by Monday, Oct. 5, 2026. You may place your order by going to www.gracechurch.org where you can order online or print out an order form to mail in. You can also call the church office 256-734-6212 on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to place your order. Cheeseballs will be ready for pickup on Thursday, Nov. 19, at Grace Episcopal Church. All proceeds from our cheeseball project go to outreach including Committee on Church Cooperation (CCC), the Good Samaritan Health Clinic, The Pilot Light Home, The Willow Path (formerly Victim Services), Hope Horses, Cullman Caring for Kid and Wallace State Campus Ministries.

PUBLIC NOTICE
• The Cullman County Special Education Program is seeking to locate children with disabilities ages 0-21 within the Cullman County School District. Ages 0-3 call Kristie Smith, 256-734-3253. Ages 3-21 call Katie Meigs, Special Education Coordinator, 256-739-0486, Ext 2.
• The system is also seeking to locate intellectually gifted and talented children, with the emphasis on second-grade students.
Contact Special Education Coordinator Katie Meigs at 17600 U.S. Highway 31 N, Cullman, Al 35058.

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

Cullman County Historical Society Meetings
We meet the fourth Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex Heritage Building. Each meeting features a specific program or speaker. Join us!

Attention Senior Citizens
• If you are 60 or over, please come to the Cullman Senior Center at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW and have some fun with us and eat lunch. Good fun, good friends and good food. Different things going on Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-noon.
• Volunteers needed to deliver meals to homebound. Call Commission on Aging for info. 256-734-1241.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Pantry at The Link
• 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
• Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

Alpha Delta Kappa Invitation
• Are you a woman educator looking to connect, grow, serve, and make a difference? We want to invite you to contact our local Cullman chapters Alpha Theta or Beta Delta. Alpha Delta Kappa is a national honorary organization of more than 25,000 women educators who share a commitment to valuing all people and promoting quality education.
• Build lifelong friendships
• Connect with educators who share your passion
• Grow through leadership and professional opportunities
• Serve your school, community and beyond
• Celebrate the important work of women educators
• Your dedication to education matters. Your voice matters. You belong with us.
• 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
• Saturday, Sept. 5 – 8 a.m. Men's breakfast. 10:30 Foundry Farm outreach.
• Sunday, Sept. 6 – 8:15 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11. Prayer service at 2 p.m.

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

30th Annual Sweet Tater Festival
Sunday, Sept. 6, and Monday, Sept. 7, at Smith Lake Park. The two-day festival will feature live entertainment, food vendors, arts and crafts vendors, sweet potatoes, a golf cart parade and the annual Sweet Tater Festival Car Show. Festival hours will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday. Admission is $5 per person or $20 per carload. Admission is good for both days.

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

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COLLEGE GOLF

Massey ties for 10th, Wallace State finishes 11th at Dan York Memorial

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CULLMAN, Ala. — J.C. Massey finished inside the top 10 individually while Wallace State placed 11th in the Dan York Memorial Invitational at Terri Pines.

Massey carded rounds of 73, 71 and 72 to finish at 3-over 216 and earn a tie for 10th place.

Wallace State posted rounds of 298, 293 and 309 for a three-round total of 900, finishing 48-over as a team.

V. Antonovici tied for 29th at 8-over after rounds of 75, 71 and 75. R. Partain finished tied for 57th at 20-over, and T. Peppers placed 76th at 30-over.

Wallace State's B team finished 13th at 75-over with rounds of 313, 307 and 307. C. Vandiver led the B team and tied for 38th individually at 12-over.

The Lions will return to tournament play Sept. 21-22 at the Snead State Fall Invitational.

COLLEGE FLAG FOOTBALL

Wallace State posts two shutouts, improves to 4-0

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PHENIX CITY, Ala. — Wallace State remained unbeaten Wednesday after shutting out Chattahoochee Valley and Enterprise State in a pair of decisive victories.

The Lions opened the day with a 49-0 victory over host Chattahoochee Valley before blanking Enterprise State 57-0.

Wallace State outscored its two opponents 106-0 and improved to 4-0. The Lions have scored at least 46 points in every game this season and have outscored their opponents 210-12 overall.

Wallace State opened the season with a 46-6 victory over Bishop State and a 58-6 win over Northwest Shoals before posting consecutive shutouts Wednesday.

Individual scoring plays and defensive statistics were not available.

The Lions will return to action Sept. 13 at Sand Mountain Park. Wallace State will face Shelton State at 3:30 p.m. before meeting Snead State at 5.

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

Addison, Holly Pond earn Monday night victories

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Good Hope and Holly Pond each posted shutout victories Monday night, while Vinemont returned from West End with a shutout win of its own in junior-high football action involving Cullman-area teams.

Good Hope 50, A.P. Brewer 0

GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Good Hope's eighth-grade team controlled Monday night's matchup from start to finish, rolling past A.P. Brewer 50-0 at James W. Shabel Stadium.

The Raiders' defense kept the Patriots off the scoreboard throughout the game while the Good Hope offense produced the highest point total among Monday's verified local results.

Individual statistics and a scoring breakdown were not available.

Holly Pond 22, Hanceville 0

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Holly Pond built a 22-0 halftime lead and kept Hanceville scoreless throughout the second half to complete a 22-0 road victory.

The Broncos' defense protected the shutout through the final whistle while Holly Pond opened its junior-high season with a win.

Addison 42, Winston County 24

DOUBLE SPRINGS, Ala. — Addison defeated Winston County 42-24 in Monday night's junior-high football matchup at Winston County High School.

The Bulldogs scored 42 points to earn the road victory. Individual statistics and scoring details were not available.

Vinemont 8, West End 0

WALNUT GROVE, Ala. — Vinemont's defense delivered another shutout in Monday's road matchup, and the Eagles scored enough to return home with an 8-0 victory over West End.

Vinemont Middle School initially confirmed the victory without publishing a score. West End's official DragonFly board has since posted the 8-0 final.

Christmas in September (from Front)

LaJuan Tallo
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Can an idea mentioned in passing lead to something that helps others? For Dan and Vevyette Crane of Cullman, that is exactly what happened. Three years ago, having an after-dinner conversation about how they might help others during the holidays, they remembered something they'd heard, and put that idea into action.

Both are active members of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. Dan serves as a knight in the local Knights of Columbus Council 1484, and Vevyette participates as a member of the Sacred Heart Altar Society. Both have a heart for the work that the Society of St. Vincent DePaul does with their food bank.

"We were talking one evening about ways we might help St. Vincent DePaul when we suddenly remembered something one of the Knights said years ago. Joe Pace was the Grand Knight at that time, and he mentioned selling used Christmas decorations to raise money," Vevyette said.

They discussed how they could put that idea into action, and the "Christmas in September" sale was born.

The Cranes brought the idea to the Knights and the Altar Society, and both were on board to make it happen. "We thought 'Christmas in September' was a cute name for it," Vevyette said. "We thought about 'Christmas in July' on television and just went with it."

This is the third year the sale has taken place at Sacred Heart, and the Cranes are looking forward to this year's sale on Sept. 19-20. Throughout the year, people donate their gently-used decorations from every holiday and they are displayed and sold at the annual "Christmas in September" sale.

"If you think about it, we're doing the donors a favor. Most everybody has holiday and Christmas decorations in their garage or basement that they are no longer using. We'll take them off your hands," Dan said.

He added they have received donations that included some very nice and expensive ones. "We so appreciate the donations we have received from people these past few years. They have been so nice," he said.

Along the way, their good friend and fellow Altar Society member Cynthia Daniel has partnered with them to make the sales a great success. Vevyette stated that Cynthia and other people in the Knights and Altar Society have helped tremendously.

In 2024, the sale raised $3,250 and in 2025, it raised $5,000. The money is used to purchase food for holiday meals for those in need.

"People have been so generous and helpful, and we are grateful for that," Dan added.

The 2026 "Christmas in September" Sale will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 20, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Family Life Center Gym at Sacred Heart Catholic Church located at 112 Second Ave. SE in Cullman.

Donations of gently used holiday decorations for the sale are being accepted through Sept. 13. For more information, contact Vevyette Crane at 256-682-6960 or Cynthia Daniel at 256-385-0320.

Cullman Electric (from Front)

diapers to local mothers and caregivers in 2023. The nonprofit reports that it served more than 800 clients in 2024.

In addition to material assistance, First Source offers free and confidential pregnancy tests, limited ultrasounds, options counseling, parenting education, referrals, father mentoring and prenatal support. Its services are supported through community donations and offered at no cost to clients.

"We are seeing more clients than ever, and their needs are outpacing our available funding," First Source Executive Director Meredith Little told The Tribune in 2024.

CEC's participation reflects "Concern for Community," one of the seven Cooperative principles outlined by the member-owned utility. The Cooperative has regularly partnered with local nonprofits, schools and public agencies on projects intended to assist residents throughout its service area.

Donations may be delivered during regular business hours at the following locations:

Cullman Electric Cooperative's main office is located at 1749 Eva Road NE in Cullman. The office is open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Addison office is located at 31132 U.S. Highway 278 West in Addison. It is open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

For more information about the collection, contact the Cullman Electric Cooperative at 256-737-3200 or visit www.cullmanec.com.

For information about First Source for Women's services, programs or additional donation needs, call or text 256-352-5683 or visit www.firstsourceforwomen.org.



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The Bullpen offers year-round baseball, softball and athletic training for all

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CULLMAN, Ala. — With Cullman becoming a hotspot for all things baseball and softball, more facilities and offerings are quickly becoming available for those looking to develop or hone their skills.

One such new facility is The Bullpen, which offers indoor training opportunities for athletes of all ages and experience levels, including individual and team rentals, private instruction, group classes and specialized training.

The facility has approximately a dozen baseball and softball instructors, including former Division I athletes and state champions, along with strength and conditioning and speed and agility coaches. Instruction is available in hitting, pitching, catching and fielding, allowing athletes to work with experienced instructors while targeting specific areas of their game.

Owner Tamara Gourley said the goal is to provide athletes with a comfortable environment where they can put in the work regardless of their age or experience.

"We wanted something everyone, that's affordable for everyone," Gourley said. "We want all athletes of every age and experience level to have a comfortable place to hone their skills and get better."

Costs vary based on the instructor, with most baseball and softball lessons costing $60 for at least an hour. Many instructors also offer 30-minute lessons for $40. Individual batting cages can be rented for 30-minute or one-hour sessions, with one-hour sessions costing $40. Gourley said renters may be able to continue using a cage beyond their reserved time when no one is waiting, as the cages are not controlled by timers.

Teams can also rent the building, typically in two-hour increments, and monthly team memberships are available. The Bullpen offers birthday and team party rentals, generally providing three to four hours of facility use.

While baseball and softball are at the center of The Bullpen's offerings, Gourley stressed that the facility isn't limited to competitive athletes.

"The Bullpen isn't just for current athletes; it's for anyone and everyone," she said. "An adult who wants to hit some balls and release some stress or just have a little nostalgia, date nights or just because it's something that they never did before."

The facility's strength and conditioning and speed and agility programs are also not limited to baseball and softball players, opening those training opportunities to athletes from other sports.

"We have so many talented instructors at The Bullpen to help with every age and experience level," she said. "Anyone can reach out and let me help them. Need bulk packages not listed? Ask me, because I'm sure we can come up with an affordable option. Have an organization that needs something for multiple teams/ages? We do that too. We want a place that can accommodate and develop players across the board."

The Bullpen also plans to periodically offer specials on facility use and training. A recent summer promotion offered unlimited individual cage rentals for six weeks, with additional specials expected in the future.



THE BULLPEN

Alabama Warhawks speed and agility boot camp in action at The Bullpen

The Bullpen is open Monday-Wednesday from 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Thursday from 7 a.m.-midnight, Friday from midnight-7 p.m., Saturday from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

For more information about instructors, rentals, training opportunities and pricing, visit www.thebullpen256.com, call 256-962-0463 or email thegaragegymest.2023@gmail.com. All current prices are listed at www.thebullpen256.com/s/appointments.

The Bullpen is located at 1644 John H Cooper Dr SE., Cullman, AL 35055.

Fair (from Front)

midway. Any remaining balance can be used later at other businesses that accept Mastercard, but it cannot be withdrawn as cash.

The cashless announcement applies specifically to Kissel's portion of the fair. It should not be interpreted as confirmation that the admission gates, Cullman Lions Club concession stand or independent merchandise vendors will follow the same policy.

Official fair rules distinguish between food concessions operated by the Cullman Lions Club and those operated as part of the midway. Kissel's announcement does not address payment methods for transactions outside its rides, games and concessions.

Ride prices and hours

Kissel says ride tickets and unlimited-ride wristbands will be sold in-person at the fair. Online ticket sales are not available for the Cullman event.

Unlimited-ride wristbands will cost $30 on opening day, Thursday, Oct. 15; Kids Day, Monday, Oct. 19; and Tuesday through Thursday, Oct. 20-22.

Wristbands will cost $35 Friday through Sunday, Oct. 16-18, and Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23-24.

Individual ride tickets will cost $2 each or $40 for 20 tickets.

The midway is scheduled to open at 5 p.m. on most weekdays, 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sunday and 1 p.m. on Kids Day. Closing times are not listed. Kissel says operating hours can change because of weather, crowd size or other conditions.

Visitors should also be aware of Kissel's refund policy. Ride wristbands must remain securely attached, and the company says it does not offer refunds, rain checks, exchanges, re-stamping or rebanding.

That policy also applies when rides or the midway close because of mechanical problems, weather, low attendance or other circumstances.

Kissel Entertainment has provided the Cullman County Fair midway since 2018. The family-owned amusement company traces its history to 1932, when brothers Russel and Ralph Kissel began offering pony rides to children at an amusement park near Cincinnati.

When Kissel arrived in Cullman, The Tribune reported that the company directly operated its midway rides, games and food concessions. That arrangement helps explain why the cashless policy applies to Kissel operations rather than automatically covering every part of the fair.

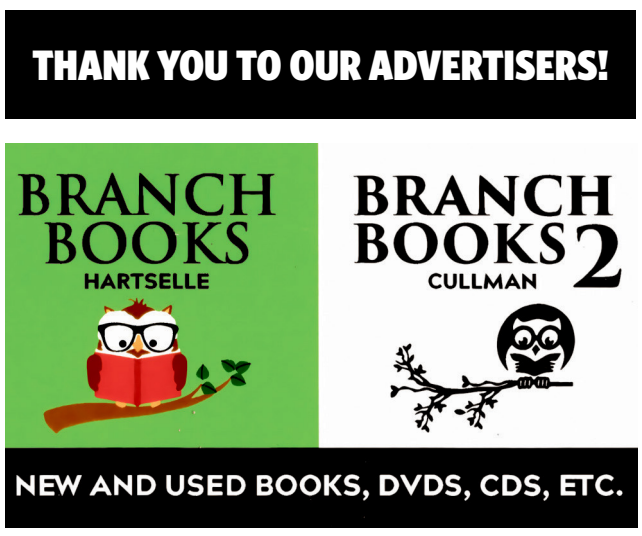
The fair's official website says annual attendance exceeds 40,000 visitors. The Cullman County Fair Association and Cullman Lions Club also use the event to support charitable causes, with more than 95% of their charitable distributions remaining in Alabama.

The Cullman County Fairgrounds is located at 1501 Sportsman Lake Road NW. For fair information, visit www.cullmanfair.org or call 256-734-0661 or 256-734-0339.

Additional midway information is available at www.kisselentertainment.com.



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

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC 2026-238

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES ROLLO, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said Deceased having been granted to the undersigned, Christie Rollo, on the 2nd day of September, 2026, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, 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.

Dated this the 2nd day of September, 2026.

Christie Rollo
CHRISTIE ROLLO
Personal Representative of the Estate of James Rollo, Deceased

PERRY D. KNIGHT
Attorney for the Petitioner
412 First Avenue SE
Suite 101
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-4090

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-355

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MABLE MARIE KELLY, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to KAREN KIM BOONE on the 1st day of September, 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.

KAREN KIM BOONE
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF NANCY ALICE REICHWEIN, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Joan R. Smith on the 17th day of August, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Joan R. Smith, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2026-048

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF DANIEL LEE SWINDOLL and CHARLOTTE LOUISE SVENSON SWINDOLL.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: CASEY MARIE BURTON,
RUSSELL ALFRED AUSTIN and
ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF D.M.C.

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of D.M.C., a minor child born June 21, 2024, to Casey Marie Burton was filed on the 28th day of August, 2026, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioners Daniel Lee Swindoll and Charlotte Louise Svenson Swindoll. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said Petitioners, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. If you fail to respond within thirty (30) days, the court may construe that failure as an implied consent to the adoption of the minor child and as a waiver of the right to appear and of further notice of the adoption proceedings. Additionally, if the adoption is approved, your parental rights, if any, pertaining to the minor child will be terminated by the adoption proceedings.

DONE this 1st day of September, 2026.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE* and *THE SELMA TIMES JOURNAL*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

Sherry H. Barrett
SMITH & SMITH ATTORNEYS, LLC
Attorneys for Petitioners
328 1st Avenue SE
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-4721

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Ancillary Letters of Testamentary having been granted to Tamara Nichole Vanderpool, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Avise Allen, deceased, on the 18th day of August, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Tamara Nichole Vanderpool
Personal Representative

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

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

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

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC 2026-317

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOAN E. SMITH, DECEASED,

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to DANIEL BRENT SMITH, as Administrator of the Estate of JOAN E. SMITH, Deceased, on the 31st day of August, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown.

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

Daniel Brent Smith
DANIEL BRENT SMITH
Administrator of the Estate of Joan E. Smith, Deceased

PERRY D. KNIGHT
Attorney for the Petitioner
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Cullman, AL 35055
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TO: The Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF)
)
BRENDA OBERHOLTZER,) CASE NO.: PC-2026-270
An alleged incapacitated person.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP AND SPECIAL CONSERVATOR and
AMENDED PETITION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP AND SINGLE TRANSACTION CO-CONSERVATORS

TO: CHRISTOPHER SHANE ANAGNOS, JAMES ANTHONY ANAGNOS, JR. and ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Petition for the Appointment of Letters of Guardianship and Single Conservator and Amended Petition for the Appointment of Letters of Guardianship and Single Transaction Co-Conservators filed by Natasha Gossett and Tammy Nadeau, Petitioners, through Attorney Amanda H. Schafner. A hearing has been **scheduled for the 15th day of October, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

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

DONE this 2nd day of September, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Amanda H. Schafner
Attorney for Petitioners
5000 Grantswood Road, Suite 120
Irondale, Alabama 35210

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to Tara Ann Alldredge, on the 17th day of August, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

TARA ANN ALLDREDGE,
Personal Representative

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

To: The publisher of ***THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE***

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration With the Will Annexed on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Rodney Lee Hawkins on the 18th day of August, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Rodney Lee Hawkins
Personal Representative

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

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING

SPECIAL NOTICE BY THE ALCOHOL REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR

THE CITY OF GOOD HOPE

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

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

the approval of an alcohol license for:

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

Christie Chamblee

City Clerk

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO.: PC-2026-332
DONNA GAY CREEL *
DECEASED. *

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO FILE CLAIM

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONNA GAY CREEL, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration on the Estate of Donna Gay Creel, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned Alexandria Lathem, on the 1st of September, 2026, by the honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of said county, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are herby required to present the same within the time allows by law, or the same will be barred.

Alexandria Latham
Administratrix

Annaleigh B. Holt
Attorney for Administratrix
725 North Brindlee Mountain Parkway
Arab, Alabama 35016

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to KATHY DOUGLAS, as Personal Representative of the Estate of CLAUDIA ANN WILLCUTT, deceased, on the 21st day of August, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Claudia Ann Willcutt
Personal Representative

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

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

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

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

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Gregory C. Powe on the 18th day of August, 2026, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Gregory C. Powe
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2026 - 900273

FILED IN OFFICE
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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

TINA STRICKLIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

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

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

AND

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

KATHY D. COLLUM FARLEY,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

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

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

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

Plaintiffs' Attorney:
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Cullman. AL 35055
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.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

A tale of 2 churches

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Last Saturday, I spent the day in Pittsview, Alabama. That was the first time in my now somewhat-long life to visit the town. It is actually a small, unincorporated community, but they do have their own zip code (36871) and post office. It was once known as Pittsboro.

In case you still don't know where I'm talking about, Pittsview is located just east of U.S. Highway 431, in Russell Country, about halfway between Columbus, Georgia, and Eufaula, Alabama. We call the city of Auburn the loveliest village on the plains, but I believe Pittsview may well be the most peaceful community on the plains, and quite beautiful in its own right.

I had passed through that area on Highway 431 numerous times over the years. I had often seen the sign welcoming me to Pittsview, but had never ventured off the four-lane highway to visit the iconic little community. I was usually in a hurry to get to the white-sand beaches of Florida's panhandle for some seafood, a fresh sunburn and advance order of skin cancer.

When I turned down Martin Avenue, I hoped I didn't meet another vehicle on the small narrow lane. The moment I turned onto Andrews Street, also known as Church Avenue, I thanked God once again for my newly rebuilt eyesight. I felt like I had driven into another time when things were simpler, and quite frankly, more lovely. In front of me were three beautiful church buildings that could easily grace the cover of any magazine.

The first one is Pittsview Baptist Church, located at 2 Church Avenue. It was established in 1897. Just beyond the church is the Pittsview Sunday School Building and fellowship hall. Next is Pittsview Methodist Church, located at 8 Church Avenue. All three structures look quite similar. All three are white wooden buildings with gray shingles, stained glass windows and beautiful steeples on the churches. Each building is about an equal distance from the other, with a sidewalk out front that stretches all the way across the beautiful manicured green grass. The two-lane street has room for parking between the lanes.

Although the two churches are two separate churches, even of different Protestant denominations, they are almost like one family. They worship together each Sunday with the Baptist Church hosting the services on the first and third Sundays, and the Methodist Church hosting them on the second and fourth Sundays. They have a joint sunrise service in the fellowship building each Easter. The fellowship building is owned by the Methodists, but both churches share it.

Occasionally, they also have shared revival services, such as the one they had last Saturday. This brings me to the reason for my visit there. The Baptist pastor, Jodie Robinson, had invited Mark Robinson, Zach Dean and me to preach in their one-day revival services. They had morning services followed by an afternoon concert by The Kingdom Express and a final message delivered by yours truly. Oh, we visited the fellowship building in between for a delicious lunch the ladies had prepared for us. Oh, what a day!

A popular question from a few years back asked, "Can't we all just get along?" The answer is yes, we can. I saw it for myself last Saturday. I saw two churches of somewhat different doctrines come together as one. The great thing is that this was not a one-time or rare occasion. They do it all the time.

Sometimes we need to simply set aside our differences, focus on our likenesses and come together like different notes of music. I believe we call this harmony!

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: Sept. 5, 1912

From the files of Sept. 5, 1912

Locals and Personals

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy McEntire spent Friday at the Gap Hotel.

Dr. Edgar Burns spent Monday in Birmingham.

Wilbur South, of Warrior, is visiting his friend, Willie Griffin.

Circuit Solicitor Dave Almon is in the city attending court.

Judge Dan W. Speske of Decatur is holding court in the city.

Frank Trimble is rushing the work on his ginnery.

Miss Ethel M. Towland, the music teacher of the city school is here ready for her work.

F Swann, deputy sheriff of Cullman county is in the city this week attending court.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Schumann—twin boys, Monday, September, 2.

Miss Ida Musgrove of Birmingham is the charming guest of Miss Gerdes Mitchell.

Miss Lola Hanlin returned to Birmingham after a two weeks visit with her parents.

Miss Elsa Hartung is again able to be out, to the delight of her many friends.

Stanley Wilbourne is again confined to his home. It is hoped that the relapse will not be serious.

Dr. and Mrs. George Bledsoe, Mrs. Sam Green, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fuller and children spent Sunday in Vinemont.

Mrs. Luther Hays and little son, Blair, are visiting at Haleyville, the guest of Mesdames Hays and Curtis.

Miss Eula McEntire and Miss Freda Hartung are spending the week as guests of the Holmes Gap Hotel.

Mrs. LeRoy McEntire, and daughter Miss Edith and Miss Onie Lee spent Tuesday in Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs Bert Coe and son, spent Sunday at Ridge Farm, Vinemont, guests of Mrs. M. K. Munson.

Max Oeser the Third has made his appearance in Birmingham. He will emulate his kind grandfather at Cullman.

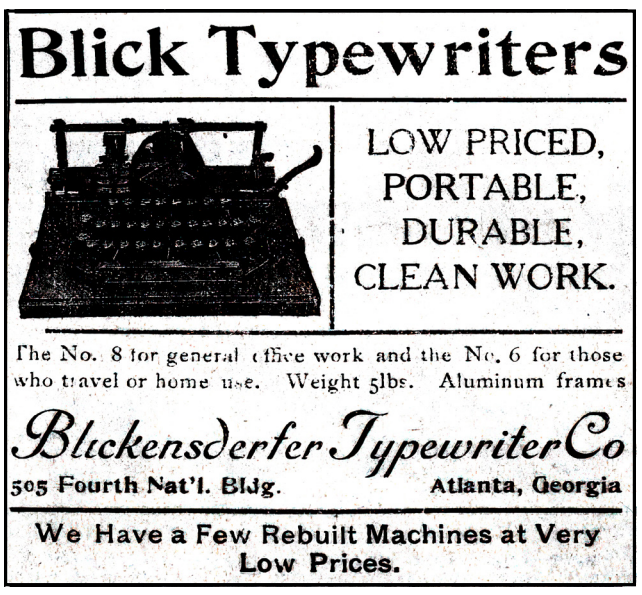
Cullman Postoffice had two holidays together this week, Sunday and Monday, (Labor Day).

Mothers Meeting will be held at the school house Friday next at 3 p. m. All interested are invited to attend.

Miss Annabelle Hamill of Birmingham and Mrs. Sidney T. Morrow of Kentucky are guests of Mrs J. H. Gillespie.

Grandmaster Judge J. E. Blackwood of Gadsden was in the city this week attending the encampment.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter Cottingham spent Sunday in Birmingham, the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Wade.



Miss Sadie Mallam of Birmingham, who has been the guest of Mrs M. L. Harrison, has returned home.

Hanceville Route 1

Work on the new church at Hopewell is progressing nicely.

Messrs. Berryman and Frank Howse are very busy sawing lumber for Hopewell Church.

Christ Evers, a successful young business man of Birmingham, is visiting his brothers, Messrs. Will and Otto.

Mr. and Mrs. Bottcher entertained on the night of the 23rd in honor of Mrs. Clara Rambow, of Birmingham.

Miss Emily Henderson, of East Lake, who has been visiting friends in Cullman and on Hanceville Route 1, has returned home.

Burvel Grimmett, of Good Hope, passed thru "White City" last Sunday.

John Weeks and sister, Ethel, will leave for Blountsville Monday, where they will take up school duties at the N. D. A. S.

Under the leadership of our faithful Superintendent, our Sunday School at Hopewell is progressing nicely. Fellow students, if we were as persistent and strived as hard as our Superintendent, ours would be the best school of the county.

A. J. Manning, his son and charming daughter, Nellie, are expected home Saturday from a pleasure trip to St. Louis, Mo.

POET'S CORNER

Feeding the Soul

By: Randy C. Hale

We read and study what we call non-fiction, and I'm
sure it is eventually good for us. It matters when making
decisions in life, having facts and proven science.

But it is poetry, music, art, and the sight
and feeling of nature that feeds our soul.
It is what we believe about God, friendship, and love that makes us
feel a life-giving force upon the toughened scars of our outer shell.

It is those things we call beautiful that make
us pause to breathe, to take it all in.
It is the sight of a child, the sound of their imperfect
language that jiggles the concrete loose from our hearts.

It is when someone cares enough to notice us and chat awhile.
When someone we adore wishes to lean in to cling.
It is a picnic, a joke, a calm after a storm. Playing
our favorite song, knitting blankets
or looking for puzzle pieces that fit so we can say, "Well done."

These are the things that are difficult to
put in a textbook or subject to analysis
and scientific test. We shouldn't risk
killing what we love by squeezing it or
taking apart what we could never put together again.

May we only know enough about these
things to sustain them, those things
that feed our hungry souls.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

SEPT. 5

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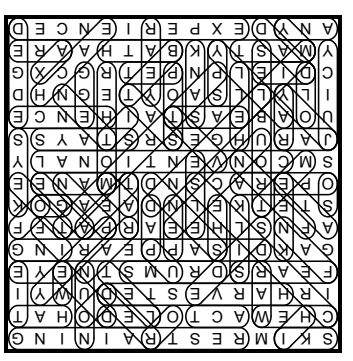
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...IN THAT WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS CHRIST DIED FOR US.
ROMANS 5:8

Obituary Announcements: Sept. 3-4

Susan Renee Bonner, 52
Memorial service is incomplete at this time for Susan Renee Bonner, 52, of Falkville Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Susan passed away Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2026, at Falkville Health and Rehab. She was born March 19, 1974, to Larry Guy Bonner, Sr. and Carrie Diane Nail Bonner. Susan enjoyed arts and crafts, loved dogs, loved her grandkids and her family. She was a member of Welti Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She was preceded in death by her parents. Those left to cherish her memory are her son, David (Tonya) Swafford; daughter, Raelynne Swafford; brother, Larry Bonner, Jr.; grandchildren, Octavia, Andrew, Alexander, Chloe; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Brian Steven Shirley, 40
Funeral services for Brian Steven Shirley, 40, of Bremen will be 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Sandlin Chapel Cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 1-3 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Shirley was born Sept. 17, 1985, in Cullman County, Alabama. He passed away Sept. 1, 2026, in Cullman County, Alabama. Brian Shirley was a loving son, father, brother, family member, and friend who will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Brian had a personality that could light up any room. He was a big cut-up who loved to joke, laugh, and have a good time. His sense of humor and playful spirit brought smiles and laughter to so many people around him. Above all, Brian loved his family dearly. They meant the world to him, and he treasured every moment he was able to spend with them. He was the kind of person who would always be there when someone needed him. Though his time here was not long enough, Brian leaves behind a lifetime of memories, laughter, love, and stories that will be cherished forever. His family and friends will remember his big personality, his good heart, his sense of humor, and most of all, the way he was always there for the people he loved. Mr. Shirley is survived by his mother, Kathy Profitt (Neal); spouse, Kayla Thomas; children, Kira Shirley, and Bazil Shirley; siblings, Valarie Johnson (Glendal), Shawnua Jennings (Tyler), Lindsey Fritz (Payne), and Hannah Stewart; aunts, Judy Lay (Hudson), and Pearl Pickett; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Mr. Shirley was preceded in death by his father, Danny Parsons; grandfather, Marvin "Shorty" Stewart, grandmother, Barbara "Susie" Stewart; uncles, Marvin Stewart, and Randall Stewart. Serving as pallbearers will be Garrick Wissinger, Roy Stewart, Ben Lay, Jesse Lay, Gabe Lay, Jeremy Stewart, and Kenneth Stewart. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Shirley family.

Jay Kyle Meadows, 97
Jay Kyle Meadows, 97, of Hazel Green, Alabama, was born Feb.14, 1929, in Morgan County, Alabama, and passed away Aug. 31, 2026. Through a long life marked by steady perseverance and quiet strength, Jay met each season with resilience, offering kindness with a generous hand and a work ethic that spoke more loudly than any title ever could. His enduring appreciation for history reflected a mind that valued what came before and a heart that honored the lessons of a life well lived. Jay served in the U.S. Army in the late 1940s, carrying forward a deep respect for country and duty. He later pursued his education with determination, graduating from Athens College using the GI Bill and earning his master's degree from George Peabody at Vanderbilt—achievements that reflected both discipline and a commitment to making the most of every opportunity. Jay is survived by a loving host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. He and his wife, Dorothy, attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cullman, where faith and fellowship helped shape the rhythms of their life together. Jay wished to be remembered for his love of Jesus, family, and country—devotions that guided him and gave his life its steady purpose. Visitation will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055, on Sept. 5, 2026, from 10-11 a.m. A Funeral Service will follow at Moss-Service Funeral Home on Sept. 5, 2026, from 11-11:45 a.m., with Shannon Black officiating. A Committal Service will take place at Cullman City Cemetery, Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, on Sept. 5, 2026, from noon-12:30 p.m. The family extends sincere gratitude to Amedisys Hospice, who cared for Jay in his last few months, along with dear caregivers whose compassion and presence brought comfort and peace.

Billy Gerald Fleischamel, 80
Funeral service for Billy Gerald Fleischamel, 80, of Arab, Alabama will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Bethsadia Cemetery, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Fleischamel passed away Aug. 31, 2026, at Huntsville Hospital. He was born Aug. 16, 1946, to Frank James and Reathel Adean Quick Fleischamel. Billy was baptized when he was in the sixth grade and followed Christ from then on. He had a vending business. He will be missed. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Mary Fleischamel. Those left to cherish his memory are his brother, Jimmy Ray (Judy Lynn) Fleischamel, nieces, nephews and friends and family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Rebecca 'Becky' Audrey Bailey, 87
Funeral Mass for Rebecca "Becky" Audrey Bailey, age 87 of Cullman, will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2026, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Linus officiating; burial at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026, at Sacred Heart Church, with Rosary prayer service following at 7:30 p.m. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Becky passed away on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at Hanceville Nursing Home. She was born Sept. 18, 1938, to Winfred Ellsworth Collins and Belva Bernice Sorell Collins. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Kurmit "Bill" Bailey; daughter, Debbie Bailey Swearingen; sister, Linda Held; brothers-in-law, Gary LaMora, and Carly Rounds. Survivors include her daughter, Lisa Bailey Bennett (Ken); son, Bill Bailey (Connie); grandchildren, Abigail Bennett, Gabrielle Bennett, Chelsey Gammon (Blake), Maggie Reyling (Aaron); great grandchildren, Fisher Gammon, Shepard Gammon, Tripp Reyling and Sawyer Reyling; sister, Retta Breyette (Bob), Mary LaMora, brother, Nate Collins and sister, Ann Rounds; son-in-law, Larry Swearingen; brother-in-law, John Held; and many nieces, nephew, great nieces and nephews. Serving as pallbearers are Ken Bennett, Todd Bennett, Aaron Reyling, Blake Gammon, Fisher Gammon, and Kevin Thomas. Becky's family wishes to extend a very special thanks to Gentiva Hospice and specifically Ashley and Britainy, who were so caring and wonderful. Also, to Hanceville Nursing and Rehab for their care during this time. In lieu of flowers, family asks that donations be made to Cullman Caring for Kids, St. Jude's, American Veteran, and Sacred Heart Catholic Church. A few things about Becky: Becky married Staff Seargeant, Kurmit Bailey on Aug. 4, 1962, in Lyon Mountain, New York. She moved around a lot because her husband was in the Air Force. (New York, Illinois, Michigan, Texas, and Germany) She was a kind person. She didn't have a lot, but what she did have, she shared. She always gave to Cullman Caring for Kids, St. Jude's, American Veterans, and Sacred Heart Catholic Church. "God gave it to me so I could share", she would always say. She was always singing and dancing around the house. She made the best chili. She loved Elvis. She always sang his songs, and they were always playing in the house, especially at Christmas. She loved the tv show "Gunsmoke", specifically Matt Dillon. She would say, "He's so handsome" and "He's an icon". She taught us about cheap sweet treats. Take a slice of bread, add a little water, and put sugar on it (It was delicious). She was a people watcher. She loved to point out their clothing choices, sometimes a little too loud. We would have to say "Mom, they can hear you" (Lisa). Which her reply was, "No, they can't." Childhood memories from Lisa: "I have to say, as kids growing up, we never went hungry. We always had a big breakfast before we went to school and supper on the table when we got home. Our friends were always welcome at our house." Someone asked Becky once "Why are you always laughing?" She replied, "It's better than crying." She would take this as her life motto. She was always laughing or making a joke, and that legacy will carry on through us all.

Dell Alden Howse, 87
Dell Alden Howse, of Baileyton, Alabama, passed away on Wednesday morning, Sept. 2, 2026, at the age of 87. Mr. Howse was born on Nov. 22, 1938, to the late Robert Victor and Maggie Della Wright Howse. After graduating Fairview High School, Mr. Howse served our nation honorable for four years as a sailor in the United States Navy. He was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Cullman, Alabama. Mr. Howse had a love for nature and the outdoors, and he enjoyed fishing and hunting. Dell was a skilled artisan and his carving, knife making, and painting skills were exceptional. Mr. Howse was reserved in sharing his talent with others, but his work was outstanding. Dell was also an avid Alabama football fan, and he enjoyed cheering on his beloved Tide. Mr. Howse is preceded in death by his parents; son, Dell Allen Howse, known to most as "Bo"; siblings and their spouses, Victor and Mildred Howse, Pud and Clara Howse, Buck and Catherine Howse, Zoe and Marzell Howse, Lucille and Gretch Johnson, and Roberta and Pat Yeager. Those left to cherish the many memories of Mr. Howse include his beloved wife of almost sixty-four years, Sheila Driscoll Howse; daughter, Maggie Howse Thrower and husband, Jeff; grandchildren, Megan Smith and husband, Wade, Jenny Nicholason and husband, Josh; great-grandchildren, Moses Smith, Sunni Jo Smith; daughter-in-law, Jennifer Howse; and a host of nieces and nephews. Friends are invited to join the Howse family for a time of visitation on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 6, 2026, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Services will follow, beginning at 2:30 p.m. All services will be held in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Mr. Howse will be laid to rest in New Hope #2 Cemetery. The Howse family would like to extend their appreciation to the Gentiva Hospice family with special gratitude to nurse Rebecca. The kindness and compassion shown to their family will not be forgotten. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Howse family.

Meyers Reese, 66
Meyers Reese, 66, of Florence, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026, at Huntsville Hospital. Visitation will be on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2026, from noon-2 p.m. at Greenview Funeral Home. The funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. in the chapel. Burial will be held at Tri-Cities Memorial Gardens with Rob Kephart and Steve Britnell. An online guestbook may be signed at greenviewmemorial.com.

Rodger Lane Tillman, 63
Rodger Lane Tillman, 63, of Cullman, Alabama, was born Nov. 22, 1962, in Alabama, and passed away Sept. 2, 2026. He will be remembered as a beloved presence—steadfast in his loyalty, resilient through life's demands, and devoted to the people who mattered most to him. From his early years, Rodger built his life on determination and practical skill. He attended Curry High School in Walker county and later attended Bevill State Community College, where he trained as an auto mechanic—work that would become both his craft and his calling. Rodger took deep pride in his work as a mechanic, and those who knew him understood why. He could listen to an engine for only a few minutes and diagnose what others might miss, patiently working through each problem like a puzzle that deserved to be solved the right way. Many nights found him in the garage long after the day had ended, still turning wrenches, still thinking, still seeing it through. He never needed to advertise; the quality of his work spoke for itself. Customers came by word of mouth, and in the process, Rodger gained not only trust but lasting friendships. That same devotion shaped the way he loved his family. Rodger was a devoted and loving son, and he spent any free time ensuring his mother and family was well taken care of—quietly, consistently, and without needing recognition. Away from work, Rodger's spirit was bright and full of enthusiasm. He was an avid Alabama football fan and loved partaking in drag racing cars he had diligently worked on—bringing together the thrill of the track and the satisfaction of something built by his own hands. Rodger was also known for being incredibly sociable, forming connections through honest work and a willingness to lend a hand. In big ways and small, he showed up for others—hard-working, dependable, and ready to help those in need any way he could. He is preceded in death by his father, Bobby Joe Tillman. He is survived by his mother, Ann Lee; sister, Tammy Stricklin (B.R.); brother, Barry Tillman (Jennifer); daughters, Crystal Tillman and Chloe Lucas; and a host of nieces and nephews.

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