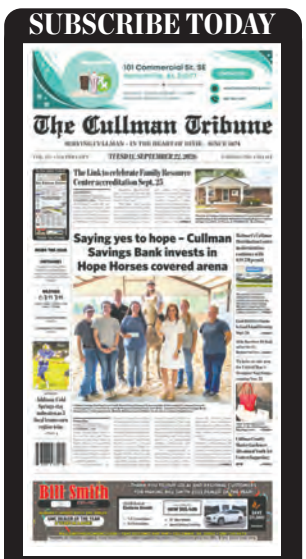
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Cullman County Commission approves FY 2027 budget, discusses water billing transition

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CULLMAN, Ala. - The Cullman County Commission at its meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 22, approved its fiscal year 2027 budget and a lengthy list of county business items.

One of the major updates discussed during the meeting was the upcoming transition of Cullman County Water and Sanitation billing.

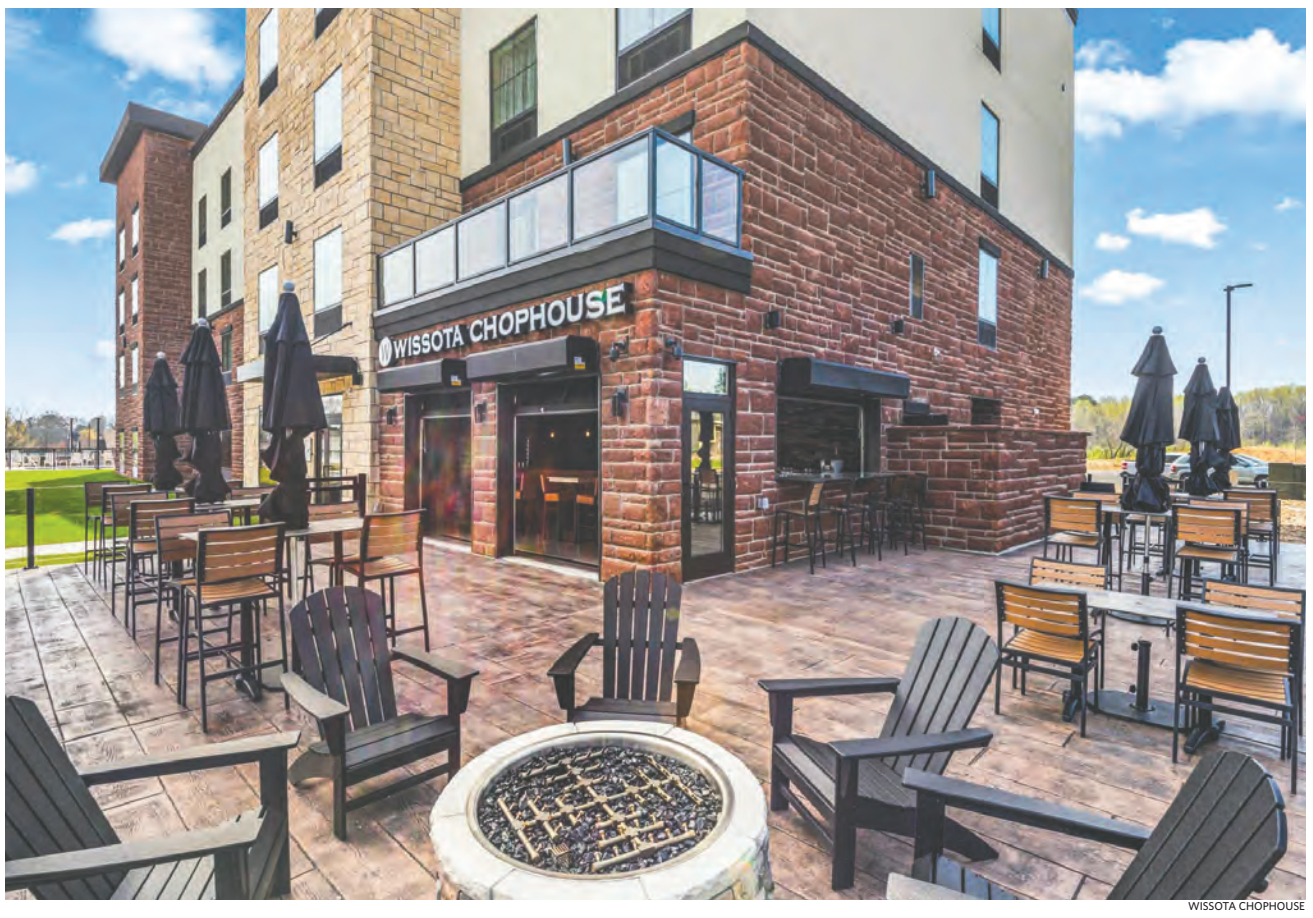
Cullman Electric Cooperative will no longer accept payments for Cullman County Water or Cullman County Sanitation after Sept. 25. Between Sept. 26 and Oct. 5, no payments will be accepted due to the transition of billing services.

As of Oct. 5, all payments for both Cullman County Water and Cullman County Sanitation will be handled through the Cullman County Water Department.

Officials said there will be a grace period during the transition in case customers miss the notice. Customers who currently have automatic payments set up through Cullman Electric Cooperative will need to set them up again beginning Oct. 5 through Cullman County Water and Sanitation at ccwaterandsanitation.payub.com. Additional information can be found on the Cullman County Commission and Cullman County Water Department websites.

The Commission also approved the county's fiscal year 2027 budget, effective Oct. 1. The $94,621,043 budget includes major county funds, including the General Fund, roads and bridges, parks, water, CARTS and economic development, while excluding transfers between » PAGE 6

Wissota Chophouse to close Cullman location Sept. 26; new concept teased



WISSOTA CHOPHOUSE

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Wissota Chophouse will close its Cullman restaurant Saturday, Sept. 26, after approximately 2.5 years in business, according to an announcement from the restaurant.

The restaurant, located inside Cobblestone Hotel & Suites at 1835 Main Ave. SW, did not provide a specific reason for the closure. Its announcement indicated, however, that plans are being developed to bring a different concept to the space.

"After much thought and consideration, we want to share that September 26, 2026 will be our last day of business," the restaurant stated.

Wissota said all outstanding gift cards must be used by Sept. 26. The announcement did not indicate whether the cards could be redeemed at another Wissota location after the Cullman restaurant closes.

The restaurant said it believes the space presents an opportunity for something new that better fits the needs of its guests and the Cullman community.

"We're looking forward to this next chapter and to bringing something exciting to the community," the announcement stated. "Stay tuned! We'll be making announcements about what's coming to the space as plans develop."

No details were released about the proposed replacement, including its name, ownership, type of restaurant or anticipated opening date. The announcement addressed only Wissota Chophouse and did not state that the adjoining Cobblestone Hotel & Suites is closing.

Wissota also thanked its Cullman employees for their work during the restaurant's operation.

"The last couple of years have been filled with hard work, dedication, memories, and so many moments shared with our guests," the restaurant stated. "We are incredibly grateful for everything our team has contributed and for the role they have played in making this place what it has been."

The announcement did not disclose how many employees will be affected or whether members of the Wissota staff could be offered positions with the operation planned for the space.

Wissota Chophouse opened in February 2024 as part of the Cobblestone Hotel development. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the hotel and restaurant was held March 28, 2024.

The Cullman location was Cobblestone's first hotel in Alabama, while Wissota was described at the time as the restaurant brand's ninth location overall and its second outside Wisconsin. The Cullman property was also the first partnership between the Cobblestone Hotel & Suites and Wissota Chophouse brands.

The 63-room hotel-and-restaurant development was announced in August 2022 and was projected as an approximately $8.8 million investment employing at least 22 people.

The City of Cullman received a $150,000 Community Development Block Grant for infrastructure supporting the development, including a turning lane along Main Avenue and a new access road. The city com- » PAGE 3

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Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 23

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 23, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 17

• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $139; Hwy. 157

• theft of property-1st degree; forgery-3rd degree; Willoughby Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc.; forged check

ARRESTS

Sept. 21-22

Hessom, Terrence O.; 32

• FTA – violation of protection order

Hopper, Christopher A.; 44

• possession of drug paraphernalia

Nash, Angela M.; 32

• FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Scott, Kenneth R.; 54

• FTA – fail to register vehicle

• FTA – insurance violation

• FTA – driving while suspended

Ridgeway, Cy J.; 33

• FTA – insurance violation

• FTA – driving without license

• FTA – expired tag

Bacon, Edward T.; 31

• theft of property-4th degree

Cross, Brandy R.; 47

• FTA – insurance violation

• FTA – fail to register vehicle

Doss, Bethany N.; 39

• possession of controlled substances (2 counts)

• promoting prison contraband

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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



CITY OF CULLMAN

Closures (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Several downtown streets and parking areas will temporarily close beginning Saturday, Sept. 26, as preparations get underway for Cullman Oktoberfest, scheduled for Oct. 1-4, according to the City of Cullman.

Depot Drive, between the Historic Train Depot and Depot Park, will close at 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, and is scheduled to reopen at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7.

The Cullman County Museum parking lot and the section of First Avenue Northeast between the museum and Festhalle will close at 11 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27. Both are scheduled to reopen at 11 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5.

Arnold Street Northeast will close at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 28, and is scheduled to reopen at 11 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4.

First Avenue Northeast west of Clark Street, Clark Street Northeast and the warehouse parking lot will close at 11 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28. Those areas are scheduled to reopen at 11 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5.

Second Avenue Northeast will remain open throughout Oktoberfest.

The city encouraged drivers to use caution downtown, allow additional travel time and follow posted signs and barricades during festival setup, activities and cleanup.

The accompanying map shows the specific closure locations.

Enclave (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – A 235,000-square-foot industrial property used by RESRG Automotive has changed ownership as the automotive supplier prepares for a separate multimillion-dollar expansion of its Cullman manufacturing operation.

Enclave, a Fargo, North Dakota-based real estate investment, development and construction company, announced this week that it acquired the Trade Distribution Center at 2400 Trade Drive.

The industrial building sits on 11.88 acres near RESRG's Cullman manufacturing operation and is fully occupied by the automotive supplier.

The purchase price was not disclosed in Enclave's announcement.

Commercial real estate firm Newmark marketed the property for sale before the acquisition. Marketing materials show RESRG recently renewed its lease on the distribution center for another seven years beginning May 1, 2026.

The lease renewal provides a longer-term commitment to the property at the same time RESRG is preparing to increase production at its nearby Cullman plant.

The Trade Distribution Center was built in 2011 and underwent a substantial expansion in 2016, according to the property's sale materials. The building includes 36-foot clear heights and 31 overhead doors.

RESRG uses the property as part of its automotive supply operation. Enclave identified the company as a Tier 1 supplier serving multiple automakers.

The acquisition is separate from RESRG's previously announced expansion of its Cullman manufacturing facility.

The Cullman City Council in August approved a 10-year tax abatement associated with approximately $10.92 million in planned investment by RESRG.

Cullman Economic Development Agency Executive Director Jamie Troutman told The Tribune at the time that the project includes new robotics, paint-supply equipment, conveyor systems, safety and control upgrades and an addition to the existing manufacturing building.

The work is intended to increase paint-line capacity to support additional business awarded to the Cullman operation.

RESRG had 338 employees when the expansion was announced. The project is expected to create 180 additional full-time positions, with the company ultimately targeting as many as 250 new jobs, according to information provided to the City.

The planned expansion is also projected to add approximately $8 million to the company's annual payroll when completed. Operations associated with the expansion were expected to begin in 2027.

The city estimated approximately $575,400 in noneducational taxes would be abated during the 10-year period, while approximately $697,768 in education tax revenue would still be collected.

Enclave's acquisition announcement does not indicate that the ownership change will alter RESRG's use of the Trade Drive facility.

The company also did not disclose the seller, transaction price or whether additional improvements are planned for the distribution center.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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.

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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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• Celebrate the important work of women educators

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For more information contact President of Alpha Theta Laurita Hogland 256-531-2298 or Presidents of Beta Delta Rhonda Vanzant 256-708-7980 or Lisa Hullett 256-962-4252.

Church Services: Spirit Life Church

• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman

• 256-739-3326

• spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com

• FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman

• Friday, Sept. 25 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hangups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.

• Sunday, Sept. 27 – 8:15 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

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. 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.

Cullman County Fair Parade

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

43rd Annual Cullman County Band Exhibition

Saturday, Sept. 26, at 6 p.m. at Oliver Woodard Stadium at Cullman High School. Gates open at 5. Nine area marching bands will perform. Tickets are $5 for adults. Kids 6 and younger get in free.

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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Ruby (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – A splash in the kiddie pool and someone to share the day with give Ruby plenty of reasons to be happy. Now, this cheerful girl needs a forever home where she can share her enthusiasm for life.

Ruby, The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week, is an approximately 1-year-old red heeler available for adoption at the Cullman County Animal Shelter.

She has medium energy and is eager to be by your side for whatever adventure the day brings.

One of Ruby's favorite activities is playing in the kiddie pool, especially on hot days. Heading out together?

She is also happy to tote a backpack with snacks and water for herself and her human companion.

Her animated personality brings a sense of optimism to everyday activities.

With her enthusiasm and desire to stay close, Ruby could be a devoted companion for someone looking for a four-legged friend to share life's outings and quieter moments.

Ruby's adoption fee is $130 and includes spaying, vaccinations and microchipping.

To meet Ruby or learn more about adopting her, visit the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. The shelter is 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 she's already been adopted, don't worry! Many more pets are waiting for their forever homes, and your perfect companion may be among them.

Wissota (from Front)

mitted an additional $30,250 toward those improvements.

In an August 2025 Tribune restaurant profile, then-General Manager Karli Duncan said one of the Cullman location's greatest challenges had been becoming part of residents' established dining routines. At the time, Duncan said the restaurant had made significant progress in its efficiency and team development.

The restaurant's final announcement thanked customers for dining at Wissota, holding celebrations at the restaurant and supporting the business.

"Come see us before September 26 and help us make this final week one to remember," the announcement stated.

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CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. - Two unbeaten teams, two county matchups and the first meeting between Vinemont and Appalachian headline Friday night's abbreviated local football schedule.

Addison and Cold Springs enter the final Friday of September with a combined 9-0 record. The Bulldogs will host Oakman, while the Eagles will visit Holly Pond. Good Hope will make the short trip to West Point and Vinemont will travel to Appalachian.

All four games are scheduled to kick off at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25. Each is a nonregion matchup, giving the eight teams a one-week break from games that count toward postseason qualification before region play resumes in October.

Cullman, Fairview, Hanceville and Meek have open dates.

Oakman (1-4) at Addison (5-0)

Addison has controlled every game on its way to a 5-0 start, outscoring its opponents 251-13 and winning each contest by at least 28 points.

The Bulldogs have posted three shutouts, and the only touchdowns they have allowed came against Waterloo and Meek. Addison's first-team defense has not surrendered a point this season.

Senior quarterback Elijah Roberts continues to drive an offense averaging 50.2 points and 370.8 yards per game. Roberts is averaging 120 rushing yards, 108.6 passing yards and 228.6 total yards per contest.

He completed 6 of 7 passes for 123 yards and three touchdowns in last week's 56-6 victory over Meek and added a rushing touchdown. Addison led 21-0 after the first quarter and 49-0 at halftime.

Oakman has dropped three consecutive games since defeating Dora 13-7 on Aug. 28. The Wildcats fell to Hatton 48-7 last week and have been outscored 164-45 through five games.

Addison owns a 19-8-1 advantage in the all-time series. The schools have not met since the Bulldogs won 41-0 in 2009.

Cold Springs (4-0) at Holly Pond (2-2)

Cold Springs will try to extend its unbeaten start in a county matchup at Thomas-Michelfelder Field.

The Eagles have outscored their first four opponents 119-41, including a 36-21 road victory over previously unbeaten Cleveland last week. Cold Springs is also 3-0 in Class 2A, Region 5 play.

Cason Alexander ran for 102 yards and a touchdown against Cleveland. Cooper Johnson added 71 yards and two scores, while Ethan Day rushed for 62 yards and intercepted two passes.

Brooks Black supplied one of the game's biggest plays when he returned a fumble 90 yards for a touchdown.

Elijah Moore also recovered a fumble and Tucker Freeman recorded a sack as the Eagles forced four turnovers.

Holly Pond will look to rebound from a 54-14 loss to Vinemont. John Hamby scored both Broncos touchdowns, including a 30-yard run during the third quarter.

The Broncos are 2-2 overall and 1-2 in Class 3A, Region 6. They opened the season with a 20-0 victory at J.B. Pennington and blanked Hanceville 50-0 before losses to Oneonta and Vinemont.

Holly Pond leads the all-time series 20-11, but Cold Springs won the most recent meeting 42-7 in 2023.

Vinemont (3-2) at Appalachian (2-2)

Vinemont and Appalachian will meet for the first time, according to Alabama High School Football History records.

The matchup features teams averaging more than 30 points per game. Vinemont has scored 162 points through five contests, while Appalachian has scored 126 in four games.

The Eagles from Vinemont are coming off their most complete offensive performance of the season, a 54-14 county victory at Holly Pond. Quarterback Josh Rhodes ran for a touchdown and threw scoring passes to Lukas Ming, Jaxon Marotz and Preston Hanners.

Kaleb Speegle returned an interception 25 yards for a touchdown and added a second interception before halftime. Karson Arbet and Brennan Marlow also scored on the ground, while Deacon Foell recovered a fumble.

Appalachian had an open date last week after splitting its first four games. The Eagles defeated Locust Fork 43-20 and Woodville 35-20, while falling to Cleveland 35-34 and Spring Garden 30-14.

Appalachian is averaging 345.8 yards per game. Cole Smith leads its offense with averages of 206.5 passing yards, 89.3 rushing yards and 295.8 total yards per game. Sam Stidham is averaging 88.5 receiving yards.

Vinemont is 3-2 overall and 2-1 in Class 3A, Region 6. Appalachian is 2-2 and 1-1 in Class 1A, Region 8.

Good Hope (3-1) at West Point (0-5)

Good Hope carries a three-game winning streak into its county matchup with West Point.

The Raiders opened with a 31-24 loss to Plainview before defeating Brewer 47-23, Guntersville 35-21 and Crossville 46-0. They have outscored their three Class 4A, Region 8 opponents 128-44 and sit at 3-0 in region play.

Good Hope scored 26 points during the first quarter at Crossville and led 39-0 by halftime. The shutout was the Raiders' first of the season.

West Point remains in search of its first victory, but the Warriors turned in their best defensive performance of the season during last week's 15-10 loss at Ardmore.

West Point trailed 9-3 at halftime before moving ahead 10-9 near the midpoint of the third quarter. Ardmore answered in less than two minutes, but the Warriors' defense kept the Tigers scoreless the rest of the way.

Quarterback Max Patterson directed a late fourth-quarter drive before West Point's comeback ended short of the end zone.

The Warriors will try to build on that performance in their fourth home game of the season. Good Hope is 2-0 on the road.

West Point leads the all-time series 25-20-1, while Good Hope won the most recent meeting last season.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

All 4 Week 5 makeup series scheduled following heat cancellations

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CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. – All four Cullman County youth-football Week 5 series canceled because of extreme heat now have makeup dates, with three scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 24, and the final series set for Tuesday, Sept. 29.

Addison will visit Fairview and Good Hope will travel to Hanceville on Thursday, with Fireplug games beginning at 5:30 p.m. at both sites.

Vinemont will travel to Cold Springs for a two-division makeup series Thursday beginning at 6:15 p.m. Only Fireplug and Wee-Wee will play.

Holly Pond will close out the Week 5 makeup schedule when it travels to West Point on Tuesday, Sept. 29. That series will begin at 6 p.m. and includes Fireplug, Wee-Wee and Pee-Wee.

The four series were originally scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 19, before extreme heat forced their cancellation.

Addison at Fairview
Thursday, Sept. 24 at 5:30 p.m. Fireplug start

Fairview will host Addison on Thursday, with Fireplug beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Fairview Youth Football Association announced that the makeup series will feature shortened halftimes and shorter intervals between games.

There will be no cheer or twirl performances during the series.

Separate kickoff times for the later divisions have not been announced.

Good Hope at Hanceville
Thursday, Sept. 24 at 5:30 p.m. Fireplug start

Good Hope will travel to Hanceville on Thursday, with Fireplug beginning at 5:30 p.m.

No changes to the participating divisions have been announced, and separate kickoff times for the later games have not been confirmed.

The shortened halftimes and intervals announced by Fairview apply to the Addison-Fairview series and should not be considered applicable at Hanceville unless announced by that program.

Vinemont at Cold Springs
Thursday, Sept. 24 at 6:15 p.m. series start

Vinemont will travel to Cold Springs on Thursday for a makeup series beginning at 6:15 p.m.

Vinemont announced that only the Fireplug and Wee-Wee divisions will compete.

There will be no Pee-Wee game between Vinemont and Cold Springs.

The program's announcement lists the 6:15 p.m. start for the makeup series but does not provide separate kickoff times or explicitly identify the division that will play first.

Vinemont's announcement also includes an adjusted practice schedule, with all teams practicing from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and the Pee-Wee team practicing from 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

Holly Pond at West Point
Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 6 p.m. series start

Holly Pond will travel to West Point on Tuesday, Sept. 29, for the final rescheduled Week 5 series.

West Point announced the makeup date and a 6 p.m. start. Its announcement lists Fireplug, Wee-Wee and Pee-Wee.

Separate kickoff times were not included in the announcement.

With the Vinemont-Cold Springs announcement, each of the four Week 5 series affected by the heat cancellation now has a makeup date.

Current makeup schedule

- Thursday, Sept. 24: Addison at Fairview, Fireplug at 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 24: Good Hope at Hanceville, Fireplug at 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 24: Vinemont at Cold Springs, series begins at 6:15 p.m., Fireplug and Wee-Wee only
- Tuesday, Sept. 29: Holly Pond at West Point, series begins at 6 p.m., Fireplug, Wee-Wee and Pee-Wee

Haynes Farm invites visitors to experience 5-acre sunflower field

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Haynes Farm is a seventh generation farm and ranch in Cullman. They primarily tend to cattle and offer appointment bookings for beef shares, but also have a beautiful 5-acre sunflower field.

The family is offers free access to neighbors and beyond, saying, "Our annual gift to you, our neighbors and community."

The sign for the field reads, "Here comes the sun," as a reference to the iconic Beatles song and, of course, the sunflowers.

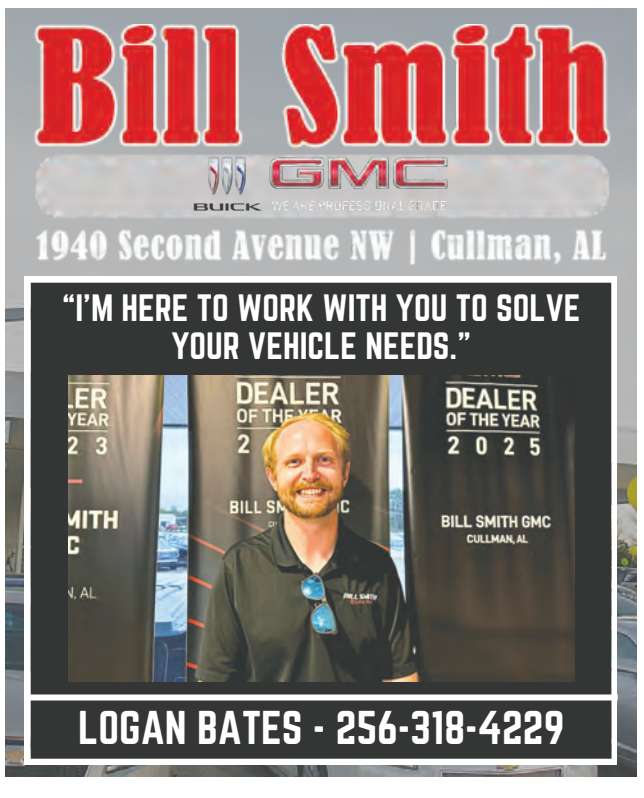
In the field sits a 60-year-old Allis-Chalmers tractor that they encourages visitors to take pictures with.

"Take some sunflowers home!" they added on their social media page.

Haynes farm also added, "Thank you and God bless you all!"

The farm is located at 150 County Road 1654 Cullman, AL 35058, on Alabama Highway 69 between Simcoe and Fairview.

Get more information at www.facebook.com/haynesfarmsllc.



PAYMENT TRANSITION

Important Notice to Cullman County Water & Sanitation Customers

September 25 is the final day Cullman Electric Cooperative (CEC) will accept payments for Cullman County Water & Sanitation accounts. No water or sanitation payments can be accepted between **September 26th through October 4, 2026. Payment processing will resume October 5, 2026 with Cullman County Water Department.**

Grace Period
A grace period will be in effect during the transition period. **Customers will not be penalized for payment delayed due to the temporary system conversion.**

Payments made after September 25th, 2026
Any payment made to Cullman Electric Cooperative after September 25, 2026, will be applied ONLY to electric service accounts. They will not be credited to water or sanitation accounts.

Beginning September 26, 2026:
- All new water service applications/New meter taps
- Move-in and move-out request
- Disconnects
- All other water inquires

Must be handled directly through the Cullman County Water Department.

Automatic Bank & Credit Card Draft (AUTOPAY)
- Any draft established through Cullman Electric Cooperative **WILL NOT TRANSFER** to the new billing system.
- There will be some customers where draft will not come out due to the transition.
- After September drafts are completed, **NO MORE DRAFTS** will be processed until you set up draft directly with Cullman County Water Department.

Customers will need to enroll directly with Cullman County Water Department. To enroll you can go to ccwaterandsanitation.payub.com or come into the office (All this can be done once we go live October 5, 2026)

Sanitation Information
All sanitation information, including service questions, account updates, and other inquiries, should be directed to Cullman County Sanitation.

Cullman County Sanitation: 256-287-1142

Payments
Payments for both water and sanitation services will need to be made at or to the Cullman County Water Department.

Website: ccwaterandsanitation.payub.com
Payment Phone Number (IVR): 888-299-1527
In Office: 2020 Beech Ave SE Cullman, AL 35055 (In person, drop box, and mail)

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to improve our customer service and billing process.

Murphy USA project advances with $1.36M Cullman building permit

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CULLMAN, Ala. – A Murphy USA project planned for Second Avenue Northwest has moved into the permitting stage following several months of action before the City of Cullman Planning Commission.

A building permit valued at $1,360,700 was issued Sept. 4 for a Murphy USA project at 800 Second Ave. NW, according to a statewide construction-permit report.

Hollis Concrete & Co. Inc. is listed as the contractor.

The permit follows a series of vity planning actions involving Murphy property along Second Avenue Northwest.

The Planning Commission approved a Murphy Oil USA site plan in May, subject to contingencies from the city engineer related to an Alabama Department of Transportation traffic and safety plan.

The project returned to the Planning Commission in August, when Murphy requested a short-form subdivision near Second Avenue Northwest and Eighth Street Northwest.

Commissioners approved combining and dividing three parcels under common ownership into two lots.

According to information presented at the meeting, Murphy would continue to occupy Lot 1, while the second lot would remain available for future commercial development.

The Sept. 4 permit provides another indication that work is moving forward at the property, but the publicly available permit summary does not identify the building's square footage or describe the construction.

Murphy already operates a Cullman location at 624 Olive St. SW near Walmart. Current employment advertisements from the company continue to identify that location as Store 6770.

The records reviewed by The Tribune do not establish whether the Second Avenue Northwest project will become an additional Cullman Murphy USA location, replace or relocate the existing Olive Street operation or involve another configuration.

They also do not establish what business is planned for the second commercial lot created through the August subdivision.

Goat Island (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Goat Island Craft Brewery LLC has announced the completed sale of a majority ownership interest to longtime shareholder Russell D. Warren Sr., who will serve as the company's president effective immediately.

The transaction involves the majority interest held by Brad Glenn, Mike Mullaney and John Dean. Mullaney previously served as president, while Glenn and Dean served as vice presidents. The company has multiple shareholders.

Operations will continue uninterrupted as Warren assumes leadership, with plans to invest in both Cullman taprooms and pursue expanded distribution.

Dean will oversee outside sales. Glenn and Mullaney will remain involved during the transition to help ensure a smooth handoff.

Warren, who has been an investor since the company's founding, credited the original founders with establishing the brewery and its place in the community.

"Having been an investor since the brewery's earliest days, I've had the opportunity to watch its growth firsthand and have always believed in the brand, the people, and the community that have made Goat Island successful," Warren said.

Goat Island Brewing's four original founders are Glenn, Mullaney, Dean and Gery Teichmiller. The company formed in early 2015, and the founders worked nights and weekends to convert an empty warehouse into a brewery and taproom before opening in April 2016. The business takes its name from Goat Island on Smith Lake.

The transition follows a decade of growth that included the addition of a downtown location, The Goat at Cotton Creek, in March 2025.

Warren said his commitment is to preserve what makes Goat Island special while investing in its future.

"We look forward to supporting our employees, strengthening relationships with our vendors, distributors, retailers, and customers," Warren said. "We also want to enhance the experience at both of our taprooms, and continue to brew exceptional craft beverages that our customers have come to expect."

Goat Island operates its original location at 1646 John Cooper Drive SE and The Goat at Cotton Creek at 417 Third Ave. SW, Suite 135. The original location houses its main production brewery, while Cotton Creek has a smaller brewing system for experimental and small-batch beers.

Cotton Creek opened March 19, 2025. At the time, Mullaney told The Tribune the expansion gave Goat Island a downtown presence and provided a smaller brewing system for developing new beers.

Warren said continued investment in the customer experience at both taprooms will be an immediate priority.

"We also want to expand community events, introduce new products, and strengthen Goat Island's position as a destination brewery in North Alabama," Warren said.

The company also intends to pursue distribution in Mississippi and other markets. That would build on a regional presence that, as of April 2025, included Alabama, Georgia, the Florida Panhandle and the Nashville and Chattanooga markets in Tennessee, according to Mullaney's previous comments to The Tribune.

The announcement did not specify a timetable for entering Mississippi or identify the other markets under consideration. It also did not disclose the purchase price or exact ownership percentage acquired.

Warren said the company remains committed to serving customers, distributors and retail partners throughout the transition.

"As a longtime investor, this acquisition represents a continuation of my commitment to Goat Island, its employees, and the Cullman community," Warren said. "We are making this investment for the long term and are excited about the opportunities ahead. We look forward to building on Goat Island's success while honoring the legacy established by its founders."



Brock Trace (from Front)

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Cullman City Hall

CULLMAN, Ala. – A planned 150-residence development near Cullman Regional has moved into the environmental permitting process following preliminary subdivision approval earlier this summer.

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management currently lists DDB Capital Fund LLC's Brock Trace Subdivision among construction-stormwater permit applications received in Cullman County.

The filing identifies the project on County Road 1464.

Brock Trace is planned on approximately 52 acres near County Roads 1464 and 1466.

Developer DDB Capital's current project information calls for approximately 120 single-family homes and 30 townhomes.

The City of Cullman Planning Commission approved the project's preliminary subdivision July 7 following earlier zoning and development reviews.

The city's preliminary subdivision process included consideration of utilities, drainage, green space and other infrastructure requirements.

Plans previously presented to the City included approximately 6 acres of green space and additional walking trails.

DDB has separately described plans for recreational areas including a pool and pickleball courts, although final amenities and construction phasing remain subject to the project's approved plans and development process.

The developer previously projected construction beginning before the end of 2026.

The appearance of Brock Trace on ADEM's construction-stormwater application list represents another regulatory step toward site development, but it does not by itself establish that the permit has been issued or that land-disturbance work has begun.

The project's current website continues to advertise future home reservations and project updates.

A current construction start date and homebuilder have not been independently confirmed.

The development is one of several residential projects moving through Cullman's planning process as the City of Cullman continues to address growth, housing and the infrastructure required to serve new development.



Commission (from Front)

funds. Look for a separate full feature article on the budget.

Priorities outlined during the budget discussion included restoring county roads, bridges and other infrastructure; recruiting and retaining high-quality employees; maintaining county buildings and equipment; and spending enterprise funds efficiently using business practices to reduce taxpayer subsidies.

Several changes to speed limits on county roads were also approved. The speed limit on County Road 770 will increase to 30 mph. Officials said the previous speed limit was established when the road was a one-way gravel road and is being updated following improvements to the roadway.

The Commission also approved a 40 mph speed limit on County Road 1528 from County Road 1534 to County Road 1518 and a 35 mph limit on County Road 1528 from County Road 1518 to County Road 1488. The speed limit on County Road 1526 was set at 35 mph.

Other resolutions approved included a CARTS third-party service contract for fiscal year 2027 and a resolution allowing the sale of consumable hemp products within Cullman County in accordance with state law.

The Commission amended a previously approved 5311 grant application to reflect an amount of $919,700 and ratified a $16,000 invoice from the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency to send three deputies to the APOSTC Academy.

Commissioners approved an RC&D agreement for $14,500 in putt-putt golf upgrades at Sportsman and Smith Lake parks. They also approved the purchase of a Polaris Ranger for $32,613.50 and a Lawrimore trailer for $3,105 for Stoney Lonesome OHV Park through an RTP grant.

Other approvals included an agreement with Live Family Entertainment for Monster Truck Wars at the Ag Center; an agreement with ADEM for the collection, management and disposal of scrap tires; an agreement with St. John & Associates for engineering services at the Cullman County Water Department; and a $26,000 quote from Richard Cooper Asphalt Paving, LLC for Phase 1 paving of the courthouse parking lot.

The Commission approved Alabama Department of Youth Services Agency Grant Agreements for fiscal year 2026-2027, with Cullman County serving as fiscal agent. The funding includes $200,000 for Cullman County, $79,678 for Blount County, $79,678 for Jackson County and $166,199 for Lauderdale County.

Commissioners also approved the annual $379,563.87 payment to the ACCA/CRS Workers' Compensation Fund for coverage from Oct. 1, 2026, through Oct. 1, 2027, as well as a $17,000 Certified Local Emergency Manager Salary Supplement Subaward and the fiscal year 2026 Emergency Management Performance Grant.

The Commission ratified a $10,358.84 invoice from American Emergency Products, LLC for EMA vehicle upgrades and approved repairs to a Road Department Komatsu D51PX-22 by Snead Hydraulic & Repair LLC at a cost not to exceed $68,500.

Melanie Maddox was appointed to the Library Board to replace Tanya Allcorn for a four-year term set to expire Sept. 30, 2030. Wescoat Free was appointed to the Health Care Authority Board to replace Alan Wood for a term set to expire June 30, 2029.

The Commission approved fiscal year 2026 closeout budget amendments and approved the fiscal year 2027 budget.

Commissioners also renewed employee and retiree dental and vision enrollment with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama. Cullman County maintains self-insured dental and vision policies administered by BCBS. The renewed policies will take effect Oct. 1, while health insurance coverage will remain with the Local Government Health Insurance Program.

Changes to the Cullman County Commission Employee Handbook were approved and will take effect Oct. 1. The changes will be distributed to county employees through email, departmental bulletin boards and the County Personnel webpage.

The Commission also adopted a Health Reimbursement Arrangement and approved contracting with Employee Benefits Corporation to administer it beginning Feb. 1, 2027.

Two related items involving county dump trucks were tabled. The first proposed purchasing 10 new 2027 Mack GR64F triaxle dump trucks with attached dump bodies and trading 10 Kenworth T880 trucks, with a net trade difference of $130,000. The second item would have declared the 10 Kenworth T880 trucks surplus as part of the proposed trade.

The Commission approved its fiscal year 2027 paving list and authorized a repeater and generator project for Volunteer Fire to be funded through a $35,000 RC&D grant, with the County Commission paying the costs before reimbursement through the grant and Volunteer Fire Association.

Cullman Caring for Kids was approved to use the Board of Education parking lot to host a car show Nov. 14 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., subject to approval by the Cullman County Board of Education.

The Commission also approved a fiscal year 2027 agreement with Southern Health Partners in the amount of $849,156.24 and a $28,000 payment to Peregrine for the Revenue Department.

Vehicle purchases approved included one 2026 Ford F-150 Responder SuperCrew 4x4 for Animal Control for $47,901. The Commission also approved a purchase order to be issued on or after Oct. 1 for a $38,196 Ford Explorer for the Sales Tax/Revenue Enforcement Office and two additional 2026 Ford F-150 Responder SuperCrew 4x4 vehicles for Animal Control totaling $95,802.

Commissioners approved proposed plats for two minor subdivisions in Commission District 4. Burton Estates Subdivision will contain three lots on County Road 77 behind New Prospect Baptist Church. Avalon Farms Phase 2 Subdivision will contain seven lots on County Road 201 across from County Road 175 at the entrance to Lake Shore West Subdivision.

The Commission extended Bid No. 1489 for cold laid plant mix to Advanced Asphalt Products and Vulcan Materials Company for one year based on location and adherence to specifications.

Bid No. 1509 for service of Sheriff's Office and other county department vehicles was awarded to BERCO, Inc., doing business as Havoline Xpress Lube. Bid No. 1510 for fog and scrub seal was awarded to Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions.

The next Commission work session will be Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2026, at 4 p.m. in the Commission meeting room. The next Commission meeting will follow at 6.

LEGALS

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Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County, AL
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

CHRISTOPHER THOMAS BURK, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2026-328

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

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

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
215 MAIN AV SW
CULLMAN, AL 35055

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,
Circuit Clerk

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

TO PUBLISHER: BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 3rd, 2026 PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR (4) SUCCESSIVE WEEKS IN CULLMAN TRIBUNE.

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MYRA GARCIA,
Plaintiff

vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2026-000287.00**

ADOLFO GARCIA LEDEZMA,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Adolfo Garcia Ledezma, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Myra Garcia's Divorce Complaint by November 16, 2026, or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2026-000287.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 9th day of September, 2026.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER:
Myra Garcia
183 County Road 1304
CULLMAN, AL 35057

TO PUBLISHER: BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 24th, 2026 PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR (4) SUCCESSIVE WEEKS IN CULLMAN TRIBUNE.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Ron M. Roberson and Brenda C Roberson in favor of Peoples Bank of Alabama, dated September 15, 2023, and recorded in Book 2063 starting at Page 96 on or about September 20, 2023 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama; the undersigned Peoples Bank of Alabama, as mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Cullman County Courthouse in the City of Cullman, Cullman County, Alabama, on October 7, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all its right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 25 and 26 of Lakeshore West Subdivision, Phase II, as shown and known on the recorded plat thereof in Map Slide B-285-B, in the Probate Records of Cullman County, Alabama

The property address is: 55 County Rd 142, Crane Hill, AL 35053

THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, ENCUMBERANCES, AND EXCEPTIONS REFLECTED IN THE MORTGAGE AND THOSE CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SITUATED. THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED AS TO THE TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The mortgagee/transferee reserves the right to bid for and to purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the sale of the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

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

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TO BE PUBLISHED: September 17, 2026, September 24, 2026, and October 1, 2026.

PURSUANT TO ALABAMA CODE 32-13-1, EARLS BODY SHOP INC. WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES ON SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION THE VOLLOWING VEHICLES :

DATE 11/10/2026
TIME 7:00: AM
LOCATION: 2251 DECATUR AVE NW
CULLMAN AL 35058

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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.

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.

The Baptist Foundation of Alabama
Personal Representatives

Jospeh N Hocutt
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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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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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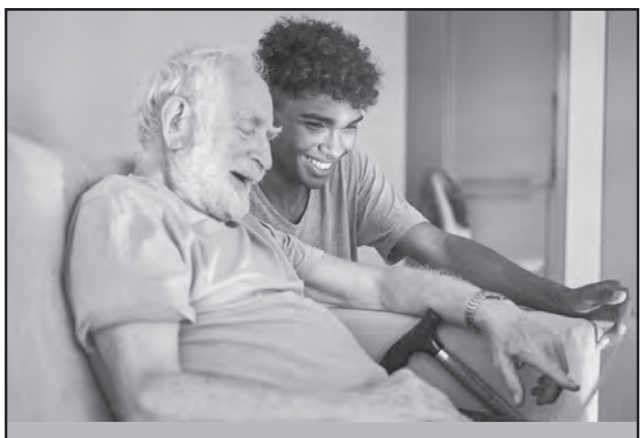
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Obituary Announcements: Sept. 22-23

Nelda Jean "Granny" Monk, 88

Nelda Jean "Granny" Monk passed away on Monday Sept. 21, 2026, at her family homestead at the age of 88. She was born on January 24, 1938, to Dwight and Gertrude Moody in Cullman, Alabama. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 54 years Rev. Bill Monk, a daughter-in-law Detra Monk, and a brother Bobby Moody and his wife Mary. She is survived by her two sons Nicky (Frances) Monk, and Rev. Nathan Paul Monk. She is also survived by three grandchildren Stacy (Daniel) McCabe, Matt (Mary) Monk, and Austin (Tiffany) Monk and 11 great-grandchildren Jesse Monk, Zachary McCabe, Lilly Monk, Jacob McCabe, Annabella Monk, Grayson Monk, Eli Monk, Caleb Monk, Luke McCabe, and Liza Monk along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Granny was a 1956 graduate of Fairview High School and served as a faithful wife and mother for many years. But her most cherished roles were those as Granny to her three grandkids and spouses and Granny Great to her 11 great-grandchildren. She lived to spoil them with ice cream, chocolate, and Diet Mountain Dew as well as her special chocolate chip cookies. She always loved to encourage them and write them letters and stories for them. While she was Granny to her grandkids and Granny Great to her great grandkids, her caring spirit and concern for others were experienced by many in her church and community. She was a faithful pastor's wife for 35 years serving alongside her husband in seven churches in Cullman, Blount, and Lawrence Counties. They were faithful supporters and members of the First Congregational Methodist Church denomination serving as delegates to the District, Annual, and General conferences and supporting many ministries such as Camp Sonrise, a summer camp for youth and children. Granny always encouraged family and friends to read their Bibles and learn about the Lord. In fact, she started Vacation Bible School in several churches she attended. She also had a talent for writing that she used to share her faith as well as her thoughts and prayers to God. She combined this and her love for the Bible to write material for Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for the First Congregational Methodist Church. She also wrote a monthly article for The Watchman the newsletter for the First Congregational Methodist Church for over 12 years. These articles were compiled into a two-volume devotional book that was sold to support the ministries of the First Congregational Methodist Church. Following her husband's death in 2011, Granny continued to love and encourage her family in the Lord and in their endeavors while also looking for ways to serve and minister to others. She lived at the Neighborhood assisted living facility for four years, using that time to encourage the residents and staff through listening to their stories and by coloring pages that decorated the rooms and hallways of the facility. She loved the community of Simcoe where she was born and grew up, always returning to her family's land, which is where she lived her final years. Viewing and funeral Services will be on Saturday, Sept. 26, at Cullman Funeral Home with interment at Mt. Olive Bible Based Fellowship on County Road 747 in Simcoe. The visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. and the service will begin at 2 p.m. Officiating will be Matthew Monk, Daniel McCabe and Caleb Monk. In lieu of flowers, please give in memory of Granny to CMRC Hospice, P.O. Box 1108 35056-1108 or Cullman Bible Church, 104 County Road, 1633 Cullman Al 35058. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Monk family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Lana Beth Freeman, 54

Lana Beth Freeman, age 54 of Cullman, Freeman passed away on Monday, Sept. 21, 2026, at her residence, surrounded by her family. She was born, July 6, 1972, to Eldridge Ray Fulenwider and Onie Lee Goodwin Fulenwider. There are no services planned for Ms. Freeman at this time.

Sandy Laney Miller, 50

Funeral services for Sandy Michelle Laney Miller, 50, of Hanceville will be noon, Thursday September 24, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Hopewell Cemetery. Visitation was Wednesday, Sept. 23, from 6-9 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Sandy Michelle Laney Miller was born on Dec. 19, 1975, in Cullman, Alabama to parents, James and Patricia Laney of Hanceville, Alabama. She passed peacefully at her home in Hanceville, Alabama on Sept. 20, 2026. Sandy has lived in Hanceville her entire life. She graduated from Hanceville High School in 1994. After graduation she went on to earn a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1998. She worked in the banking industry, and the trucking industry. Most recently she was employed with Powergrid, a job she loved. Her most important job, and the one she loved most of all was raising her three sons. She rocked at the boy mom role. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. In addition to her parents, Sandy is survived by her devoted husband, Kerry Miller; sons, Dustin Baker, Austin Baker (Makayla), and Grayson Baker (Maddie); grandchildren, Laney Baker, Bennett Baker, Carter Baker, and Nash Laney; mother-in-law, Montez Miller; step children, Tiffany Hill, Stuart Miller (Whitleigh), and Natalie Carden (Taylor); step grandchildren, Annzleigh Owen, Bennett Miller, and Rylee Hill; siblings, Jeremy Laney, and Tammy Laney West (Josh); brother-in-law, Kevin Miller (Leann); also her special life long friend and caretaker Gretchyn Parker; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and many loving friends. Sandy was preceded in death by her grandparents, Ellawayne Reynolds, Virgil Reynolds, Cecil Laney, and Mary Jo Butts. Serving as pallbearers will be Dustin Baker, Austin Baker, Grayson Baker, Stuart Miller, Oneal Swann, Mike Kinkaid, Ryan Youmans, and Clay Wheaten. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Miller family.

Sylvia Diana Kreps, 68

A memorial service for Sylvia Diana Kreps, 68, of Cullman will be Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026, at 3 p.m. at Temple Baptist, Cullman Campus, 30 County Road 1184, Cullman, Alabama 35057. Ministers will be Doyle Berry and Andrew Heptinstall. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Kreps passed away Sept. 21, 2026, at Grandview Medical Center. She was born Nov. 30, 1957, to Joseph Wesley and Ophelia Estran Cowart. She attended Temple Baptist Fairview Campus. She loved traveling, cooking, crocheting, reading and spending time with her family and her pets. Sylvia was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Altagracia Cowart; brother, Harvey Esquivel; son-in-law, Jimmy Franklin. Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Steve Kreps; sons, Sergio (Joy) Bradford, Jonathon Kreps; daughters, Veronica Franklin, Jeanette Bradford, Shelby Lynn Kreps; siblings, Rafael Salinas, Richard Salinas, Stella Doyle, Harvey Esquivel, Ismael Esquivel, Ofelia Esquivel, Maria Esquivel; grandchildren, Makenna Kreps, Lucas Bradford, Adelina Bradford; nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Larry Wayne Moore, 77

Funeral services for Larry Wayne Moore, 77, of Bremen will be 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at Valley View Baptist Church. Burial will follow the service at Valley View Cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Valley View Baptist Church. Mr. Moore was born Jan. 7, 1949, in West Jefferson, Alabama to the late Thomas Moore and Gertrude Pugh Moore. He passed away Sept. 21, 2026, in Cullman, Alabama. Larry Moore was a loving husband, father, family man, and faithful friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. His faith was an important part of his life, and he dearly loved his church family at Valley View Baptist Church. His church family held a special place in his heart, and the fellowship, friendships, and love he shared there meant so much to him. Larry was also a proud Alabama football fan. He loved cheering on the Crimson Tide and enjoyed sharing that passion with family and friends. Mr. Moore is survived by his children, Jessica Hoffman (Richard), and Jerry Moore (Michelle); grandchildren, Madison Hoffman, Conner Hoffman, Makayla Moore, and Chelsea Moore; great grandchildren, Kayce Roland, and Troy Roland; and his brother, Roger Moore. Mr. Moore was preceded in death by his wife, Connie Moore; parents, Thomas and Gertrude Moore; and his brothers, Woody Moore, Babe Moore, Peanut Moore, Tommy Moore. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Moore family.

William Greg Kuykendall, 70

Memorial service is incomplete at this time for William Greg Kuykendall, 70, of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Kuykendall passed away Sept. 22, 2026, at his residence. He was born May 5, 1956, to Jerry leon and Hazel Evelyn Estredge Kuykendall. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Ronnie. Survivors include his daughter, Gidgett Kuykendall; brothers, Johnny and Ricky Kuykendall; aunt, Jean Hicks; grandchildren, Jake McLamb, Austin McLamb, Hayden McLamb; two great-grandchildren, Hazel and Hudson McLamb; nieces, Christy and Brandy; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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West Elementary opens new playground on campus

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CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

School and community officials met Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026, on campus to officially open the playground, joined by West Elementary fifth-graders Walker Pannell and Finley Snow, who cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the playground for school use.

CULLMAN, Ala. - Students at West Elementary School have a brand new playground to enjoy this school year, as the campus officially cut the ribbon on an expansive new playground featuring innovative equipment and a turf play surface that should serve local children for years to come.

Located on the back side of the campus, the new playground features five slides, new swing sets and several climbing and play areas and free play zones for children.

Looking ahead, the playground will continue to serve the campus once it makes the transition into the new Cullman Intermediate School next school year.

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The new Cullman Intermediate School will combine grades 3-5 together on one campus, as those grades are currently divided across East and West Elementary Schools.

Work on the new two-story wing facing U.S. Highway 278 is well underway, adding approximately 18 new classrooms and administrative space.

Existing classrooms at the campus are also being upgraded and reworked, including a new Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) lab, along with expanded library and cafeteria space. Once complete, the new intermediate campus will feature up to 14 classrooms per grade level, self-contained special education classrooms, special education classrooms, an English language learners and speech room, a music room, art room, gifted room and lab space.



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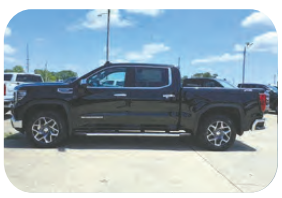
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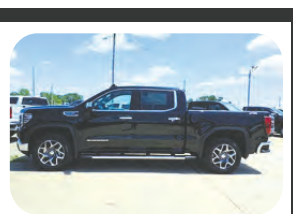
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