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Cullman Florist celebrates 60 years of flowers, family and community



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Cullman Florist marked six decades of serving the community Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2026, with an anniversary celebration and ribbon-cutting at its Fourth Street Southeast location.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Florist marked six decades of serving the community Wednesday, Sept. 9, with an anniversary celebration and ribbon-cutting at its Fourth Street Southeast location.

The milestone brought together employees, customers, friends and members of the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce to recognize the business's six decades of service.

Its history stretches from Geneva "Gigi" King's purchase of an established flower shop in 1966 to the generations of designers and employees carrying her vision forward today.

King's granddaughter, Taylor McHan, reflected on her grandmother's determination and the memories created inside the family business.

"Sixty years ago, Gigi opened Cullman Florist," McHan said. "While I haven't been around for all of that, I have been around for about two-thirds of it."

McHan recalled spending afternoons at the florist and watching her grandmother perform the physically demanding work that came with operating the business.

"I have this vivid memory of her, in her tiny little body, carrying two 5-gallon buckets full of sand," McHan said. "That just kind of stands out as the work ethic that she had and her dedication to making this a community space for everyone in Cullman."

King purchased what was then known as Brighton Ward's in 1966. The flower shop had been operated by Gladys Bright and Sylvia Ward since the Depression era, according to The Cullman Tribune's archives.

After King took ownership, employees initially answered the telephone by identifying the business as "Cullman Florist, formerly Brighton Ward's," King's daughter, Annette King McHan, recalled during the florist's 50th anniversary in 2016.

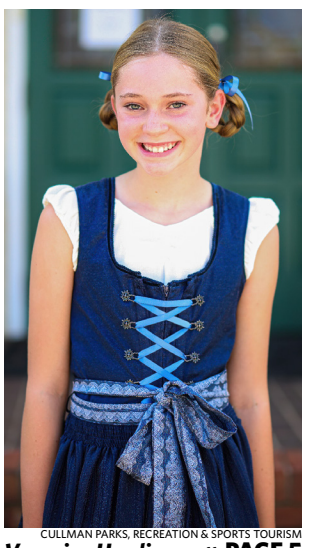
A Holly Pond native, King began learning floral design as a teenager while working for an aunt of her future husband who owned a flower shop.

She later became known not only for her designs, but also for a relentless work ethic and her involvement in Cullman's civic and business community.

The florist was initially located on Ward Avenue before moving to the east side of Cullman around 1980. King retired for health reasons in 1999, placing the business in the hands of Annett King McHan and her husband, Terry.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 11

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 11, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Sept. 7

- domestic violence; criminal mischief; CR 216
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 702
- theft of property; CR 1777
- harassment; CR 1338
- theft of property; CR 1736
- domestic violence; Main St. NE Hanceville

Sept. 8

- criminal mischief; CR 555
- harassment; CR 1107
- failure to sex offender registration; CR 601
- domestic violence; CR 489
- theft of property; Ellis Williams Rd.
- harassment; CR 1107
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1670
- theft of property; CR 1107

Sept. 9

- harassing communications; CR 1401
- theft of property; Johnson Ave. NE
- theft of property; criminal mischief; CR 1769
- dog bite; Hwy. 157

ARRESTS

Sept. 7-9

Alexander, Natosha J.; 43

- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- PROBATION VIOLATION – illegal possession of prescription drugs

Barboza, Jr., Rafael H.; 29

- cruelty to animals (2 counts)

Cobb, Jr., Kevin D.; 19

- assault-harassment

Coleman, Noah C.; 54

- DUI (alcohol)

Duncan, Stephanie L.; 50

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of drug paraphernalia

Edwards, Teresa M.; 40

- cruelty to dog/cat

Hagen, Shelley P.; 61

- FTA – stolen vehicles - unauthorized use of other vehicle

Heisler, Blaine W.; 36

- sex offense-failure of adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement and/or comply with residential restrictions

Jacobs, Alma C.; 56

- DRUG COURT SANCTION – possession of dangerous drugs

McReath, Trevor J.; 31

- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Moctezuma, Reyna N.; 28

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Nix, Bobby W.; 61

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Purcell, Stephen R.; 59

- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family

Tolbert, Emma S.; 67

- assault-harassment

Williams, Lisa K.; 58

- DUI (controlled substances)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 9

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

ARRESTS

Sept. 9-10

Mitchell, Shane C.; 55

- theft of property-4th degree

Aderhold, William Z.; 47

- FTA – violation nuisance order
- FTA – driving without license

Spivey, Andrew L.; 50

- FTA – driving while revoked
- FTA – fail to register vehicle
- FTA – insurance violation (2 counts)

Murphy, Kaleigh B.; 20

- theft of property-4th degree

Bentley, Austyn D.; 32

- FTA – insurance violation

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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Cullman Florist (from Front)

months later, Cullman Florist's building was destroyed during the April 27, 2011, tornadoes.

The business reopened in the Warehouse District before returning to the city's east side in 2018 at its current location at 119 Fourth St. SE.

Through every move and transition, Taylor McHan said the people carrying the business forward have remained committed to King's original vision.

"We're so grateful for everybody who has continued that legacy," McHan said. "Carla and Steph have just poured their hearts into this and made this space everything that she could have dreamed."

Steph Cook said she and Carla Fussell began planning for the florist's future after realizing they would be responsible for guiding its daily operations.

"We looked back and we set a five-year plan," Cook said. "We started short-term and long-term, and occasionally we revisit, 'What have we met?' We've met nearly every one of those goals."

Cook said some goals changed as the business evolved.

"There are a few of them we decided just weren't that important, and that's OK," Cook said. "We've learned that a pivot is perfectly fine."

One priority, however, has remained unchanged: the importance King placed on serving the Cullman community.

"One of the most important things that we draw on every single day is how important community was to Geneva," Cook said. "It worked for her, so why reinvent the wheel?"

That community-centered approach has allowed the florist's employees to become part of customers' lives during celebrations, losses and other meaningful occasions.

"We realized, meeting people and those relationships that we've built, some of our best friends and family, our chosen family, are now people we've met through the florist," Cook said. "It's literally the best place in the world. You can work, and you can help people through every day of their lives, the good, the bad and the other."

Cook thanked those who attended the anniversary celebration as well as the customers who have supported Cullman Florist throughout its 60 years.

"We really appreciate it, and we appreciate you each and every day, not just today, every day, that you trust us with your special events and those special occasions," Cook said.

Cullman Florist is located at 119 Fourth St. SE and is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays. The business can be reached at 256-734-0263. Find it online at www.cullmanflorist.com.

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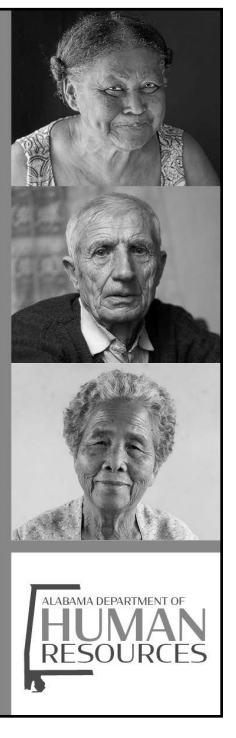


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Hanceville (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville City Council approved several measures involving infrastructure, community events and local organizations during its Sept. 10 meeting.

The Council authorized Mayor Nolan Bradford to enter into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) regarding special funding that will allow remaining grant funds to be used for drainage and sidewalk improvements. Approximately $20,000 remains in the grant.

The Council also approved a tax abatement for ZincFast. Look for a separate story soon.

Council members approved a measure allowing the mayor to pardon individuals with previous travel warrants as part of a warrant amnesty effort. Look for a separate story soon.

The Shirley Burden Public Library was allotted a budget of approximately $750 for T-shirts to be used for a library fundraiser.

The Council also approved a request from the Historic Preservation Committee to replace the downtown historic sign with a larger sign. The replacement will come at no cost to the city.

A $500 donation to the Cullman County Veterans Day Celebration was approved.

The Council approved street closures for the Mud Creek Arts & Crafts Festival, scheduled for Nov. 7, in downtown Hanceville.

The closures will include Commercial Street, Church Street, Bangor Street and a portion of Boyd Street. Proceeds from the festival will benefit the schools and city.

Keep an eye on www.facebook.com/mudcreekfestival for more details.

Council members also approved a budget of up to $3,000 to replace the lettering on the Donald Hamby Park sign with more durable lettering.

Appointments and terms for the Events and Community Development Committee were also established.

Mariah Hichs was appointed to Place 1 for a one-year term, Beth Ellis to Place 2 for a one-year term, Brianna Powell to Place 3 for a one-year term, Morgan Wasilewski to Place 4 for a two-year term and Yara Reynolds to Place 5 for a two-year term.

The next Hanceville City Council meeting will be Sept. 24, immediately following the 6 p.m. work session at Hanceville City Hall.

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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
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Alpha Delta Kappa Invitation
• Are you a woman educator looking to connect, grow, serve, and make a difference? We want to invite you to contact our local Cullman chapters Alpha Theta or Beta Delta. Alpha Delta Kappa is a national honorary organization of more than 25,000 women educators who share a commitment to valuing all people and promoting quality education.
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• 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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Shirley Burden Public Library in Hanceville
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• 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.

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

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Date & Time of Sale: 19th October [Day, Month Date, 2026, at 11:00 (a.m.) p.m.]

Sale Location: Cullman County Courthouse East Entrance
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Writ of Execution Parties: SouthPoint Bank v. Cody Hurt

By virtue of an Execution issued to me by Cullman County, Alabama Circuit Clerk Lisa McSwain, pursuant to the Code of Alabama, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Execution issued on a judgment, with interest and cost. Upon the expiration of proper notice and advertisement, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time, and location listed above, all right, title, and interest of Cody Hurt, real property located in Cullman County, Alabama described as follows:

From the point where the New Prospect Church Road intersects a private road known as the Lalon Edwards Road for the point of beginning. Thence go South (105 feet, deed) field measurement 140 feet to an existing 1/2 inch iron pipe, thence West along the South line of above property 420 feet to the East bank of Cone Mill Branch, thence meandering along said branch 490 feet more or less to a point on the South right of way of County Road 38, thence meandering along said South right of way 555 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, being a part of the East half of the Southeast Quarter, Section 24, Township 12 South, Range 4 West.

Property Address: 4469 County Road 38, Hanceville, Alabama 35077

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Source of title: Pursuant to the description provided in Plaintiff's Writ of Execution issued on or about July 20, 2026 in case DV-2026-900066.00 in the District Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

THEREFORE, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Cody Hurt, in and to the above-described property on the date listed above, subject to all prior encumbrances of record.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Board of Education at its Tuesday, Sept. 8, meeting recognized two students for outstanding achievements.

Cullman High School's Lukas Howlett was recognized for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Howlett proudly stated he has 40 merit badges. Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff also applauded his Eagle Scout bench projects at CHS and East Elementary School.

"Only 6% of Boy Scouts go on to earn their Eagle Scout, so let's give him a round of applause," said Kallhoff, who also thanked Howlett's parents for "raising a good young man."

Kallhoff also recognized West Elementary School fourth-grader Daxton Nabors, one of seven students in Alabama selected as a 2026 National Math Star.

"This earns Daxton a spot in a highly selective, long-term enrichment program to identify and support students with extraordinary mathematical talent," Kallhoff said.

Several plans were approved, outlining 2026-2027 federal funding strategies for Cullman City Schools, specifically focusing on the allocation of formula grants.

Kallhoff explained, "They detail how Title I funds will be distributed among local qualifying schools to support low-income students, while Title II and III focus on teacher effectiveness and English language proficiency. The slides also highlight Title IV priorities, such as STEM education and student safety, alongside mandatory administrative set-asides. Furthermore, these plans emphasize public transparency by explaining parents' rights to verify educator credentials and outlining various district compliance plans."He went on, "Collectively, these plans demonstrate CCS's commitment to removing barriers, providing equitable access to educational opportunities and ensuring appropriate support for students with unique circumstances. The plans establish clear procedures for identification, services, accountability, parent involvement and successful student transitions while maintaining high academic expectations for all students."



CHASADY WOODS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kile Kallhoff, Eagle Scout Lukas Jackson Howlett and Cullman High School Principal Allison Tuggle are seen on Sept. 8, 2026.



CHASADY WOODS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kile Kallhoff, Director of Academic Affairs Lindsay Brannon, West Elementary School National Math Star Daxton Nabors and West Elementary School Principal Dr. Chad Shannon are seen on Sept. 8, 2026

The Board also approved a $92,892.12 change order for the classroom addition at Cullman High School.

Two contracts were approved:

- Katherine C. Waldrop for physical therapy services from Sept. 8, 2026-July 31, 2027
- Total Spectrum Speech and Language Therapy LLC, from Sept. 8, 2026-July 31, 2027

They also approved the removal of several inoperable wooden light poles from the middle school practice field.

Additionally, several Child Nutrition Program equipment items were approved for surplus from the middle and high school. This included a Hobart slicer, Robot Coup food processor and stand mixer, Wrangler floor machine, serving lines and cashier stands.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Cullman Middle School library at 5 p.m.

Crown (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Ten school representatives will take the stage Tuesday, Oct. 20, seeking the title of Miss Cullman County Fair 2026 and thousands of dollars in scholarship awards.

The competition will begin at 7 p.m. in the Coca-Cola Theatre at the Cullman County Fairgrounds, located at 1501 Sportsman Lake Road NW.

Unlike the Fair Princess pageants for younger contestants, Miss Cullman County Fair is not open to general registration. The field consists of representatives selected by Cullman County's eight public high schools, Cullman Christian School and Cullman County homeschool.

MEET THE 2026 REPRESENTATIVES

The contestants scheduled to represent their respective schools are:

- Lainey Gerstman, Cold Springs High School
- Elizabeth Smith, Cullman High School
- Molly Kilpatrick, Cullman Christian School
- Abby Maples, Cullman County Homeschool
- Cadence Daniel, Fairview High School
- Aby Black, Good Hope High School
- Callie Aker, Hanceville High School
- Samantha Payne, Holly Pond High School
- Jenny Price, Vinemont High School
- Isabella Jones, West Point High School

Maples earned her place in the county competition after winning the inaugural Miss Cullman Homeschool Fair Queen Pageant in May. During that competition, Maples discussed encouraging athletes to become positive role models on and off the field. She performed "Riptide" while playing the ukulele during the talent portion.

The addition of a homeschool representative brings the 2026 county field to 10 contestants.

More than a crown

Miss Cullman County Fair serves as an ambassador for the fair and the Cullman community. The winner is expected to fulfill appearances and other responsibilities during her reign.

The importance of those duties is reflected in the rules governing the first alternate. If the winner is unable to fulfill her responsibilities, the first alternate will serve in her place.

Jillian Zapka is the reigning Miss Cullman County Fair after winning the 2025 competition.

Previous titleholders have used the position to support causes important to them. After winning the 2024 crown, Cold Springs representative Avery Gerstman promoted teen mental health awareness through her "Shine a Light" initiative.

Gerstman told The Tribune following her victory that the experience was about more than winning.

"I want them to know that it's not just about the crown. It's about the experience and the message you portray," she said.

The Miss Cullman County Fair competition remains one of the signature traditions of the annual fair, which has brought exhibits, agriculture, entertainment and community competition together since 1954.

Competition and judging

The county competition includes a talent portion, with a separate scholarship awarded to the talent winner.

The fair's published 2026 information does not provide the complete judging categories, scoring percentages or detailed competition requirements.

The 10 representatives will compete on an equal basis for the Miss Cullman County Fair title and its scholarship award.

Miss Cullman County Fair awards

- **First place:** Miss Cullman County Fair $ 3 , 0 0 0 scholarship and diamond pendant from Doug Doggett Jewelers
- Second place: First alternate - $2,000 scholarship
- Third place: Second alternate - $1,000 scholarship
- Talent winner - Wallace State Community College leadership scholarship
- Miss Congeniality - $200 from the Cullman Lions Branch Club

The Cullman County Fair Association pays the winner's $3,000 scholarship directly to the school in which she enrolls. The official information does not state the dollar value or complete terms of the Wallace State leadership scholarship.

Together, the top three placements carry $6,000 in scholarships. The winner will also receive a diamond pendant from Doug Doggett Jewelers of Cullman.

The 2026 Miss Cullman County Fair competition will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, in the Coca-Cola Theatre. The Cullman County Fair will run Oct. 15-24.

More information about the competition is available at www.cullmanfair.org/fair-queen-pageants.

The fair office can be reached at 256-734-0661 or 256-734-0339 or cullmanfair0@gmail.com.





9/11 (from Front)

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WEST POINT, Ala. — Friday morning, Sept. 11, 2026, West Point High School students gathered before class in the school's courtyard to honor the lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001.

The high school band played the national anthem before students handed out 2,997 American flags to be placed along the grass toward the front of the property. Students took a moment of silence for the lives lost and heard words of wisdom from West Point High School Principal Wes Black and History Teacher Jimmy Harbison, who organized the ceremony for the 25th anniversary of 9/11.

Harbison urged the students to look at the flags covering the entryway grass and know that each one represents a life lost.

"This is how precious freedom is," Harbison said. He added, "I'm proud to be a West Point Warrior."

Black told the audience, "This provides a vision for you that us adults saw. We didn't think it was real. This still impacts us today. We still hear survivor stories." He went on, "That's what makes the country so amazing. Everyone is willing to sacrifice themselves for the greater good."

In an interview with The Tribune Harbison said he wanted to let the kids have hands-on experience in remembering this day, not just through stories of the events 25 years ago.

He gave credit to his wife, who is also the school's librarian, Kim Harbison. "She wants this to be remembered as much as I do and had just as much planning go toward it as I did."

On Sept. 11, 2001, Harbison said, he was working at a furniture repair shop when the tragedy occurred. His phone rang and his sister advised him to turn on the television because the World Trade Center had been hit.

He noted that though his memory can sometimes fail him, he cannot forget the events that happened that day.

He also explained that his biggest regret is not serving the country, though this particular moment in history inspired him to become a history teacher. Through his teaching, he is able to help children understand the importance of history and heroes.



CHASADY WOODS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

West Point students placed 2,997 American flags on Friday, Sept. 11, 2026.

Harding (from Front)

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism (CPRST) on Friday, Sept. 11, announced that 12-year-old Veronica "Ve" Harding has been selected as the first-ever Kinderbürgermeister for Cullman Oktoberfest. This new youth ambassador role is inspired by a longstanding German tradition. Harding will represent the children of Cullman throughout the 2026 festival, taking place Oct. 1-4, at Depot Park.

The Kinderbürgermeister, German for "children's mayor," gives a young member of the community a symbolic seat alongside the festival's adult Bürgermeister, mirroring a custom found in towns across Germany. Harding was chosen from a pool of applicants after a written questionnaire, audition video, and in-person callbacks with a review committee from the Oktoberfest planning team.

"We wanted to bring the Kinderbürgermeister tradition to Cullman because it captures something we believe deeply: that Oktoberfest belongs to every generation in this community, including our youngest citizens," said CPRST Executive Director Nathan Anderson. "This role has real history and meaning behind it in Germany, and we're proud to give Cullman's kids a genuine seat at the table, not just a title. Veronica represents her peers with the same pride and heritage our festival was built on."

"Oktoberfest has always been a family event, but this makes that official," added CPRST Festivals & Special Events Director Daniel Wyatt. "The Kinderbürgermeister is proof that this festival is just as much for the kids as it is for the adults. Veronica is going to be a fantastic face for that all season long."

Harding will join Edgar Veigl, this year's Bürgermeister, as a festival ambassador throughout the fall.

Said Veigl, "Representing the German tradition of the Bürgermeister has always meant a great deal to me. Knowing that our youngest citizens now have a chance to represent their peers in that same tradition makes it mean even more. Veronica carries the spirit of this festival exactly the way it should be carried."

Harding, who lives in Cullman's Historic District and completed confirmation at St. John's, has grown up not just attending Oktoberfest, but taking part in it, riding the carousel every year, walking in the opening parade, teaching the crowd The Chicken Dance and polka, showing up in dirndls with her family and performing with her ballet group, Ballet South, on the Oktoberfest stage.

She is also currently a member of Heirlooms' Junior Singers, where she is learning a song in German to perform. As she has grown older, her appreciation for the festival's German roots has deepened alongside her enthusiasm for the celebration itself.

"I'm so excited and honored to be Cullman's very first Kinderbürgermeister!" she said. "I can't wait to represent the children of our community, meet even more kids and help make Oktoberfest a celebration they feel a part of. I love performing, but even when I'm not on stage, my favorite place to be is always near it. I love that a stage brings people together."

"We're incredibly proud of Veronica," said her parents, Will and Lauren Harding. "She truly loves this town and its traditions and has grown up surrounded by the people, places and celebrations that make Cullman special. Seeing that genuine love recognized in this way means so much to us."

As Kinderbürgermeister, Harding will appear in character videos throughout the fall, take the stage at Opening Ceremonies on Thursday, Oct. 1 and help lead kid-friendly Oktoberfest contests throughout the weekend, along with additional appearances throughout the festival.

Oktoberfest 2026 runs Oct. 1-4, at Depot Park in downtown Cullman. This year's festival adds a fourth day for the first time, expanded entertainment headlined by Manuela Horn and The Bräts and festival favorites in the Kinderbereich kids' zone, including a 110-foot Ferris wheel and a double-decker carousel. Admission is free. More information is available at www.cullmanoktoberfestival.com.



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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF MARSHALL COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JOHNNY PIERCE STEWART, *
Deceased. *
CASE NO.: PC2025-429

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to JASON PAUL WHITEHEAD, as Personal Representative of the Estate of JOHNNY PIERCE STEWART, deceased, on the 9th 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 be barred.

JASON PAUL WHITEHEAD
Personal Representative

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

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
* 1 Page(s)
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-355

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to KAREN KIM BOONE on the 1st day of September, 2026, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

KAREN KIM BOONE
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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STATE OF ALABAMA * 1 Page(s)
* **IN THE PROBATE COURT OF**
CULLMAN COUNTY * **CASE NO.:** PC 2026-238

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES ROLLO, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said Deceased having been granted to the undersigned, Christie Rollo, on the 2nd day of September, 2026, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Dated this the 2nd day of September, 2026.

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

PERRY D. KNIGHT
Attorney for the Petitioner
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Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-4090

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

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

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

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

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

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

DONE this 1st day of September, 2026.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

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

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

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Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-4721

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO FILE CLAIM

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

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

Alexandria Latham
Administratrix

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

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

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
LIL DARLENE HALE, **CASE NO.: PC 2026-343**
Deceased.

AMENDED

NOTICE OF PETITION SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION

Notice is hereby given that *Petition for Summary Distribution* has been filed by Kent Gregory Hale and Sonya Lynne Hale on the 9th day of September, 2026, and that 30 (thirty) days after the publication hereof and pursuant to law, the Court shall enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Kent Gregory Hale
Sonya Lynne Hale
Petitioners

Annette Irons-Parker
Attorney for Petitioners
215 Main Avenue Southwest
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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.

DONE this the 9th day of September, 2026.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

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

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

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

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

DONE this 2nd day of September, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
* CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
OLEN LEO POPE, *
deceased. * CASE NO. PC 2026-144

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Glenda Gale Pope, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Olen Leo Pope, deceased, on the 9th 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.

DONE this the 9th day of September, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

TO: Publisher
The Cullman Tribune

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

Attorney for Petitioner:
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STATE OF ALABAMA * 1 Page(s)
* **IN THE PROBATE COURT OF**
CULLMAN COUNTY * **CASE NO.:** PC 2026-317

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

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

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

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

PERRY D. KNIGHT
Attorney for the Petitioner
412 First Avenue SE
Suite 101
Cullman, AL 35055
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TO: The Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to KATHY DOUGLAS, as Personal Representative of the Estate of CLAUDIA ANN WILLCUTT, deceased, on the 27th day of August, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Claudia Ann Willcutt
Personal Representative

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

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
DONALD JOE LYNN) CASE NO.: PC 2026 - 296
Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Douglas E. Harris, as Administrator of the Estate of Donald Joe Lynn, deceased, on the 9th day of September, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and 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.

Douglas E Harris
Douglas E Harris

Shay Persall
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
611 Seventh Street, SW
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Attorney for Administrator

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
IRA STONEY LEE MILBURN, * **CASE NO.: PC2026-242**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to Nathan Milburn as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ira Stoney Lee Milburn deceased, on the 10th 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.

Nathan Milburn
Personal Representative

Jerry L. Kilgo
Attorney for Petitioner
421 3rd Avenue SE Suite 245
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2026 - 900273

FILED IN OFFICE
AUG 14 2026
LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

TINA STRICKLIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

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

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

AND

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

KATHY D. COLLUM FARLEY,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

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

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

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

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

When the world stopped turning

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Sept. 11 was simply another ordinary date until that day 25 years ago when it wasn't. It still isn't a holiday, and perhaps never will become one, but it is certainly a day we should never forget. It was a day that changed our lives. It was a day of events that altered how we live our lives. Alan Jackson sang the question, "Where were you when the world stopped turning, that September day?"

It was one of those days like the day when President Kennedy was shot or the morning Pearl Harbor was bombed. Those who are old enough to remember those horrific events remember exactly where and when they heard the news. On Nov. 22, 1963, I was in the third grade at Plainview Elementary School. I still don't know how he knew, but that afternoon a fellow student came down our hall saying that President Kennedy had been shot. I was barely old enough to comprehend what had happened, but I still remember it vividly.

On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, I was driving to my office at Gracewood Baptist Church, in Southaven, Mississippi, when I heard the news on my radio that an airplane had crashed into one the towers of The World Trade Center in New York. Less than 30 minutes later we learned that another plane had crashed into the other tower.

Soon afterward, both towers collapsed to the ground. Later that same morning, a third jet crashed into the Pentagon and a fourth plane, that is believed to have been aiming for the White House, crashed into a field in Pennsylvania. Almost 3,000 people senselessly died that morning at the hands of 19 hijackers. Although that seems like only a few years ago, this week marks the 25th anniversary of those horrendous actions.

These kinds of events have a way of changing our lives. These happenings have caused us to be more cautious as we've realized how dangerous our world has become. After seeing the movie "Jaws" in 1975, I've never gone back into the water without at least wondering if I might lose a limb or my life to a shark. Since the 9/11 events, I have continued to fly but never without wondering if it was safe. I am thankful for the tightened security at our airports, but simply boarding a plane has become a major ordeal. Many areas of our lives will never be the same, and perhaps they should not be.

The night after the 9/11 attacks, we had an impromptu prayer gathering at church. Many churches across the nation did the same. People were angry, frightened and nervous, as we wondered what might happen next. The world had not stopped turning, but many who may have stopped turning to God, stopped once again to do so in our time of great need. Even with hardly any time to get the word out, about 40 people showed up on that Tuesday evening at my church to pray. The next night was our regular prayer meeting and Bible study night and we had about twice as many as we normally had. The following Sunday, our sanctuary was packed. For the next month, we had some of the highest attendances not only in my church, but in numerous others across the nation.

The world did continue to turn, and in many ways, life slowly returned to normal. I pray we never have another day like Sept. 11, 2001, but how nice it would be to see so many of God's people continue to come together in worship and prayer...and not just when something horrible has happened.

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: Sept. 12, 1935

From the files of Sept. 12, 1935

City Purchases New Fire Truck

The city of Cullman completed the deal for a new modern fire truck. After severe tests which proved the truck satisfactory last Monday the deal was closed. The new truck cost the city $6,250.00.

The truck is of the most modern type, with a power driven pump, capacity of which is 600 gallons per minute. The pump will throw a stream of water 50 to 60 feet high with a pressure of about 250 pounds. The truck is equipped with flood lights, pump, ladders and all other necessary items of fire fighting equipment and has a capacity of 1200 feet of hose.

A demonstration of the truck's water throwing capacity was given to the public Monday afternoon in front of the downtown police station at 5 o'clock.

The old truck will be retained by the city for carrying the hose unit, it also having a capacity of 1200 feet of hose.

A new building is being completed near the power as a fire station where the trucks will be kept.

The members of Cullman's fire department are: Eugene Clark, chief, Louis Hauk, assistant chief; Pete Geisen, captain; Irvin Fischer, Oscar Fischer, Lavert Freeman, Alf Hinds, Max Buettner, Carl Buettner, Emil Buettner, William Buettner, John Veigl, Bruce Pylant, Cal Leeth, Howard Edwards, B. E. Lee, Jack Hudson, Hane Windsor, Sam Higgins and Tom Eubanks.

Hulaco News

Baileyton R 1, Sept. 10—The meeting is progressing nicely at Hebron. Rev. Hall is doing some wonderful work. There have been fifteen baptised and there are five more to be baptised.

We were pleased to have the nice little shower which fell last night as it has settled the dust for awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Warmick of Cullman and Misses Ruth Mitchell and Frances Bolding and Harry Mitchell of Gadsden were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Martin.

Mrs. Frank Norton was the Tuesday morning caller of Mrs. J. F. Tyson.

Miss Marion Camp of Arab has returned to her home after spending several days with Misses Earline and Willene Gullian.

Sorry to report that Jess Putman is on the sick list. His many friends hope for him a speedy recovery.

S. S. Bolding and son, George, of Gadsden were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Bolding and family.

Jane, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bethel Satterfield, who has been having chills and fever, is recovering nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Smith and little daughter of Albertville were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and H. A. Martin.

Miss Troy Earwood is spending a few days near Wenzel.

R. L. Baker and Millard Earwood motored to Florence last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Earwood and little daughter were Monday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bethel Satterfield.

Verbon Lawrence of Gadsden was the Saturday night visitor of Wade Solley.

Foyster Oliver of Oneonta was the week end visitor of friends in this community.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Earwood motored to the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Self near Welcome church to celebrate the birthdays of Mr. Tyson and also Miss Zelma Self and Mrs. Paul Earwood. They met a large crowd awaiting them, there with a lot of delicious food which was spread on the table. All had a jolly time and in the afternoon kodaking and singing was enjoyed.

Miss Inez Roebuck was the Thursday night visitor of Misses Armon and Orean Earwood.

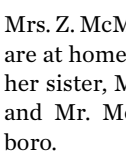
West Point News

Vinemont R 1, Sept. 11—Revival began here Sunday night with a good attendance.

Cotton picking is progressing nicely at this time.

Onnie Phillips of near here returned home Saturday after several months' stay in California.

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Mrs. Z. McMath and children are at home after a visit with her sister, Mrs. T. S. Morrow and Mr. Morrow of Scottsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Hardin and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Banks are announcing the birth of a baby girl.

Walter NeSmith has purchased the Reeves school bus and will take the students this winter that Mr. Reeves has been taking.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wade and Mrs. Talmadge Monroe and children of Powtang were Monday guests at the home of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Buckelew.

Mr. and Mrs. Mose Swafford and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hardin.

Mrs. Esther Young and little son and Mrs. Ellis Tankersley made a business trip to Cullman Monday.

Mrs. Lula Hardin has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edward Holmes and Mr. Holmes in the valley.

POET'S CORNER

Dropping By

By: Randy C. Hale

The old man was asked if he was afraid
to stay alone by himself?
He gave a short "ha" and then he
replied.
"No, I do quiet fine," with a grin on his
face.
"I know all the ghosts in this place."

Do you get lonely? He said, "no,"
but not so convincing it seemed.
"I have this dog and this fat old
cat," and up on his rocker he leaned.

Then looking at me as he straighten his
hat, he pointed from his porch to the
trees.
" All those birds, and the squirrels.
I find them my company you see."

"And there is my friend who lives down
the road, that stops by sometimes for
a chat.
And every Tuesday, my daughter comes
by and I look forward to that.

So, I stayed for a while and we talked
and we smiled and I laughed at his
jokes he could tell.
Then said my farewells and left
the old man as he rocked back
and forth for a spell.

Then taking the road, behind leaving
dust that swirled then settled at last.
I waved one last time as I drove out
of sight and hoped one day to return.
For there on that porch in that old
rocking chair was wisdom and more
I could learn.

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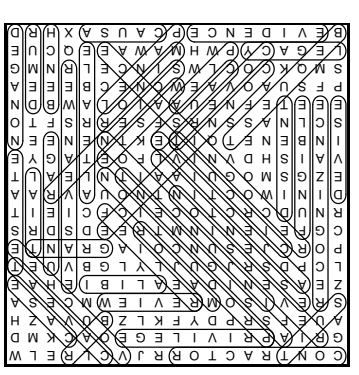
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The Pilot Club of Cullman holds Holiday Market



CHASADY WOODS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Pilot Club of Cullman held its Holiday Market at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center. The market featured local vendors with inventory such as crocheted holiday decor, homemade soaps, books, wood-burned crafts and hand-drawn cards. Attendees also had a chance to enter to win door-prize baskets.



Obituary Announcements: Sept. 9-10

William Joseph Huser, 89
William Joseph Huser, born in Seymour, Indiana, on April 8, 1937, to William Henry Huser and Ethel Worthington Huser, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026. Affectionately known as "Goober," Bill never met a stranger and was deeply loved and cherished by all who knew him. He was a devout parishioner of Sacred Heart Catholic Church who found joy in playing cards and games, bowling, fishing, being outdoors, and—above all—spending time with his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Ron L. Huser. He is survived by the mother of his children and dear friend, Wanda (Mattingly) Huser, his children, Rhonda (Steve) McClintic, Kimbra (Doug) Morris, and Brent (Debra) Huser; four grandchildren, Tanya (Elliot) Harrington, Ryan (Jacqueline) Huser, Sam (Melissa) Huser, and Ben Huser; five great-grandchildren, Madison, Taylor, Mason, McKenzie, and Miles; as well as several nieces and nephews. Please join us to honor and celebrate his life on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cullman, Alabama. Services will begin with visitation at 9 a.m., followed by eulogies at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 9:45 a.m., and Mass at 10 a.m. Celebration of life meal to follow. Because our father had regularly attended children's Masses and was fondly remembered for giving the children high-fives as they left the church, the family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in his memory to Sacred Heart School. Sacred Heart School 112 2nd Ave. SE Cullman, AL 35055 256-734-4563. The family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to the staff at Cullman Regional Medical Center and Aveanna Hospice of Cullman, whose exceptional care and compassion brought us great comfort during this difficult time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to assist the family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Nicholas Raye Batemon, 41
A graveside service for Nicholas Raye Batemon, 41, of Hanceville will be announced at a later date. Mr. Batemon was born on June 20, 1985, in Cullman, Alabama to Mrs. Tammy Fuller and Mr. Jimmie Batemon. He passed away at his home in Hanceville on Sept. 8, 2026. Mr. Batemon attended school at Holly Pond High School and then went on to earn his GED from Wallace in 2010. From there on out, he worked in construction and manufacturing across North Alabama. Mr. Batemon was an avid gamer, and was always ready to share advice, tidbits, strategies, and hacks. He was affectionately known as Uncle Nicky to his nieces and nephews. We honor his memory with these verses of scripture: "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." – Psalm 23:4 "The memory of the just is blessed." – Proverbs 10:7 Mr. Batemon is survived by his mother, Tammy (Gery) Fuller; father, Jimmie "Jay" Batemon II; children, Alexis Batemon, Brandon Smith, Jarah Batemon, Abigail Batemon; siblings, Lanee (Wes) Brasher, Aimee (Caine) Robinson, Christopher (Tiffany) Bell, Ethan Batemon, Michelle Crouch; grandparents, Betty Baker-Green, Jimmie Batemon I, Jayne (Bud) Johnson, Jane Dalton; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Mr. Batemon was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Ted Baker, Neal Fuller, Patrick Dalton; and grandmother, Freda Batemon. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Batemon family.

Terri Lynn Morgan, 65
Memorial visitation for Terri Morgan, age 65 of Cullman, will be at 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Morgan passed away on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026, at Cullman Regional after a long battle with kidney disease. She was born, March 5, 1961, Lewis Patterson and Betty Suggs Patterson. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, Wayne Monroe Morgan; sons, Jeremy (Katie) Hubinger, Jeffrey Hubinger; grandchildren, Lewis Hubinger and Ethan Hubinger; brothers, Ray Tweed, Don Patterson, Steven Patterson, Randall Patterson and a host of Nieces and nephews and cousins.

Brenda Sartin, 75
Brenda Sartin, 75, of Cullman County, Alabama, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Sept. 9, 2026, with her devoted husband, Gary, by her side. She was born on Feb. 20, 1951, to Jim Bird Lynn and Teresa Lorene Lynn. Funeral Service for Brenda Gay Sartin will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with officiating; burial at Valley Springs Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Brenda was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, nurse, and friend. She married Gary Wayne Sartin on July 10, 1971, and together they shared 55 years of marriage. Their life together was centered around their family, their faith, and serving others. As the wife of a minister, Brenda was a strong and active part of the churches where her husband served. Her faith and willingness to serve others was an important part of her life, and she touched many people through her kindness, strength, and devotion. After her diagnosis, Brenda and Gary returned home to Mt. Grove Baptist Church. Brenda loved her family deeply and treasured the time she spent with them. She also had a creative side and enjoyed drawing, painting, sewing, and crafts. She was an accomplished gardener with a remarkable ability to grow almost anything and found great joy in caring for her garden. Brenda loved being a nurse and took great pride in caring for others. After graduating from Good Hope High School in 1970, she went on to earn her associate degree in nursing from Wallace State Community College in 1983 and spent 30 years as a Registered Nurse at Cullman Regional Medical Center where is served as a charge nurse. She also served as rapid responder with the Loretta Fire Department. Her compassionate nature and caring heart were reflected not only in her profession but in the way she lived her everyday life. Brenda is survived by her husband, Gary Wayne Sartin; her brother, Johnny Lynn; her daughter, Charidee Sirvio and her husband, Rodney; and her sons, James Sartin and his wife, Marcia, and Justin Sartin and his wife, Shannon. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Makayla Shoemaker and her husband, Trevor; Sylus Sartin and his wife, Stephanie; Allie Sartin and future husband, Tanner Malin; Adeline Pearl Sartin; Elijah Sartin; and Stella Sartin; and her great-grandchildren, Sadie Claire Shoemaker and Benjamin James Sartin. She is preceded in death by her parents, Jim Bird Lynn and Teresa Lorene Lynn, her brother, Franky Lynn, and her sister, Loretta Ann Taylor. Her family expresses their deepest gratitude to Gary for the unwavering love and care he provided Brenda after her diagnosis of vascular dementia eight years ago. His devotion ensured her final years were filled with comfort and compassion. Brenda will be remembered for her caring heart, her strength, her love for her family, her devotion to her faith, her relentless worth ethic, and the many lives she touched through her work as a nurse, wife, mother, and friend. Her love will continue to live on through her family and all those who had the privilege of knowing her. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

Harold Wayne Brown, 76
It is with profound sadness and heavy hearts that we share the passing of Harold Wayne Brown, age 76, of Cullman. Harold passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2026, surrounded by those closest to him. Harold was born on Nov. 21, 1949, in Cullman, Alabama, to Reverda Early and Edna Inez Brown. He graduated from Hanceville High School. Soon after graduation, Harold answered the call to serve his country by joining the United States Army. He proudly served during the Vietnam War. Following his military service, he continued his dedication to our country through his work with the U.S. Medical Command Unit and the Civil Service of the United States, serving under the Surgeon General of the United States Army. Service was more than a chapter of Harold's life; it was a part of who he was. He gave many years of his life to serving his country and was proud to have done so. Over the years, Harold had the opportunity to travel and see much of the world. Yet, after all of his travels and experiences, he eventually returned home to Cullman, the place he loved, where he enjoyed his retirement and continued to give of himself to his community and his beloved church. Harold never met a stranger and had a way of making people feel welcomed, valued, and loved. He was especially loved by the children and young people at church, whom he affectionately considered his "kids." As a devoted Youth Leader, Harold led not only with words, but by example. He gave his time, his heart, and his wisdom freely, leaving an impact on countless young lives. His influence reached far beyond the church walls and touched people throughout our community, our county, and our nation. One of Harold's greatest passions was music. He loved to sing, and his voice and musical talents were enjoyed by many throughout the years. Whether singing at church or simply sharing his love of music with others, it was one of the many ways Harold brought joy to the people around him. Harold leaves behind a lifetime of memories and a legacy of service, faith, kindness, and love. He is survived by one sister, along with numerous beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and the many lives he touched along the way. He was preceded in death by his parents, Reverda Early and Edna Inez Brown; two sisters, Martha Nell Quick and Margorie Reynolds; one brother, Delano Eugene Brown; and several nieces and nephews. Though Harold will be deeply missed, the love he gave, the lives he touched, the young people he guided, and the memories he left behind will live on in the hearts of those who knew him. Military services will be held at Mountain View Missionary Baptist Church in Cullman on Monday, Sept. 14, 2026, from noon-2 p.m., with a celebration of life following at the church. Address: 1890 County Road 438, Cullman, AL 35057. There will be no graveside service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Tracy Lee Haynes, 53
Tracy Lee Haynes, 53, of Hanceville, Alabama, passed away at his home on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026. Tracy was born to Jerry and Margie Haynes on March 21,1973, in East Chicago, Indiana. When he was 6 years old, the family moved to Hanceville, Alabama, close to most of his extended family, where he lived for the remainder of his life. Tracy was a loving son, brother, uncle, and friend. He had an exceptionally kind heart and has literally given people the shirt off his back. One of his greatest joys was entertaining his friends by playing his guitar at parties and local events. Tracy's musical journey began when he started playing for the Hanceville High School band when he was only in 5th grade. He excelled as a trumpet and baritone player and became section leader of the Low Brass. Naturally gifted in music, he taught himself how to play the guitar when he was 14 years old. Over the years he was a part of several local bands and developed close friendships with many of his fellow musicians. In 2015, he played guitar for Brick Avenue, a very successful local band, who won the first Battle of the Bands competition and opened for Rock the South that year. In addition to his musical talents, he also was gifted academically and had the highest score in the state on the ASVAB test. This led to him being heavily recruited by the US Army; however, he instead opted to study music at Wallace State Community College and then eventually went on to get a degree in auto mechanics. He was an avid football fan, loving Auburn and the Green Bay Packers. His greatest love was rock music, with Led Zeppelin, Metallica, and Def Leppard being some of his favorite bands, just to name a few. He also had a love for drawing, Star Wars, model cars, foosball, NASCAR (especially Dale Earnhardt, Sr), and animals of all types. As his medical problems worsened towards the end of his life, his concern for others and his desire "not to be a burden" was still evident daily. The nurses and other medical staff continually commented about how sweet he was and how he never complained, even when he had a reason to. Though his time here was shorter than we would like, we take comfort in knowing he is with his Heavenly Father and that we will see him again one day. Survivors include his mother, Margie Haynes; his father, Jerry Haynes; his sisters, Janna (Bart) Absher, and Judy (Steve) Skinner; his de facto brother and best friend, Brian Blalock; his niece, Ella Absher; his nephew, Brady Absher; a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins; several other people who held a special place in his heart; and his dog, Bandit. Mr. Haynes was preceded in death by his grandparents and many aunts and uncles. Visitation services will be held at Hanceville Funeral Home on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026, from 1-3 p.m., with the funeral service following immediately after at 3 p.m. He will then be laid to rest at his childhood church home, Hopewell Baptist Cemetery.

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