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Rock the South...safely

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CULLMAN, Ala. — What has been dubbed the "Biggest Party in the South" is set to return to the backroads and county turns of Cullman County this Thursday-Saturday, July 18-20. The venue is almost complete for Rock the South 2024, and safety preparations are well underway.

The Cullman Police Department, Cullman County Sheriff's Office and other public safety agencies have been busy making plans and back-up plans for the three-day festival.

Largely, traffic safety, alcohol overconsumption and heat-related illnesses are considered the biggest safety concerns.

With Alabama well into summertime, temps for the coming weekend are predicted to be in the upper 80s to 90s.

Heat-related illnesses should be taken seriously, and proper hydration in the days leading up to and during exposure to high temperatures is paramount.

Local physician Dr. Tyler Rushforth of Rushforth Family Practice shared some tips to stay safe and cool at Rock the South. » PAGE 6


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Cullman County Sheriff's Office Deputies Christie Rollo and John Kee are seen at Rock the South on Friday, May 31, 2019.

CHS teacher named prestigious 2024 Jewish Foundation for the Righteous Alfred Lerner Fellow


CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Cullman High School teacher Robin Cook (second row, center), along with the other fellows in the 2024 Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR) Alfred Lerner Fellow program

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman High School teacher Robin Cook has been named a 2024 Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR) Alfred Lerner Fellow.

Cook was among 22 middle and high school teachers selected by the JFR as 2024 Alfred Lerner Fellows. As part of the selection, Cook and the selectees participated in the JFR's Summer Institute for Teachers, an intensive course delving into the complex history of the Holocaust and discussing new teaching techniques for introducing the subject of the Holocaust into their classrooms. "This journey began when I attended professional development at the Birmingham Holocaust Education Center (now the Alabama Holocaust Education Center) 10 years ago. I was amazed by what I learned and this experience led to my attending professional development at the AHEC every time it was offered," Cook explained. "Fortunately, I was blessed to be accepted, and I traveled to Newark, New Jersey, and » PAGE 6

Cullman County is preparing to Rock the South


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Just a few of the thousands of fans who attended Rock the South 2023
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Berlin Farmers Market hosts Sweet Grown Alabama Tractor Show



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The Berlin Farmers Market hosted the Sweet Grown Alabama Tractor Show on Saturday, July 13, 2024.
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 15

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 15, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

June 11
- theft of property; CR 1372
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69S
- domestic violence; CR 591
- harassment; Hwy. 69S
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278E
- criminal mischief; Hwy. 69S
- possession of dangerous drugs; Edmondson Rd. NE
- domestic violence; Anise Cir. SE
- assault; Anise Cir. SE

June 12
- domestic violence; CR 1114
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1263
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1224
- assault; CR 1223
- harassing communications; CR 312
- theft of property; CR 252
- harassing communications; CR 1129

June 13
- domestic violence; Old Hwy. 31
- trespassing; 1558
- domestic violence; CR 862
- theft of property; CR 2108
- domestic violence; CR 806
- domestic violence; CR 1185
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 617

June 14
- harassing communications; CR 1684
- domestic violence; CR 488
- theft of property; CR 160
- assault; CR 683
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 431
- burglary; theft of property; CR 946

ARRESTS

July 11-14

Bates, Owain D.; 24
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – public intoxication

Blackmon, Joshua D.; 39
- PROBATION REVOKED – resisting arrest
- PROBATION REVOKED – attempting to elude a police officer (2 counts)
- PROBATION REVOKED – possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- PROBATION REVOKED – possession of drug paraphernalia-2nd offense
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (4 counts)
- FTA – possession of marijuan-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer
- FTA – obstructing justice using a false identity
- FTA – resisting arrest
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – reckless driving
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Box, Michael W.; 26
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Burks, Kenneth A.; 23
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of methamphetamine

Burns, Kinsey N.; 20
- FTA – giving false identification to law enforcement
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Cunningham Jr., Patrick J.; 44
- FTA – obstructing justice using a false identity
- FTA – possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- FTA – possession of marijuan-2nd degree (3 counts)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (4 counts)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (6 counts)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA – drug trafficking

Edwin Jr., Roland; 19
- counterfeiting (10 counts)
- forged instrument (10 counts)
- conspiracy to commit – object of conspiracy is class D felony (19 counts)
- attempt to commit a crime – class B felony (6 counts)
- conspiracy to commit – object of conspiracy is class B felony (5 counts)
- attempt to commit a crime – class C felony (5 counts)
- conspiracy to commit – object of conspiracy is class C felony (5 counts)

Elliot, Jordan E.; 32
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Gatlin, Austin M.; 26
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Goodlett, Jennifer N.; 45
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Hardy, Marquez D.; 19
- counterfeiting (10 counts)
- forged instrument (10 counts)
- conspiracy to commit – object of conspiracy is class D felony (19 counts)
- attempt to commit a crime – class B felony (6 counts)
- conspiracy to commit – object of conspiracy is class B felony (5 counts)
- attempt to commit a crime – class C felony (5 counts)
- conspiracy to commit – object of conspiracy is class C felony (5 counts)

Harris, Bernetta; 64
- forged instrument
- attempt to commit a crime – class B felony

Lynn, Alexis T.; 25
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Pannell, Chasity L.; 41
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Pearson, James A.; 36
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled
- FTA – causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision of children

Peebles, John F.; 56
- forged instrument
- counterfeiting
- attempt to commit a crime – class B felony

Raines, Brian A.; 36
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Self, Amber L.; 39
- assault-harassment

Shelton, Savannah R.; 31
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Jonathan F.; 39
- possessing forged instrument

Stansell, Tori M.; 24
- DRUG COURT SANCTION – assault-child abuse-simple-family
- DRUG COURT SANCTION – possession of cocaine
- DRUG COURT SANCTION – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- DRUG COURT SANCTION – possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Steele, Jonathan E.; 34
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Teague, Powers V.; 43
- DRUG COURT SANCTION – possession of amphetamine
- DRUG COURT SANCTION – sell/distribute - methamphetamine
- DRUG COURT SANCTION – possession of drug paraphernalia

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 12
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Lee Cir. SW
- theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; scooter; $1,355; Hwy 157
- unlawful breaking and entering a motor vehicle; person; damage to '10 Ford; $800; Co. Rd. 222

July 13
- criminal mischief-2nd degree; Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.; damage to '21 Ford F150; $2,000; Hayes Dr. NW
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; Excel Mechanical; damage to '14 Dodge Ram; $500; 4th St. SW
- menacing; person; Hickory Ave SW

July 14
- theft of property-1st degree; person; '15 Chev. Sonic; $5,000; Logan St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; person; wallet & contents; Town Square SW

ARRESTS

July 12-14

Mortensen, Denise I.; 55
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Sturgeon, Rachel N.; 35
- theft of property-3rd degree
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Brandi M.; 46
- theft of property-4th degree

Day, Ronald L.; 49
- theft of property-4th degree

Paddy, Angelica N.; 27
- theft of property-4th degree

Grammer, Jami R.; 45
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Baker, Tyler A.; 27
- sexual misconduct

Parker, Terry L.; 20
- Harassment

Battles, Emily N.; 29
- theft of property-1st degree

Garmon, William J.; 32
- public intoxication
- harassment
- FTA - DUI
- FTA - improper lane usage
- FTA - driving while suspended

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Circle of Hope 17th annual Shoot for a Cure archery tournament July 20-21

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Circle of Hope is gearing up for its 17th annual Shoot for a Cure 3D archery tournament, set to take place on Saturday, July 20, and Sunday, July 21, at Camp David in Jones Chapel. This annual event brings together archery enthusiasts of all ages and abilities, with all proceeds directly benefiting the Bruno Cancer Center in Birmingham.

Event organizer Elaine Blackwood shared about the excitement and significance surrounding the tournament.

"We are always excited and look forward to our benefit archery tournament each year. There are few events available that families can enjoy together, but this is one that includes divisions for ALL ages and also for all levels of abilities. Any competitors are welcome with no restrictions," Blackwood stated.

The tournament features a range of divisions, from children to seniors, and competitors of all skill levels are welcome. The cost to compete is $15, with an option to purchase mulligans for an additional $5. Range finders are allowed for everyone for all known distances. Registration is at the door only, beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. on Sunday, following breakfast and devotion with Pastor Steton Hayes at 8 a.m.

Participants can warm up at the practice range before heading to the competition. The event also boasts a well-stocked concession stand and an area perfect for meeting new people interested in the sport while enjoying it with family and friends.

These are the divisions/ classes available:
- Men Open - 45
- Men Open - 40
- Men Hunter - 45
- Men Pins - 40
- Men Pins - 30
- Senior Open - 45
- Senior Senior - 40
- Women Open - 45
- Women Open - 40
- Women Pins - 30
- Women Pins - 40
- Barebow/Recurve
- Young Adult - Ages 15-17
- Youth - Ages 12-14
- Eagles - Ages 9-11
- Jr. Eagles - Ages 6-8
- Youth Traditional/NASP

With this year marking the 17th annual Shoot for a Cure event, and the last 12 years dedicated to supporting the Bruno Cancer Center, Blackwood spoke on the history and importance of why Circle of Hope remains committed to supporting the cause.

"This is our 17th year to host this event and for the last 12 years, all of our proceeds have been donated to Bruno Cancer Center, where it is used for patient assistance, helping those who are currently battling the dreadful disease. We originally started as a Relay For Life team but made the decision to focus on our local communities instead. We chose Bruno Cancer Center because several of our family members who are currently survivors have been patients there and we know how important it is to have a team of doctors all together working to make that happen," Blackwood shared.

"Our goal as a family is to make a difference for our community. We have lost so many to cancer, and our prayer is that a cure will be available in the near future. Circle of Hope is dedicated in our efforts to help in any way we can to make that happen," Blackwood added.

For more information on the event, divisions and classes, visit Circle of Hope Cullman's Shoot For A Cure Archery Tournament event page. For any other questions, call 256-339-0786 or 256-338-6652.

Don't sweat it: Tips for enjoying summer more safely while pregnant

UAB Medicine
Contributor

Summertime sunshine in the South increases the risk for heat-related illnesses and death, as the extreme temperatures can damage the brain, heart, kidneys, and muscles in almost anyone. For pregnant women and their babies, however, it's even more important to be protected against the summer sun.

"Two main concerns with excessive heat and pregnant patients are overheating and dehydration," said UAB Medicine OB/GYN physician Sima Baalbaki, M.D. "They can negatively impact both the pregnant mom and the baby relying on her for nutrients."

Pregnant women tend to naturally feel hotter due to the increase in blood flow and hormonal changes. They are more likely to become dehydrated in the summer heat , as more of the fluid in their bodies goes to the fetus and the amniotic fluid, Dr. Baalbaki said.

In turn, overheating and dehydration can cause dizziness and/or lightheadedness. These symptoms increase the risk of falling, which can be dangerous during pregnancy because it may force a woman into early labor or even cause placental abruption (when the placenta separates from the inner wall of the womb). In the first trimester, overheating also can cause issues with fetal development.

Braxton Hicks contractions are another concern, as they can occur when pregnant women become overheated and dehydrated. These contractions are not dangerous for the mom or baby, but they can increase the woman's anxiety and concerns about preterm labor.

Staying cool

Despite these concerns, Dr. Baalbaki says it's ok to be outside while pregnant if you take steps to stay cool and monitor your body temperature.

"You definitely want to watch your salt intake, particularly if you are borderline for high blood pressure," Dr. Baalbaki said. "Your doctor will know if it is summer swelling or something much more serious starting to develop, like preeclampsia." Preeclampsia is a type of high blood pressure that develops in some women during pregnancy.

Dr. Baalbaki also suggests these additional tips for staying cooler, safer, and more comfortable in the summer heat:
- Drink 8 ounces of water for every hour in the sun
- Wear light, non-constricting clothing made of breathable fabrics such as linen and cotton



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- Invest in small, personal fans
- Avoid the peak sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Use a sunscreen with an SPF of least 30 to help avoid burning and prevent any pregnancy-induced skin discoloration patches from getting worse

"We want our patients to enjoy the summer fun," Dr. Baalbaki said. "However, if you experience nausea, dizziness or fatigue, be on the safe side and contact your physician."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to wendy@cullmantribune.com

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Wednesday, July 17 - 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call Cedric Davidson at 256-339-5755 for pickup.
• Friday, July 19 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Saturday, July 20 – Drive-through food bank from 9-11 a.m.
• Sunday, July 21 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Cedric Davidson at 256-339-5755 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.

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 Cullman Housing Authority Community Center (1545 Vine Circle SW, Cullman, AL 35055). 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.

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

Rock the South
July 18-20, at York Farms. Get tickets and more info at www.rockthesouth.com.

Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Banquet
Saturday, July 20, at Stone Bridge Farms. Tickets can be purchased at First Southern Financial, 1622 Second Ave. SW, Cullman, phone 256-737-5120 or call Jackie Satterfield at 256-636-4445. Tickets are $20 each and no tickets will be sold after July 17.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Revival
We will kick off our summer revival the third week in July, beginning with a singing Sunday night the 21st at 5. We will have The Kellys from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee as our guest. Services will run day and night, Monday-Friday, July 22-26. Morning service will begin at 10:30 and evening services at 7, with Brother Dustin Smith as the evangelist. Lunch will be served each day after the morning service and we will have prayer band at 6:45 before each evening service. All are invited. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. Everyone is invited. For more information call 256-796-5986 or 256-338-9202.

West Point Class of 1962 Reunion
The West Point High School class of 1962 will have their 62nd reunion on Saturday, July 27, at 11:30 a.m. at the Brandin Iron Restaurant in West Point. For more information call Linda at 256-747-6883.

West Point Class of 1967 Reunion
The West Point High School class of 1967 will have a class reunion on Saturday, July 27, from 4-6 p.m. at the Brandin Iron Restaurant in West Point.

3rd Annual Day in the Park
Join the Holly Pond Volunteer Fire Department for a Day in the Park on Saturday, July 27, from 5-8 p.m. in Governors Park. There will be lots of fun and activities for all ages. Meet the fire department and guests. Look over a fire truck and equipment. Handle a fire hose, shoot water into the pond, try on fire gear and enjoy the free food available while supplies last. Thank you to all the supporters of the Holly Pond Volunteer Fire Department. We look forward to seeing you in the park.

Swamp John's Dinner at the Center Hill Community Center
Friday, Aug. 2, at the Center Hill Community Center, from 4-7 p.m. $15 per plate includes dessert and drink. For directions or more information please call 256-708-2218.

Cullman High Class of 1956 Reunion
The Cullman High School class of 1956 will have a class reunion on Thursday, Aug. 8 at 11 a.m. at the Brandin Iron in West Point. For more information call Jerry Smith at 256-734-1797 or Hilda Aldridge at 256-347-2180.

Save the Date: Little Pink Dress Benefit
Tuesday, Oct. 1, from 6-9 p.m. at The Venue at Cotton Creek. Handicapped parking at north entrance. Doors open at 5:30. A night of fun with dinner included, Active Adult Senior Kickers, Wallace State Jazz Band, live and silent auctions, door prizes and much more! Ticket are $60. Tickets available through Stefani Nelson at 256-708-3191 or snelson@alfains.com or Judy Grissom at Options at 256-347-5993 or options5993@gmail.com and www.CullmanBosomBuddies.com.

Drive (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The seventh annual Stuff the Bus school supply drive is approaching, and volunteers are needed to make it a success. This hands-on opportunity allows community members to give back to students in need, ensuring they have the supplies necessary for a successful school year.

A donation site will be set up in front of Walmart on Alabama Highway 157 during the Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday July 19-21, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Additionally, a school bus will be stationed at the Cullman County Courthouse from July 22-26, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Volunteers are crucial to the event's success, and organizers aim to have enough helpers so that no one has to sit for an extended period. Shade and water will be provided, and each volunteer will receive a free T-shirt.

"This is an amazing, hands-on opportunity to give back to students in need in the community. We are hoping to get enough volunteers so that no one person will have to sit for a long period of time. We will make sure you have shade and water! Each volunteer will receive a free T-shirt! This is also the same week that our office is moving locations, so we are so very appreciative of any volunteers," said United Way of Cullman County Resource Development & Outreach Manager Taylor Johnson.

The drive benefits both Cullman City Schools and Cullman County Schools. In addition to the main collection points at Walmart and the courthouse, drop-off locations include:
• Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce
• EvaBank
• Peoples Bank of Alabama
• Premier Bank of the South
• Cullman Electric Cooperative
• Cullman Power Board
• REHAU
• Rusken Packaging, Inc.
• Wallace State Community College
• Berkeley Bob's Coffee House
• Cullman City Communications and Cullman city fire stations (Fire Station 1 - 204 Second Ave. NE, Fire Station 2 - 1711 Main Ave. SW, Fire Station 3 and Communications - 1920 Butler St. NW)

Sponsors Publix and The UPS Store 3136 have also played a significant role in supporting this initiative.

For those interested in volunteering, email tjohnson@uwaycc.org. For more information and updates on events provided through United Way of Cullman County, follow its Facebook page.

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'Always help out someone in need': West Point's Ali Sims reflects on Warrior years

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ALI SIMS

West Point's Ali Sims

WEST POINT, Ala. — West Point senior Ali Sims was on the Warriors sports medicine team for three years and in this interview, she shares some of her favorite memories from the experience.

"I know that some of my favorite memories when I first started were great, like before one of the games, we all were taking pictures and playing around. One of the girls was upset, so we all laid on top of her and then we all hugged and had a moment of silence for a little bit. During my senior year, it was senior night. We were on the verge of losing, but then, we won, and that's when we got together and hugged and cried together. It was a beautiful night, but very rough. I have this video of this one game from my sophomore year when I first started on the team. The girls were trying to get me out of my shell. When the band came out with their marching song, we all got into a huddle and danced around. They got me out to dance and told me to just not be afraid. I love them for that," Sims said. "It was amazing. We had lots of fighting and arguments, and we had sad days and frustrating days, but we all got along, no matter what. I loved all of them."

She added, "I learned that it's going to be very rough, and that it takes practice and time. But you also meet the right people during that experience, and you will have that guidance to learn the passion of what you're learning. I loved the whole experience, and it was with the people I loved the most. It was an amazing feeling of finally being out of that place that I was stuck in, and those people helped me out a lot. I hope that anyone that wants to learn about sports medicine should try it. It's awesome."

Sims soaked up as much as she could from the head athletic trainer at West Point, Donna Chamblee, and will deeply miss being on the sports medicine team next year.

"She was an inspiration, and she was very patient with me. She helped me do the wrapping of the wrists better. She taught me how to do the ankles correctly, and she helped me when I panicked at times. She was my rock in those times, and I cherish the times I had with her. I'm thankful that she helped me learn and had the patience when I was struggling," she said.

"I will remember the help that Donna gave me, and she taught me about what I needed to work on in the process. I will miss the memories, the players, the coaches, and the many more people I met through this experience. I will miss the excitement at every game before and sometimes after."

She talked about her favorite high school memory, what made West Point a special place to go to school and what she will miss most about being a Warrior.

"My favorite memory is at the end of my senior year. We had a field day for the seniors. We had a water slide, and everyone got along. We didn't have problems and all we did was have fun, not care, and just hang around with each other one last time. It was a good memory and such a wonderful moment," she said. "I think that West Point's special to go to because of some of the teachers, some students, and I do enjoy Dr. Black making it fun the best way he can. I just think that the teachers are your supporters, and some students are there for you. The school will always help you if you are in need of some help."

She added,

"I think what I will remember the most is the people I grew up with and the people that I bonded so easily with over the years and who I had that connection with. I will miss them the most also. I will miss West Point, and most of all, the memories you make while you are there. It goes by so quickly without you even realizing it. It's all the laughter and all the tears you make throughout that experience. West Point is a wonderful place to go to."

Sims got some great advice from one of her teachers and had a lot of help from her friends during a really tough time in her life.

"I think my biggest advice came from one of my teachers, Mrs. Young. She gave me a bunch of advice when I needed it. She gave me some advice about my relationship, on controlling my emotions, on how to be confident, and on cooking in the future when I was in her cooking classes. Her advice was really helpful, and I'm forever grateful for her," she said. "When I was going through a rough depression, I felt lost, and I didn't feel like I wanted to be here. I had a lot of friends to help me realize that I do need to be here, and there was no reason not to be. They led me back to God, and they just helped me get out of that spot I was in before it became more drastic."

She gave advice to those students that will be starting high school in August and talked about her role models that she looked up to.

"My advice to them is to not get into any drama. Don't do things you will regret, but also do new things and learn from them. Always focus on what you want your dream to be when you get to your senior year. Make new friends the best way you can, and always help out someone in need. Be the smile to someone's day," she said. "My role models were the girls when I first started, but most importantly, Ashlyn Shedd, and Donna Chamblee. They were patient with me, and they taught me the correct way to do things. Even after Ashlyn graduated, she still came back and helped me out. She always had a smile on her face. Donna always gave me the look to always try again and to take my time if needed. She always gave us smiles to start out the morning practices and the late-night games."

Sims shared some advice for anyone who wants to do what she did and wants to be where she is now.

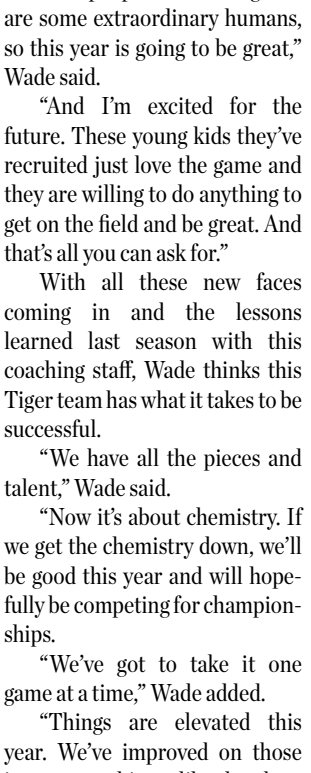
"I want people to remember that I tried and that I always wanted people to have a smile on their face. I wanted them to know that I will always be there for them, and I hope people remember me for really wanting to achieve my goals," she said. "My advice to them is to try your best. Always be confident in what you're wanting to do and be. If anything changes or happens, always keep that confidence in yourself. What I will remember the most is remembering the techniques and the skills that we learned, especially from the fire department. It's good to have that information. It is also good to keep calm in those situations that are very difficult and very stressful, and I will also remember making good memories throughout the years with some great people."





On the Plains with Dillon Wade: 'A perfect fit'

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Auburn offensive lineman Dillon Wade

AUBURN, Ala. – The process of getting to the Plains has been a long one for senior offensive lineman Dillon Wade, full of adversity and challenges. But it has been a process that has taught him valuable life lessons.

"Playing football has taught me how to handle adversity," Wade said. "Everyone says that, but it's so true. It's a sport where you're going to have battles every day, and you have to learn to just not give up – to keep fighting to get to where you want to be.

"And also, that you need to eat right to gain weight," Wade, who measures 6-foot-3, 303 pounds, added with a smile.

Wade's progression of growth in the sport began in his hometown of Houston at the age of 6.

Starting out playing for fun at home with his uncle to get him moving, Wade worked his way up to running back and linebacker as he progressed in the sport in one of the country's football hotbeds. He then moved on to tight end the more he grew. But eventually, his physical growth made it obvious that he was meant for the trenches.

"I got bigger and bigger as I grew up," Wade said. "I took a year off from football once they moved me to the trenches because, like most kids, I wanted to score touchdowns and make all the plays.

"I came back to the sport my sophomore year of high school and had no idea what I was doing on the offensive line."

However, an older player at his first high school stepped up and showed him the way.

"Ladarius Carey was a big role model for me in high school," Wade said.

"He was an older player that introduced me to the O-line and saw the potential in me. We would go out and do drills together when I was at Andy Dekaney High School."

Wade went on to finish his prep career at Cypress Falls High and started his collegiate career at Tulsa, playing 16 games over two seasons with the Golden Hurricanes before ultimately choosing to transfer.

When it was time to make a change, Auburn was at the forefront of his mind.

"Coach (Jake) Thornton was a big reason for me coming to Auburn," Wade said.

"For him being so young in the position that he's in, he really had the vision I wanted to follow. It seemed like a perfect fit that the system in place was perfect for me to come here."

Aside from the coaches, what Auburn had to offer even further solidified his decision.

"The amount of resources truly available is what first stood out to me," Wade said.

"You hear it all the time that Auburn has all these resources, but to actually see it in front of you is kind of ridiculous."

It was those resources like nutrition, weight training and academics that really sealed the deal for the sociology major.

"When I got to Auburn, I was able to gain weight and get stronger in all areas because of the resources we have here," Wade said.

"It's a blessing. Now I see why people dream of coming to Auburn. If I grew up seeing all that Auburn had to offer, I wouldn't have wanted to go anywhere else. I'd pick Auburn any day over any other."

With all the tools and support, Wade and the offensive line are ready to show the country what they've worked hard on during the offseason.

"I feel like we're underrated as a group," Wade said.

"We were in a rebuild last year with new coaches, and to see what we were able to accomplish in a short time makes me extremely excited for this upcoming season. We've had an entire year under Coach Thornton and now we're really focusing on that development in year two."

On top of the veterans with experience returning for another season, Wade is looking forward to the fresh talent coming in that completes this group.

"The people we've brought in are some extraordinary humans, so this year is going to be great," Wade said.

"And I'm excited for the future. These young kids they've recruited just love the game and they are willing to do anything to get on the field and be great. And that's all you can ask for."

With all these new faces coming in and the lessons learned last season with this coaching staff, Wade thinks this Tiger team has what it takes to be successful.

"We have all the pieces and talent," Wade said.

"Now it's about chemistry. If we get the chemistry down, we'll be good this year and will hopefully be competing for championships.

"We've got to take it one game at a time," Wade added.

"Things are elevated this year. We've improved on those important things like brotherhood. We're a collective unit.

"We're not OK with being average. This is Auburn. We want to be great."

Part of what makes Auburn great is Jordan-Hare Stadium, and Wade can't wait to be back.

"It's the most electrifying stadium I've ever been in," Wade said.

"You can literally feel the energy from the fans. It gives me goosebumps just thinking about playing in Jordan-Hare. I love it."

As this step in his football journey starts to come to an end, Wade is dreaming of what all football players dream – earning a spot in the National Football League.

But beyond a football career, Wade has other dreams as well.

"I'm currently working on my real estate license, but I can see myself getting into coaching," Wade said.

"I'd like to open a training facility one day and teach players how to get where I've been."

One thing is for sure for Wade after Auburn.

"I hope the next step is ready for me," Wade said. "I'm coming full force no matter what I'm doing. That's just how I do it."

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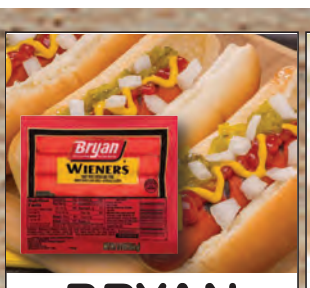
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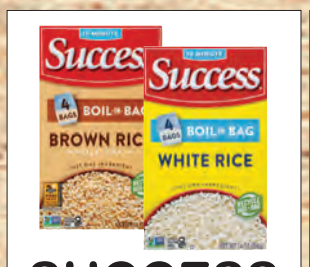
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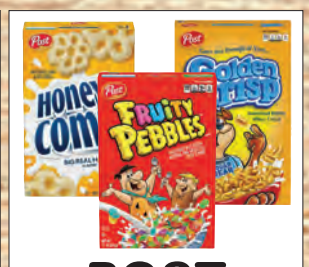
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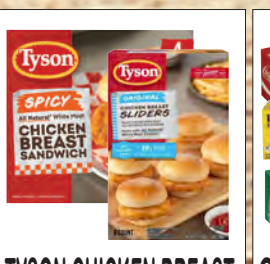
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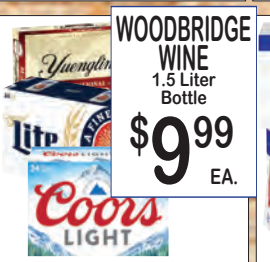
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Berlin Farmers Market hosts Sweet Grown Alabama Tractor Show

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BERLIN, Ala. — On Saturday, July 13, attendees gathered at the Berlin Farmers Market for a morning of fun, fresh produce and old tractors, as the market celebrated Sweet Grown Alabama Day. Organized by Sweet Grown Alabama, Inc., the state's nonprofit agricultural branding program, the day is held annually to promote the agritourism businesses that rely on the support of patrons who visit local farmers markets, produce stands and u-pick operations.

The morning was filled with unique activities, including the North Alabama Agriplex Power of Produce (PoP) program. The program, a standout feature of the event, allowed youngsters to taste a farm-fresh produce item in exchange for five "PoP Bucks," a currency that can then be used to purchase fresh produce from any of the market stands. The star of the July 13 show was a taste of fresh and juicy watermelon. The market selections were a vibrant mix of locally grown tomatoes, zucchinis, peppers, squashes, beans and peas.

Bounce houses stood near the produce stands, at the ready to host the active children for a moment while parents and caregivers cast votes for People's Choice of the day's Antique Tractor Show. Multiple machines showed up for the event that ultimately named first-(Dennis Johnson), second- (Michelle Kilander) and third- (Dustin Spradlin) place winners for the best tractors of the day.

Vendors, resource providers and makers lined the grass field near the market, selling wares of specialty wood items, personalized hats and tumblers, crochet animals, jewelry and more. Attendees were greeted by members of Temple Baptist Church in Fairview, who fed them as they arrived and extended the invitation to all to join their congregation for a Sunday sermon. The Berlin Volunteer Fire Department was also on-hand, inviting children and curious adults to visit the trucks and learn about the various pieces of equipment on board.

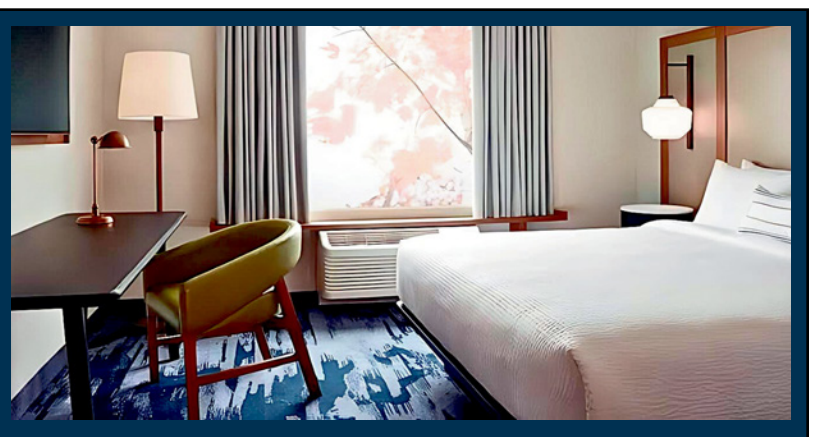
The Berlin Farmers Market is located at 50 Mt. Carmel Drive and is open each Saturday through Oct. 26 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.



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Michelle Kilander stands with her second-place trophy and the tractor that earned the accolade at the Berlin Farmers Market Sweet Grown Alabama Tractor Show on July 13, 2024.

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attended the Summer Teacher Institute sponsored by the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous."

Cook went on to explain how she was able to learn from experts and Holocaust survivors, bringing knowledge that could be adapted into classroom curriculum.

"This organization brings in Holocaust education scholars from all over the world. Learning was continual and intense," she said. "The scholars generously shared their expertise and their time. Another benefit was working with teachers (both classroom and museum) from across the country. Developing activities that work in the classroom with other educators was beneficial and thought provoking."

The nationally acclaimed Fellowship program is named in memory of Alfred Lerner, the founding chairman and chief executive officer of MBNA Corporation, who died in October 2002. Lerner was a longtime advisor and supporter of JFR programs and activities. His deep commitment to the work of JFR and his special interest in the field of Holocaust education led to the seminar being endowed in his name.

"The three primary goals for the JFR's Summer Institute are to provide teachers with a graduate-level course on Antisemitism and the Holocaust; to empower educators to develop pedagogical connections with other teachers; and to equip these teachers with additional resources to bring back to their classrooms," JFR Executive Vice President Stanlee Stahl said.

Safely (from Front)

"Stay hydrated with water. Drink sports drinks to help replace electrolytes," Rushforth said. "Eating salty snacks can help you replace the salt you lose through sweat."

Taking a handheld fan, mister or cooling towel is helpful in the event of overheating.

Clothing choice is also important. Rushforth said certain articles of clothing will help.

"Wearing loose-fitting and light-colored clothes can help mitigate the heat some," he said. "Also, wearing a hat will help keep your head cooler and shade your face."

First-aid services will be available on-site in the event of a medical emergency, provided by Cullman EMS and Cullman Fire Rescue.

Rushforth shared the immediate symptoms of a catastrophic heat-related illness, explaining, "Monitor yourself and others, especially the very old and very young, for signs of heat illness such as excessive sweating, nausea, vomiting or muscle cramps. If you begin to experience any of these symptoms, move to a cool, air-conditioned space, drink water and put a cool towel on your face, head or neck.

"For more extreme symptoms of heat stroke, such as confusion, dizziness or unconsciousness, you should move the person to a cooler area, loosen clothing and remove extra (layers), cool their body with water or ice and call 911."

Cullman Police Chief David Nassetta said that while instances of drunk driving do not necessarily increase during Rock the South, the increased number of motorists on the roads creates a greater chance of impaired drivers.

The CPD will have more officers and patrol vehicles throughout the city to deter drunk drivers and create a visual deterrent to unsafe driving.

"I wish I could say that there is something that we could do to deter someone from driving while under the influence, but unfortunately, even with all the well-publicized laws, consequences and dangers of DUI, individuals still make a choice to do it," said Nassetta.

"The best that we can do is to identify those who are driving under the influence and prosecute them.

"We always suggest that if you are going to be drinking to make sure that someone in your group stays sober and can get you and whoever else is in your group home safely."

Uber, Lyft and various private individuals will be available to transport concertgoers to vehicles and lodging areas.

Rock the South will take place July 18-20, at York Farms, 1872 County Road 469, Cullman, AL 35057. Buy tickets and get more info at www.RocktheSouth.com.

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
GILBERT THOMAS TUCKER, * CASE NO. PC2020-336
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO SALE REAL PROPERTY

TO: PATTIE HARBISON, TANYA MADDOX, ADAM TUCKER, PRISCILLA TUCKER RAINES AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF GILBERT THOMAS TUCKER, DECEASED.

Petition to Sale Real Property filed the 28th day of June, 2024, made Court record the 1st day of July, 2024, by Pamela E. Nail, Attorney for, Rita Tucker, Personal Representative. A hearing on this matter has been scheduled for the **24th day of September, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

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

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
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Done this the 18th day of July, 2024.

Tammy Brown
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
MARY FAYE ROBINSON * CASE NO PC 2024-204
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTEREST PARTIES

Petition for Probate of Will filed by Brian Keith Lodge, to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Mary Faye Robinson, deceased, by and through Attorney, Steven C. Smith, has been scheduled for the **27th day of August, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

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

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

Done this the 12th day of July, 2024.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks is said newspaper

Steven C. Smith
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

SHAUNA MARIA JUNKINS, and THOMAS CHRISTOPHER JUNKINS, *
PLAINTIFF, *
VS. * CASE NO. CV 2024-900210
MARILYN DODGE, M. VAN DINE, and TRACY VAN DINE, *
DEFENDANTS. *

NOTICE

The Defendants, Marilyn Dodge, M. Van Dine, and Tracy Van Dine, must answer the Complaint For Quiet Title filed by Shauna Maria Junkins and Thomas Christopher Junkins on or before the 22nd day of August, 2024, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against them in case number CV-2024-900210 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County Alabama.

DONE this the 21st day of June, 2024.

Lisa McSwain
LISA MCSWAIN, Circuit Clerk

Plaintiff's attorney:
J. Bradley Wilson
Baggett & Wilson, LLC
206 Ninth Street SW, Suite 102
Cullman AL 35055

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2024 - 900199

ROY DYER and TERESA DYER,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Commence at the SW Corner of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 33, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, the point of beginning of the land herein conveyed; thence in a Northerly direction, along the West boundary line of the forty line 165 feet, to a point; thence about 90 degrees in an Easterly direction 131 feet; thence about 90 degrees in a Southerly direction 25 feet; thence about 90 degrees in an Easterly direction 50 feet; thence about 90 degrees in a Southerly direction 140 feet; thence about 90 degrees in a Westerly direction 181 feet to the point of beginning. Lying and being situated in Cullman County, Alabama, containing 1/2 acre, more or less. Parcel ID: 10-08-33-0-001-020.001; PIN: 34283; Account Number: 90808,

AND

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

AND

THE ESTATE OF BERNARD A. POWELL, by and through ANGELA POWELL, Administrator,

AND

UAB HOSPITAL,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: The Estate of Bernard A. Powell, by and through Angela Powell, Administrator, UAB Hospital, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown.

You are hereby notified that on the 7th day of June, 2024, a Complaint to quiet title and foreclose the right to redeem the above-described real property was filed in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Roy Dyer and Teresa Dyer against the Estate of Bernard A. Powell, by and through Angela Powell, Administrator, UAB Hospital, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown, whose names and whereabouts cannot be ascertained after exercise of due diligence and who are believed may claim some right, title, interest, or claim in and to the above-described real property. All persons having an interest in said lands or any portion thereof, claiming any title thereto or encumbrance or lien thereon, are hereby directed to plead, answer, demur, or otherwise respond to the Complaint on or before the 16th day of August, 2024, else at the expiration of thirty (30) days thereafter suffer a judgment by default to be rendered against them, it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

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

Plaintiffs' Attorney:
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
611 7th Street SW
Cullman, AL 35055
256-841-7800

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for four consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Circuit Clerk.

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

Legal Notice

Surplus property of Wallace State Community College (Hanceville Campus) will be offered for sale on the website www.govdeals.com Various sales will occur on this website, please check the www.govdeals.com website weekly to see any current sales. This is a government auction website and you MUST be registered on the website to bid on any items. You may view the surplus property to be sold without registration. The govdeals.com website will contain detailed information including descriptions and photos. Items may be inspected by APPOINTMENT ONLY: Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact Wesley Sams at inventory@wallacestate.edu to schedule any appointments. All items listed are to be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS". Wallace State Community College reserves the right to reject any or all bids.





New team of 4-H state ambassadors ready to serve

Katie Nichols
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — With the upcoming new school year comes a new group of talented, young leaders ready to serve Alabama 4-H. Thirty-one members from 20 different counties make up the 2024-2025 team of 4-H state ambassadors. Those selected as ambassadors serve as representatives of the organization, leading and assisting statewide with 4-H clubs and youth council meetings throughout the club year.

Joy Scott, an Alabama 4-H leadership and citizenship specialist, and 4-H Youth Development Coordinators Trent Carboni, Deborah Stewart and Kisha King serve as advisors to the state ambassadors. Scott said throughout their year of service, these members will have the opportunity to develop their skills in leadership, citizenship, public relations and team building.

"Working with the ambassadors each year is an extremely exciting part of my job," Scott said. "I have the opportunity to witness firsthand how the ambassadors explore their personal 4-H spark on the county, regional and state level."

Ana Kathrine Whisnant, the 2024-2025 4-H ambassador president, said she decided to step out of her comfort zone three years ago and apply to be a state ambassador. She wanted to give back to the organization that provided her with so many opportunities.

"This year, I am looking forward to working with an incredible group of ambassadors to ensure 4-H'er's continue to grow and achieve their full potential through the Alabama 4-H thrive model," Whisnant said.

State 4-H ambassadors

The following 4-H members will serve as state 4-H ambassadors for the upcoming program year:

- Witt Bell, Shelby County
- Leland Burge, Clarke County
- Lily Clark, Walker County
- Cami Cook, Tallapoosa County
- Nash Gilbert, Limestone County
- Clay Harris, Tallapoosa County
- Tatum Hendrix, Dale County
- Hope Hill, Clay County
- Virginia Jeter, Covington County
- Jaxson Lopez, Marion County
- Ashley McCollum, Clay County
- Zana McWhorter, Tallapoosa County
- Colton Naylor, Morgan County
- Ellie Odom, Covington County
- Avery Owens, Washington County
- Audrey Perry, Walker County
- Grayson Randall, Cullman County
- Radiance Ransom, Dallas County
- Allie Reams, Tallapoosa County
- Ellis Reed, Lee County
- Ella Robinson, Conecuh County
- Aaliyah Sanders, Henry County
- Colton Siggers, Tallapoosa County
- Sarah Sloughfy, Calhoun County
- Charity Tubberville, Crenshaw County
- Marynn Vaith, Chilton County
- Addie Watwood, Marshall County
- Nick Weis, Shelby County
- Ana Kathrine Whisnant, Marion County
- Hannah Yocom, Shelby County
- Madeleine Yocom, Shelby County

"I am excited to see what elements of leadership and citizenship this new group of ambassadors will bring to the table throughout the upcoming year," Scott said.

About Alabama 4-H

Alabama 4-H is the youth development organization of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. It seeks to empower young people with the skills to lead their communities and also grow into future leaders. Visit www.alabama4h.com for more information about 4-H leadership opportunities.

Preparation (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Rock the South is only days away. That means Cullman County will soon be crawling with sparkly cowboy boots and over-the-top hats and outfits while attendees party the weekend away at the "Biggest Party in the South."

Beginning Thursday, July 18, guests from across the country will group together in a converted pasture to rock out to Jelly Roll, Hardy, Eric Church, Nelly, Big and Rich and more. With residents offering yards and fields for parking and multiple available options to experience the concert, the weekend is set to be a hit.

Tickets are still available. General Admission tickets are priced at $149.99, and grant ticketholders three full days of live music and general site access.

For those who value convenience and comfort, the festival's VIP Tickets are priced at $449.99, offering the closest access to the music.

With lounge seating and tables set up in a temperature-controlled tent, VIP passes provide a cool respite in the middle of the festival's activities and excitement.

VIP passholders will also be privy to a private bar and private restrooms, allowing shorter wait times. Each three-day VIP Ticket includes a general weekend parking pass.

Two of the newer options for entry to the festival include The Front Porch and The Country Club Skydeck. The Front Porch will set attendees back $899.99 while providing premium, shaded seating.

Front Porch guests are invited to purge on delicious dining options from Full Moon BBQ and an open bar.

All Front Porch ticketholders will be able to enjoy unrestricted access to all of the festival's VIP spaces. Like the VIP Ticket, the Front Porch admission includes a parking pass.

The Country Club Skydeck is the most expensive of the options, including a fully stocked open bar, oyster bar, dining options from Chef David Bancroft, air-conditioned seating areas, private restrooms and valet parking and concierge services throughout the festival. Tickets for the Country Club Skydeck are $1,999.99.

The festival's schedule of events is as follows:

Thursday, July 18
- Noon- Parking opens
- 3 p.m.- Gates open
- 4 p.m.- Kidd G
- 4:55 p.m.- Wyatt Flores
- 6:10 p.m.- Priscilla Block
- 7:40 p.m.- Warren Zeiders
- 9:40 p.m.- Jelly Roll

Friday, July 19
- Noon- Parking opens
- 3 p.m.- Gates open
- 4 p.m.- Gavin Adcock
- 4:55 p.m.- Big and Rich ft. Gretchen Wilson
- 6:10 p.m.- Nelly
- 7:40 p.m.- Oliver Anthony
- 9:40 p.m.- Hardy

Saturday, July 20
- Noon- Parking opens
- 3 p.m.- Gates open
- 3:30 p.m.- Alana Springsteen
- 4:05 p.m.- Treaty Oak Revival
- 4:55 p.m.- Nate Smith
- 6:10 p.m.- Flatland Calvary
- 7:40 p.m.- Parker McCollum
- 9:40 p.m.- Eric Church

Rock the South will take place July 18-20, at York Farms, 1872 County Road 469, Cullman, AL 35057. Buy tickets and get more info at www.RocktheSouth.com.

Obituary Announcements: July 13-15

Kenneth Lee Anderson, 68
Kenneth Lee Anderson, age 68, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Thursday, July 11, 2024. Kenneth is preceded in death by his parents William Woodrow Anderson and Dorothy Mae Morris, sister Donna Anderson, brothers Elbert "Bill" Anderson and Joel Anderson. Kenneth is survived by his sister Brenda Holmes, brother Johnny Anderson, numerous nieces and nephews and friend Shelia Harmon, her children and grandchildren. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service for Kenneth was held Monday, July 15, 2024, in the Moss Service Funeral Home Fireside Room at 11:30 a.m., with graveside service following at Flint Creek Cemetery 1 p.m. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Donald Cornell McMinn, 77
Donald Cornell McMinn, age 77, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Monday, July 15, 2024. Donald was born in Cullman, Alabama. A visitation for Donald will be held Saturday, July 20, 2024, from 10 a.m. to noon at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055. Following the visitation will be a celebration of life funeral service at noon at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055.

Vickie Franklin Pierce, 75
Funeral service for Vickie Franklin Pierce, age 75, of Cullman, is Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be held from 1-2 p.m. and interment will be at Forest Hill Cemetery in Memphis, Tennessee. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Vickie was born on Feb. 27, 1949, to Frank David Franklin and Roberta Driver Franklin. She passed from this life on Sunday, July 14, 2024. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister; Katie Abel. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Raymond Pierce; son, Michael Travis Pierce (Lenore); sister, Susie Dimmock (Robert); Grandchildren, Grace Rosa, Katie Rosa, Hayden Pierce, Charlie Pierce, Rowan Pierce and a host of nieces and nephews, family and friends. Vickie was married to Raymond for 57 years, and he referred to her as his "Lovely Dove". She was very affectionate and was always giving hugs. She was a Atlanta Braves fan, and loved animals, especially dogs. Vickie enjoyed sleeping in and was a night owl. She loved her family wholeheartedly and will be missed by those who knew and loved her. In lieu of flowers the family ask that you Donate to Samaritans Purse-Operation Christmas Child or Cullman Caring for Kids in memory of Vickie. Operation Christmas Child - Samaritanspurse.org.

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