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Mistrial declared in Harrison murder trial; defense asks court to bar retrial

Filing alleges prosecutors interfered with central defense witness; judge has not ruled on misconduct claims

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A Cullman County murder trial ended in a mistrial after a central defense witness invoked her Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination, prompting the defendant's attorneys to accuse the Cullman County District Attorney's Office of improperly interfering with her testimony.

Jamarion Allen Harrison's attorneys are now asking the Cullman County Circuit Court to dismiss his murder indictment with prejudice, which would prevent the State from trying him again in the July 2024 shooting death of 29-year-old Dylan Bomberry-Wright.

The allegations are contained in a 22-page motion filed Sept. 3 by attorneys James L. Golden III and Erik D. Fine. The filing is titled "Defendant's Motion to Dismiss with Preju- » PAGE 8



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Jamarion Allen Harrison

'Lights, Camera, Healthy Action!'

Local seniors enjoy health fair



EMILY MCMUNN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

This year's annual Senior Health Fair drew about 100-150 people from senior centers across Cullman County to the Donald E. Green Active Adult Center.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Local seniors got the chance to walk the red carpet and dress as their favorite Hollywood stars at this year's annual Senior Health Fair. The event took place Sept. 4, at the Donald E. Green Active Adult Center, drawing a crowd of 100-150 people from senior centers across Cullman County.

The Senior Health Fair has been going strong since it made its comeback in 2021 after the pandemic.

This year's theme, "Lights, Camera, Healthy Action," encouraged physical activity and socialization and connected seniors with local resources. There were 25 or more different vendors, including home health agencies, financial groups and pharmacies.

"The goal is for them to see what resources are available to them," said Cullman County Commission on Aging Director Stephanie Lawson.

The festive events was packed with movie trivia, charades and a photo booth. Seniors got to test their moves with line dancing and free dancing, grooving to famous movie music like "Ghostbusters," "Uptown Girl" and "Sweet Caroline," with everyone chiming in to sing the famous lyrics sung by Neil Diamond. There were also door prizes to take home and free lunch provided.

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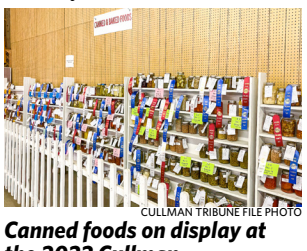
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Smith Lake Park celebrates 30th annual Sweet Tater Festival



CHASADY WOODS/ THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Liam and Angel Sandlin cool off by the stage at Smith Lake Park's 30th annual Sweet Tater Festival on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026. » PAGE 2



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Truth in Nature Pro Rodeo benefit returns to Cullman Sept. 11-12

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The fourth annual Truth in Nature Pro Rodeo will bring two nights of professional competition to the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 11-12, while raising support for the Christian mentoring ministry serving boys from fatherless and single-parent homes.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with each night's performance beginning at 7:30. Organizers plan a special "9/11 Remembrance" opening both nights. Friday's performance falls on the 25th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The rodeo is sanctioned by the Southeastern Professional Rodeo Association and International Professional Rodeo Association.

The official IPRA schedule lists bareback riding, bull riding, saddle bronc riding, tie-down roping, steer wrestling, breakaway roping, team roping and barrel racing.

Double Creek Rodeo Company is the event's stock contractor. Kyler "BamBam" Collins, identified by organizers as the 2025 SPRA Rodeo Entertainer of the Year, will provide arena entertainment throughout the weekend.

Behind the competition is the organization whose name the rodeo carries.

Truth in Nature was founded in Georgia in 2009 by Jeff and Carrie Davis.

According to the ministry, Carrie Davis grew up in a single-parent home after her father died when she was 12, while Jeff Davis experienced the breakup of his family when his parents divorced.

The couple drew from those experiences and its shared interest in the outdoors to create a Christ-centered mentoring program for boys growing up without a father in the home.

The ministry describes its purpose as helping boys understand their identity and responsibilities as Christian men while working to interrupt the cycle of fatherlessness. Its current directory lists 35 chapter locations across 15 states.

The Cullman chapter's story began several years before the rodeo.

Brian and Beth Burchett purchased a 105-acre property known as Hemlock Creek Farms in the Jones Chapel and Water Valley area in 2018.

The privately owned farm, located near the Bankhead National Forest, includes wooded land suited for hiking, camping and other outdoor programs.

The Burchetts learned about Truth in Nature during a church service in 2019 and began working to establish a Cullman chapter.

Its planned opening was delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic, but programs began in July 2020.

At the time, Cullman was Truth in Nature's 13th chapter nationwide and its first in Alabama. The organization now also has another Alabama chapter in Loxley.

"We truly believe the Lord brought us to Cullman, and to our farm, so we could bring Truth in Nature," Brian Burchett told The Tribune in 2021.

The Cullman chapter uses activities such as fishing, hunting, hiking, camping, canoeing and archery to connect participants with Christian male mentors.

Because of the agricultural setting at Hemlock Creek Farms, local programs have also included lessons involving horses, cattle and basic carpentry.

Truth in Nature's current eligibility guidelines state that participants must be boys between 11 and 18, have completed the fifth grade and live in a single-parent household.

The organization defines those circumstances broadly and includes situations involving the death of a parent, divorce, incarceration, military service or a boy living with grandparents or other relatives.

Programs are conducted throughout the year and are free for eligible participants. Truth in Nature requires prospective mentors to complete an application, pass a national criminal background check and complete Ministry Safe abuse-recognition training.

Developing facilities for overnight programs has been part of the Cullman chapter's plans since its early years.

In 2021, the chapter identified a bunkhouse as a fundraising priority that would allow more programs to extend from Friday evening through Saturday.

The rodeo will support the Cullman chapter as it continues its mentoring work and plans for future programs, including the development of overnight facilities such as the proposed bunkhouse.

Admission at the door is $20 for ages 12 and older and $15 for children ages 5-11. Children 4 and younger will be admitted free.

Advance tickets are listed at $15 for ages 12 and older and $10 for ages 5-11 before TicketLeap service fees. Get them at https://events.ticketleap.com/tickets/double-creek-rodeo-company/4th-annual-truth-in-nature-pro-rodeo.

The Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center is located at 17645 U.S. Highway 31 in Cullman.

For information about enrolling a boy, volunteering as a mentor or supporting the Cullman chapter, contact Program Director Brian Burchett at 256-591-2902 or brian.burchett@truthinnature.org.

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Health fair (from Front)

were also reminded about the upcoming Medicare enrollment period, Oct. 15-Dec. 7. During this time, seniors can make changes to Medicare coverage including enrolling, switching plans, adding or dropping drug coverage or changing from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage plan. Seniors can call 256-734-1241 to set up an appointment at the Commission on Aging to enroll.

Upcoming Cullman County Commission on Aging events include:

- Senior Day at Oktoberfest, Oct. 2, at 10 a.m. at Depot Park
- Senior Day at the Cullman County Fair, Oct. 21, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Cullman County Senior Christmas Party, Dec. 18 (must register to attend- call 256-734-1241 for details)
- Senior Night at Winter Wonderland at Sportsman Lake Park (TBD)



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Elizabeth Richards and Mackenzie Bond at the Senior Health Fair on Sept. 4, 2026

Festival (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The 30th annual Sweet Tater Festival took place Sunday and Monday, Sept. 6-7, at Smith Lake Park.

More than 100 vendors showcased arts and crafts and more, and there was food, live entertainment and, yes, sweet potatoes.

Cullman County Parks & Recreation Director Kenneth Cornelius said, "There are over 125 vendors at the festival."

He also gave a quick history of the event: "Sweet Tater Festival is celebrating its 30th year and it hasn't always been at Smith Lake Park. It actually started in the Dowling and Jones Chapel community. We've actually inherited it after it's been around for, overall, 20-plus years. It outgrew the area – they had asked parks and rec to move it to Smith Lake Park – somewhere local."

When asked about his favorite aspect of the festival, Cornelius remarked, "Definitely the vendors. There is every kind of vendor you can ever imagine here from arts and crafts, food and we have a full petting zoo."

Throughout Labor Day weekend, temperatures in the area reached mid-high 90s, with heat index ranging from 105-109. Cooling stations were available to the public in the center of the festival and emergency personnel were on-site for public safety.

Misting stations were also set up, allowing water to be sprayed onto those in need of a quick cool-down.

Feathered Friends Cockatoo and Horse Sanctuary added a unique aspect to the festival's range of entertainment. Attendees were allowed a chance to pet and feed the animals.

The sanctuary offers "help for unwanted, abused, neglected, misplaced, and handicapped cockatoos and horses and those sent to slaughter."

Feathered Friends Owner Emily Hays was seen walking in the cooling station with her cockatoo sidekick, Captain Morgan Macaw.

"It takes a lot of water!" Hays stated in response to how she keeps her animals cool in the heat.

Hays said she has been attending the festival and considers it a tradition for her and the feathered friends. "We enjoy it and it's good to see the children interacting with the animals."

The festival also included the popular annual car show, a golf cart parade and entertainment from performers such as The Negotiators Duo, Mathhew Devine, the Billy Gant Duo, The Slacker Bees, the Clog Wild Cloggers and the Undergrounders.

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Parade (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Fair Parade will return to downtown Cullman Saturday, Sept. 26, continuing a community tradition documented in local records for at least six decades.

The parade will begin at 2 p.m. and travel north along U.S. Highway 31, also known as Second Avenue, from Seventh Street Southwest to Arnold Street Northwest.

Motorists should expect temporary road closures along the parade route, although specific 2026 closure times have not yet been announced.

Unlike recent years when the parade was held on the Saturday immediately preceding the fair, this year's procession will take place 19 days before the Cullman County Fair opens Oct. 15.

How to enter the parade

Registration will open at the Cullman County Fair office at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, and close at noon Wednesday, Sept. 23.

The regular entry fee is $25. Entries exceeding 40 feet in total length, including the tow vehicle, will be charged an additional $15.

The official application may be downloaded at www.cullmanfair.org/entry-forms. Applicants should complete the form and take it with the required entry fee to the fair office at 1501 Sportsman Lake Road NW.

Participation is open to Cullman County schools, businesses, churches, clubs and recognized local organizations.

Unaffiliated groups or individuals with special talents, including dancing, precision marching or dressage, may also apply.

All entries are subject to approval by the parade marshal and must be appropriate for a family-oriented community event. Entries will generally be grouped with the city, town or community listed on the application.

Participants will receive an entry number card as proof of payment. The card must be brought to parade-day check-in, which begins after 11 a.m. at the lower-level entrance of the Cullman City Public Parking Deck on Fourth Avenue Southwest at U.S. Highway 278.

An entry number does not represent a participant's position in the procession. Exact lineup positions will be assigned on parade day at the discretion of the parade marshal.

Safety and parade rules

Participants must maintain a slow, steady walking pace and remain approximately two car lengths behind the entry ahead of them. Vehicles and floats should not stop along the route except when necessary for safety.

Nothing may be thrown from a vehicle or float. Candy and other approved items may be handed directly to spectators only by people walking alongside the entry.

The rule is intended to prevent children from running into the street to retrieve items.

Coca-Cola holds exclusive rights involving banners and signs used in fair activities. Signs advertising competing beverage products will not be permitted.

A tradition spanning generations

The Cullman Lions Club has operated the Cullman County Fair since 1954.

While the parade's precise inaugural year was not identified in the available records reviewed by The Tribune, the City of Cullman's historical photo collection includes an image labeled "1966 Fair Parade Old Cars," confirming that the tradition was established at least 60 years ago.

Although the faces and entries have changed, the parade's basic character has remained remarkably consistent.

Tribune archives chronicle decades of marching bands, honor guards, emergency vehicles, floats, horses, pageant winners, fair queen contestants, churches and civic organizations moving north through downtown Cullman.

The parade continued even during the COVID-19 restrictions of 2020. When participants were prohibited from throwing or distributing candy, the City of Cullman and The Cullman Tribune organized the inaugural Candy Brigade to hand children prepackaged bags before the parade reached them.

In 2024, then-Cullman Lions Club President Chris Brooks told The Tribune, "This is a big deal for us to start off with the parade and get the community fired up."

That purpose remains unchanged. The parade offers communities throughout Cullman County an opportunity to represent their schools, organizations and hometowns while signaling that fair season is approaching.

The 2026 Cullman County Fair will run Oct. 15-24 at the Cullman County Fairgrounds, located at 1501 Sportsman Lake Road NW.

For parade registration information, visit www.cullmanfair.org/fair-parade, email cullmanfair0@gmail.com or call the fair office at 256-734-0661 or 256-734-0339.

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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.

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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.

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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
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• spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
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• 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.

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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PREP FOOTBALL

Cold Springs' offense has a day as the Eagles dominate Locust Fork, 42-0

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LOCUST FORK, Ala. — Cold Springs headed southeast to Locust Fork High on Friday night to play their first away game of 2026 after taking down county foe Vinemont, 9-0, last week.

It didn't take long for Cold Springs to find a groove, and once they did, they never got out of it. Locust Fork never threatened and the Eagles walked to a 42-0 road victory to move to 2-0 on the season.

The Eagles began the night with one of very few drives that resulted in zero points, going three-and-out and punting the ball to the Hornets. After a big gainer for the Locust Fork offense was called back due to holding, however, Cold Springs forced pressure on the Hornets' quarterback, who put too much air under a ball he was trying to throw out of bounds, and it was picked off by Cold Springs' Cason Alexander, setting the Eagles up with 1st & 10 at the Locust Fork 18 yard line. Just three plays later, Cooper Johnson punched the ball in from a yard out, and after a made extra point, Cold Springs led 7-0.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Eagles recovered the football, giving them a chance to build on their early lead. On the first play, however, Alexander fumbled the ball, and Locust Fork recovered at their own 33. The run on turnovers would continue, though. Edge rusher Breydon Hallmon stuffed a run on first down, and after a short run, Eagle quarterback and defensive back Ethan Day read the play beautifully and came down with an interception to set his offense up in Hornet territory.

Day's offense produced some short gains to get them just outside the red zone, then Cold Springs executed a hook-and-ladder to perfection, and Tidus Light scored from 22 yards out to make it a 14-0 Eagle lead mid way through the first.

After a scary injury to a Locust Fork defender delayed the game for over 15 minutes both teams traded empty possessions, then Cold Springs mounted a 91-yard drive where they marched the ball downfield, eventually scoring when Day rolled out to his left and found Eli Voce in a soft spot in coverage, who then spun and took off for a 41-yard touchdown to put the Eagles up 21-0 right before the half ended.

The Hornets came up empty once again on their first possession of the second half, and Cold Springs picked up right where they left off, with a Day screen pass to Voce going for a 20-yard touchdown to stretch the lead to 28-0 early in the third quarter.

On the Hornets next possession, Brandon Chasteen recorded a toe-tapping interception to set up the Eagles just inside Locust Fork territory at their 49, and after a few short runs, Day pulled the ball down and took off, shook a few defenders and spun his way to a 34-yard rushing touchdown to make it 35-0 in favor of Cold Springs.

As the clock started in the fourth quarter, Locust Fork had made it into Cold Springs territory for what felt like the first time of the game, then the play of the night was made by Voce on the Eagles' defense. The Hornets' quarterback forced a ball into coverage, and Voce picked it off with one hand at the Eagles' 22 yard line, spun around, hurdled a defender and returned the pick all the way down to the Locust Fork 18. Three plays later, Alexander punched in another touchdown to make it 42-0, which would be the final score on the night.

The Eagles will host Lamar County Friday, and will look to continue an impressive start to the 2026 season.

PREP FOOTBALL

Hackleburg pulls away from Meek in the second half, wins 37-16

Ryan Guthery
Tribune Correspondent

HACKLEBURG, Ala. — Hackleburg scored 31 points after Meek put its first eight points on the board, and defeated the Tigers 37-16 in Friday night's Class 1A, Region 8 matchup.

Meek entered halftime with an 8-6 lead, but Hackleburg took control during the third quarter. The Panthers scored on two touchdown passes and converted a two-point run after each score to carry a 22-8 lead into the final period. Hackleburg stretched its advantage in the fourth when a rushing touchdown and extra point made it 29-8. The Panthers later returned an interception for a touchdown and completed a two-point pass to build a 37-8 lead.

The Tigers answered on the ground in the closing minutes. Meek scored on a rushing touchdown with about three minutes remaining, then added a two-point run for the final points of the night.

The available scoring log and replay did not identify the individual scorers or provide reliable play yardages, so those details are intentionally omitted.

Meek falls to 1-2 and will return home to face Cherokee on Friday, Sept. 11.

PREP FOOTBALL

Good Hope pulls away late for a 35-21 win over Guntersville

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — After collecting a 48-23 region win at Brewer last week, the Good Hope Raiders returned home to take on another region opponent, the Guntersville Wildcats, on Friday night. Good Hope jumped out to a quick 21-0 lead at the break and had to withstand a furious comeback attempt by Guntersville in the second half to win, 35-21.

Good Hope's Ayden Young returned the opening kickoff to the 31, then a personal foul on Guntersville after the return moved the ball up to the 46. A nine-yard pass from Web Buchanan to Young put the ball at the 45. A pair of Raider penalties put them in a third-and-long situation, but a 15-yard pass from Parker Johnson to Young kept their drive alive. Later on that drive, on fourth down, Johnson connected with Kamden Collins on a 21-yard pass to put them at the 16. Another penalty, though, put them behind the sticks, and they fell short on fourth down.

A quick three-and-out gave the ball back to Good Hope, and that's how quick they found the end zone. On just the second play of the series, Johnson faked the handoff and took it 57 yards to the house to give the Raiders a 7-0 lead with 4:13 remaining in the opening period. Good Hope's defense forced another three-and-out, and on third down, Buchanan found Hollis for four yards and a first down. Hollis rumbled for 23 yards and another first down, then he, along with Collins, and Johnson, pounded the ball right at Guntersville's defense. Johnson's 14-yard run gave them another first down at the 22, then Hancock ran around the right side and found the end zone on the next play to make it 14-0 early in the second quarter.

The penalty bug hurt the Raider defense on its next series, as a pair of flags quickly put the Wildcats at the 30. Guntersville was looking at a fourth-down-and-11 from the 31, but they picked up that exact amount to help keep their drive alive. Good Hope, though, settled down defensively, and they forced a missed field goal. A 12-yard run by Hollis gave the Raiders a first down at the 32. Later on that drive, Johnson found Hancock for six yards and another first down. After another Hollis run, a personal foul on the Wildcats moved Good Hope up to the 39. Two plays later, Hollis picked up 23 yards and another first down. The duo of Hollis and Johnson continued to wear down Guntersville's defense on the ground, and Johnson finished off the drive with a one-yard score to widen the Raider lead to 21-0 at the half.

Hancock recovered the kickoff to start out the second half for Good Hope, but they quickly went three-and-out on their opening series. Guntersville's passing attack picked the Raider defense apart, as a 37-yard pass quickly put them near midfield. Later on in that drive, a 10-yard pass, followed by a pass interference penalty on Good Hope, had them knocking on the end zone. After losing six yards on first down, the next play saw them complete a 41-yard pass for a score to cut it to 21-7. Back-to-back penalties on the Raiders quickly put them behind the sticks, and they were forced to punt. The Wildcats found the end zone in just two plays, as a 39-yard touchdown run trimmed it to just a touchdown lead for Good Hope at 21-14.

Another Raider punt gave the ball back to Guntersville, but Buchanan picked off an errant pass at the 19. Good Hope faced a third-and-11 from the 20, and Johnson connected with Young on a 20-yard screen play for the score to give them a 28-14 lead. A seven-yard pass by the Wildcats on third down kept their series alive, but Kamden Collins collected a sack on the next play. On the next play, though, a 39-yard pass put them at the eight. Later on in that drive, on fourth down from the six, they found a wide-open receiver in the left corner of the end zone for the score to cut it to 28-21 with a little over eight minutes to go in the game.

Good Hope stuck to their game plan on its next series. A big run by Johnson on the first play gave them a first down at the 48, then back-to-back tough runs by Hancock netted them yet another first down at the 42. A 22-yard run by Hollis put Good Hope at the 20. Two plays later, another big run by Johnson gave them yet another first down at the eight, and Hollis ran around the left side and scored on the next play to put the Raiders ahead, 35-21. Guntersville wasn't going to go away quietly, as a 31-yard pass, and later on in that drive, a 15-yard pass on fourth down, quickly put them at the 30. After a penalty backed them up five yards, an 18-yard completion had them eyeing the end zone. On second down, though, Mason Wright collected a huge sack, but another big pass by the Wildcats kept their drive alive once again.



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Good Hope QB Parker Johnson on a running attempt in the Raiders' 48-23 win over Brewer

Guntersville quickly went backwards after that, as a penalty, a one-yard loss, a bad snap and a penalty after that play ended, had them looking at a third-and-goal from the 29. Chase Boles would seal the 35-21 win for Good Hope with an interception, as the Raiders are now 2-1 on the season, and more importantly, 2-0 in the region.

Johnson finished with 136 yards on 19 carries and a pair of scores, while also adding a touchdown through the air to Young. Hollis added 114 yards on 14 touches and a touchdown. Hancock collected 32 yards on the ground and a touchdown. Collins and Wright each picked up a sack in the game, while Buchanan and Boles each collected an interception in the win.

Good Hope will be off next week, and after their bye week, they will go to Crossville in another region matchup.

PREP FOOTBALL

Cullman wins a 27-26 overtime thriller over Minor

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Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN, Ala. — On a hot and humid Friday night, the Cullman Bearcats played their first regional game of the season and played host to the Minor Tigers. Cullman flipped the script of their previous two games, and the Tigers jumped out to an early lead. The Bearcats scrambled back for an exciting overtime win over the Tigers, 27-26.

Minor took the opening kickoff and began a 15-play drive that resulted in a 4-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Tommie Burts to Logan Johnson for the Tigers. Burts ran the ball into the end zone for the two-point conversion. Minor overcame a couple of penalties and a fourth-and-seven to complete the time consuming drive. The score with 5:24 to go in the first quarter was 8-0.

After a quick three-and-out for the Bearcats on offense, a good punt return put the Tigers back in business on the Cullman 42-yard line. On the first play, Burts was intercepted by Cullman's Tucker Willingham and the Bearcats took over on their own 47-yard line.

Aided by a defensive pass interference call against Minor and a 14-yard pass from Clayton Colvard to Samuel Ellerby, Cullman ended the first quarter deep in Minor territory.

Beginning the second quarter, Cullman's drive stalled. Brooks West lined up to attempt a 40-yard field goal. The attempt was good and with 10:59 left in the first half the Bearcats had cut Minor's lead, 8-3.

The Tigers took over after the kickoff on their own 30-yard line. It only took Minor four plays when Burts completed a 59-yard touchdown pass to Johnson again and with 8:57 left in the half, the Tigers extended their lead to 14-3 with a successful point after kick.

Cullman couldn't mount a drive and was forced to punt after three plays and Minor took over near midfield. Several costly penalties had the Tigers looking at a third-and-28 from their own 28-yard line. During the next play, Cullman forced a fumble and Cullman's Carson Stancil recovered on the Cullman 42-yard line.

A couple of big catches by Tucker Screws and Cullman were inside the Minor five-yard line. A penalty against Cullman backed them up outside the five-yard line. Then, a defensive pass interference call against Minor put the ball at the Minor two-yard line. Kolby Holt took the handoff and scored a two yard touchdown with 1:40 remaining in the first half. West kicked the extra point, and the score was 14-10 in favor of the Tigers.

Taking over at their own 25-yard line, the Tigers wasted little time marching down the field. After a couple of passes from Burts for 41 yards, the Tigers were in Cullman territory. Burts scrambled on a passing play for 19 yards. Again, the Bearcats forced a fumble with Tucker Willingham recovering the ball on the Cullman three-yard line and the first half ended with the Tigers leading 14-10.

Minor only led by four points with a commanding lead in total offense. Minor had 228 yards in total offense compared to Cullman's 65 yards in total offense in the first half.

Taking the second half kickoff, Holt had a 47-yard run to get the Bearcats deep inside Minor territory. After six plays, Cullman had fourth down and West lined up to attempt and 33-yard field goal and kicked it through the uprights to close the Minor lead to 14-13 with 8:11 left in the third quarter.

During the next drive, the Tigers suffered several penalties, and Cullman took over at their own 22-yard line. Colvard connected with Ellerbee for 10 yards to end the third quarter. Three plays later, Holt ran for a touchdown 41 yards out, and with the good extra point by West, Cullman took their first lead, 20-14, with 11:00 minutes left in the game.

Taking over on their own 30-yard line, Minor was aided by a facemask penalty by Cullman. Four plays later, the Tigers faced fourth-and-1 at the Cullman 40-yard line. Minor's Kamari Bell took the handoff, and Cooper McSwain met him in the backfield, tackling him for a loss, and Cullman took over on downs at their own 44-yard line.

With 4:29 left in the game, Minor started their drive on their own 12-yard line. The Tigers overcame a fourth-and-eleven to continue their drive. An apparent touchdown run by Burts was called back by a penalty on Minor. On the next play, Burts completed a 17-yard touchdown pass to Bell, and the Tigers would take the lead with the extra point conversion. Burts pass for the two-point conversion fell incomplete and the game was tied 20-20 with 42 seconds remaining in the game.

Cullman was unable to mount a serious drive, and regulation ended with the score tied, 20-20.

Minor took the opening of overtime and on the first play, Burts completed a 10-yard touchdown pass to Johnson. Lining up for the two-point conversion, Burts pass to a wide-open receiver was incomplete and Minor had a 26-20 lead.

Starting at the 10-yard line, Cullman's first play was a running play by Holt for one yard. On the next play, as Colvard was being pressured, Screws got open in the endzone and Colvard found him and completed a 9-yard touchdown pass to tie the game 26-26. Cullman lined up for the extra point kick with the win on the line. West kicked it through and Cullman had a thrilling 27-26 overtime win.

Cullman improved to 2-1 on the season and 1-0 in the region. Cullman's homecoming is next week, where they'll host Mortimer Jordan.

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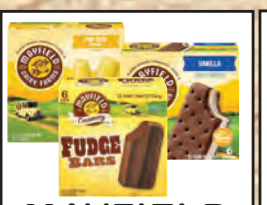
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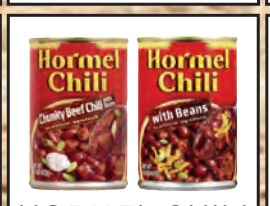
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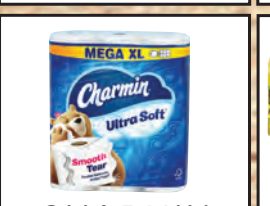
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PREP FOOTBALL

Herrera's five touchdowns lead Vinemont to a 52-6 win over Hanceville

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VINEMONT, Ala. — Vinemont hosted Hanceville to kick off region play on Friday night, and the Eagles came away with a 52-6 win behind a five-touchdown game from running back Gabriel Herrera.

The Bulldogs received the opening kickoff and went three-and-out after a first-down sack by Vinemont's Brandon Johnson. Herrera later opened the scoring with a 7-yard scamper to put Vinemont up 8-0 with 6:52 remaining in the opening quarter.

Late in the first quarter Herrera scored his second touchdown of the night from 10 yards out to put the Eagles up 16-0. Then, a big run by Javus Leusby set the Bulldogs up first-and-goal, but on the next play, Vinemont's Alex Pantoja recovered a fumble in the end zone for a touchback.

Six plays later, Herrera added his third touchdown of the night from 62 yards out to give Vinemont a 24-0 lead early in the second quarter.

After forcing a three-and-out, Preston Hanners broke free but got tripped up, and Travis Speer punched it in from 29 yards out on the next play to put Vinemont up 32-0 mid way through the second quarter.

Later in the second, Herrera found the end zone from four yards out for his fourth touchdown of the night to go up 39-0.

At the 8:24 mark of the third quarter Herrera put Vinemont up 46-0 on an 8 yard run with his fifth touchdown of the night. Late in the third quarter Karson Arbet got in on the action with a 25-yard touchdown to put Vinemont up 52-0. Leusby broke free for a 71-yard touchdown to put the Bulldogs on the board with 38 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

Vinemont was chewing clock and moving the chains on its ensuing possession, but Hanceville forced a fumble. Several plays later, Travis Speer intercepted the ball to give the Eagles the ball back, and Vinemont ended the game how every coach hopes to, in victory formation.

Vinemont, now 2-1, will travel to take on Oneonta next Friday, while 0-3 Hanceville will host rival Holly Pond.



CHRISTY ANYAN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Vinemont's Gabriel Herrera on a run attempt in his five-touchdown performance vs. Hanceville on Sep. 5, 2026.

PREP FOOTBALL

No. 2 Addison stays rolling with a 60-7 win over Waterloo

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

WATERLOO, Ala. — The Class 1A second-ranked Addison Bulldogs traveled to the far northwest corner of the state and took on the Waterloo Cougars at lovely Danny Ditto Stadium on Friday night. Where the Cougars won tonight was in the battle of the scoreboards, as they have a state of the art video board that Addison could have broken, as the Bulldogs rolled over the hapless Cougars 60-7.

Addison's Michael Lee kicked off, and the Cougars took over at their own 35. On the game's very first offensive snap, Addison's Connor Lane picked off a Cougar bomb at the 'Dawg 23 and returned it all the way down to the Waterloo two-yard line, setting Addison up with great field position. Addison's first offensive snap had Elijah Roberts handing off to Zane Smith, who took it in from the two for a touchdown. Lane kicked the extra point, and with 11:36 to go in the first quarter, Addison led 7-0.

Addison forced a Cougar punt and took over at the 'Dawg 30-yard line and six plays later, Roberts found Lane for a 35-yard touchdown pass and after Lane kicked the extra point Addison led 14-0 with 8:31 left in the first.

After another Waterloo three-and-out, it took Addison just two plays to go 39 yards for their next score. Roberts hit Judah Wilkins for 10 yards, and then found Lane for 29 yards and the touchdown. The extra point was no good and the 'Dawgs led 20-0, still in the first quarter.

After an exchange of possessions, Waterloo was forced to punt from their own eight yard line. A bad snap had the punter running for his life and he only made it to the Cougar 6-yard line before being tackled. Addison took over inside the red zone, and Roberts ran it in from the six for the touchdown. The extra point was missed again, and the Bulldogs led 26-0 in the second quarter.

Addison's Silas Frazier picked off the Cougar quarterback, and Addison took over at their own 49-yard line. Roberts broke loose for a 35-yard run and followed that up with a 16-yard touchdown pass to Scout Flynn. Once more, the extra point was missed, and with 9:28 to go in the second quarter, Addison led 32-0.

On Addison's next possession, the reserves were in and it took them a total of four plays to go 56 yards for the touchdown. Addison Freshman QB Zeke Wiggins completed two passes to Frazier and Tanner Gaither to get down to the Cougar 25 yard line. They then turned to Joey Wilson who ran the ball twice and scored from eight yards out for the touchdown. Lane kicked the extra point, and with 6:36 to go in the first half, it was all Bulldogs 39-0.

After another Waterloo punt, the 'Dawgs went 50-yards in three plays for the Wilson 2-yard touchdown plunge. The big play on the drive was a Wilson 40-yard run. Lane nailed the extra point and the half would end with Addison up 46-0. Waterloo never crossed midfield in the first half and had just three first downs.

The second half started with a running clock and Waterloo receiving the ball. After the stingy Bulldog defense forced the punt, Addison's young pups took six plays to travel 69 yards for another touchdown. Wiggins found Carson McCaleb for the 15-yard touchdown pass. The Lane extra point put Addison up 53-0 with just 11 seconds to go in the third quarter.

Then, on the Waterloo Cougars next possession, on a fourth-and-eight play from their own 41, the Cougar QB, running for his life, threw up a prayer and it found an open receiver who caught it about the Bulldog 15 yard line, and ran it in for the touchdown. It was the first points Addison has allowed this season. The extra point was good and with only 5:19 to go in the fourth quarter, the lead was cut to 53-7.

The young Bulldogs seemed to take offense at giving up those points and even with a running clock, they drove right down the field for 77 yards and the touchdown. Wiggins hit Preuitt Woods for 30 yards, Kash Turner ran for 18, Wiggins ran for 13 and then Turner got down to the one on a 14-yard run. After an Addison penalty, Turner took it in from six yards out for the final Addison touchdown. Lane kicked the extra point and with only 1:50 left in the game, Addison led 60-7.

The game would end with that score, and Addison improved to 3-0 (1-0 region). Addison will next travel to Phillips Bear Creek next Friday and play the Bears in another region contest.



BRANDON EVANS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Addison QB Elijah Roberts on a rush attempt during the Bulldogs' season-opening win at Winston County

Unofficial stats:

Addison ran 18 running plays for 267 yards and 15 passing plays for 193 yards, for a total of 33 plays for a total of 460 yards. Waterloo ran 29 running plays for (-4 yards) and 17 passing plays for 113 yards with a total of 46 total plays and 109 total yards.

Roberts went 4-8 for 90 yards and three touchdowns and an interception and Wiggins went 6-7 for 103 yards and a touchdown.

Roberts had five carries for 94 yards and a touchdown, Turner went six carries for 81 yards and a touchdown, Wilson had four carries for 67 yards and two touchdowns and Smith had two carries for 12 yards and a touchdown.

Lane had two catches for 64 yards and two touchdowns, Flynn had one catch for 16 yards and a touchdown, McCaleb had one catch for 15 yards and a touchdown, Gaither had two catches for 34 yards, Woods had one catch for 30 yards, Frazier had one catch for eight yards, Judah Wilkins had one catch for 10 yards.

On defense the 'Dawgs were led by Nick Nail with six tackles, and Wilkins was next with five tackles. Brady Daniel, Tanner Morgan and McCaleb had four tackles each, Smith had three tackles and Wilson, Turner, Cory Frock, Robert Gilmore Jr, Tucker "Rubble" Hayes, Liam Spohr and Bryn Lake had two tackles each.

Lane and Frazier each had an interception.

Access (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Good Samaritan Health Clinic is redirecting donations of gently used durable medical equipment to Cullman First United Methodist Church's Medical Equipment Ministry through a new partnership intended to place reusable equipment with more people across the community.

Good Samaritan will no longer accept donated durable medical equipment directly. The clinic said its patients will continue receiving the equipment they need through the church ministry and will have access to a larger selection of available items.

Under the loan program, gently used equipment is donated to the FUMC Medical Equipment Ministry and connected with community members, including Good Samaritan patients.

Recipients may use the equipment for as long as they need it before returning it to the ministry so it can be loaned to someone else.

"It's a simple way to keep good equipment in use and help more of our neighbors maintain their independence and quality of life," the clinic said in its announcement.

The partnership broadens access beyond Good Samaritan's patient population while allowing the clinic to continue meeting equipment needs for those already receiving its services.

Cullman First United Methodist Church describes the equipment ministry as a community outreach program that accepts gently used medical equipment and reallocates it to people in need.

The church also welcomes volunteers interested in picking up donations from homes, receiving equipment at the church or delivering items to recipients.

The ministry is accepting gently used:

- Wheelchairs
- Walkers
- Bedside commodes
- Shower chairs
- Rollators
- Canes
- Knee scooters

The ministry is also accepting new adult briefs and diapers, including Depends products.

It cannot accept:

- Hospital beds
- Motorized wheelchairs
- Oxygen equipment
- CPAP machines

Residents should direct equipment donations to the FUMC Medical Equipment Ministry rather than taking them to Good Samaritan Health Clinic.

Those seeking equipment or wishing to arrange a donation may call the church office at 256-734-6690 or the ministry at 256-338-3290.

Cullman First United Methodist Church is located at 320 Third St. SE.

Additional information about the ministry is available at www.cullmanfumc.com/missions. The church's ministry page also lists annculpepper0321@gmail.com as a contact for volunteers and equipment assistance.

Good Samaritan Health Clinic provides primary care and wellness services to qualifying uninsured Cullman County residents between the ages of 19 and 65.

Applicants must meet income and residency requirements and cannot have Medicare, Medicaid, veterans benefits or private health insurance coverage.

In addition to primary medical care, the clinic provides or coordinates dental extractions, mental health counseling, hearing evaluations, select vision care, specialty referrals, social services, patient education and community health screenings.

The clinic also provides the majority of its patients medications at no additional cost.

Good Samaritan Health Clinic is located at 401 Arnold St. NE, Suite A, in Cullman.

For information about patient eligibility or the clinic's services, call 256-775-1389 or visit www.goodsamaritancullman.com.



LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
DOROTHY J. MARKS, * **CASE NO.: PC 2026-353**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Angela DeBoer, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Dorothy J. Marks, deceased, on the 3rd day of September, 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.

Angela DeBoer
Personal Representatives

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN RE: The Estate of *
FRANCIS JAMES BOYSKO, * **CASE NO.: PC2026-315**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Ancillary Letters of Administration having been granted to ERIC BOYSKO as Personal Representative of the Estate of FRANCIS JAMES BOYSKO, deceased, on the 31st 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.

Eric Boysko
Personal Representative

Clint L. Maze
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Tammy Brown
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
AMBER PARKES WHITAKER MCGILL, * **CASE NO.: PC 2026-222**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to KYLEE M. MCGILL, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of AMBER PARKES WHITAKER MCGILL, deceased, on the 20th 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.

Kelee M. McGill
Personal Representatives

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

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Andrea Thrasher, an unmarried woman, to Peggy W. Calvert, dated November 19, 2021, and recorded on November 24, 2021, in Mortgage Book 1991, Page 400, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama; the undersigned Peggy W. Calvert, as holder of said mortgage, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Cullman County Courthouse in Cullman, Alabama, on September 29, 2026, between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

> A parcel of land lying in the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 35, Township 10 South, Range 5 West, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of said forty; thence north along the section line 743 feet, more or less, to a point and Baker's northeast corner of his property; thence westerly along Baker's property line to east right of way line of county paved road and Baker's northwest corner; thence northerly along said road right of way 200 feet, more or less to a point and Lively's southwest corner; thence easterly along Lively's property line to quarter line and Lively's southeast corner; thence south along section line 200 feet, more or less, to point of beginning. Property known as Lot 9 in Logan Subdivision, an unrecorded subdivision in Cullman County, Alabama,

Said property is commonly known as 5619 County Road 818, Logan, Alabama 35098. The street address is given for informational purposes only; said property will be sold as described in said mortgage. Said property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, reservations, restrictions, rights of way, and exceptions reflected in said mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, and subject to all outstanding ad valorem taxes and assessments, and subject to the statutory rights of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Said property will be sold without warranty or recourse, express or implied, as to title, use, or enjoyment.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, together with the expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fee. The holder of said mortgage, or her designee, reserves the right to bid for and purchase said property at said sale, and reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder or to reschedule the sale should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the purchase price.

The following notice is given pursuant to Ala. Code § 6-5-248(h):

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

PUBLICATION DATES: September 1, September 8 and September 15, 2026.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
WANDA W. HOGAN, * **CASE NO.: PC2026-331**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to James Byron Hogan as Personal Representative of the Estate of Wanda W. Hogan deceased, on the 3rd day of September, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

James Byron Hogan
Personal Representative

Matthew K. Carter
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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
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. PC2026-357

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF J.E.E.IIU, a minor child (DOB 10/19/2021)

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

Notice to: ANY UNKNOWN/UNNAMED FATHER OF J.E.E.III

Please take notice that a Petition for Name Change of a Minor was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Carl Vernon Evans and Janet Turner Evans, Petitioners, to change the name of J.E.E.III, a minor child born to Kayla Danelle Evans on October 19, 2021, in Cullman, Alabama. If you should contest this name change, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days from the date of last notice of publication herein with counsel for said Petitioners, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this 3rd day of September, 2026.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune
Please publish the above notice four (4) successive weeks in said newspaper and send an affidavit of publication to the Judge of Probate.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
DARLA BOWEN, * CASE NO. PC 2026 - 326
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Billy Joe Bowen as Personal Representative of the Estate of Darla Bowen, deceased, on the 20th day of August, 2026, all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Billy Joe Bowen
Personal Representative

Shay Persall
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
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(256) 841-7800

Attorney for Personal Representative

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF

MAMIE ELIZABETH HAWKINS, **CASE NO.: PC 2026-322**

Deceased.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that a *Petition for Summary Distribution*, filed by Lisa Farnsworth, Petitioner, through Attorney, Shelbie G. Hankey, and *Amended Petition for Summary Distribution* filed by Shelbie G. Hankey, Attorney for Petitioner.

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

DONE this the 2nd day of September, 2026.

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

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
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Shelbie G. Hankey
Attorney for Petitioner
409 2nd Ave SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
LARRY WAYNE KENNEY, * **CASE NO.: PC2026-309**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to SHANNON KENNEY as Personal Representative of the Estate of LARRY WAYNE KENNEY, deceased, on the 3rd day of September, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Shannon Kenney
Personal Representative

Norma M. Wells
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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JANICE MAZE, * **CASE NO.: PC2025-357**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to ANTHONY MAZE as Personal Representative of the Estate of JANICE MAZE deceased, on the 20th day of August, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Anthony Maze
Personal Representative

Andrew M. Herren
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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
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CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-229

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EUEL RAY METHVIN, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF EUEL RAY METHVIN

TO: JEFFREY CAWTHON, JONATHON CAWTHON and JASMINE CAWTHON

The Petition of Euel Ray Methvin, Jr. to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Euel Ray Methvin, deceased, has been set for hearing on the 17th day of November, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

TO: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

JESSICA M. FRIEDMAN,
Appellant,

v.

DOUGLAS A. COLLINS,
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,
Appellee.

Vet. App. No. 25-4976

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: the Estate of Nathaniel R. Thomas

The Estate of Nathaniel R. Thomas is hereby notified that on June 17, 2025, an appeal was filed with the U.S. Court of Appeals of Veterans Claims against the Secretary of Veterans Affairs appealing a February 24, 2025, Board of Veteran Appeals decision seeking payment of attorney fees based on past-due benefits awarded in an October 2020, Department of Veterans Affairs' Veteran Benefits Administration's disability compensation rating decision.

The Estate of Nathaniel R. Thomas or an appropriate person must file a motion to intervene in Case no. 25-4976 not later than 60 days after September 22, 2026. The notice must be filed with the Clerk of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims at esubmission@uscourts.cavc.gov and served on all parties.

For further information, please contact Appellant's counsel Sarah Garber, Esq. of the Law Office of Carpenter Chartered, via phone at 785-329-5642, email at sarah@carpenterchartered.com; or mail at

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Bake for the crown: How to enter Cullman County Fair food competitions

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Fair's food competitions will again reward the county's best bakers and home canners, but contestants should pay close attention to the calendar before heading to the fairgrounds.

Baked goods have a new turn-in day for 2026. Every baking entry must arrive from 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday, Oct. 14, the day before the fair opens. Home-canned foods have three earlier intake periods in the Main Exhibit Building.

The fair will run Oct. 15-24 at the Cullman County Fairgrounds.

Canning deadlines and requirements

Home-canned food may be submitted during the following periods:

- Saturday, Oct. 10, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 12, noon-5 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 13, noon-5 p.m.

Open canning divisions include fruits and juices, vegetables and juices, meats, dried foods, jams, jellies, butters and preserves and pickles and relishes.

The fair also offers condensed Senior and Youth divisions.

Entries must be sealed in standard jelly, pint or quart glass containers. Rings must remain on the jars, and lids must be clean and free of rust or spots.

The fair will mark each lid as proof of submission, and previously submitted canned goods will not be accepted.

Contestants may enter up to 25 canned items across all divisions, with no more than one entry in a particular class.

Judges consider appearance, color, clearness, texture, uniformity and packing.

What bakers need to bring

Open baking is for contestants 13 and older. The Youth division is for children 12 and younger, while a separate Senior division is available for people 65 and older.

The Open department includes cakes, cookies, candies, pies, quick breads and yeast breads. Youth bakers may also compete in classes including cupcakes, biscuits, cornbread and Mexican cornbread.

All entries must be placed on disposable plates or bases and enclosed in zip-close bags or plastic wrap.

Pies should be baked in disposable aluminum tins. Cakes should rest on foil-covered heavy cardboard extending approximately 1 inch beyond the cake.

Except for decorated cakes, contestants should bring one-half of a cake. Bread entries require one-half loaf or one mini-loaf. Cookie, brownie and candy entries require 12 pieces, while biscuit and muffin entries require six. Pie entries call for one-half pie or three tarts.

A recipe must accompany each entry. Purchased items are not eligible, and all baked entries become the property of the Cullman County Fair Association.

Decorated cakes may use dummy bases. Judges score most baked goods 25% on appearance and 75% on taste and texture. Decorated cakes and youth decorated cupcakes are judged on decoration alone.

King or Queen of the Kitchen returns

The King or Queen of the Kitchen title remains part of the 2026 fair, and it carries the largest cash award in the food department.

The competition is not a live cookoff or a contest decided by one signature dish. It rewards consistent success throughout the six Open baking divisions.

A contestant must declare for King or Queen of the Kitchen when entering and submit at least 10 baked items. The entries must include at least one cake, cookie, candy, pie, quick bread and yeast bread. Four additional items may come from any eligible Open baking classes.

If a contestant submits more than 10 items, the top 10 results are scored, but the total must still include one entry from each of the six divisions.

A first-place finish earns seven points, second earns four and third earns one.

Senior and Youth entries do not count toward the Open Kitchen title. Past King or Queen winners may compete again.

The rules provide for a certificate, check and announcement of the winner during the fair. The fair's exhibitor page recognizes Amanda Adams as its 2025 Queen of the Kitchen.

A Kitchen title for younger bakers

Children 12 and younger may pursue the Prince or Princess of the Kitchen title.

Youth contestants must declare for the competition and enter at least four items in four different baking classes. If more than four are submitted, the four highest-scoring results count.

The same point system applies: seven points for first, four for second and one for third.

The fair recognizes Elijah Wright as its 2025 Prince of the Kitchen.

Food competition awards

The posted awards are:

- **Open, Senior and Youth canning**
First: $15, Second: $12, Third: $10; Paid by class

- **Open, Senior and Youth baking**
First: $15, Second: $12, Third: $10; Rules list a $7 entry reimbursement

- **King or Queen of the Kitchen**
First: $250, Second: $175, Third: $100; Cumulative Open baking score

- **Prince or Princess of the Kitchen**
First: $100, Second: $75, Third: $50; Four best Youth baking results

- **FCCLA food entries**
First: $15, Second: $12, Third: $10; Rules list a $7 baking reimbursement

All exhibitors must register and obtain three current-year barcode stickers for every item entered. Returning non-livestock exhibitors from 2025 are automatically preregistered.

New exhibitors may register at www.cullmanfair.org/entry-forms, and parents must register participating children in each child's name. FCCLA students register through their teachers.

Food exhibits will be judged Thursday, Oct. 15, while the exhibit area is closed to the public. Entries and premium checks may be picked up from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25.

Complete food-division rules are posted at www.cullmanfair.org/exhibitor-info.

The Cullman County Fairgrounds are at 1501 Sportsman Lake Road NW. Questions may be directed to 256-734-0661, 256-734-0339 or cullmanfair0@gmail.com.

Exhibits (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Before a photograph can earn Best of Show or a homegrown pumpkin can tip the scales, every Cullman County Fair entry begins with the same two steps: registering the exhibitor and obtaining the correct barcode stickers.

The 2026 Cullman County Fair will run Oct. 15-24 at the Cullman County Fairgrounds. Its non-livestock exhibits invite bakers, gardeners, artists, photographers, quilters, crafters and home canners to compete for ribbons and cash premiums.

This guide covers the registration process and master turn-in schedule. Separate articles will detail the food, creative arts and agriculture competitions.

Pageants, 4-H competitions and the Youth Pet Show will also be covered separately.

Who can enter

The fair is open to exhibitors from Cullman County and bordering counties. Open divisions may be entered by anyone, while Senior divisions are for people 65 and older.

Youth requirements vary by department, with several categories divided into specific age groups.

New exhibitors may register online through www.cullmanfair.org/entry-forms.

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 8, the fair office will observe regular hours from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and can also register exhibitors.

Returning non-livestock exhibitors who participated in 2025 are automatically preregistered and do not need to submit another form.

The fair calendar says information packets and stickers will be mailed Friday, Oct. 2, to prior-year exhibitors and non-livestock exhibitors who registered online.

Parents must register each participating child in the child's name rather than the parent's name. FCCLA students register through their teachers.

Three stickers for every entry

Every exhibit requires three current-year barcode stickers. Entries cannot be accepted without them.

Stickers may be picked up in the Main Exhibit Building across from the fair office. The fair advises exhibitors to have the stickers in hand before carrying their entries into the building.

Additional stickers can be provided when needed, and late registrants may obtain theirs when arriving to turn in exhibits.

The general rule is one entry per person in each class unless a department's rules specifically allow multiple entries.

Sewing and handicraft are among the departments that permit multiple entries per class.

Items generally must have been grown, made or assembled since the previous fair. Handcrafted articles, art and photographs that won premiums at a previous Cullman County Fair cannot be entered again.

Every exhibit remains under fair management while on display, and the fair does not assume responsibility for loss or damage.

When to bring each exhibit

Because the divisions do not share one deadline, contestants should use the schedule for their particular exhibit:

- Saturday, Oct. 10, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.: handicraft, sewing, canning, photography and art

- Sunday, Oct. 11, 1-5 p.m.: photography and art only

- Monday, Oct. 12, noon-5 p.m.: handicraft, sewing, canning and art

- Tuesday, Oct. 13, noon-5 p.m.: handicraft, sewing, canning and art

- Wednesday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m.-noon: baked goods

- Wednesday, Oct. 14, noon-5 p.m.: field crops, vegetables, fruit, honey, scarecrows, decorated pumpkins, flowers and potted plants

Canning, baking, sewing, handicraft, art and photography entries go to the Main Exhibit Building. Crops, plants and honey go to the Agricultural
Building.

The fair will judge exhibits from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. The judging area will be closed to the public during that time.

Standard class premiums in the principal exhibit departments

Division	First	Second	Third	Special award or note
Baking, canning, sewing, handicraft, flowers and photography	$15	$12	$10	Special contests may pay more
Regular crops and honey	$15	$12	$10	Giant vegetables use separate scales
Open art, Amateur or Novice	$25	$15	$10	One $100 Best in Show is selected across Open art
Open art, Professional or Advanced	$30	$20	$10	Competes for the same Open Best in Show award
Senior art	$25	$15	$10	Nursing home art is ribbon-only
Youth art	$15	$12	$10	CCCDD art is ribbon-only

How awards are handled

Each department publishes its own judging requirements and premium schedule.

Some provide detailed scoring, such as the baking department's percentages for appearance, taste and texture.

Others leave the comparison to the judges without publishing a numerical scorecard.

Under the general rules, when only one exhibitor enters a class, the second-place premium is paid if the judges determine the entry merits an award. Judges may withhold awards for entries they consider unworthy, and positional ties are not permitted.

Entries must remain on display through the fair. Exhibitors may retrieve their entries and premium checks from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25. Checks not collected that day will be mailed.

Complete department rulebooks and registration information are available at www.cullmanfair.org/exhibitor-info.

The fairgrounds are at 1501 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman. For assistance, call 256-734-0661 or 256-734-0339 or email cullmanfair0@gmail.com.

Obituary Announcements: Sept. 5-7

Elizabeth Prens, 49

Elizabeth Prens, age 49 of Decatur, passed away on Friday, Sept. 4, 2026, at the Decatur Morgan Hospital. She was born on Oct. 3, 1976, in Micronesia to Lensi Prens and Luwise Lohs. Elizabeth was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Benster Augustine; children, Elaine, Ben, Laynee, Bradley and Jane Augustine; five grandchildren; two sisters and one brother. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Decatur City Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Friday, Sept. 11, 2026, beginning at 3 p.m. at the residence, where Mrs. Elizabeth will lie in repose until graveside time. Decatur Brown Service Funeral Home directing.

Johnny Wayne Wade, 79

Johnny Wayne Wade, age 79, of Cullman Alabama, passed away on Sept. 5, 2026. A memorial service will be Sept. 19, at 2:00 at Church at the Well, address is 708 Ninth Street SE, Cullman, AL 35055. He was born on Aug. 26, 1947, in Oakman, Alabama. Wayne was a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. He loved his family dearly and his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren were among the greatest joys of his life. He was better known as "Pop" by his grandchildren and great grandchildren, a name that reflected the special place he held in their hearts. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Gloria, Son Christopher Wayne, Mother Elean, Father John Henry and brother Mickey. Wayne is survived by his daughters, Cindy (Robby) and Lindsay (Coty); his son Frankie, his grandchildren, Zach (Jake), Morgan (Justin), Frankie Jr, Gia, Caden, Brantley, and Sophie; his great-grandchildren, Madi Kate and Mia, Sister Donna, Brothers Ricky and Larry and 2 special bonus daughters, Traci and Ashley. He is also survived by his best friend, Glenda, whose friendship and companionship meant so much to him and his dog, Maggie, who held such a special place in his heart. Wayne will be remembered for his love of family, his devotion to those closest to him and the pride and joy he found in being Dad and Pop. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him and his memory will forever remain in the hearts of his family and friends. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Regina Adams, 56

Memorial service is incomplete at this time for Regina Adams, 56, of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Regina was born Jan. 31, 1970, to Raymond Cecil Adams and Lessie Seabelle Turnage Adams. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Eugene Adams; sister, Lynda Adams. Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Katelyn Adams (Austin Aguero); grandson, Asher Aguero; sisters, Donna Cantrell, Ramone McKee, Rebekah (Theresa) Adams, Renita (Douglas) Whatley, Delores Crump; niece, Christina (Wesley) Johnson; great-niece, Haley Pope; nephew, Anthony Whatley; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Michelle Lee Nix, 53

Memorial visitation for Michelle Lee Nix, age 53 of Cullman, will be from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Ms. Nix passed away on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026, at her residence. She was born Friday, March 23, 1973, to Dennis Maddox and Mary Maddox. She was preceded in death by her aunt and uncle, Vonzell and Jackie B. Clark. Survivors include her daughters, Savannah Murphy and Emma Nix; parents, brothers, Dennis Maddox, Jr. and John Maddox; and a host of furry grandbabies, extended family and friends.

Nicholas Stephen Woods, Sr., 72

Nicholas Stephen Woods, Sr, affectionately called Nick by most, passed away on Sept. 4, 2026, at the age of 72. Nick was born in Jefferson County, Alabama, on July 15, 1954. In the words of Nick, he "dangled his toes off the edge of the earth" as he chased his many passions. He was a Master Scuba Diver, loved to surf, and enjoyed riding motorcycles. Nick also loved horses and rodeos, as well as Alabama football and music. Mr. Woods brought joy to his mother and was a devoted and loving brother and father. His life was one full of exploits and fun and he leaves a legacy of passion and adventure that will be remembered by all who knew him. Nick is survived by his mother, Dottie Woods; stepfather, Larry D. Woods; son, Nicholas Stephen Woods, Jr; brother and sister, Lance Woods (Carly), Janie Woods; nieces, Lainey Woods, Stella Woods, Sloane Woods; lifelong friend, David Berry; and a host of cousins. Friends are invited to join the Woods family on Wednesday morning, Sept. 9, 2026, in Holly Pond Cemetery for graveside services where Nick's life of adventure and excitement will be remembered. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Woods family.

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Trial (from Front)

dice for Deliberate State Interference with a Central Defense Witness and Bar Retrial."

The District Attorney's Office has not yet filed its response, according to the court records reviewed by The Tribune. No judge has determined that prosecutors committed misconduct, and the court has not ruled on whether Harrison may be retried.

In a report by CBS 42 investigative reporter Scott Minshall, District Attorney Champ Crocker said he was limited in what he could discuss because the prosecution remains pending. Crocker told CBS 42 that his office planned to file a strongly worded response to the defense's motion.

The Tribune is not identifying the witness because the defense filing says her related case resulted in a youthful-offender adjudication. Alabama law generally prohibits public inspection of youthful-offender records.

What happened during the trial

According to the defense motion, a jury was empaneled and sworn Aug. 25. Prosecutors presented their case before resting on the morning of Aug. 31 without calling the witness.

The witness was the only other person allegedly present for the events surrounding the confrontation between Harrison and Bomberry-Wright. The defense does not contend that she saw the shooting itself but says she possesses unique firsthand knowledge of what happened immediately before it.

Harrison's attorneys say the witness could testify about Bomberry-Wright's alleged intoxication, aggression and unwanted sexual conduct toward her, as well as messages she sent Harrison before the confrontation. The defense says that testimony was essential to its planned arguments that Harrison acted in self-defense or in defense of another person.

Those descriptions are defense allegations and have not been established as facts by a jury.

After the State rested, Harrison's attorneys attempted to locate the witness and serve her with a defense subpoena. The motion alleges the defense then learned that representatives of the District Attorney's Office had accused the witness of harming the State's case and told her or her family that she could lose her youthful-offender disposition, face a renewed murder charge and be incarcerated.

The defense informed the court of those allegations and moved for a mistrial. According to the motion, prosecutors denied that anyone from the District Attorney's Office had spoken with or threatened the witness.

The filing says prosecutors also told the court their actions were intended to protect the witness because she allegedly was in danger from Harrison. The defense claims prosecutors did not identify a specific protective measure when questioned by the court.

Those accounts represent the defense's characterization of the courtroom exchange. A transcript of the proceeding was not among the records reviewed by The Tribune.

The defense successfully served the witness with a subpoena later Aug. 31, requiring her to appear Sept. 1. Harrison's attorneys told the court they intended to question her outside the jury's presence about her communications with the District Attorney's Office.

The motion alleges that immediately before that examination, Crocker announced in the witness's presence that the State intended to seek withdrawal of her youthful-offender disposition and reinstatement of her original murder charge because she allegedly had failed to cooperate with prosecutors.

When the court asked how the witness had failed to cooperate, the motion says Crocker declined to identify the factual basis and said it would be included in a forthcoming motion.

The court recessed the proceedings so an independent attorney could be appointed for the witness. After consulting that attorney, she invoked her Fifth Amendment right and declined to testify for either side.

Court finds mistrial necessary

A Sept. 2 mistrial order, as quoted and described in the defense motion, states that the State's announcement concerning the witness's youthful-offender status became a factor in her attorney's advice. The attorney reportedly told the court that the announcement "governed his advice to her."

The order also reportedly recognized "the unique nature" of the witness's firsthand knowledge and the defense's position that no other witness could present the material events from her perspective.

According to the defense filing, the court determined that no remedy short of a mistrial would allow Harrison to proceed without the evidence the defense expected to obtain from the witness. The court found that "manifest necessity" required the jury to be discharged.

The defense asked that the mistrial be entered with prejudice. The court declined to decide at that time whether Harrison could be prosecuted again.

The defense motion quotes the order as stating that the court "does not reach or decide in this Order whether retrial is barred and makes no determination concerning the effect of the mistrial upon future proceedings."

The filing also acknowledges that prosecutors opposed the defense's request for a mistrial.

Dispute over witness's plea agreement

The motion says the witness originally was charged with murder in a companion case arising from the same shooting.

On Nov. 12, 2025, according to Harrison's attorneys, the court accepted an agreement under which she received youthful-offender treatment and pleaded guilty to third-degree assault. The agreement reportedly called for a 12-month sentence in the Cullman County Detention Center, suspended for 24 months of unsupervised probation.

The cooperation provisions quoted in Harrison's motion required the witness to provide truthful, complete and accurate information. The agreement also warned that the State could seek to reinstate charges or set aside her youthful-offender adjudication if it determined she had not provided truthful cooperation or had violated another provision.

Harrison's attorneys argue that nothing in the agreement prohibited the witness from speaking with the defense, complying with a defense subpoena or giving truthful testimony favorable to Harrison.

The defense also maintains that prosecutors could not unilaterally cancel an accepted plea agreement. Any alleged breach, the attorneys argue, would require a motion, notice, representation by counsel and a judicial determination.

The State has not presented its interpretation of the agreement in a response included among the records reviewed by The Tribune.

Court records show Harrison's attorneys had repeatedly requested disclosure of witness agreements, incentives, threats or pressure, including through motions filed Nov. 4, 2025, and Aug. 12. The provided records do not show how the court resolved those requests.

In another potentially significant filing, Assistant District Attorney Michael R. Burleson notified the defense July 16 that the State intended to offer evidence under Rule 404(b) of the Alabama Rules of Evidence alleging Harrison previously committed "an act of violence" against the same witness.

The notice did not identify the alleged act, and the records reviewed do not establish whether the evidence was admitted during the trial.

Defense seeks dismissal or evidentiary hearing

Harrison's attorneys argue that prosecutors deliberately caused the witness to become unavailable after learning her testimony could support the defense.

The motion asks the court to find that the State violated Harrison's rights to due process, compulsory process and a meaningful opportunity to present a defense. It also asks the judge to dismiss the murder indictment with prejudice under the Double Jeopardy Clause.

If the judge finds the existing record insufficient, the defense alternatively requests an evidentiary hearing to examine communications involving the witness, her family and representatives of the District Attorney's Office.

The defense also asks the court to order the preservation and disclosure of relevant communications and to refer any intentional misrepresentation or improper witness interference established through the proceedings to the Alabama State Bar's Office of General Counsel.

Because Harrison requested the mistrial, its declaration does not automatically prevent another prosecution. A defendant who successfully requests a mistrial ordinarily may be tried again. Retrial could be barred, however, if the court determines that prosecutors intended their conduct to provoke the defendant into seeking a mistrial.

Harrison's attorneys contend that the timing and foreseeable effect of the State's actions provide sufficient evidence of that intent. Prosecutors' opposition to the mistrial could weigh against that argument, but the defense maintains the opposition is not conclusive.

Former Acting U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama Catherine Crosby reviewed the court documents for CBS 42 and questioned the timing of the State's actions.

"Without ever, ever hearing what she's going to say, pull the deal and tell her they're going to reinstate the murder charge," Crosby told CBS 42 investigative reporter Scott Minshall.

Crosby described the timing as suspicious and out of the ordinary.

The court will have to determine whether the evidence supports the defense's allegations, whether an evidentiary hearing is necessary and whether Harrison may be tried again.

The underlying case

A Cullman County grand jury indicted Harrison on one count of murder on Aug. 2, 2024. The indictment alleges Harrison intentionally caused Bomberry-Wright's death by shooting him with a firearm on or about July 1, 2024, at a residence on County Road 1126.

The Tribune reported at the time that the Cullman County Sheriff's Office said Harrison, Bomberry-Wright and another person were together at the residence when a confrontation occurred. Bomberry-Wright was transported to a hospital, where he died from his injuries. Harrison, who was 20 at the time, allegedly left before deputies arrived.

WBRC later reported that Harrison was captured by the U.S. Marshals Service. The station also reported that authorities, with assistance from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, recovered a potential murder weapon.

Harrison has pleaded not guilty. A criminal charge is an allegation, and Harrison is presumed innocent unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.



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Hanceville Mayor Nolan Bradford and Library Manager Teresa Rivera are seen at the Shirley Burden Public Library in Hanceville for the Dolly Parton Remembrance Tea Party on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026.

Shirley Burden Public Library celebrates Dolly Parton

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Shirley Burden Public Library in Hanceville held a Remembrance Tea Party on Sept. 5, honoring the life and legacy of the American singer, songwriter, actress and philanthropist, Dolly Rebecca Parton.

Parton made major contributions to literacy efforts worldwide with her Imagination Library that was established in 1995. Three million children, at present day, are registered and receive one free book per month. So far, 330 million books have been distributed worldwide.

Library Manager Teresa Rivera, when asked if the event was set on Sept. 5 as a reference to Parton's song "9 to 5" said, "Oh! That's perfect, but it actually wasn't done on purpose!"

The overall goal of the Shirley Burden Public Library, and all public libraries in the Cullman County Public Library System, is to provide free resources for the betterment of the community. Honoring Parton and her devotion to children worldwide is a way to carry on her legacy.

Parton started the Imagination Library as a tribute to her father who never learned to read or write, Rivera stated in an interview with The Tribune.

Rivera gave credit to Jennifer Miller with Southern Party Specialists for the idea for the event. "She came in on the day that Dolly passed, Aug. 28. She came into the library and asked if we wanted to do a remembrance tea party. Of course I agreed. So this is all her. I give her all the credit. I couldn't have done it without her. She's been wonderful and her company has been wonderful with us."

Rivera said the party inspired her to research Parton and read of her accomplishments, specifically that of Imagination Library.

"I was so impressed with how she lived her life!" Rivera emphasized. "She brought the Imagination Library to children to help them learn to read and to better themselves."

Rivera explained that their goal is to accomplish even a fraction of what Parton achieved in a lifetime for surrounding communities.

She also noted that Parton, with her first earnings from fame, bought her family a home in Sevier County, Tennessee, moving them out of their run-down cabin. This inspired the library to put together trivia questions pertaining to Parton's personal life and path to fame.

This included her date of birth on Jan. 19, 1946, that she was from Locust Ridge, Tennessee, and musical facts such as writing over 3,000 songs, with "I Will Always Love You" being her most popular, and much more.

The library served tea and cake, among other sweet treats, to the participants in as much pink and butterfly-themed Tupperware as possible! Hanceville Mayor Nolan Bradford also joined in on the celebration.

Bradford told The Tribune that his favorite Dolly Parton song would have to be "9 to 5." "That's a good one."

The library has a few of Parton's feature films such as "Steel Magnolias" (1989) and "9 to 5" (1980), available for checkout.

Individuals can subscribe to the Imagination Library's mailing list at https://imaginationlibrary.com/mailing-list/ and may even use the public library's computer access to do so.

The Shirley Burden Public Library is located at 201 Commercial St. in Hanceville. Find it online at Facebook/Hanceville Public Library.