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## Oktoberfest Senior Day Oct. 4: Live music, food, bingo

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Senior Day at Cullman Oktoberfest is set for Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., offering a packed morning of activities, entertainment and community for seniors. The event is free for seniors aged 50 and older and will feature live music, food and plenty of bingo with exciting prizes, including cash and gift cards, sponsored by Premier Bank of the South.

Stephanie Neal, senior coordinator at the Donald E. Green Active Adult Center, shared her enthusiasm for the event, saying, "We look forward to this event every year! It gives our seniors a special day to enjoy the festivities of Oktoberfest. It's always a fun day for our seniors!"

Walmart Transportation will be grilling hamburgers for lunch, and German music will be performed live by The Good Bellows. For a full schedule of Oktoberfest events, including Senior Day, visit the official Oktoberfest website at www.cullmanoktoberfestival.com/schedule-of-events. Cullman Oktoberfest takes place from Oct. 3-5 at Depot Park in Cullman.

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# TONIGHT!

## 15th annual Historic Cullman Candlelight Walking Tour to highlight Cullman in the 1940s



CULLMAN COUNTY MUSEUM

*Crowds wait outside the Cullman Movie Theater in 1943.*

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Michael Sullins will host the 15th annual Historic Cullman Candlelight Walking Tour at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024. The tour will begin at the Cullman Depot, 301 First Ave. NE by Depot Park. This year's focus will be on Cullman during and after World War II.

Sullins told The Tribune, "This is the 15th annual Candlelight Walking Tour, making it one of the oldest continuous events at Cullman Oktoberfest. Our event will highlight the events during the decade of the 1940s, which includes World War II and the post-war years. Cullman's German culture was repressed during the war years and for many years thereafter. Today, however, we embrace our German heritage and history with events like this walking tour during our biggest celebration of our culture – Oktoberfest."

**Without giving away too much information, Sullins noted a few tidbits of the forties that guests will encounter:**

- The massive winter storm that welcomed in the decade
- Stories of Cullman's soldiers and sailors in the war
- Loss of a city school to fire
- Industrial and business growth in Cullman following the war

**The tour will also highlight three of Cullman's most prominent residents during the decade:**

- "Big" Jim Folsom – Governor of Alabama from 1947-1951 and 1955-1959, the first Alabama Governor who resided in Cullman
- Finis St. John, Jr., often referred to as "Saint" – Attorney and Alabama State Senator from 1939-1947. The St. John family holds the distinction of having four consecutive generations serving in statewide offices in Alabama.
- Annie Lola Price – Court Reporter for the Eighth Judicial Circuit (1935-1947), the first woman to serve as a legal advisor to an Alabama Governor (1947-1951), and the first woman to serve on an Alabama appellate court (1951-1972)

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**PET OF THE WEEK**

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CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

*Heidi*

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CRIME

# Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 2

**Cullman Tribune staff**
Contributor

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 2, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

No arrests or incidents reported.

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**INCIDENTS**

**Sept. 30**

- criminal mischief-1st degree; City of Cullman; damage to '21 Chev. Tahoe, 2 – "20 Tahoe's; $11,000; Mitchell Rd.
- criminal mischief-1st degree; Cullman Electric Co-operative; damaged property; $3,000; Eva Rd. NE
- theft of property-4th degree; harassment; person; phone; $100
- retail theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $241; Hwy. 157

**Oct. 1**

- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '22 Buick Encore; $1,000; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-4th degree; person; phone; $200; 4th Ave. SE
- criminal trespass; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157

**ARRESTS**

**Sept. 30 – Oct. 1**

**Dandrea, Victor A.; 59**

- criminal mischief-1st degree
- attempt to elude police officer
- resisting arrest

**Anders, Jeremy K.; 32**

- FTA - insurance violation

**Price, Jenifer N.; 37**

- FTA - criminal trespass-3rd degree
- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)

**Hill, Donald E.; 39**

- FTA - driving while license revoked
- insurance violation

**Swain, Regina M.; 53**

- FTA - driving while license revoked

**Garrison, Treasa L.; 45**

- FTA - possession of marijuana-2nd degree

**Burns, Shawn L.; 44**

- theft of property-4th degree

**Guthrie, Ashley N.; 37**

- theft of property-4th degree

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

# Heidi (from Front)

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Heidi, The Cullman Tribune's Pet of the Week, is approximately 1.5 years old and is a gorgeous shepherd mix with medium energy.

She is a patient girl who quietly watches the world go by in her kennel, but we know she's looking for you to come pick her up for new adventures.

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Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

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**Grace Episcopal Church Women 36th Annual Cheese Ball Sale**
We are offering eight delicious flavors, including some returning favorites, all for $10 each. To see a list and place your order, go to www.holidaycheeseballs.com. All orders must be placed by Sunday, Oct. 6. Pick-up day is Thursday, Nov. 14, at Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE. All balls will be frozen for your convenience. If you have questions, call the church at 256-734-6212. Proceeds from our sales help support many local organizations including the Good Samaritan Health Clinic, the Committee on Church Cooperation (CCC), the Pilot Light Home, Cullman Caring for Kids, Hope Horses and Grace Café. Our deepest thanks to you for helping us help others!

**The Crossing Food Bank**
The Crossing is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. We are located at 1503 Second St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055 (in the Housing Authority).

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

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

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

**Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD**
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Friday, Oct. 4 - 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, Oct. 5 - 8 a.m. Men's breakfast and Foundry Farm community outreach
• Sunday, Oct. 6 - 2 p.m. Prayer service
• Sunday, Oct. 6 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-930-9680 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 the Donald E. Green Adult Active Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW. The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

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

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

**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.

**Blessing of the Animals**
Thursday, Oct. 3, at 5 p.m. Join us for the Blessing of the Animals in the courtyard at Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE in Cullman. All are welcome! Bring your pet on a leash or in a crate to receive their blessing. We will be through the very short service in plenty of time for everyone to get to the Oktoberfest Parade that same evening. We look forward to you joining us for this special event of fun, worship and fellowship!

**Cullman Chapter of the National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting**
Monday, Oct. 14. Dutch lunch shortly after 11 a.m., followed by noon meeting at the Golden Corral Buffet. Guest speaker will be Cris Alexander, who is our federal BCBS representative. Members and guests are urged to attend and take advantage of the upcoming open season information.

**Trinity Lutheran Church German Lunch**
Saturday, Oct. 19, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 505 Commercial St., Hanceville, in conjunction with the Mud Creek Arts and Crafts Festival taking place in downtown Hanceville that day. Adult plates will include bratwurst, German potato salad, choice of sauerkraut or red cabbage, German desserts and tea for $12. A child's plate of bratwurst, snicker doodle cookies and tea will be $5. All profits will go to Hanceville schools. Eat lunch in our historic 1885 church building and tour our present worship sanctuary.

**Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Homecoming Service**
Sunday, Oct. 20, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. We will start back singing about 1:30 p.m. We will have singing featuring The Williamsons from Oklahoma. Everyone is invited. All former pastors and members and their families have a special invitation to come. We will not have Sunday School or service that night. U.S. Highway 278 East, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5968 or 256-590-1501.

**Hyatt Family Reunion**
Sunday, Oct. 20, from 1-4 p.m. at the Baileyton Senior Center, 195 Fire Station Road in Baileyton. Covered dish lunch. Bring any pictures or history you have.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

# West Point, Good Hope advance to county finals

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*The West Point Warriors defeated Fairview 3-0 Tuesday night to advance to the county tournament finals.*



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

*The Good Hope Raiders defeated Vinemont 3-1 Tuesday night to advance to the county tournament finals.*

**HOLLY POND, Ala. —** This year's county volleyball tournament resumed at Holly Pond High School Tuesday night with a pair of varsity and JV semifinal matches. In the varsity bracket, Good Hope knocked off top-seeded Vinemont 3-1 to advance to the finals and West Point swept Fairview 3-0 to secure its spot in Thursday night's county championship match. In the JV division, Good Hope downed Holly Pond and West Point defeated Vinemont to advance to the JV Championship Match.

**West Point 3 - Fairview 0 (25-18, 25-23, 25-20)**

West Point got out to a quick 6-2 lead over Fairview in the first set. The lead grew wider for the Lady Warriors, as it was 13-3 at one point. The Lady Aggies went on a couple of mini runs of their own to cut to 14-8, and later on, to 16-12. West Point quickly pushed their lead to 22-14 and would go on to collect a 25-18 win in the first set.

Fairview couldn't have asked for a better start to the second set, as they scored the first five points to take the early lead. They increased their lead to 11-3, but the Lady Warriors went on a huge rally to get back in the game, as their deficit swiveled to just one at 15-14. Fairview quickly pushed their lead to 18-14, but West Point wasn't done yet, as they scored the next four points to tie things up at 18. It went back-and-forth for a little bit between both teams, before the Lady Warriors scored the next two points to help seal the 25-23 win in the second set.

Fairview got out to a 5-2 lead in the third set, but West Point came back to tie it up at five. The Lady Warriors would go on another big run to take a 13-7 lead. The Lady Aggies cut it to 13-11, but West Point quickly widened their lead to 18-13. The Lady Warriors held a 21-14 lead late in the set. However, another run by Fairview helped make it a 24-20 game. West Point was able to get the final point of the set, as they ended up knocking off the Lady Aggies, 25-20, to advance to the championship game.

**Good Hope 3 - Vinemont 1 (25-19, 21-25, 25-12, 25-20)**

Good Hope got out to a fast start against Vinemont, jumping out to an early 7-2 lead. The Lady Raiders' lead swelled to 12-5, but the Lady Eagles went on a rally to make it a 17-13 game. Good Hope, though, countered with an answer of their own, as they quickly pushed their lead to 24-14. However, Vinemont made things a little interesting in the end, as they cut it to 24-19. The Lady Raiders collected the final point of the set and ended up defeating the Lady Eagles, 25-19.

That momentum carried over into the second set, as Good Hope scored the first six points to take the early lead. However, Vinemont went on a huge rally to get back in the game, as they cut it to 8-7. The Lady Raiders held a 10-7 lead, but the Lady Eagles were just getting started, as they scored the next six points to take a 13-10 lead. They pushed their lead to 15-11. After Good Hope cut it to 16-15, Vinemont scored the next seven points to give them a 23-15 lead. Despite the Lady Raiders making it a 24-21 game, the Lady Eagles were able to hold on and get the 25-21 win in the second set.

Good Hope held an 8-3 lead in the third set. Vinemont cut it to 11-6 later in the set, but Good Hope's 9-0 run made it 20-6. The Lady Raiders kept the double-digit lead the rest of the set and ended up getting a 25-12 win to take a 2-1 series lead.

Good Hope held a 4-1 lead in the fourth set. However, another rally by Vinemont late in the set tied things up at nine. There were four ties in this tightly close contest, as it went back-and-forth between both teams for a while. The Lady Eagles made it an 18-16 game, but four straight points by Good Hope gave them a 22-16 lead. Vinemont scored four straight points to swivel the deficit to just two at 22-20. However, the Lady Raiders finished the set strong, scoring the final three points of the game, and they punched their ticket to yet another county championship game with a 25-20 win over top-seeded Vinemont.

**Good Hope 2 - Holly Pond 1 (25-17, 14-25, 15-7) (JV)**

Good Hope got out to a 5-1 lead in the first set against Holly Pond and would stretch their lead to 11-3. The Lady Broncos made a little run to cut it to 13-8, but the Lady Raiders quickly pushed their lead to 17-9. Good Hope's lead hit double digits at 22-11 late in the set, but Holly Pond made one last run to get back in the game, as they made it a 24-17 game. The Lady Raiders collected the final point and ended up collecting a 25-17 win in the first set.

Holly Pond jumped out to a quick 4-1 lead in the second set, and it quickly grew to 10-3. The Lady Broncos widened their lead to 18-6, and it was never in doubt after that, as Holly Pond tied the series at one with a 25-14 win over Good Hope, sending this game to a third and deciding set.

It was close early on in the third set. Good Hope held a slim 5-3 lead, but Holly Pond would tie things up at six. The Lady Raiders dominated the rest of the set, as a 9-1 run helped them seal the 15-7 win and a spot in the championship game.

**West Point 2 - Vinemont 1 (13-25, 25-22, 15-11) (JV)**

It was a game of runs in the first set between West Point and Vinemont. The Lady Eagles jumped out to an early 3-0 lead, but the Lady Warriors responded with six straight points to take a 6-3 lead. Vinemont tied things up at six. After West Point tied it up at eight, the Lady Eagles went on a huge 10-1 run to take an 18-9 lead. They widened their lead to 20-10 before eventually taking the first set, 25-13.

The second set was close throughout. West Point held a 7-4 lead, but five straight points by Vinemont gave them a 9-7 lead. The Lady Eagles stretched their lead to 14-10, but the Lady Warriors ended up tying things up at 14. Vinemont went on a 5-1 run to take a 19-15 lead, and they held a 22-18 lead late in the set. West Point, though, scored the final seven points to win the second set, 25-22, and things would get decided in set three.

Vinemont jumped out to a quick 6-2 lead in the third set and held an 8-5 lead later on. The Lady Warriors, though, went on a 7-0 run to take a 12-8 lead.

The Lady Eagles made it a 14-11 game, but West Point collected the final point of the set, as they defeated Vinemont, 15-11, to move on to the title game.

Good Hope and West Point will face off against each other for the JV and varsity county championships Thursday night at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., respectively.









# FAIR PARADE FUN

**The Cullman County Fair Parade rolled through town on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024. The Cullman County Fair will run from Oct. 3-12. Visit www.cullmanfair.org for details.**

PHOTOS: MIKE WITCHER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE












# Family fun at Kinderbereich - Rides, contests, more at Cullman Oktoberfest

**Gauge Day**
gauge@cullmantribune.com

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — "Oktoberfest comes alive for kids at Kinderbereich, the Kids' Zone at Cullman Oktoberfest." This year's Kids' Zone promises to be bigger and better than ever, featuring more ride options, exciting contests, a Ferris wheel and interactive hands-on stations. A one-day wristband for unlimited rides is available for just $30, or individual ride tickets can be purchased. Most rides will require only one ticket, with the Ferris wheel and mechanical bull being the only exceptions.

Each day at Oktoberfest, the Kids' Zone will offer a variety of scheduled events for kids to participate in. Some highlights include floral crown and hat-making sessions, perfect for creative little ones, and Build-A-Wiener Dog workshops for $30 (while supplies last).

There will also be a ventriloquist show with Ron Lighty of Jason & Company, along with storytime sessions hosted by the Cullman County Public Library. A variety of kids' contests, including Best Dressed, Stein Hoisting and Pretzel Eating, will also keep the excitement going.

For a full list of activities, including specific times for each day, check out the official Kids' Zone page on the Cullman Oktoberfest website at www.cullmanoktoberfestival.com/kinderberich-kids-zone.



CULLMAN OKTOBERFEST

***Oktoberfest's bigger and better Kinderbereich, Kids' Zone, promises an even larger selection of rides and interactive hands-on events during this year's Oktoberfest. Those interested in a full schedule of events can visit the Kids' Zone page on the official Cullman Oktoberfest website.***

# Tour (from Front)

Sullins said, "This is my 15th year conducting walking tours and community presentations in the city of Cullman.

"Before that I was involved with the cemetery tours. I have found some of the best conversations have originated during the walking tours. I suppose standing in the presence of a historical spot or building stirs up nostalgia.

"I'm fond of hearing folks speak about their parents or grandparents and their stories, often contributing to our community in unique ways."



FINIS ST. JOHN IV

***Three generations of the St. John family: (left to right) Finis St. John Jr., Finis St. John IV, Bill St. John and Finis St. John III***

**At a glance**

- 15th Annual Historic Cullman Candlelight Walking Tour
- Thursday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m.
- The starting location will be at the Cullman Depot (301 First Ave. NE)
- The tour will last approximately one hour



# 11th Annual Bass Fest this Saturday

**Cheyenne Sharp**
cheyenne@cullmantribune.com

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Ladies and gentlemen, find your lures! Cullman County Parks and Recreation (CCPR) will host the 11th annual Bass Fest fishing tournament at Smith Lake Park on Saturday, Oct. 5. Registration is open until Thursday Oct. 4 at 6 p.m., when a mandatory meeting is scheduled for all participants at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center.

Fishermen and competing teams will cast off in the early morning of Oct. 5, hoping to win one of the guaranteed payouts of the tourney.

"It will kick off at safe light, somewhere between 6:15-6:45 a.m., depending on factors like fog conditions, ensuring safety of all participants," shared CCPR Director Kenneth Cornelius.

The entry fee of $175 buys fishing teams the chance to win the first place prize of $15,000; the team with the largest fish and parent and child teams who score the highest will be in the running for an additional $500 in prize money.

Competitors in the top 40 spots will win a guaranteed prize.

Cornelius said, "The weigh-in will start at 3 p.m. with the check presentations and awards as soon as all anglers are officially weighed and a winner is crowned."

Visit www.smithlakeparkbassfest.com or visit the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center to register.

# Bridge (from Front)

**Staff Reports**
Contributor

**HUNTSVILLE, Ala.** — Motorists should expect single-lane closures for rehabilitation work on the northbound I-65 Tennessee River Bridge each weekend in October, beginning this Friday, Oct. 4.

The contractor will close the outside lane about 6 p.m. on Fridays and reopen it about 5 a.m. on Mondays.

Please expect delays on the northbound roadway during the weekends.

Plan additional travel time or use alternate routes. For real-time traffic updates, including congestion and live traffic camera feeds, visit ALGOTraffic.com.

**First and last planned daytime lane closures**

Until now, lane closures on the river bridges have been limited to nighttime.

The majority of the work has taken place under the bridge.

However, concrete repairs to the deck of the northbound bridge will necessitate these longer-duration closures. Beyond the four weekends in October, no daytime lane closures are planned for the remainder of the project.

"We've worked closely with the contractor, Cekra, to limit impacts to traffic," said ALDOT North Region Engineer Curtis Vincent. "They found ways to complete some work items overnight that we initially thought would require around-the-clock closures."

The project includes painting the bridges and repairing concrete and structural steel.

The northbound bridge, left, is draped with curtains for containment during cleaning. / ALDOT

**Project status**

The $23.7 million bridge rehab project includes cleaning, painting, and repairing concrete and structural steel on the 50-year-old bridges.

Though originally anticipated to take more than two years, work is already more than halfway complete and the project appears on track for substantial completion in 2025.

# LEGALS

**NOTICE OF SALE**

The following storage units contents will be sold at West Point Mini Storage, 5677 Co. Rd. 1114, Vinemont, AL 35179 at 10:00 A.M. on Sat. Oct. 5th: Units #107 & 99. We reserve the right to reject any or all offers.

**Notice of Public Hearing for Removal of an Unsafe Structure**

The Cullman City Council will hold a public hearing to hear, consider, and act upon all objections or protests, if any, for the removal of an unsafe structure located at 1509 Bower Drive SE, Cullman, Alabama 35055, on October 21st, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium of Cullman City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

PIN: 47443. Parcel number: 17-06-14-4-001-004.021.

Legal description: Lot Number 19 of Arbor East Subdivision, a subdivision that lies in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 10, Range 3 West, in Cullman County, Alabama record in Map Book B-97-B.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN RE: The Estate of** *
**JAMES MICHAEL OZIER,** * **CASE NO. PC2024-307**
**Deceased.** *

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**NOTICE OF HEARING**
**PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**
**(SELF-PROVED WILL)**

**TO:** JOHN K. OZIER, JENNIFER O. RUDULPH, JOAN OZIER SMITH AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF JAMES MICHAEL OZIER, DECEASED.

*Petition for Probate of Will (Self-Proved Will)* filed by Anita Jane Downs, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Steven C. Smith. A hearing has been scheduled on this matter for the **20th day of November, 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 16th day of September, 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
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

IN RE: The Estate of *
LEWIS NATE TERRY, * CASE NO. PC2022-053
Deceased. *

**NOTICE OF HEARING**
**PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL and AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

**TO: CHARLCIE HENSLEY, LAURIE POUNDERS, JOSEPH TERRY, J.H. TERRY, DEBBIE SHEPARD, BEVERLY BELL, AND ELVIE PROCTOR, AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES.**

*Petition for Probate of Will, Amended Petition for Probate of Will and Amended Petition for Probate of Will* for the Estate of Lewis Nate Terry, Deceased, filed by Alvin Terry, Petitioner, through Attorney Melvin Hasting. A hearing on this matter has been rescheduled for the **20th day of November, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, 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 16th day of September, 2024.

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

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN RE: The Estate of** *
**CARLES LEMEUL FARR,** * **CASE NO.: PC2024-123**
**Deceased.** *

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to SHIRLEY WILLIAMS FARR, as Personal Representative of the Estate of CARLES LEMEUL FARR, deceased, on the 25th day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

SHIRLEY WILLIAMS FARR
Personal Representative

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Personal Representative
407 2nd Avenue SW
Post Office Box 517
Cullman, Alabama 35056

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

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

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

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

IN RE: The Estate of *
JOHNNY HARVEY SHAW, * CASE NO.: PC2024-213
Deceased. *

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to BILLY E. SHAW, as Administrator, of the ESTATE OF JOHNNY HARVEY SHAW, deceased, on the 9th day of September, 2024, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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

BILLY E. SHAW
Administrator

H. Doug Redd
Attorney for Petitioner
5343 Old Springville Road
Pinson, Al 35126

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 9th day of September, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF** *
**CHARLES J. MCCABE,** * **CASE NO.: PC 2023-345**
**Deceased.** *

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Deborah Ann McCabe Stam, Personal Representative of the Estate of Charles J. McCabe., deceased, on the 18th day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Deborah Ann McCabe Stam
Personal Representative

Charles L. Anderson
Anderson, Williams & Farrow, LLC
7515 Halcyon Pointe Drive
Montgomery, Alabama 36117

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

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

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF** )
**LEROY POPE,** ) **Case Number: PC2023-381**
**Deceased.** )

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of Leroy Pope, Deceased

Letters Testamentary upon last will and testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 24th day of Septembe 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from the above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Linda Pope
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Personal Representative
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

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

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Owen Weinle , Unmarried Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, its successors and assigns dated June 9, 2023; said mortgage being recorded on June 9, 2023, in Book 2052, Page 709 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Mortgage Research Center, LLC d/b/a Veterans United Home Loans, a Missouri Limited Liability Company by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2097, Page 364 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, ALABAMA.
The undersigned, Mortgage Research Center, LLC d/b/a Veterans United Home Loans, a Missouri Limited Liability Company, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 29th day of October, 2024 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
Lot 96, Fox Meadow Subdivision, Phase II, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 2017, Page 8, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 1857 Fox Meadow Trl, Cullman, AL 35055.
Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.
Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

MORTGAGE RESEARCH CENTER, LLC D/B/A VETERANS UNITED HOME LOANS, A MISSOURI LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
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**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

IN RE: )
B.J.H. ) CASE NO. JU 2023-106.02
A Minor Child, 08/04/2009 )

**NOTICE**

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that the father of B.J.H. born to Denise Haynes on or about 08/04/2009, respond to the Petition by the 24th day of October, 2024, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: J. Bradley Wilson, 206 Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 10th day of September, 2024

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

FILED IN OFFICE
SEP 10 2024
LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 10th day of September, 2024.
Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

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Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: J. Bradley Wilson, 206 Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 10th day of September, 2024

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JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
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Witness my hand and official seal, this 10th day of September, 2024.
Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

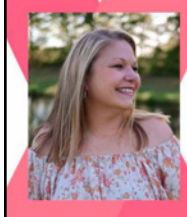
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# Donations (from Front)

**Gauge Day**
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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — "Help us, help them."

Bethlehem West Baptist Church (BWBC) is stepping up to assist communities in Rutherfordton, North Carolina, that were recently devastated by Hurricane Helene. Coty and Lili Flynn, the church's newly appointed youth pastors currently living in Rutherfordton, are central to this outreach effort.

Just two weeks ago, the Flynns were called to Cullman to lead the youth ministry at BWBC. While preparing to move and putting their house on the market, Hurricane Helene struck, causing widespread destruction in their local community. In response, BWBC is rallying support to collect essential items to send to the affected areas.

Pastor Shane Wheeler shared the urgency of the donation drive: "Our first trailer truck load will leave out of here Friday. They will be prepared to receive that Saturday morning when they wake up. The material will be going to Rutherfordton, Forest City and another local community. These are all smaller, rural areas that the storm has wiped out portions of their community."

Donations can be dropped off at the BWBC LifeCenter, located at 14310 Alabama Highway 157. Drop-off times are Thursday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Friday from 8-10 a.m.

**Essential items needed include:**

- Formula, wipes, baby essentials (blankets, clothing)
- Nonperishable food items
- Cases of water
- Toilet paper and paper towels
- Battery-powered fans, flashlights and extra batteries
- Boxed juices and canned drinks

Wheeler expressed his gratitude for the outpouring of support from the community, saying, "It's been overwhelming, the generosity and the outpouring so far.

"We will be taking donations until Friday, with the truck leaving Friday afternoon, and several of our folks going up over the weekend to work, serve and help in any way they can."

BWBC invites everyone to help provide much-needed relief for these small, rural communities.

For more information or to get involved, visit Bethlehem West Baptist Church or call 256-739-5858.



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# Obituary Announcements: Oct. 2-3

**Larry Wayne Brock, 76**
Larry Wayne Brock, 76, of Cullman went home to be with the Lord on Thursday Sept. 26,2024. Larry was born Oct. 13, 1947, to Buell and Virginia Jeffers Brock. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife Gladys Brock; sister Pauline Robbins and brothers Gerald Brock, Charles Brock and Roger Brock. Survivors include his wife Carolyn Morrow Brock; sons; Shawn (Janet) Brock, and Shane (Tania) Brock; daughters; Diana ( Steve) Bradley, Brenda Goodwin and Kellie ( Gene) Persall; grandchildren; Shawna (James) Bell, Tristan Cofield, Kalli Hopper, Jenna Bailey, Richard Bailey, Jason Bailey, Neil Bradley, Bridget Crosby, Natalie Caffey, Nathan Hollis and Michelle Eidson; 17 great grandchildren; brothers; Ronnie Brock and Kerry Brock; sisters in law; Sharon Brock, Janice Thompson (Ted), Rachel Daffron (Jerry) and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. As a homebuilder, Larry built many beautiful homes throughout his career. He has now stepped into the beautiful home his Heavenly Father created for him. Larry was loved by all who knew him, a man of faith and integrity and truly a gift in the lives of others. The family will be hosting a Celebration of Life Memorial service on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024 at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Cullman, Alabama. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Cullman First Presbyterian Church. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

**Sheila McAnnally-Garcia, 47**
Funeral services for Sheila McAnnally-Garcia, 47, will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Garden City Cemetery. Rev. Lonnie Goodwin will be officiating services. The family will welcome friends for visitation on Saturday at Hanceville Funeral Home from 10-11 a.m. She entered this world and graced her personality unto us on the 19th of April, 1977. She barely spoke but right after her fourth birthday, she was adopted by George Allen McAnnally and Patricia Sue Kelton McAnnally. Her first words on her trip to her new home were, "My Daddy has a police car" and then asked for fries and a drink. She had been very vocal ever since. She is survived by her mother, Patti; me (Al); her kids Leo and Bridgette; her kids from other countries, Aimee and Mill; and of course, her pups, Rocky and Rambo; and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins. Countless people will miss her. Her impact is without measure. Whether by hosting exchange students from other countries for a year at a time. Adoption was on our plate as well to follow in the footsteps of her parents. Leo and Bridgette. (LEO is my rock right now, thank you, Son.) Aimee and Mill are practically our children and are burned permanently into our hearts. Last but not least, despite the challenges of parenting and being passionate to a fault, she never gave up on ANY of them. A dozen lives have been impacted by her. Sheila went to Hanceville Elementary School, Middle, and High School. She graduated from Jackson State University with her entire goal to teach the future. She did go back and acquire other degrees including a Masters. As an instructor, she was celebrated and decorated as a prized instructor. Her passion and dedication were without a doubt always consistent. She never faltered and never lost hope in a single student. She taught in Alabama and Texas before teaching in Florida. She took a hiatus from teaching to help the community through Goodwill in helping better people's lives by helping them find jobs, build resumes, get grants, and more. She returned to teaching in Hernando School District starting at Parrot Middle School, Explorer, and then worked as an ESE instructor, and finally at Nature Coast as a biology teacher. She took a 3-year hiatus from Hernando County School District to work at BEST Academy, headed by Mr. Buford, a man she adored and respected for his genuine love of community and children. She brought the same passion there that she took to working in her famous SHE-SHED and taught virtually across many states through ElevateK12. Sheila enjoyed creating YouTube videos, collecting fountain pens, guns, Harleys, jet skis, Jeeps, technology, her Tesla, bringing pizza to my job for the entire crew, giving guidance, puppies, tigers, memes, politics, and the list goes on. Her favorite passions were her parents; Puerto Rican food, especially my Mom's pollo guisado and bistec; her BFF "Pookie"(Thank you Nicole); being appreciated by my co-workers (Thank you 1383); Rocky and Rambo; and I think she kind of liked me (Thank you Sheila). She is now reunited with her Dad (receive her as I know you will. I am not sure she truly got over missing you), Sheba, Mollie and all her other pets. Oh yeah Dad, make sure you give her 'Georgie'.

**Wanza Delita Akridge, 77**
Wanza Delita Akridge, age 77 of Cullman, Alabama, died Monday Sept. 30, 2024. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger Akridge; her parents: Juanita and Melvin Bishop; grandmother Eva Bishop and aunt Opal Partridge. Wanza is survived by her children: Elizabeth Hart (Matt), Chad Akridge (Dani), and Matt Akridge; Grandchildren: Cole Akridge, Ava Akridge, Marley Hart and Ivy Hart; sisters-in-law: Jackie Gibson and Betty Ann Delchamps and many other family members and friends. The family will receive friends on Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024, from 11 a.m. until the celebration of Wanza's life which will begin at 1 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Cullman City Cemetery. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

**Cynthia Dianne Heaton, 66**
Funeral services for Cynthia Dianne Heaton, 66, of Cullman, Alabama will be 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Fairview West Cemetery. The family will welcome friends for visitation from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, October 3rd at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Heaton was born on April 24, 1958, to the late Donald J. and Mable Jean Whaley-Bullard in Cullman County, Alabama. She passed away on Oct. 1, 2024 at UAB Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Heaton Family.

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# Hello fall, you gourd-geous thing

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Fall is a favorite time for many because of fall festivals, holidays and family gatherings and trips to the pumpkin patch to choose the perfect centerpiece or base for a spooky jack-o-lantern. The Cullman area is chock-full of family friendly and fun fall-themed festivals and pumpkin patches ready to be picked and enjoyed by the whole group.

**4D Farm**
Located at 7182 County Road 703, this locally owned and operated farm offers attractions, rides, a petting zoo, corn maze, cow train, corn pit, horse rides, a massive pumpkin patch and so much more.

A day pass to 4D Farm will set a family back $22.95 a person on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Columbus Day if purchased in advance online and $26.95 if purchased on-site the day of the visit. Thursday visits are $16.95 if purchased online and $19.95 at the farm. Season passes are available for $52.95 and include unlimited visits for the entire season.

Admission includes access to most rides and attractions, all entertainment and admission to Friday and Saturday night's Goblin Glow Trail, available after sunset. The price of admission to 4D Farm does not include the cost of the farm's extra offerings like the mechanical bull, paintball, apple cannons, or gem mining or the cost of pumpkins.

**The Refuge Church of God Fall Festival**
The Refuge Church of God will hold its annual Fall Festival and invites the community to gather and enjoy the crisp fall air along with fellowship. On Thursday, Oct. 31, from 6-8 p.m. the church will have games for children and adults, train rides, tons of delicious food, plenty of candy and awesome prizes.

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**Autumn Festival**
Chapman Inflatables is hosting its inaugural Autumn Festival at Randall Shedd Community Park located at 649 Wesley Ave. in Fairview on Oct. 19, from 4-9 p.m.

The event will carry a $5 entry fee and feature more than 40 vendors with handmade and curated goods and products, inflatables, a hay ride, activities and games for children and a live DJ.

**Harmony Word of Life Church Fall Festival**
Harmony Word of Life Church in Vinemont is throwing a fall festival bash, complete with bow and arrow shoot, corn dig, candy corn bowling, fun and interactive games like cornhole, ring toss, face paint, along with a cake walk at 3 p.m.

This free community event promises family fun and tons of candy.

Harmony Word of Life Church is located at 420 County Road 1204.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church Fall Festival**
On Sunday, Oct. 13, from 2-5 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church will host a Fall Festival for the entire community to enjoy.

The festival will include a trunk-or-treat, pumpkin patch, inflatables, multiple local vendors, food trucks and the evening will host a blood drive on site. This event is free and all are welcome. The church is located at 513 Fourth Ave. SE.

**Render Aid Alabama Boo Festival**
Render Aid Alabama is coming together to host the annual Boo Festival on Saturday, Oct. 26, at Randall Shedd Community Park in Fairview, located at 649 Wesley Ave., from 4-8 p.m.

The nonprofit is hosting a free afternoon full of inflatables, vendors, community resources, sensory safe zones, line dancing, hay rides and so many more classic fall activities.



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*After much fussing and even taste tests, a dirty-faced River Jane Murphy-Burns chooses her pumpkin from The Great Pumpkin Patch located in Hayden, Alabama in 2023.*

# Little Pink Dress Benefit sees sold-out crowd

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — To open Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation held its annual Little Pink Dress Benefit on Oct. 1 at Cotton Creek Warehouse. The crowd was a sea of hundreds of pink dresses and sequined skirts as the community came together to support the local nonprofit that supports area residents battling cancer.

Guests dined on steak prepared by Stone Bridge Farms while being whisked away by the lively tunes of the Wallace State Community College Jazz Band.

The evening's event servers were recognizable faces, as the annual "City versus County" tip war continued. "Celebrity" servers included retired Cullman Police Chief Kenny Culpepper, Cullman Police Chief Joey Duncan, Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs and Cullman County Commissioners Garry Marchman, Kerry Watson, Kelly Duke and Corey Freeman, along with Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons. Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope and Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, as well as many other local leaders also acted as the night's waitstaff, hoping to snag the bag for the Bosom Buddies' cause.

Between the silent and live auctions, more than 100 items were donated to the foundation's event.

Silent auction items ranged from a piled-high plate of Grandma Bessie's fudge to a Coach bag and matching wallet to a Mystery Pink Basket.

The live auction items were a bit larger; guests could outbid a tablemate for items and experiences such as a chance to take a four-hour ride-along with a Cullman County deputy, two weekend getaways, a tandem skydive at Skydive Alabama and a $2,000 Marriott gift card.

As of press time, a total amount raised from the LPD event had not been disclosed.

An update will be provided when a final number is received.



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*The crowd was a sea of pink at the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation's Little Pink Dress Benefit on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024, at Cotton Creek Warehouse.*