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Judge denies dismissal of Harrison murder case and permits retrial

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Circuit Court Judge Emily N. Johnston denied Jamarion Allen Harrison's request to dismiss his murder charge with prejudice Wednesday, Sept. 9, ruling the defense had not presented substantial evidence that prosecutors intended to provoke the mistrial she granted Sept. 1.

The four-page order permits the State to retry Harrison.

A little more than two hours after Johnston entered the ruling, Cullman County Assistant District Attorney Nathan A. Brock filed a motion asking the court to set the case for trial.

As of 2:18 p.m. Wednesday, Alacourt » PAGE 5



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Jamarion Allen Harrison

A name on Panel S-24

Cullman remembers 9/11, 25 years later



NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM
Officer Paul Talty

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CULLMAN, Ala. — On the south side of the National September 11 Memorial in New York City, the name Paul Talty is cut into Panel S-24.

Talty was a 40-year-old husband, father and New York Police Department Emergency Service officer. On Sept. 11, 2001, he entered the South Tower of the World Trade Center while thousands of people were trying to escape.

Before he wore an NYPD uniform, however, Talty appears to have spent part of his life in Cullman.

Brother Augustine "Gus" Campion, O.S.B., a longtime St. Bernard monk and dormitory director, left that connection in an entry on Talty's online memorial.

"Paul was a resident in our dorm his freshman year at St. Bernard College," Brother Gus wrote.

It is a small surviving detail from a young man's life, but on the 25th anniversary of the attacks, it connects Cullman to one of the thousands of names Americans have promised never to forget.

A Cullman name at Ground Zero

Talty began his shift at 7 a.m. on Sept. 11, according to accounts preserved in police and victim memorials. When the first aircraft struck the World Trade Center's North Tower at 8:46 a.m., his Emergency Service unit responded.

The South Tower was struck at 9:03 a.m. Talty and fellow Emergency Service Officer Thomas Langone were sent into the building to help rescue those still trapped inside.

Memorial accounts say Talty was last seen around the 20th floor, climbing upward as workers continued moving downward. The South Tower collapsed at 9:59 a.m., only 56 minutes after it was struck.

Talty and Langone were among 23 NYPD officers killed that morning. Talty's remains were never recovered, although accounts say his service weapon and handcuffs were later » PAGE 4

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Cullman Hope & Remembrance Suicide Awareness Walk set for Sept. 27
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Wallace State hosting best-selling author of 'Remarkably Bright Creatures' Shelby Van Pelt Sept. 24

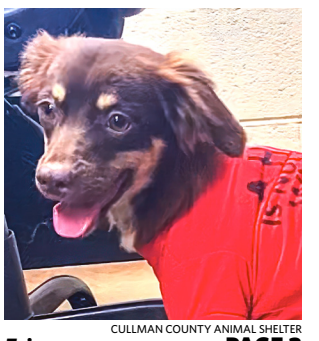

WALLACE STATE

Wallace State Community College will welcome New York Times best-selling author Shelby Van Pelt on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 9:30 a.m. in the Bailey Center Auditorium. Van Pelt is the author of "Remarkably Bright Creatures." The novel has sold more than 4 million copies and was adapted into a Netflix film starring Academy Award winner Sally Field, which received a 2026 Emmy Award for Outstanding Movie.
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The Link holding volunteer orientation Sept. 10
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PET OF THE WEEK

Eric packs plenty of personality into a 15-lb. package


CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Eric
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 9

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 9, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Aug. 27
- domestic violence-criminal mischief; Edmondson Rd. NE
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69N
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 747

Aug. 28
- violation of protection order; CR 1518
- harassing communications; CR 1845
- contributing to delinquency of minor; CR 223
- theft of property; CR 1569
- menacing; harassment; CR 386
- domestic violence; CR 1422
- harassing communications; Lipsey Ave.
- harassing communications; Allred Rd.
- possession of controlled substances; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1338

Aug. 29
- harassment; CR 447
- theft of property; CR 1082
- domestic violence; CR 43
- burglary; CR 1718
- discharging firearm into unoccupied dwelling; CR 1490
- trespassing; violation of protection order; Countryside Acres
- assault; CR 604
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 1371
- dog bite; CR 1498
- theft of property; CR 1816
- domestic violence; Main St. SE Hanceville
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; US. 31
- domestic violence; CR 596
- possession of marijuana; CR 222

Aug. 30
- harassing communications; CR 1338
- assault; CR 781
- theft of property; CR 1082
- domestic violence; Willow Bend
- domestic violence; CR 1496
- harassing communications; Scott Dr.
- assault; reckless endangerment; criminal mischief; I65SB MM 296
- criminal mischief; CR 1699
- harassment; Hwy. 157
- violation of protection order; Countryside Acres
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 555
- trespassing; CR 222
- violation of protection order; CR 555
- criminal mischief; CR 1513

Aug. 31
- domestic violence; CR 602
- domestic violence; CR 101
- harassing communications; CR 1120
- theft of property; CR 703
- receiving stolen property; harboring fugitive; obstructing governmental operations; CR 438
- burglary; CR 1043
- burglary; CR 1459

Sept. 1
- domestic violence; CR 216
- harassment; CR 518
- possession of controlled substances; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1339
- harassment; Hwy. 157
- possession of controlled substances; attempt to elude law enforcement officer; CR 1763
- domestic violence; Hwy. 69N
- domestic violence; CR 609

Sept. 2
- theft of property; CR 437
- theft of property; CR 1551
- domestic violence; College Dr.
- domestic violence; CR 1207
- reckless endangerment; CR 1815
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; CR 437

Sept. 3
- theft of property; CR 1635
- violation of protection order; CR 222
- harassing communications; CR 1082

Sept. 4
- domestic violence; Hwy. 91
- burglary; CR 529
- theft of property; CR 1578
- attempt to elude law enforcement officer; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of controlled substances; possession of drug paraphernalia; 3rd St. SE Garden City
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 675

Sept. 5
- discharging firearm into unoccupied dwellings; CR 1598
- reckless endangerment; CR 617
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 617
- harassing communications; CR 1425
- theft of property; CR 607
- criminal mischief; CR 1609

Sept. 6
- domestic violence; College Dr. NE
- domestic violence; Main St. SE Hanceville
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 431
- assault; CR 1338
- possession of marijuana; Hwy. 69S
- harassing communications; CR 1367
- domestic violence; CR 1162
- criminal mischief; Pine Ln.

ARRESTS

Sept. 2-6

Anders, Tyler C.; 33
- DUI (other substance)

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

Brown, Jarrett C.; 52
- reckless endangerment

Brown, Kimberly A.; 53
- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)

Byrne, David W.; 31
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Crenshaw, Jamontae D.; 27
- FTA – speed above 70 mph – interstate highway

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

Hagan III, Thomas J.; 41
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Hill, Cade D.; 27
- attempting to elude a police officer
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of heroin
- possession of methamphetamine
- illegal possession of prescription drugs

Hogeland, Leslie C.; 41
- FTA – public intoxication
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Holcomb, Harley S.; 27
- possession of dangerous drugs

Homan, Sheila M.; 51
- cruelty to dog/cat (2 counts)

Jackson, Ethan L.; 27
- possession of synthetic narcotic

Joiner, Haley B.; 19
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Jones, Patrick E.; 40
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Knott, Rebecca L.; 50
- negotiating worthless instrument

Martin, Vanessa R.; 40
- possession of dangerous drugs (4 counts)
- possession of drug paraphernalia (4 counts)
- theft-miscellaneous, less than $500 (2 counts)
- resisting arrest (2 counts)
- illegal possession of prescription drugs (2 counts)

Menefee, Stanley R.; 72
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – robbery-residence-knife

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

Overton, Dustin D.; 29
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer
- FTA – unlawful possession of certain chemical compound
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Rouss III, Jack P.; 50
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of dangerous drugs

Sasser, Joseph E.; 54
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Seymore, Bradley J.; 57
- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)

Speegle, Rodney C.; 49
- menacing-aggravated assault
- assault-harassment

Sutton, Felicia L.; 39
- PROBATION REVOKED – possession of dangerous drugs
- PROBATION REVOKED – forgery-counterfeiting
- PROBATION REVOKED – possessing forged device/tools

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

Weatherby, Christopher W.; 46
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

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

Williams, Jeremy O.; 40
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 2
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '13 Kia; $400; Cullman Shopping Center
- harassment; person; Lee Ave. SW

Sept. 3
- theft of property-1st degree; AT&T Store; phones; $71,000; Cherokee Ave. SW
- harassment; person; Lee Ave. SW
- menacing; person; 13 St. NE
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; Red Roof Inn; damaged window; $450; Hwy. 157

Sept. 4
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Fuller St. SW
- harassment; domestic violence-3rd degree; persons; Cleveland Ave. SW

Sept. 5
- organized retail theft; criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $773; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence-3rd degree – criminal mischief; person; damaged phone; $600; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Hwy. 278E

Sept. 6
- harassment; person; Tallyho St. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Ave. E. SE

ARRESTS

Sept. 3-8

Evans, Sonya W.; 55
- FTA – insurance violation

Ballard, William B.; 34
- certain person forbidden to possess firearm

Fanning, Nathan D.; 42
- public intoxication

Hunt, Kristin A.; 36
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Atkins, Christopher B.; 47
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Hill, Cade D.; 27
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Byrne, David W.; 31
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Watts, Lisa J.; 32
- DUI

Russell, Rodney S.; 56
- organized retail theft
- criminal trespass-2nd degree

Hampton, Brandney D.; 45
- organized retail theft

Russell, Marisia M.; 49
- organized retail theft

Wright, Keith L.; 27
- domestic violence-3rd degree
- criminal mischief
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Collins, Cameron R.; 27
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Thomas, Christopher R.; 31
- DUI

Holcomb, Harley S.; 27
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Maddux, Charles A.; 40
- FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

Wright, Phillip D.; 66
- public intoxication

Rogers, Andrew C.; 39
- theft of property-4th degree

Duncan, Stephanie L.; 50
- leaving the scene of an accident

Chiarinoti, Juan C.; 70
- FTA – speeding

Wiggins, Joshua R.; 46
- public intoxication

Stricklin, Jr., Martin W.; 58
- FTA – switched tag
- FTA – driving without license

Smith, Jeffery W.; 37
- obstructing governmental operations
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Church Services: Spirit Life Church
- 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- 256-739-3326
- spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
- FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman

Shirley Burden Public Library in Hanceville
- The library is open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed from noon-1 p.m.) and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on Facebook for weekly details or please feel free to call us at 256-352-0685. Follow Facebook/Hanceville Public Library for event details.
- Wednesday, Sept. 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. Children's book club and storytime with Briana Taylor and Angelyn Riggs, children's book club
- October-November, regular Wednesday 10 a.m. storytime continues. Please visit the Facebook page for weekly detailed information.
- Adult book club meets monthly-Saturday, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, at 10 a.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 7, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Mud Creek Festival BOOK SALE
- Library will be closed on Nov. 11 in honor of Veterans Day
- 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.

Nimble Thimbles Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 10, at 10 a.m. at St. Andrew's Methodist Church, 615 Main Ave. in Cullman. Interested in quilting? You're invited. Everyone welcome.

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.

10th Annual Bernard Blues & BBQ Arts and Crafts Festival
Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12-13, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day on the grounds of St. Bernard Abbey and Prep School. A $10 donation is requested at the gate for each person 13 years of age or older. Those children aged 12 and under are admitted at no cost and free parking will be available for all festival guests. All the money raised will go to St. Bernard Prep School. No pets are permitted. The festival is next to the Ave Maria Grotto, which will have special weekend admission pricing. St. Bernard is situated on Alabama Highway 278 East in Cullman.

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

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

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

Cullman County Fair Parade
Saturday, Sept. 26, at 2 p.m. U.S. Highway 31, from Seventh Street Southwest to Arnold Street Northwest.

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

Eric (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Looking for a little dog with enough personality to fill an entire home? Meet Eric, The Cullman Tribune's Pet of the Week.

Eric is a Chihuahua-Pomeranian mix estimated to be about 6 months old.

Weighing just 15 pounds, he may be small, but he brings a moderate-to-high energy level and plenty of entertainment wherever he goes.

Shelter staff describe Eric as a natural "court jester." His expressive face is filled with curiosity, especially when he is exploring his surroundings or learning something new.

"He's like a shot of caffeine, and I do love coffee!" a shelter representative said.

Eric's playful spirit, curiosity and eagerness to learn could also make him a good candidate for training as a therapy or companion dog.

Since he is still a puppy, he will need patience, consistency and opportunities to keep his active mind engaged.

Eric is already neutered, and his adoption fee is $35, an amount shelter staff stressed is not indicative of his worth.

The family who gives Eric his permanent home can expect a lively little companion capable of bringing energy, laughter and plenty of personality into each day.

Visit Eric at the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Contact the shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us. If he's already adopted, don't , as he many friends waiting for their forever homes!

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9/11 (from Front)

found.

At home in Wantagh, New York, Talty left his wife, Barbara, two older children and an infant daughter, Kelly, who had been born less than a month before the attacks.

Talty was also building a second story onto the family's home. Friends remembered him as a man who could repair almost anything. After his death, fellow officers stepped in to help complete the work he had begun.

His friend Joseph McAuliffe later described Talty's character in one sentence.

"You knew that if it came down to it, Paul would do whatever needed to be done."

That character was evident in the direction Talty chose on Sept. 11. While others descended, he climbed.

His connection to St. Bernard was preserved by Brother Gus, whose name appears in St. Bernard yearbooks as a dormitory director.

Further research into surviving college records could establish when Talty attended, where he lived and whether photographs or additional memories remain from his time in Cullman.

What is already known is that one of the names at Ground Zero once belonged to a freshman living in a Cullman dormitory.

Cullman watched

Cullman County also had an eyewitness close to the center of the federal government's response that morning.

Holly Pond High School graduate Terry Abbott was serving as chief of staff at the U.S. Department of Education. He was in Sarasota, Florida, traveling with President George W. Bush and Education Secretary Rod Paige.

In a 2020 guest column for The Cullman Tribune, Abbott recalled initially believing the first crash might have been a small aircraft accident. The second strike made it clear that the United States was under attack.

Abbott helped rewrite Paige's scheduled remarks, sought police protection for the education secretary and traveled through a country suddenly under extraordinary security restrictions.

When he returned to the Washington area aboard a military aircraft the following day, the usually crowded American skies were almost empty.

"I will never forget what I saw and felt that day," Abbott wrote.

Nearly 3,000 people were killed in New York, at the Pentagon and aboard United Airlines Flight 93. The dead included office workers, restaurant employees, travelers, military personnel, police officers and 343 New York City firefighters.

The courage revealed that morning was not confined to one profession. Firefighters climbed stairwells knowing buildings were burning above them.

Police officers and emergency medical personnel entered danger to direct strangers toward safety. Passengers and crew members aboard Flight 93 fought back against their hijackers, preventing the aircraft from reaching its intended target.

Many gave their lives attempting to give others a chance to live.

Memory in motion

Over the years, Cullman's remembrance has taken different forms.

In 2020, when many traditional ceremonies were disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, a blue searchlight was placed at Depot Park and pointed into the night sky. The beam echoed New York City's Tribute in Light and offered Cullman residents a visible place to remember.

That same year, members of Cullman Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2214 and its Auxiliary walked around Sportsman Lake carrying the American flag, flags representing the military branches and flags honoring firefighters and law enforcement officers.

Children who had not yet been born in 2001 participated. Their presence pointed to one of remembrance's greatest challenges: passing the meaning of Sept. 11 to generations with no memory of the day itself.

Local schools have taken up that responsibility. Students have interviewed relatives about where they were when the attacks occurred, studied the lives behind the casualty numbers and created displays bearing victims' names.

Cullman County firefighters have carried remembrance physically.

In 2023, members of Cullman Fire Rescue climbed 2,071 steps at Cullman Savings Bank, the equivalent of 110 stories. They made the climb wearing between 60 and 80 pounds of protective gear, honoring the firefighters who entered the World Trade Center towers.

Afterward, firefighter Seth Brock reflected on the difference between completing a memorial challenge in safety and climbing into an actual burning tower.

"That's a different level of hard," Brock said.

In 2025, Holly Pond firefighters Woodrow Brown, Michael Butler and Caleb Graves, along with cadet Ty Harrison, completed their own 110-story memorial climb at Anytime Fitness in Arab.

Those challenges cannot recreate the smoke, confusion, fear or impossible choices of Sept. 11. They are not intended to. Their purpose is to carry the weight of the memory, if only for a few thousand steps.

Cullman County's 25th-anniversary observances are already taking shape. On Friday, Sept. 11, Fairview High School is scheduled to hold a 9/11 tribute before its Gold Star Football Game.

Military personnel, firefighters, law enforcement officers and emergency medical responders have been invited to help carry a large American flag onto the field.

The program is also expected to recognize a Gold Star family and the family of a fallen first responder, linking the sacrifices of Sept. 11 to the losses carried by families in the years since.

A seventh silence

This year's national commemoration will include a significant addition.

The names of 2,983 people will be read at the National September 11 Memorial, representing the 2,977 people killed in the 2001 attacks and six people killed in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

The ceremony traditionally observes six moments of silence marking the aircraft strikes, the collapse of each tower, the attack on the Pentagon and the crash of Flight 93.

For the 25th anniversary, organizers will add a seventh moment of silence. It will honor the rescue workers, recovery personnel, survivors and Lower Manhattan residents who later died from illnesses connected to toxic exposure at Ground Zero.

The addition acknowledges that the death toll did not end on Sept. 11, 2001.

Fires at the World Trade Center site burned for more than 100 days. Rescue and recovery personnel worked among nearly 2 million tons of debris.

Hundreds of thousands of people were exposed to contaminants, and more than 152,000 are now enrolled in the World Trade Center Health Program.

Thousands have died from 9/11-related illnesses. Others continue to live with cancers, respiratory diseases and psychological injuries tied to what they saw, breathed and carried home.

The seventh silence will recognize their courage and remind the country that sacrifice can unfold across decades.

An estimated 100 million Americans were either born after Sept. 11 or were too young to remember it. For them, the attacks are history rather than memory.

The responsibility for making that history human belongs to those who remember, the families who still grieve and the communities that continue to speak the victims' names.

In Cullman, that remembrance can begin with one name cut into bronze in Lower Manhattan and preserved in the words of a St. Bernard monk.

Paul Talty once lived among students in a dormitory here. Years later, he climbed into the South Tower while others were escaping. Twenty-five years after his death, the courage in that choice still speaks, but only if another generation is willing to listen and remember.

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Pelt (from Front)

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College will welcome New York Times best-selling author Shelby Van Pelt on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 9:30 a.m. in the Bailey Center Auditorium.

Van Pelt is the author of "Remarkably Bright Creatures," Wallace State's Common Read selection for the 2026-2027 academic year. The novel has sold more than 4 million copies and was adapted into a Netflix film starring Academy Award winner Sally Field, which received a 2026 Emmy Award for Outstanding Movie.

The event is free and open to Wallace State students, employees and the community. A question-and-answer session will follow Van Pelt's presentation.

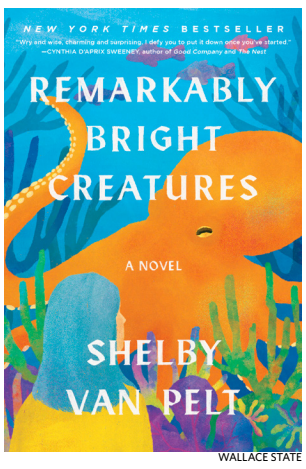
Through the Common Read program, a selected book is integrated into courses across the college to provide students with a shared academic experience and promote campuswide engagement with literacy and learning.

English instructor Doran Smith said students in English 101 classes are currently reading the novel and will use it as the basis for a literary analysis essay later this semester.

"Parts of the story are told from the perspective of Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus," Smith said. "These sea creatures have great intelligence, so Marcellus discusses both his own biology and foreign relationships of humans in a cold or clinical manner. His observations of Tova and Cameron (the novel's human protagonists) are treated with that same diagramming language and analytical mind."

Smith said that the book could also offer opportunities for discussion in biology, psychology and sociology courses.

Previous Common Read selections include "Big Fish: A Novel of Mythical Proportions," "The Art of Racing in the Rain," "The Fault in Our Stars," "The Small and Mighty," "The Noticer" and "Callings: The Purpose and Passion of Work."



WALLACE STATE

Retrial (from Front)

did not list a new trial date, and the State's motion was marked active and pending.

Harrison is charged with murder in the July 2024 shooting death of Dylan Bomberry-Wright, 29. He is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

"Accordingly, the Defendant's Motion to Dismiss with Prejudice is DENIED," Johnston wrote in the order entered at 11:13 a.m. Sept. 9.

Johnston did not withdraw or cast doubt on her earlier determination that a mistrial was warranted. She said the circumstances involving the defense witness identified in the filings as K.B. and Ms. Black were relevant to that decision.

The question presented by the later motion, however, was narrower: whether the State acted with the specific intent to cause Harrison to ask for a mistrial.

Under the U.S. Supreme Court's 1982 decision in Oregon v. Kennedy, a defendant who requests and receives a mistrial ordinarily may be tried again.

Retrial is barred only when government conduct was intended to provoke the defendant into seeking the mistrial.

Johnston also cited the Alabama Supreme Court's decision in Ex parte State, known as R.E.D., which requires substantial evidence capable of supporting a rational finding of that intent before the issue proceeds to a factual determination.

"The objective circumstances reflected in the record do not provide substantial evidence of that specific intent," Johnston wrote.

The judge pointed to statements prosecutors made during the trial that they were ready and eager to move forward.

When the defense ultimately pressed its mistrial request after Black invoked her Fifth Amendment privilege, the State opposed the motion and asked that the trial continue.

Johnston said the State's opposition did not decide the intent question by itself, but it was an objective circumstance relevant to the legal test.

Johnston also noted that the defense maintained its request after she asked whether anything short of a mistrial would allow Harrison to proceed.

Defense counsel represented that Black possessed direct, firsthand knowledge that no other witness could provide.

Considering the record as a whole, Johnston concluded the defense had not met the substantial-evidence threshold and that retrial was not barred.

The ruling also denied the defense's alternative request for an evidentiary hearing into the State's intent. Johnston found that the motion did not satisfy the threshold required for such a proceeding.

The defense separately argued that the circumstances deprived Harrison of his constitutional right to present a defense and independently required dismissal.

Johnston rejected that basis as well. She wrote that dismissal with prejudice is an extraordinary remedy and that the defense had not established that the disputed circumstances would prevent a fair retrial or that any resulting prejudice could not be addressed through a lesser remedy.

Johnston declined to order the disclosure sought by the defense of communications and other materials involving Black, finding that disclosure unnecessary to decide the motion.

She added that the order did not change any preservation or disclosure duty imposed by law, court rule or an earlier order.

The mistrial arose after the State rested its case and the defense prepared to call Black.

Court records show she had received youthful-offender treatment in a separate criminal case under an agreement requiring full, truthful and continuing cooperation.

During the Harrison trial, the State announced that it intended to ask the court in Black's separate case to set aside or withdraw that adjudication based on an alleged failure to comply with the agreement.

Because Black potentially faced legal consequences from her testimony, Johnston appointed independent counsel to advise her.

Black then invoked her Fifth Amendment privilege and did not testify.

The defense said her firsthand knowledge was central to Harrison's case and that no other witness could replace her.

Johnston granted Harrison's request for a mistrial while reserving the question of whether another trial would be permitted.

Harrison's attorneys filed the motion to dismiss with prejudice Sept. 3. The motion alleged the State deliberately interfered with a central defense witness and caused her to invoke her right against self-incrimination.

The defense alleged Black and her mother had been told she would face a murder charge if she testified. It asked Johnston to bar a second trial, hold an evidentiary hearing, require the preservation and disclosure of communications and make findings concerning prosecutorial misconduct.

Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker and Assistant District Attorneys Nathan A. Brock and Michael Burleson filed the State's 32-page response Sept. 8.

They denied that prosecutors threatened or sought to silence Black.

The response characterized the State's announcement as notice that it might seek judicial enforcement of her cooperation agreement in her own case, where Black would be represented and the State would bear the burden of proving any breach.

Prosecutors argued that the record contradicted any claim that they wanted the trial to end.

They said the State had promised Black's testimony during opening statements, had presented a case that survived Harrison's motion for a judgment of acquittal and opposed the mistrial.

The response also disputed the defense's description of Black as a necessarily favorable witness, pointing to differing accounts of what she said she witnessed. Those arguments were the State's position, not independent factual findings in Johnston's Sept. 9 order.

The State asked Johnston not only to deny Harrison's motion but also to expressly find that no prosecutorial misconduct occurred.

Johnston did not make that broader finding.

Her order instead resolved the legal questions before her: the defense did not present substantial evidence that the State specifically intended to provoke a mistrial and did not establish another basis for dismissing the indictment with prejudice.

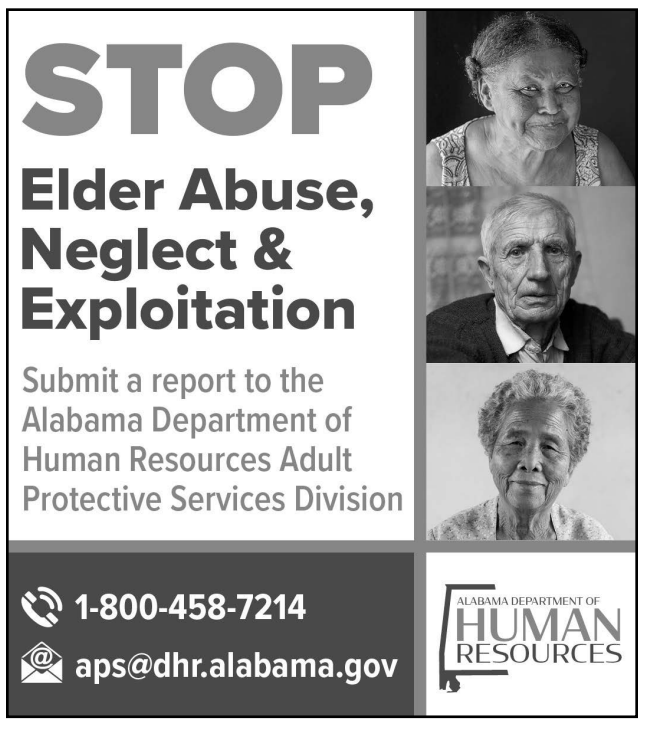
She denied all other requested relief from both sides as unnecessary to that determination.

Harrison remains listed as jailed in Alacourt.

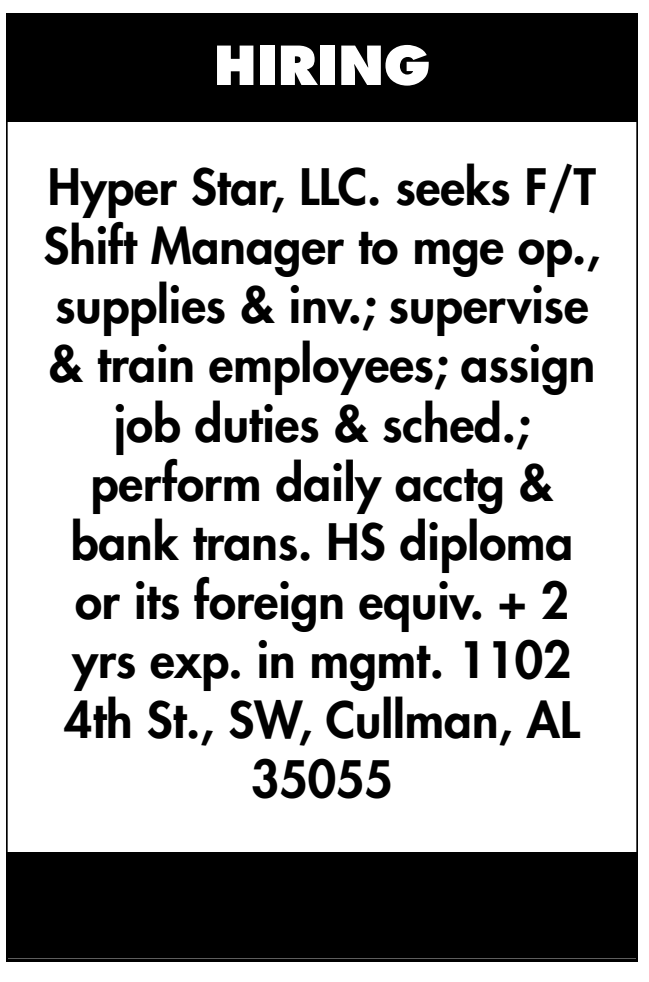












IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE ANN COLLINS, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC 2026-354**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to The Baptist Foundation of Alabama, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Charlotte Ann Collins, deceased, on the 3rd day of September, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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The Baptist Foundation of Alabama
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE ESTATE OF:
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TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted Amanda H. Schafner, as Administrator of the Estate of Samantha Deann Francis Mohamed, deceased, on the 8th day of September, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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DONE this the 8th day of September, 2026.

Amanda H. Schafner
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

JUDY ANN MOCTEZUMA, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2026-327

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF JUDY ANN MOCTEZUMA, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Sherry H. Barrett on the 8th day of September, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Sharon H. Barrett, Personal Representative (Administrator)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2026 - 900284

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

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Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: The Estate of R. J. Gamble, Sr., by and through Robert J. Gamble, Jr., its Personal Representative, Wade L. Sellers, and Deborah Dingler Sellers, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown.

You are hereby notified that on the 4th day of August, 2026, a Complaint to quiet title and foreclose the right to redeem the above-described real property was filed in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Ted F. Moore against R. J. Gamble, Sr., Wade L. Sellers, and Deborah Dingler Sellers, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown, whose names and whereabouts cannot be ascertained after exercise of due diligence and who are believed may claim some right, title, interest, or claim in and to the above-described real property. All persons having an interest in said lands or any portion thereof, claiming any title thereto or encumbrance or lien thereon, are hereby directed to plead, answer, demur, or otherwise respond to the Complaint thirty (30) days from the last date of publication, else at the expiration of thirty (30) days thereafter suffer a judgment by default to be rendered against them, it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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

Done this 14th day of August, 2026.

LISA McSWAIN, CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

JACOB CANTRELL,
Plaintiff

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

LYDIA ANNE CANTRELL,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

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

Done this the 27th day of August, 2026.

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

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Carrie Ann Sports and Kendra Leigh Sports on the 31st day of August, 2026, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Carrie Ann Sports and Kendra Leigh Sports
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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2026 - 900283

TED F. MOORE,

Plaintiff,

v.

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

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

AND

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

AND

REDSTONE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,

AND

LISA A. ALDAZ,

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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: Redstone Federal Credit Union, Lisa A. Aldaz, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown.

You are hereby notified that on the 4th day of August, 2026, a Complaint to quiet title and foreclose the right to redeem the above-described real property was filed in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Ted F. Moore against Redstone Federal Credit Union, Lisa A. Aldaz, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown, whose names and whereabouts cannot be ascertained after exercise of due diligence and who are believed may claim some right, title, interest, or claim in and to the above-described real property. All persons having an interest in said lands or any portion thereof, claiming any title thereto or encumbrance or lien thereon, are hereby directed to plead, answer, demur, or otherwise respond to the Complaint on or before the 19th day of October, 2026, else at the expiration of thirty (30) days thereafter suffer a judgment by default to be rendered against them, it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

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

Plaintiff's Attorney:
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
611 7th Street SW
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256-841-7800

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

JOHN WAYNE NICKLES,
Plaintiff

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

RACHEL SUSAN NICKLES,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

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

Done this the 21st day of August, 2026.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2026 - 900271

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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

TINA STRICKLIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

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

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

AND

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

AND

CURTIS WAYNE AND EARLINE THOMAS,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: Curtis Wayne and Earline Thomas, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown.

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2026 - 900272

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CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

TINA STRICKLIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

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

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

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

AND

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

AND

LOUIE FRANKLIN SELF,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: Louie Franklin Self, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown.

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

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Walk (from Front)

Noah Galilee
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Hope & Remembrance Suicide Awareness Walk will bring community members together Sunday, Sept. 27, to honor lives lost to suicide, support those affected and raise awareness of suicide prevention and mental health.

Registration will open at 1 p.m., and the walk will begin at 2 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Pavilion at Sportsman Lake Park, located at 1544 Sportsman Lake Road in Cullman. The event is scheduled to continue until 4 p.m.

General admission is free, but participants are encouraged to register in advance through The SAM Foundation's event page.

The afternoon will also include food trucks, community vendors, raffle prizes and other activities.

Shelly Sartain founded the Hope & Remembrance Suicide Awareness Walk in 2021 following the death of her nephew, Blaine Smith, on Jan. 4, 2020. Smith was a 2018 graduate of Fort Payne High School.

According to the event page, Sartain made a promise to honor her nephew's memory by raising awareness of suicide prevention and working to change the way people view mental health.

That mission became even more personal after Sartain's son, Jason Barber, died by suicide on Feb. 24, 2024. Sartain said the memories of Blaine and Jason continue to motivate her efforts to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health, encourage kindness and remind people that others may be facing struggles that are not immediately visible.

The walk is associated with The SAM Foundation, an Alabama-based nonprofit organization that works to prevent suicide through public awareness and education.

The foundation provides suicide prevention resources and evidence-based training designed to equip community members to recognize and respond to someone experiencing a suicidal crisis.

Participating event vendors listed on the registration page include American Family Care, Aniah's Food Truck, Bama Boy Boils, Bless Your Lemons, Bright Promotions, Da Big Italian LLC, Heads Up Prevention/WellStone, Micah Dodd Music, Sweet Foam Alabama and The County Press Custom Apparel & More.

The foundation is also accepting donations through the event page toward a $10,000 fundraising goal. As of Sept. 8, the campaign had raised $4,370.

For more information or to reserve free admission, visit https://samfound.networkforgood.com/events/98059-cullman-walk-2026.

Anyone experiencing emotional distress or a mental health or suicide-related crisis can call or text 988 to reach the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. Free, confidential support is available around the clock. Online chat is available at www.988lifeline.org.

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

CHRISTOPHER THOMAS BURK, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2026-378

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER THOMAS BURK, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Allison Mary-Anna Hazel Burk on the 8th day of September, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Allison Mary-Anna Hazel Burk, Personal Representative (Administrator),

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Obituary Announcements: Sept. 8-9

Ricky 'Rick' Owen Nix, 72
Ricky 'Rick' Owen Nix, age 72, passed away peacefully, Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026, at CRMC, leaving behind a lifetime of memories that will be cherished by his family and friends. Rick was a graduate of Walter E. Stebbins High School and was a man who found joy in the simple things that made life special. He had a deep love for all kinds of music and was a talented drummer. Music was an important part of his life, and his love for it stayed with him throughout the years. Rick took great pride in his home and yard. He loved working outside, keeping his yard beautiful, and making sure his home was always neat and pretty. He took satisfaction in caring for the place he called home. A true sports fan, Rick rarely met a sport he didn't enjoy. He was a devoted Atlanta Braves fan, loved Alabama football, and was a huge sports enthusiast. Whether watching a game or talking about his favorite teams, sports were a big part of who he was. Some of Rick's happiest memories were made at the beach. He loved beach vacations and especially treasured the father-daughter beach trips he shared with his daughters. Those special trips created memories that his daughters will carry with them for the rest of their lives. Ricky will be remembered for his love of music, sports, his home and yard, the beach, and most importantly, his family. His presence will be deeply missed, but the memories he created with those who loved him will live on. A service to celebrate Ricky's life will be held Friday, Sept. 11, 2026, at Cullman Funeral Home, U.S. Highway 278 E, Cullman, AL 35055. The family will receive friends from 5-6 p.m. and the service will be at 6 p.m. Rick was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Nix; a sister, Carol England and Denise and Patricia. He is survived by his mother, Betty Nix; sons, Shawn Nix, Jason Keeton; daughters, Angela Quintana (Alex), Stacey Nix, Erika Nix; brother, Roger Nix; grandchildren, Tristen Dewberry, Cameron Cross, Mackenzy Nix, Landon McCoy, Bayleigh Nix, Gage Nix; nieces, nephews, family and friends. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com. May he rest peacefully, surrounded by the music, sunshine, sports, and beautiful memories he loved so much.

James Harwell Smith Jr., 85
James (Jimmy) Harwell Smith Jr. of Cullman, passed away peacefully on Sept. 6, 2026, at the age of 85. Jimmy, or "Smitty" as he was known to many who loved him, was a loving husband, father, brother, son, and friend to all who knew him. He was an avid outdoorsman with a lifelong love for horses and hunting. He also cherished his time at the lake, where some of his happiest moments were spent on Smith Lake, making memories with family and friends. Jimmy was an incredible storyteller. He had a gift for telling a story and bringing it to life in a way that only he could, leaving those around him entertained and often wanting to hear just one more. Whether enjoying the outdoors, spending time with those he loved, or sharing one of his many stories, "Smitty" had a special way of making those around him feel a part of the moment. He grew up in Cullman and spent many summers visiting his grandparents in Tennessee. He graduated from Cullman High School in 1959 and continued his education at Florence State University, later known as the University of North Alabama, where he played football and ran track. Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents, James Harwell and Grace Smith. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Sticher Smith; son, Brad Smith (Cheryl); grandsons, Sticher and Lane; sister, Deborah Cox (Ernie); nephew, Adam Kennedy; and niece, Rachel Kennedy. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Hope Horses or a local charity of your choice. A memorial service was held Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2026, at 3 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. The family received friends from 1-3 p.m. prior to the service. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Holister Lynn 'Pete' Hughes, 50
Holister Lynn "Pete" Hughes, age 50, passed away on Sept. 2, 2026. Holly was born on April 24, 1976, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She spent her early years there, later living in New Orleans and Indiana, before eventually settling in Alabama. Wherever life took her, Holly brought warmth, laughter, and a spirit that made people feel at home. Holly had a deep love for her animals and found joy in cooking for others. She spent time working in restaurant kitchens, where she shared her passion for food and care for others through every meal she prepared. She was known for her loving and fun personality, her quick wit, and a sense of humor that could brighten even the hardest days. Holly was selfless to her core—often going without so that others could be cared for. She truly never met a stranger, and those who crossed her path were better for knowing her. She leaves behind her beloved grandparents, Rayburn and Lucy Randolph; her father, Douglas Hughes (Marie Smith); her brother, DJ Hughes (Jessica); and her cherished niece and nephew, Cerilene Roe and Dewey Hughes. She is also lovingly remembered by several aunts, uncles, cousins, and many dear friends. Holly was preceded in death by her grandmother, Nora Brown, and her mother, Patricia Hughes. Holly's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her. Her kindness, laughter, and giving spirit will never be forgotten. Decatur Brown Service Funeral Home assisting the family.

Solomon Johnson, 89
Funeral Service for Solomon Johnson, 89, of Hartselle, will be Thursday, Sept. 10, 2026, at 3 p.m. at Peck Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Ed Hayes officiating. Burial will be in Hartselle City Cemetery with Peck Funeral Home directing. Visitation will be Thursday from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. at the funeral home. Mr. Johnson was born May 14, 1937, in Morgan County, Alabama, to Howard Alton Johnson and Jimmie Lou Holt Johnson. He passed away Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026, at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab Center. Soloman was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Eula Johnson, son, Chris Johnson, daughter, Leigh Anne Craft. He retired from Monsanto after 30 years. Soloman was an excellent woodworker and made several wood instruments. He was a longtime Member of West Hartselle Baptist Church. Soloman loved the outdoors and loved to fish. Survivors include: Sister-Deborah Jones Four Grandchildren-Jacob Craft, Hunter Johnson, Leah Lawrence, and Noah Johnson. Three Great-Grandchildren-Eliza Johnson, Everlee Johnson, and Ellison Lawrence. Pallbearers will be Trystan Weaver, Tucker Montgomery, Jeff Woodruff, Ronald Britnell, Brent Eaton, and Dave Jones.

Nora Geraldine Prince, 81
Memorial Service for Nora Geraldine Prince, age 81 of Cullman, will be Monday, Sept. 14, 2026, from 4-6 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Prince passed away on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026, at Cullman Regional. She was born Sept. 21, 1944, to Willis Parks McBrayer and Athaleen Lenora McBrayer. She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Prince and her parents. Survivors include her daughters, Tina Calloway (Sammy), Pam Symon (Eric); sons, Tim Alldredge, Michael Alldredge and Justin Prince (Brittany); a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren; her faithful companion Pebbles; brother, Larry McBrayer.

Danielle 'Dannie' Racine Skinner, 59
Funeral Service for Danielle "Dannie" Racine Skinner, age 59 of Oneonta, will be at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; Visitation will be from 4-5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Skinner passed away on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026. She was born, Feb. 9, 1967, to Jack and Irene Skinner. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Michael Ruth, Herman Ruth and John David Ruth, and her infant twin children. Survivors include her daughters, Lacy Springer (Marcus), Kaytlyn Burney (Cody); sons, Garrhett Laparr; grandchildren, Zander, Aiden, Jordan, Boaz, Clara Mae, Debby Irene and Elide Grey-On the Way; sister, Kitty Ruth; sister-in-law, Marion Ruth and a host of nieces, nephews, family & friends. Her life drastically changed when she gave her heart to Christ. If the doors of any church were open, she would be there. She loved her children and grandchildren immensely. She gave as Christ would always helping others with a servant's heart.

Jeremy Stevens, 45
Jeremy Stevens, age 45 of Vinemont, passed too soon from this life on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. A memorial service will be announced and held at a later date. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Jeremy was born on Feb. 4, 1981, to Larry Stevens and Carolyn Horton. He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Billy Horton. He is survived by his father, Larry Stevens (Ludmilla); mother, Carolyn Horton; son, Cade Stevens (Kendall), daughter, Kiley Stevens, son, Jace Stevens, daughter Shania Stevens, son, Waelynn Stevens and daughter Ozzlyn Stevens; grandchildren, Brantley Stevens and Baby Paisley, who is on the way; brother, L.C. Stevens. Jeremy is remembered by his family as "a character". He had a distinct personality, and all who knew him loved him. He will never be forgotten.

Mary Anita Morris, 68
Memorial Service for Mary Anita Morris, age 68 of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 11, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Bro. Tim Aris officiating; Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 11, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Miss Morris passed away on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026, at Cullman Regional. She was born, Sept. 9, 1957, in Rossville, Georgia, to Andrew Dillard and Mary Ellen Williamson Morris. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister Clara Irene Netherton. Survivors include her brother, Andy Morris; sister, Lynn Williams (Randy); brother-in-law, Roy Netherton and a host of nieces, great nieces and nephews, family and friends.

Frances 'Elouise' Richardson, 89
Frances "Elouise" Richardson, of Hanceville, Alabama, passed away on Sept. 5, 2026, at the age of 89. Ms. Richardson was born to John Elmer "Jack" and Rosalee Duskin Powell on Feb. 25, 1937. Ms. Elouise is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles Richardson; son, Ricky Royce Kelley; and brother and sister-in-law, Ray and Diane Powell. Those left to cherish the many memories of Ms. Richardson include her daughters, Michelle Kelley Willard and husband Billy, Patty Kelley Wray and husband Wayne; brother, Randall Powell; J.C. Williamson, who was family at heart; sister, Jan Sandlin; grandchildren, Michael Wray and wife Tonya, Monica Willard Salinas and husband Brandon, Austin Wray and wife Penny, Michael Willard and wife Gaby, Jesse Kelley and wife Melanie; six great-grandchildren; and five nieces and nephews. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Richardson family.

Judy Kay Graham, 71
Funeral service will be held on Friday, Sept. 11, 2026, at 10 a.m. for Judy Kay Graham at Moss Service Funeral Home. She was born April 3, 1955, to the late W.J. and Margaret Hunter. She was the faithful wife of Wade Graham for almost 54 years, and the loving mother of Mark (Candice) Graham and Jonny (Jessica) Graham and she thought of Wade's daughter, Sabrina Black as her own. Between them they had 9 grandchildren, Hunter, Jesse, Westen, Jordan, Josiah, Sree, Sofiya Graham, and Haleigh and Elizabeth Black. To all of them she was their granny. Also 1 Great grandson on the way, Oliver Graham. She also leaves behind her sister Brenda (Mark) Dixon, Brothers – Danny (Boone) (Sherrie) Hunter, Michael (Mike) (Karen) Hunter along with nieces and nephews, in-laws, and a host of friends. Judy was always a giving person, always putting others first. Judy knew her Savior and knew where she would spend eternity. For years Judy served as Disaster Relief Coordinator for Red Cross in the Cullman Area and Rapid Responder for Goldridge Fire Department and her community. Some of Judy's favorite things were spending time with her family, she loved flowers and working with them. She had a way of making things grow. Judy loved to sing and had a wonderful alto voice and sang with a quartet at various churches throughout the area for some 24 years. Now she will be teaching Angels how to sing. She will be truly missed on this side but we that are saved will see her again. Until then she will be watching over us from on high with the Lord Jesus. Conducting the service will be Brother Phillip Robinson and Brother Randy Milligan. Friends are invited to join the family for visitation on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2026, at 6 p.m. Judy will be laid to rest at Etha Cemetery following the service. In lieu of flowers you may contribute to Etha Cemetery Fund.

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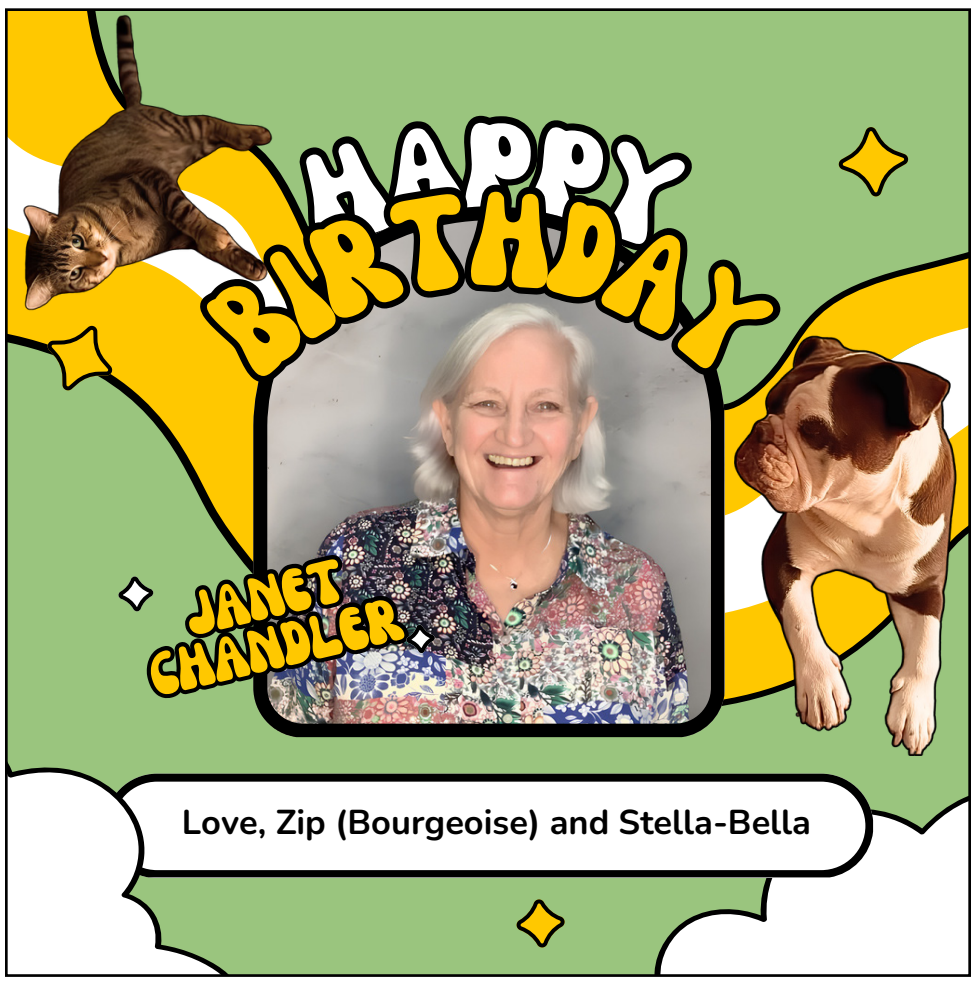
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Left to right are Drew Green, Martha Williams, Jill Meggs, Amber Thornton, Donna Speaker, Brooke Desnoes and Tanya Allcorn

Cullman County Public Library Board meeting notes: Sept. 9

Emily McMunn
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Public Library Board met on Sept. 9, 2026.

Donna Speaker donated $1,000 to the Cullman County Library out of gratitude. She said, "I wanted to show my appreciation to the library – the wonderful sort of variety of things that we have here."

MEETING NOTES

Book lease program
The program bill for $6,000 was approved to be paid. Cullman County Public Library System Director Amber Thorton noted patrons are loving the program and it has been a great success.

Updated library card application
Due to material selection policy and the new location of said materials when submitted to APLS it was advised to update card applications to allow for these changes. The new update will add a consent for parents if they would like their child to move more freely in the library.

Capital campaign manager position
The library board is moving forward with its upcoming capital campaign, voting to post a one-year contract position for a campaign director. The hybrid, 30-hour-a-week role is targeted to start Oct.15, working closely with marketing agency Good Grit to manage campaign operations and community outreach.

CD opening
Thornton spoke with Chris Manning with Edward Jones and was assured they could open an account with them and be given the highest interest rate for a CD. The previous CD account with Alabama Credit Union was closed and a check for $5,641.29 was acquired. Adding these funds to the new CD with Edward Jones would be a total of $29,343.79. The board approved to go with a two-year plan at 4.25%.

Reading and library card report
In last month's meeting the Board announced the library had 267,000 minutes read this summer from mid-May to Aug. 11. It also noted it had issued 200 library cards a month. "We're seeing all kinds of people coming in, just an influx." The bookmobile continues to be busy, seeing about 340 children.

Grants
The historical society donated $500 to buy more history books. The library is also working on its Lowe's grant for the outdoor area. It received the grant from Lowe's for $50,000. The Board has met with the Lowe's team and with Yearwood Construction, along with ProWorx, to find furniture that would match any style they decide to go with. "We want to go ahead and create this space for people to enjoy, but we also want to be able to use this and then just expand on it with a new building."

The library received an RCMB grant to purchase a cart of laptop computers for $15,000; those funds will be released on Oct. 1.

The Board said it was thrilled about this new opportunity because it allows them to bring monthly, specialized workshops directly to the community.

Right now, they are also in the middle of their second digital literacy session with 12 active participants.

"It is wonderful to host them right here in our own room, and we are so grateful to the Wallace Workforce Center for lending us the extra tables to make everyone fit and feel welcome."

The next Board meeting is Oct. 22, at 1 p.m. at the library.

LIST: Upcoming fall events

Chasady Woods
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As summer nears its end fall festivals, charitable efforts and other events grow closer. There are so many that we have put together this event calendar organized by date so that you, your family and friends will not miss any of the fun!

SEPTEMBER

• **Sept. 10** - Culinary in Cullman will be held at The Venue at Cotton Creek located on 417 Third Ave. SW, from 6-10 p.m. Participating restaurants will celebrate Cullman Restaurant Week through Sept. 21.

• **Sept. 12** - The Link Race to Restock is a scavenger hunt race through downtown Cullman will help provide food and support to the local community. All proceeds will benefit The Pantry at The Link. The start and finish is at the Desperation Student Center at 202 Elizabeth St. NE, Cullman.

• **Sept. 12-13** - Bernard Blues & BBQ Art Festival will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Bernard, which is located on 1600 St. Bernard Dr. SE, Cullman. This will feature barbeque, musicians, handmade art, food vendors and more.

• **Sept. 17** - The Willow Path will hold its "Passport Series: A Night in the French Quarter" fundraiser at Cotton Creek Venue, 417 Third Ave. SW, Cullman from 6-10 p.m.

• **Sept. 19** - Little Lederhosen Day at the Cullman County Museum, 211 Second Ave. NE, Cullman from 10 a.m.-noon. This kid-friendly event aims to encourage the celebration of Cullman's German heritage with food, crafts and scavenger hunts.

• **Sept. 24** - The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce will host the Burgermeister Ball at The Abbey Byre at St. Bernard located at 1600 St Bernard Dr., Cullman at 6 p.m. This will include a three course meal from All Steak and guests are encouraged to come dressed in traditional German attire such as lederhosen and dirndls.

• **Sept. 27** – The Oktoberfest Wine Dinner will be held at Jubilee Kitchen and Bar at 515 Fourth St. SW, Cullman at 5:30 p.m. This will feature food and carefully selected wines with a touch of German heritage.

OCTOBER

• **Oct. 1 - Oct. 1- 31** - The Cullman Area Literacy Council will host its inaugural Scarecrow Trail at Heritage Park. The family-friendly trail is free admission.

• **Oct. 6** - The Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation will host its annual Little Pink Dress benefit at Stone Bridge Farms Venue at 281 County Road 717, Cullman from 6-9 p.m.

• **Oct. 24** - Render Aid Alabama will host a "Boo" Festival from 4-8 p.m. at Randall Shedd Community Park, 605 Wesley Ave. N, Fairview. This is a free event that will feature a car show, live music, food trucks, hay rides and allow a sensory safe area.

• **Oct. 24** - Colony Parks & Recreation and the Colony Volunteer Fire Department will host the Colony Halloween Festival at 6:30 p.m. at the town's educational complex located on 151 Bryars Road, Hanceville. The event will include a bounce house, vendors, a cake walk and more.

• **Oct. 27** - WildWater's annual Trunk-or-Treat will be held at 1701 Main Ave. SW from 5-7 p.m. The event will also feature music.

• **Oct. 29** - Town of West Point Trunk or Treat will be held at 3990 County Road 1141, Vinemont. starting at 6 p.m. This will include candy, games, food trucks and, of course, costumes.

• **Oct. 31** - Beginning at 5 p.m. the neighborhood of Woodland Street Northwest will have its annual "Nightmare on Woodland Street." Multiple families team together to create interactive props, endless candy and a street full of Halloween activities.

• **Oct. 31** - Smith Lake Park, located at 403 County Road 386, will host "Camp-O-Ween" from noon-8 p.m. This will include food trucks, trick-or-treating, games, golf cart decoration contests and more.

Feel free to send any events we may have missed to news@cullmantribune.com.

The Link holding volunteer orientation Sept. 10

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Link of Cullman County is holding a volunteer orientation on Thursday, Sept 10, at 5:30 p.m. in classroom No. 3 at 708 Ninth St. SE. The orientation offers a chance for aspiring volunteers to talk through ways they can serve and make an impact on local families.

Organizers advise that anyone can help serve by possibly leading a parenting class, mentoring students or finding other opportunities to help local families.

They advise that if you're looking for a hands-on way to plug in with supporting our community's children, "VIPS is a great place to start. Valued, Inspired, Prepared Students, our school-based mentoring program, kicks off at the end of September and could be the perfect fit for you. VIPS mentors meet weekly with the same student or small group to encourage, support and build meaningful relationships in both our county and city schools."

If mentoring isn't the best fit, there are other opportunities. The Link also regularly accepts monetary items and food donations to support community demands.

The orientation aims to introduce those on the fence about how to become active in the community; participants can have an in-depth, in-person discussion about the time and effort it will require.

Pizza will be served and any who are interested in attending are encouraged to sign up at https://tinyurl.com/LinkVolunteerInterest.

The Link wrote, "Whether volunteering with The Pantry, mentoring in local schools, or teaching a personal pathway class, our volunteers are the heartbeat of The Link. By sharing your time, skills, and compassion, you can help strengthen families and meet real needs in our community."

Festival (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The 10th annual Bernard Blues & BBQ Festival will take place this weekend, Sept. 12-13, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day, on the grounds of St. Bernard Abbey and Prep School.

Along with favorite events, this year's festival will also feature new activities, such as art classes, a cooking demonstration and special commemorative items to mark the festival's 10th anniversary such as a St. Bernard coloring book.

Regional musicians will perform throughout the weekend, including Nathan Tate, Elnora Spencer, The Charlie Soul Band and Lindy Urban, along with a student performance.

Guests can also purchase artisan goods, including handmade pottery, jewelry, woven baskets, ceramics, stained glass, potted plants and more. The food at the festival will feature smoked chicken, pulled pork, ribs, Boston butt, Polish sausage and more barbecue than ever. Funnel cakes, ribbon fries, strawberry waffles, fresh-squeezed lemonade and baked goods produced by the monks will also be offered.

Barbecue lovers will also have four new sauces to try during this year's festival. The expanded selection will give guests even more ways to enjoy their favorite smoked meats and discover a new favorite flavor.

This year's grand prize is $10,000, and raffle tickets are still available.

The festival will run rain or shine. A $10 donation is requested at the gate for each person 13 years of age or older. Those children aged 12 and under are admitted at no cost and free parking will be available for all festival guests. All the money raised will go to St. Bernard Prep School. No pets are permitted.



ST. BERNARD

The 10th annual Bernard Blues & BBQ Festival will take place Sept. 12-13, 2026.

The festival is next to the Ave Maria Grotto, which will have special weekend admission pricing. St. Bernard is located at 1600 St. Bernard Dr. in Cullman.

Get more information and buy raffle tickets at www.facebook.com/bernardbluesandbbq and www.bernardbluesbbq.com.