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Cullman's community theatre staging a comeback

Joint venture between Cullman High School and Cullman Parks and Recreations seeks to revive local community theatre



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Recruits for the proposed community theatre board meet with Wayne Cook (far right) after the public meeting. L-R: Melva Jackson (seated), Linda Foley, Cindy Pass and Sarah Jane Skinner

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Relay For Life: 'We'll keep doing this until we put ourselves out of business'

Annual Relay For Life event Friday at Cullman County Fairgrounds

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CULLMAN – Wednesday's Relay For Life Survivors' Breakfast saw dozens of cancer survivors and their caregivers come together at Cullman Church of Christ before the 25th annual Relay For Life event gets underway Friday night at the Cullman County Fairgrounds.

One of the event's lead committee members, Gail Crutchfield, talked about the purpose of the breakfast as a teaser for Friday night's main event and an opportunity for survivors and their families to celebrate together.

"We invite all survivors in the area along with their caregivers to come together and celebrate being a survivor and to honor their caregivers. We have a speaker, a little entertainment and a breakfast that is sponsored by the Holly Pond Key Club and Civitan Club," Crutchfield said. "This is the ramp up to our main event on Friday at the Cullman County Fairgrounds, which is Relay For Life, and it'll be our 25th event here in Cullman County. Jan Pierce and Linda Walker head up this event and organize it for us."

Crutchfield touched on how Friday night's events will get started as well as one of the things she is looking forward to most this year.

"Good weather, thank God," Crutchfield joked. "We've been checking every day and it does vary, last year it was cold and wet, but we do it no matter what, rain, shine, cold or hot. We'll kick off with a 5 p.m. Survivors' Dinner and it's sponsored by Cullman Regional and then at 6 is the Opening Ceremony and we'll have a speaker who is actually a local cancer survivor that has benefited from the services that American Cancer Society provides."



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The annual Relay For Life Survivors' Breakfast took place Wednesday morning. The Relay For Life Survivors' Dinner will be this Friday evening at 5 p.m., followed by Opening Ceremonies at 6 p.m. at the Cullman County Fairgrounds.

The American Cancer Society (ACS) is a national organization, but Crutchfield stressed how important its work is to people here in Cullman and some of the ways that the organization impacts them directly.

"Some people will say that ACS isn't a local organization. Every person who works at Relay For Life in Cullman County is a volunteer; we don't get paid for what we do, and that money that we raise goes to ACS and they send it back in the form of research, in the form of events, Hope Lodge in Birmingham that people in Cullman County benefit from," Crutchfield said. "Our speaker for Friday spent six weeks at Hope Lodge saving her a 150-mile daily trip after having chemo. We wouldn't have as many survivors here today if it wasn't for the research and treatments and early detection. Getting the word out about early detection is important. Getting the tests done is not fun, sure, but it's a lot better than getting cancer treatments."

Crutchfield broke down the schedule of events for this year's ceremony and said that even after being part of the event since 1997, she is still excited for Friday night

"After our speaker we'll have a Survivors' Walk. One

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Cullman County no. 1 in state for overall economic development and expansion



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Gov. Kay Ivey and Topre America President Hideo Shimizu cut the ribbon on Topre's new building and celebrated the company's newly-announced $80 million expansion project, on Friday, Feb. 9, 2018.

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MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Commerce has released numbers on industrial growth in the state in 2017, and the numbers for Cullman County are impressive. The county ranked first in the state in overall economic development projects and in expan-

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POLITICS

Cullman Democrats, Republicans hosting meetings Saturday

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CULLMAN – Both the Cullman County Republican Party and the Cullman County Democrats will host candidates Saturday. Here's where you can see them.

SATURDAY, MAY 5, BEGINNING AT 7:30 A.M.

The Cullman County Republican Party hosts monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month at the Cullman Elks Lodge, 1609 Brantley Ave. NW, Cullman.

- 7:30 a.m.- Breakfast ($10)
- 8 a.m.- Meeting begins (free)

Special guest speakers this Saturday will be:

- John McMillan, candidate for Alabama State Treasurer
- Troy King, candidate for Alabama Attorney General

SATURDAY, MAY 5, FROM 1-5 P.M.

The Cullman County Democrats, along with Indivisible AL, will host the Indivisible AL - District 4 Primary Candidates Town Hall Forum in the basement of the Cullman County Museum, 211 Second Ave. NE, Cullman.

Speakers will include:
Gubernatorial candidates

- Sue Bell Cobb
- Christopher Countryman
- James Fields

Alabama Attorney General candidates

- Heather Milam, (surrogate for) Chris Christie
- Joseph Siegelman

Alabama Secretary of State candidates

- Lula Albert

US House of Representatives, District 4 candidates

- Rick Neighbors
- Lee Auman

Arrest report: April 30-May 1

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for April 30-May 1. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 30
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Benafield, Harley Davidson, 19
- possession or sale of a short-barrel shotgun

Campbell, Christopher Dale, 51
- permitting dogs to run at large

Estes, Cynthia Kinsey, 53
- second-degree receiving stolen property
- third-degree receiving stolen property

Estes, David Champ, 58
- second-degree receiving stolen property
- third-degree receiving stolen property

Friedrich, Jeremy Daniel, 39
- establishment of residence- SORNA

Hipp, Charles Daniel, 53
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Hipp, Sherri Perkins, 50
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Moore, Tammy Rena, 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Kenneth Ski, 46
- FTA- driving while revoked
- failure to provide registration information- SORNA
- probation violation- failure to register upon relocation- SORNA

St. John, Christopher Gary, 44
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Tubbs, Corey Lee, 28
- probation violation- possession of drug paraphernalia
- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (3 counts)

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Reynolds, Kristopher A., 33
- FTA- switched tag
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving without a license (2 counts)
- FTA- failure to signal

Swann, Nathaniel B., 32
- FTA- driving without a license
- FTA- failure to register vehicle

Curvin, Meschach J., 22
- first-degree receiving stolen property

Rogers, Brendan R., 23
- failure to remit payment for gas (2 counts)

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests reported.

TUESDAY, MAY 1
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mynes, Matthew Lawrence, 49
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Northcutt, Chanda O'Neal, 44
- FTA- first-degree criminal trespassing
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Self, Cody Lowell, 27
- DUI- controlled substance

Sparkman, Dustin Ray, 41
- FTA- driving while suspended

Swann, Joshua Keith, 33
- FTA- driving while suspended (2 counts)
- FTA- proof of liability insurance required
- probation revoked- unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance

Taimi, Tei Ti Jr., 36
- FTA- driving without a license

Wallis, Anatasia Sheyenne, 20
- third-degree criminal mischief

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Swindle, Mona R., 54
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Shaw, Stephanie A., 27
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Runyon, Jeremy A., 31
- first-degree theft of property

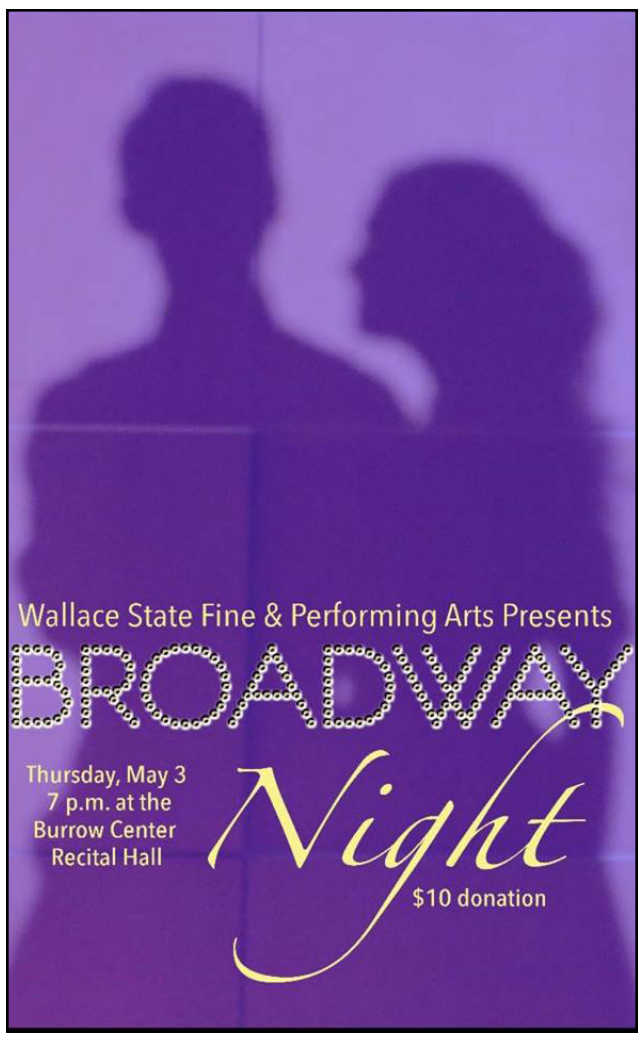
Guthery, Valerie D., 18
- first-degree theft of property

Colwell, Mindi M., 33
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

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AL Attorney Gen. Marshall 1 of 7 AGs filing lawsuit to end DACA program

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MONTGOMERY – Alabama Attorney Gen. Steve Marshall on Wednesday joined a coalition of seven attorneys general who filed a lawsuit this week to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

Marshall's office released the following statement Wednesday afternoon:

"Alabama Attorney Steve Marshall is one of a coalition of seven attorneys general who filed a lawsuit Tuesday calling for the halt of the unconstitutional Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program which was implemented by an Obama administration memo without the legal consent of Congress.

On Wednesday, Attorney General Marshall joined the same multi-state coalition in filing a preliminary injunction against DACA.

"Since the Obama administration's unilateral creation of the DACA program in 2012, nearly one million unlawful aliens have been given legal presence and work eligibility in the United States.

"'The U.S. Constitution is quite clear that Congress alone has the legal authority to write U.S. immigration law, not the President through an executive branch memo,' said Attorney General Marshall. 'We are a nation of laws and when those laws are ignored by a branch of the federal government, as we have witnessed with the creation of DACA without Congressional approval, the proper response is to take legal action as our coalition of seven states has done. This purpose of this pursuit has never been to steer immigration policy, but to rightfully return policymaking to the legislative branch of government.'

"Last September, after Alabama and nine other states first threatened to sue the federal government to end the lawful DACA program, the Trump administration agreed to phase it out by March 2018.

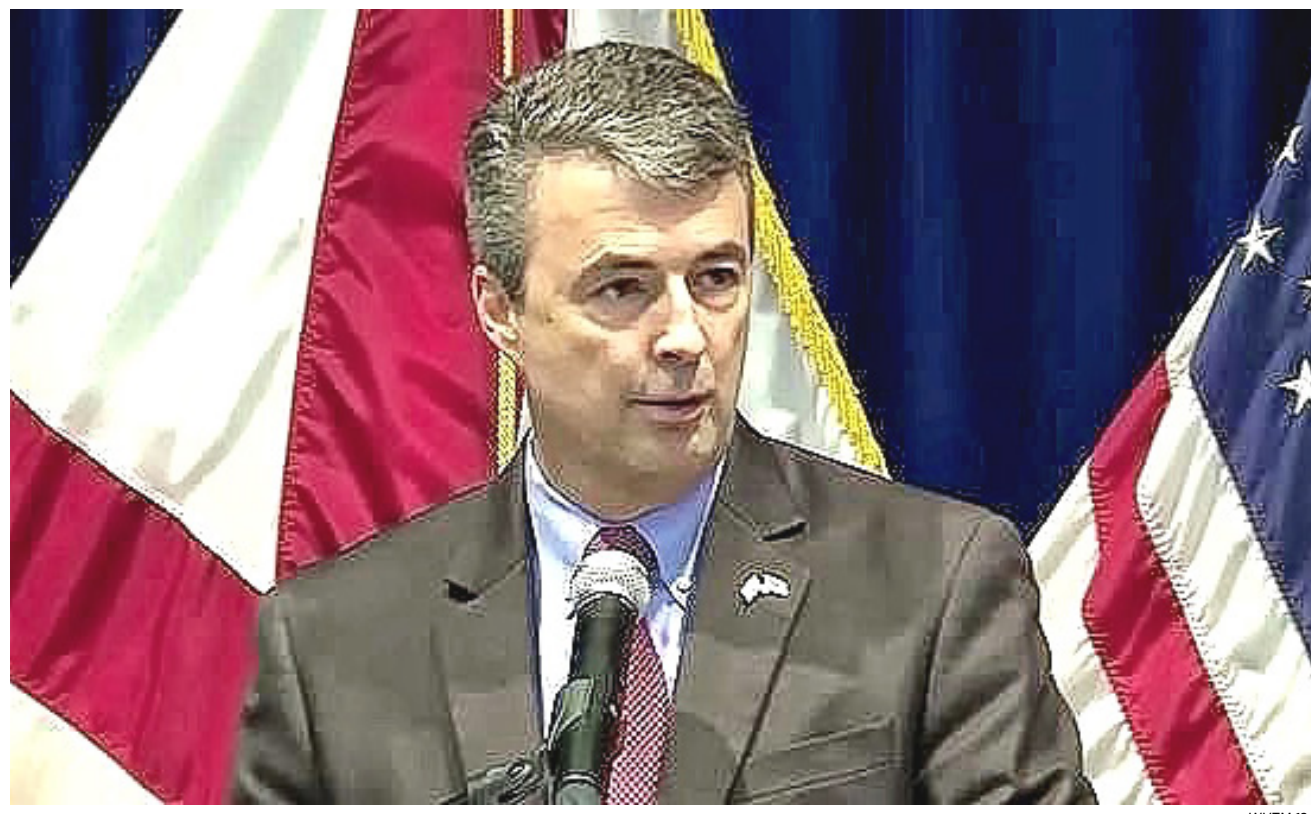
Since then, activist judges in at least three separate federal courts have issued rulings blocking the dismantling of DACA.

"The multi-state lawsuit asks a federal court to declare DACA unlawful and prevent the federal government from issuing or reviewing any additional DACA permits in the future.

Furthermore, the lawsuit does not call on the federal government to deport any unlawful aliens presently protected by DACA or rescind DACA permits already issued.

"The preliminary injunction filed today asks the federal court to halt the issuance or renewal of any DACA permits while the seven-state coalition's lawsuit is under court review.

"The lawsuit was filed May 1, 2018, in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas by Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, South Carolina, Texas and West Virginia."



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Users of statins, widely prescribed for prevention of cardiac disease, have a 27 percent lower risk of contracting a Staphylococcus aureus (S. aureus) bloodstream infection outside of a hospital, according to a new study in *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*. Researchers report that statin use, especially among elderly patients with preexisting chronic conditions such as diabetes, kidney or liver disease, may be protective against this serious bloodstream infection. As the western world's population is aging and more people live with chronic medical conditions, any potential preventive effect of statins could have important clinic implications. S aureus is a bacterium that can colonize skin. It has the propensity to cause serious infection which can be fatal if the bacteria disperse into the bloodstream.

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The overuse of antibiotics has left some doctors questioning whether to give such drugs to children diagnosed with uncomplicated staph infections. Such infections often occur on the skin and look like a pus-filled bug bite. A new study published in the journal *Clinical Infectious Diseases* indicates that prescribing antibiotics – in addition to lancing and draining staph-infected areas – reduces the risk of recurrent infections. Staph may become life-threatening when it enters the bloodstream, bones or organs through skin-to-skin contact or by touching a contaminated object. When an infection turns serious, health-care workers typically give patients intravenous antibiotics. However, some health-care workers have hesitated prescribing antibiotics for children with minor staph infections because of increasing antibiotic resistance. The most common such strain is known as methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus or MRSA, which may cause pneumonia, severe organ damage and death. The Centers for Disease Control and Preventive reports that 11,000 adults and children die annually of MRSA infections.

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City cuts ribbon on renovated playground at Carroll Acres Park

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Dozens of kids came out to enjoy the new playground equipment at Carroll Acres Park on Tuesday, May 1, 2018. Several can be seen in the background as the ribbon is cut at the park.

CULLMAN – Cullman Parks and Recreation (CP&R) cut the ribbon on its latest project Thursday afternoon: a new, state-of-the-art playground at Carroll Acres Park on the city's southeast side. Before officials could bring out the ribbon, nearby children had already covered up the new equipment. The first 50 in attendance for the ceremony received free hot dogs as part of the celebration.

CP&R Director Nathan Anderson talked about the need for park renovations in the community and how much the department's been able to get done since the issue has become a priority.

"About three years ago we started talking about the needs of all our small parks that need attention.

"These neighborhood parks have meant so much to the communities they've sat in for decades and they haven't gotten the attention that they've needed over the last 20 years, so it was important to the board, the council and all of us to start working on these projects," Anderson said.

"Stiefelmeyer (Park) was our first one and we were fortunate to have the Lions Club's support for that one.

"Then we moved on to Culpepper (Park) and this park and both of those were funded by the (Cullman) City Council. It was a big need and a lot of people stepped up to make it happen."

Most of the new park equipment is made up of net-climbing material that presents a different challenge for different age groups and makes for a safe climbing surface.

There's also a zipline and new swings.

Anderson thought it was important that this park have unique features that could be fun for a wide range of ages.

"When we started planning each park that we have, we were keeping age ranges in mind.

"We met with the neighborhood, we asked what the age of the majority of the kids that live in the area were, and we also wanted to make sure, looking at the community, that we had a park for every kid," Anderson said.

"Whether that's kids that are toddler aged or a kid that's 13 or 14 years old.

In this particular neighborhood, we saw a higher demand with kids aged 5 to 14 or 15 years old.

"So, when we worked with our playground designer we wanted to make sure we had a unique design unlike any other playground in town that catered to the older children in the community and particularly this neighborhood."

Carroll Acres Park is located in the Carroll Acres subdivision at the corner of Briarwood Lane Southeast and Timberlane Drive Southeast.

Relay (from Front)

unique thing about our event is that during the Opening Ceremony, any survivor who wants to can walk across the stage and give their name and tell us how many years survivorship they are, and it's a very touching moment of celebration.

"They'll get up there and shake their hands and it's just great to see. Following that survivors will walk the first lap around the track and then we'll ask the caregivers to walk with them. I've been doing this since 1997 and that Survivors' Walk is why I keep doing this," Crutchfield smiled.

"That first year, I was amazed at how many people I knew that had cancer but I didn't know about it as they walked by me smiling and it's just great. Then we have events throughout the evening and at 9 we'll do the Luminaria Service which is sometimes even more touching I think than the walk. We'll ramp things up again with lots of different activities and things to participate in. We have competitions to promote breast cancer awareness called the bra competition and we have one for colon cancer called the boxer shorts competition. Girls wear boxers decorated and the boys wear bras so it's pretty fun."

She continued, "We'll start winding things down at 11:30 with the Fight Back ceremony and our closing and we'll have another local survivor speak about the importance of the fight against cancer. Then we keep going. We'll keep doing this until we put ourselves out of business."

The Relay For Life Survivors' Dinner will begin at the Cullman County Fairgrounds at 5 p.m. followed by the Opening Ceremony at 6 p.m. All survivors and caregivers are invited to attend.

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Theatre (from Front)

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CULLMAN – On Tuesday evening, area residents interested in reviving community theatre in Cullman gathered at the Cullman Civic Center for an informal meeting to offer information and, hopefully, to lay the groundwork for the rapid formation of a local theatrical troupe. Wayne Cook, Theatre Director at Cullman High School (CHS), is teaming up with Cullman Parks and Recreation (CP&R) to co-sponsor the new group.

Before the meeting, Cook told The Tribune, "I feel strongly that community theatre is an important part of a community like this. It fills a need, fills a gap (with something) that we currently don't have. And, with all the things that have happened in this community: the growth, the economic expansion that we've seen--we've seen growth in so many arenas; that's the last link, in my view, of what we really need to explore. And the arts in general, but I specifically come at it from a theatre perspective.

"You go to a lot of communities: you go to Decatur, you go to Florence, you go to Huntsville (which) has tons of opportunities for community theatre. Birmingham has gobs of opportunities for community theatre. Even places like Arab and Guntersville have community theatre groups. So we really need an opportunity for adults and children, and students and people to work alongside each other to do productions in the community.

"This would be an organization that would--it would obviously be a collaboration with the schools, but this is not a school-sponsored thing. This will be a community-sponsored thing, and so it'll have a little different approach, in the sense that we'll open it up to all ages, all people that want to be a part."

Cook emphasized that the proposed program would be open to people all over Cullman County, not just Cullman residents or Cullman City Schools students.

The group will also recruit talent from all age ranges, though Cook did specify that very young children would come on board as members of involved families.

The crowd that gathered to hear Cook speak was a wide-ranging group that included current and former CHS theatre students and tech crew members, members of Cullman's previous community theatre group (of which Cook was a member himself), staff from local churches, members of a local homeschool group, and personalities from Cullman's arts community.

According to Cook, CP&R will help underwrite the group and its projects by means of mechanisms already existing within that organization. He told the assembled group, "They're taking it on, because there's a financial risk with theatre. You kind of have to have something undergirding it. And so, that's where they come in; they help us from that perspective, and also from the perspective that we don't have to recreate all these things that you have to create if you create your own organization, which can be done with community theatre. But if you have to create a total nonprofit, it's pretty complicated, but we can go through CP&R, and they can operate some of this for us, and it works out pretty good."

Waid Harbison and Kristy Patterson will serve as liaisons between CP&R and the community theatre.

Cook introduced the crowd to his proposed board of directors:

- Cindy Pass - local theatre and music teacher who has taught at CHS and East Elementary
- Melva Jackson - acting teacher and production director who has directed shows all over the country
- Sarah Jane Skinner - CHS Director of Choirs, who has overseen music for multiple CHS theatre productions
- Noah Carpenter - graduate of CHS and veteran of the school's theatre program who has been active in technical work for numerous local productions
- Linda Foley - veteran of Cullman's former community theatre troupe and director of multiple local productions

Though they could not attend the meeting, Cook also said that he had reached out to:

- Ty Parker - West Point High School Director of Performing Arts
- Lauren Cantrell Salerno - Wallace State Theatre instructor
- Tiffany Richter - Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts instructor

The proposed board listing is preliminary. Not all invited members have yet decided about participating, and others could still be contacted.

Cook told the group, "There's just all kinds of opportunities out there: to build relationships among generations, to establish and identify people's creative abilities, to understand the talents this community has. I know there are gobs of talent here. I went to Cullman High School and said, 'There is talent at Cullman High School.' And boy, when you uncover it, it is there! And if it's at Cullman High School, it's all throughout this county; not only amongst the high school kids, but it's all over, amongst the adults and the people that are all in the churches and different places, that could get interested in something like a community theatre. So there are lots of good reasons to get this established."



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Wayne Cook speaks to a group of local residents interested in community theatre.

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Wallace State students presenting Broadway Night tonight, May 3

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HANCEVILLE – Wallace State Community College students will be showing off their dramatic and musical talents tonight, Thursday, May 3, when they present Broadway Night at 7 p.m., in the Burrow Center Recital Hall.

Held at the end of the spring semester each year, Broadway Night is a student-led production from the Wallace State Theatre program.

Students choose their own performance pieces and audition to be included in the show.

"Broadway Night is always lots of fun and it's a wonderful way to see how the students has grown in their talent and self-confidence from the beginning of the semester and even from the fall term," said Lauren Cantrell Salerno, director of the Wallace State Theatre department.

"The students get to choose their own music, so it also provides some insight into their personality. I love watching them perform."

Students will perform numbers they've chosen from "Kiss Me, Kate," Dear Evan Hansen," "Hamilton," "Newsies," "Waitress," "Bonnie and Clyde" and more.

Students who will be performing include: Hannah Stringer, Cheyenne Teeling, and Riley Adams, of Cullman; Weslie Beasley and Essence James of Decatur; Samuel Hewitt of Albertville; Gage Swann of Hanceville; Samantha Drake, Eli Parker, Chloe Nutt and Conner Gully of Hartselle; Mary Lauren Davis of Florence, and Duke Cleghorn of Addison.

Admission is a $10 donation.

Call 256-352-8277 or email Stefany.keisler@wallacestate.edu for more information.

Obituary Announcements: May 3 - 20

On April 28, 2018, Harry Lee Chandler of Good Hope went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whom he served faithfully for over 62 years. He shined his light for Jesus in everything he did, and to everyone he met he did not hesitate to show that he was a Christian. He was born on December 27, 1930 to Edward F. and Josephine (Campbell) Chandler in Malden, Missouri. He graduated from Hanceville High School in 1950 and then moved to Michigan. He married his high school sweetheart, Wynell (West) that same year. He served two years in the U.S. Army and was in the Korean War. He began working for Buick Engineering where he was a Test Build Analyst and retired after 42 years. He headed the bus ministry at Corunna Road Baptist Church in Flint and never failed to give his testimony to everyone he saw. He served as a Deacon for 58 years and a greeter, most recently at Seventh Street Baptist Church, where he made an impact on the lives of each and every one who came through the church doors. He was an avid softball player throughout the years, holding the record at Flint Whaley Park for the fastest windmill pitch. He coached girls' softball at Faith Missionary Church and was the pitching coach for the Carman-Ainsworth high school girls softball team in Flint. His true sports passion was his love for table tennis. He played on his lunch break everyday throughout his career at General Motors. He loved to exercise and was a member of the Wallace State Wellness Club where he played table tennis and volleyball 3 days a week for 20 years. While at Wallace, he participated in the Senior Olympics and Masters Games where he took first place playing table tennis and horseshoes winning a total of 18 gold medals in District, State and Regional competitions. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Wynell; children, Randall (Denise); Lisa (Ken); and Tammie (Patrick); grandchildren, Kelly, Chasen, Genna, Garrett, Olivia, Ben and Dylan; brother, Rev. G.J. "Chick" Chandler; sisters, Eloise Barnette, Margie White and Ruth Poulos; and special friends, Jim and Marsha Hight. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward (Bertha Adamson) Chandler; Josephine (Campbell) Chandler; mother-In-Law, Vertis Johnson; brother, Clois Chandler; and sister, Donnie Harbison. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at Seventh Street Baptist Church, Rev. Eddie Chandler officiating, with interment with military honors in Good Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Cullman Funeral Home on Thursday from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at the church.

Mary Elizabeth Bradley passed away April 30, 2018 at the age of 73. She was born in Cullman on November 12, 1944 to William McKenzie and Wadie Burgess. Funeral services are Thursday, May 3, 2018 at Moss Funeral Home Chapel at 2 p.m. with Rev. Randall Waldrep officiating. Interment will follow in Garden City Cemetery. Survivors are: husband Steve A. Bradley, daughters Elizabeth (Mark) Logan, Patricia (Ronnie) Dodgen, sons Michael Bradley, Don A. Bradley, sisters Shirley (Floyd) Guffey, Wynell (Charles) Holderfield, 6 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Visitation is Thursday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home.

William Ray Boyles, Sr., age 91 of Cullman, passed away on Wednesday, May 2, 2018. He was born August 21, 1926 to Charles Edward and Ida Boyles. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, Pauline Potter Boyles, daughter, Linda B. Lester, two sisters and one brother. Survivors include his daughter, Paula (Ned) Jones, son, William (Phyllis) R. Boyles, sisters; Sue, Elizabeth, and Martha, brothers; John, Bob, and Jim, grandchildren; Scott, Steve, Bryant, Robyn, Jeremy, Jodi, Renee, Nicholas, and Adam, and eighteen great grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Graveside service for Louie Franklin Self, 64 of Hanceville will be 2 p.m. Friday, May 4, 2018 at Hopewell Cemetery. Family receiving friends Thursday at 6 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. The son of the late William L. and Aubie L. Cates Self was born October 20, 1953 in Cullman. He is survived by brothers Jimmie and William Self as well as sisters; Faye Deloris Sorrell, Joy Lynn Gillespie and Gloria Jean Self

Mrs. Morris was born on September 24, 1921, in Van Wert, OH to her parents Howard and Ada Jones Zeigler. She married her husband Lloyd E. Morris (also of Van Wert) in 1942. The couple moved to Cullman in 1973. Mrs. Morris is preceded in death by her parents, her brother Howard Zeigler Jr. and her sister Mildred Haines. A member of First United Methodist Church, she enjoyed participating in her church circle for many years, along with local bridge and book clubs. She was known by friends and family as a woman of exceptional kindness and grace. She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband of 76 years — Lloyd E. Morris, son Jeffrey Morris of Lebanon, TN, and daughter Connie (Billie) Griffin of Austin, TX. Also surviving are five grandchildren — Brian (Michelle Dion) Griffin, Chad (Amy) Griffin and their three children, Daryl (Marissa) Griffin and their three children, Darrin (Danielle) Griffin, and Amy Catherine Griffin. The family will receive friends on Saturday, May 5, 2018, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. The Celebration of Life for Mrs. Morris will begin at 11 a.m. following the visitation hour. Burial at the Cullman City Cemetery will immediately follow. Moss Service Funeral Home is directing.

Funeral service for J.D. "Mutt" Graham, 87 of Falkville, will be 2 p.m. Sunday, May 6, 2018, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Chapel, with interment in Etha Cemetery. Bro. Jim Smith will be officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Graham passed away Wednesday morning, May 2, 2018, at his residence. He was born December 29, 1930, to parents, William Ether and Lula Mae Hyatt Graham. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Willa Bee Graham; daughter, Debbie Hanvey Allred; and three brothers. Survivors include two daughters, Julie (Jeff) Wilhite, Jenny Graham; five grandchildren, Tori Creel Martin, Shelli Creel (Dewayne) Hogan, Kaitlyn Graham, Jennifer (Stephen) Hasting, Jeffery (Jeni) Wilhite; six great-grandchildren, Chandler, Collin, Hunter, Lily, Dawson, Cheston; two brothers, Kenneth (Hilda) Graham, Ronald (Judy) Graham; two sisters, Lucille (Bill) Hinkle, Wilda Moore; and a host of nieces and nephews. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 6, 2018, at the funeral home.

James Dingler, 76, of Holly Pond passed away Monday, April 24, 2018. He is preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth Elmer Dingler and Veola Hann Yelli; wife, Carolyn Schrader Dingler; son, James Alan Dingler; and brother, Erven Dingler. Survivors include his daughters, Carol Richards and Tammy (Allen) McKendree; brother, Clayburn Isaac Dingler, of Texas; eight grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and one great grandchild on the way. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel.

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Lovell family proud of Wallace State roots

Kristen Holmes
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HANCEVILLE – What do a management major at Athens State, a neuroscience major at Belmont University in Nashville and a lighting tech currently on tour with Kenny Chesney all have in common? They all currently attend or attended Wallace State Community College. Oh, and they are all from the same family.

Lynicia Lovell and her two children, son Keaton and daughter Aubry, are all Wallace State students and/or alumni. Lynicia is a transient student at Wallace State, taking history classes to help complete her bachelor's degree in management from Athens State.

She also holds an associate degree in paralegal from Wallace State. Keaton transferred from Wallace State to Belmont University, where in 2015 he earned a degree in audio engineering. Aubry will graduate from Belmont University with a degree in neuroscience, but she earned her associate degree through Wallace State's Fast Track program the same month she earned her high school diploma.

"Wallace State has been a great opportunity for all three of us to be able to reach our educational goals so that we can further our career goals," Lynicia said. "I don't think any of us would feel like we would have the opportunities we've had if we had not had the foundation of Wallace."

Lynicia started taking classes off and on before Aubry was born. As a stay-at-home mom and military wife to her husband Brian, her first priority has always been her family. But in the back of her mind, she said she always knew she would go to college. With a long-time interest in the law, she began taking Paralegal classes at Wallace. Shortly before Aubry was born, she was offered a brief internship in the Cullman County District Attorney's office. "A two-week internship turned into a 17-year career, which I don't regret," she said.

Lynicia eventually earned an associate degree as a paralegal. After leaving the DA's office, she began working for the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and has continued her education at Athens State, working toward a bachelor's degree in management. She's taking history classes at Wallace State as a transient student, first to save on tuition and second on the recommendation of her son, Keaton, who encouraged her to enroll is Bob Davis's history classes.

Keaton attended Wallace State from 2012 to 2013, completing his basics in preparation for transferring to Belmont University.

"I knew I wanted to go to Belmont early on in high school, but I decided to be smart and save some money," Keaton said. Belmont is a private university and more expensive.

He said he initially started out wanting to be on the stage performing. "But I got involved in the technical side of it and fell in love with it," he said.

While at Belmont learning how to be a sound engineer for studio and live events, he started interning for a company in Nashville, helping set up small shows and working on the lights and sound programs. When he graduated in December 2015, he took a job with that company. "They sent me on the Kenny Chesney Spread the Love tour in 2016," Keaton said. "That was my first mega-stadium tour."

Last year, Keaton toured with Montgomery Gentry and this year he's back on tour with Kenny Chesney.

Keaton said he loves life on the road and adapted to tour bus living pretty quickly. "It can be challenging for some people," he said. They can have a lot of down time while traveling in between shows. Some of his favorite venues so far have been Pittsburg, where the stadium sits right on the river, and Seattle, where the coffee lover could find a coffee shop on every corner.

Keaton said he doesn't regret his time spent at Wallace State. "I had some cool teachers there at Wallace," he said. "I had Mr. Davis for history," he said.

"I absolutely loved that class. He's a fun teacher and made the class a lot of fun. I told my mom to take his class because he was so funny and so comedic. I had Dr. Boyd for math and I'm not a big math guy. He made me enjoy math and made it a lot easier to understand.

"Wallace was a good stepping stone for me," Keaton added. "It let me see what college was all about, to step into it slowly and get some experience under my belt before I moved away from home."

Aubry feels the same. "If I would have graduated from high school and went straight into a four-year college, I would have been completely lost," she said. "I would not have known what to do.

"It taught me responsibility, time-management skills and all kinds of things like that."

Her two years as a Fast Track student helped her prepare for attending a four-year university and put her ahead of her peers in completing her education. After a one-year detour at UAB, Aubry transferred to Belmont University in Nashville, where she will be graduating this month with a bachelor's degree, one year ahead of her high school classmates. After a gap year, where she hopes to work in a research facility, she plans to go on and earn her master's and doctorate in neuroscience and become a researcher.



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Keaton, Lynicia and Aubry Lovell are all Wallace State alumni, with Lynicia currently taking classes as a transient student while working on a bachelor's degree in management at Athens State. Keaton transferred from Wallace State to Belmont University where he earned a degree in audio engineering and is currently touring as a lighting tech with Kenny Chesney. Aubry went through Wallace State's Fast Track program, graduating with an associate degree form Wallace State before graduating high school. She'll graduate this month from Belmont University with a bachelor's degree in neuroscience.

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JIM HAYS OF CULLMAN JOINS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT CITIZENS BANK & TRUST



Citizens Bank & Trust announces the appointment of James E. "Jim" Hays, Jr. of Cullman to its Board of Directors. The appointment of Hays expands the Board to 9 directors. "Jim is an accomplished business leader and his broad experience across important industries will add a valuable perspective to our Board of Directors," said Charlie Williams, President and CEO of Citizens Bank & Trust. "We appreciate his willingness to serve as a director and are confident that he will add great value to our Board of Directors."

MORE ABOUT JIM HAYS

Jim Hays, a Cullman native, is the president of Hays & Son Oil Co., Inc., Dodge City Travel Center, Inc., and the Managing Member of Hays Properties, LLC, and JTK Group, LLC. These companies are centered in Cullman, Alabama. Hays graduated from Cullman High School in 1976, the same year his family bought a small gas distributorship in Cullman. The business grew into Hays & Son Oil Company and now markets over 20 million gallons a year of gas and fuel through retail outlets branded Conoco, Pure, Chevron, and Shell and approximately 200 customers in agriculture, construction, and trucking businesses. Hays and his family also founded two real estate development companies in Hays Properties, LLC and JTK Group, LLC. Hays has served in the petroleum industry as a founding member and stock holder of the Pure Oil Jobbers Cooperative which markets fuel in 10 southeastern states. He has served two terms on the Pure Oil Board of Directors and is currently serving his second term on the board of the National Association of Truckstop Operators (NATSO).

Hays and his wife, Terri, have been married and working together for 36 years. They have one daughter, Karen, a teacher, and a son-in-law, Jordan Graham, who is a nurse. Hays has been a member of Northbrook Baptist Church since 1999 and has served on various committees including Stewardship, Properties, and Long Range Planning.

ABOUT THE COMPANY

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2. Short-form subdivision – Logan Street SW- Village Subdivision
3. Heritage Village Subdivision - Preliminary Phase III
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CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD-2018-029**

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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

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A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY DUNCAN HOPPER, PETITIONER, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER GRACIE WARREN HOPPER, IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST PUBLICATION. THE RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

DONE THIS 26th DAY OF March, 2018.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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PREP SOCCER

Lady Bearcats lose heartbreaker, 2-1, to Hartselle in round 2 of playoffs; Saints best Elkmont, 3-1, in round 1

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HARTSELLE – The Cullman girls' soccer team dropped its round two matchup on the road against Hartselle in the AHSAA 6A State Playoffs Tuesday night. The Lady 'Cats took an early 1-0 lead on a goal from Abby Branham, but in the end, the Tigers managed to come from behind and escape a tight match with a 2-1 win.

Branham gave Cullman an early lead, but after that, Hartselle maintained possession for a lot of the first half and was able to squeeze a goal into the right corner of the net late in the half to tie the game at one going into halftime.

Midway through the second half, a handball foul was called in the penalty box against the Lady Bearcats and Hartselle was able to take a 2-1 lead on the following penalty kick. Cullman was able put together some runs and got a lot of looks at the net in the last 20 minutes but couldn't get any of its shots to find the back of the net. Hartselle held on to win the game 2-1 and end the Lady Bearcats' season in the second round with a final record of 12-8-3.

Cullman Head Coach Jacob Brown felt like his team played well enough to win but couldn't get the ball to bounce its way in the second half to take back the momentum.

"Honestly, I thought we had control in the second half. It was just one of those days where nothing goes your way. They have a lucky PK (penalty kick) and I'm not sure they had a real legitimate shot in the second half other than that where it wasn't a routine save," Brown said. "I'm proud of the girls, we had a great season, and this is a young group. They started eight seniors and we started seven middle schoolers. It is what it is, but I'm very happy with the season and I'm very proud of what is to come for the rest of them."

This year's seniors, Ninfa Moreno, Jazmin Gonte, Mariana Rodriguez and Jillian Richard, got a lot of praise from their coach after the game. Brown is also already looking ahead to how this loss can improve the team going forward.

"I hate it for the seniors, they're a great group of kids. It's always hard to replace seniors, especially these four who are such high-character kids and great leaders. I'm definitely going to miss them; it hurts me to think that they're gone because I've had them for five years, so it definitely sucks but you know, that's life," Brown said. "Not everything goes your way, but really, I think you can learn more from a loss than you can a win. It builds character at the end of the day and that's what sports are about."



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman's Jorryn Barnette races Hartselle to the ball in Tuesday night's 2-1 loss.

Other games

St. Bernard defeated Elkmont, 3-1, in the first round of the Class 1A State Soccer Playoffs and will play at Altamont on Saturday at 7 p.m.

PREP SOFTBALL

Lady Eagles clinch back-to-back 2A Area 13 titles

Sammy Confer
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BREMEN – The Cold Springs Lady Eagles hosted the Class 2A, Area 13 Tournament Tuesday, taking home back-to-back area championships.

Cold Springs 10, Winston County 2

After seeing Winston County defeat Falkville, 15-11, to open up the area tournament, Cold Springs looked to jump on the Lady Yellow Jackets early and the Lady Eagles got things started in the bottom of the second. Anna Katherine Voce and Victoria Freeman started the inning with back-to-back singles, and Kylon Hamby blooped an RBI single over the shortstop's head to give the Lady Eagles an early 1-0 lead. But back-to-back one-out errors in the top of the third by Cold Springs' third baseman Shay Sellers led to an RBI single by Winston County to tie the game at one. Cold Springs countered after that to take back control of the game. Hayden Goodwin and Crimson Gann led off the bottom of the third with back-to-back singles, then a Drew Sanders ground ball moved Goodwin and Gann over to third and second, respectively. Voce then hit a sacrifice fly and Freeman added an RBI double to give the Lady Eagles a 3-1 lead.

They added to their lead in the bottom of the fourth on a two-run single by Sanders. Lacey Rice added an RBI single for the Lady Eagles in the fifth. An RBI single by Winston County made it a 6-2 game in the top of the sixth, but the Lady Eagles countered with a four-run sixth inning as Kyla Aaron hit an RBI double, Voce hit an RBI single and Freeman and Hamby hit back-to-back RBI groundouts to make it a 10-2 advantage for the Lady Eagles; Sanders worked around two singles in the top of the seventh to help seal the win for Cold Springs and move Winston County to the loser's bracket game against Falkville. Sanders (one run scored, two hits), Voce (two runs scored, two hits), Freeman (two hits) and Hamby (one hit) each finished with two RBIs for Cold Springs. Lacey Rice added two hits, an RBI and a run scored. Aaron collected a hit and an RBI. Goodwin finished with two hits and three runs scored. Gann (two runs scored) and Emily Williams each finished with a hit. Toni West scored a run in the game as well. Sanders went six and two-thirds innings, giving up eight hits, two runs (one earned) and struck out four.

Cold Springs 2, Falkville 1 (Championship Game)

Falkville dominated Winston County in the loser's bracket game, 14-3, to take on Cold Springs in the championship game.

Each team put up a run in the first inning. An RBI single by Makenzie Veal gave the Lady Blue Devils an early 1-0 lead and they looked to add more as back-to-back singles loaded the bases, but Sanders got a fielder's choice and a strikeout to get out of the early jam. The Lady Eagles got that run back in their home half on a Sanders solo home run over the center-field fence.

Both Falkville's starting pitcher Kameryn Scales and Sanders put up zeros for the next three and one-half innings until Voce put one over the left-field fence to give the Lady Eagles a 2-1 lead. After giving up four hits in the first, Sanders gave up just four the rest of the way as she stymied the Lady Blue Devil offense, retiring the final nine batters, seven of them on ground outs, as the Lady Eagles clinched the area championship.

Sanders and Voce each had a homerun and scored a run for Cold Springs. Gann and Hamby each added a hit. The Lady Eagles improve to 19-8 overall.

Also on Monday: West Point 17, Holly Pond 4

WEST POINT – It was Senior Night for West Point as the Lady Warriors took on Holly Pond in their final regular season game. A huge first inning by the Lady Warriors was key, and they went on to rout the Lady Broncos, 17-4, after five innings.

Development (from Front)

sion projects, and among the top 10 in the state in capital investment and new jobs created by those industry expansions.

The numbers on overall new job creation fell well behind other scores but remained only one place out of the top third of counties in the state.

State of Alabama total numbers

- **317 Economic Development Projects**
  - 61 New Industry Projects
  - 256 Expanding Industry Projects
- **$4,413,562,055 in Capital Investment**
  - $1,696,919,260 New Investment
  - $2,716,642,795 Expanding Investment
- **15,465 New Jobs**
  - 7,098 jobs from New Industry
  - 8,367 jobs from Expanding Industry

Cullman County numbers

- 31 economic development projects
- 253 new jobs created
- $61,923,438 in capital investment

Cullman County's rankings out of 67 counties

- #1 in Total Economic Development Projects
- #1 in Expansion Projects
- #9 in Jobs Created by Expansion Projects
- #9 in Capital Investment by Expansion Projects
- #13 in Overall Capital Investment
- #23 in Overall Jobs Created

After receiving the report, Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer told The Tribune:

"The Cullman County numbers released by the Alabama Department of Commerce are very similar to the $68 million in the previous year and continue to reflect the strong industry base that exits here. Cullman continually ranks among the best in Alabama and the nation for number of companies that expand after locating here.

"That growth is validation that the companies can attract and retain quality, productive workers, and that their location decision was the right one."

Greer also warned, "As more people find jobs in Cullman and Alabama, the challenge for all of us is to continue to attract workers here.

"Cullman has the second lowest unemployment rate in the state, and Gov. (Kay) Ivey is boasting that more people have jobs in Alabama today than at any time in our history.

"That is a double-edged sword, in that people wanting to work can find jobs, but it also makes it difficult for new and expanding companies to attract labor. We must focus more attention as a community on workforce attraction."



