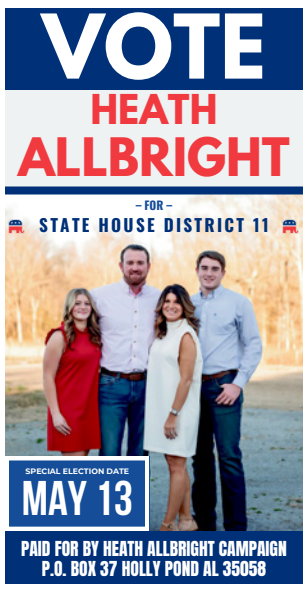


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Sweet success

Alabama Strawberry Festival breaks records

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The sweet smell of fresh strawberries and festival food filled the air downtown as crowds poured into Cullman for this year's Alabama Strawberry Festival — and by all accounts, it was the biggest and best yet.

"This year's festival was a tremendous success," said Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson. "We hit a new record attendance, our biggest entertainment lineup to date, the highest number of vendors and food offerings we've ever had and a record amount of strawberries sold at the market."

Now in its second year as a statewide event, » PAGE 7



KATIE DRUMMOND/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

A young Alabama Strawberry Festival attendee samples strawberries.

Parkside celebrates Hoop Shoot national champion Paxton Plourd



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Parkside third grader Paxton Plourd was greeted with a surprise pep rally to celebrate his recent hoop shoot national title Monday morning, April 28, 2025.

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BAILEYTON, Ala. — Monday morning, April 28, was a special one at Parkside School. Before school began, the gymnasium was packed with students waiting to surprise and celebrate third grader Paxton Plourd. Plourd was at Wintrust Arena in Chicago on Saturday competing in this year's Elks Hoop Shoot national finals and he shot a perfect 25 of 25 from the free throw line to return home with a national championship. Since the competition began in 1972, Plourd is just the third national winner from Alabama and the second from Cullman.

After Plourd was welcomed into the gymnasium by his fellow classmates, several guest speakers took a moment to congratulate Paxton including Cullman Hoop Shoot Director Donnie Handley, State Hoop Shoot Director Joel Vickery, Senator Garlan Gudger, » PAGE 6

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National champions



LEE HENRY

Left to right are Brady Laughlin, Sean Harbison, Aaiden Jones, John Davis Yovino, Brodie Henry, Eli Taylor, Abram Motte and Cole Chamblee. West Point High School sent two teams to the 2025 Small School National Championship Tournament in Chicago last weekend. The A team, in the Traditional Public Schools Division, consisted of Sean Harbison, Brodie Henry, Brady Laughlin, Abram Motte and John Davis Yovino. The B team, in the Traditional Public Schools Division, consisted of Starr Boyd, Cole Chamblee, Aaiden Jones, Alen Lechner and Eli Taylor. The teams were coached by Lee Henry. After 19 grueling games, West Point A emerged victorious. The 2025 Small School National Championship Tournament (Traditional Public Schools Division)'s field featured 88 teams from 20 states. Look for a full story soon.

From Lego Masters to young artists – 4-H Round Up brings out the best in local youth



GAUGE DAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Judges of the Blocks Rock! Category listen closely as students describe the inspiration and effort behind their Lego creations.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 28

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 28, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

April 24

- domestic violence; CR 1760
- assault; CR 1859
- domestic violence; CR 1807
- burglary; CR 1101
- assault; Good Hope School Rd.
- theft of property; Arkadelphia Rd. NE
- burglary; CR 1215
- harassment; Hwy. 69N
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; tampering with physical evidence; CR 747

April 25

- violation of domestic violence protection order; CR 244
- criminal mischief; CR 1435
- trafficking drugs; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence; CR 1467
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 730
- domestic violence; S. Main St. Arab
- criminal mischief; CR 747
- domestic violence; CR 1087

April 26

- criminal mischief; harassment; CR 7
- assault; harassment; CR 7
- criminal mischief; CR 1282
- violation of domestic violence protection order; Hwy. 69S
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 291
- theft of property; Arkadelphia Rd.

April 27

- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69S
- harassment; Countryside Acres Rd.
- unlawful breaking and entering of vehicle; CR 1627
- burglary; CR 222
- harassment; Ward Hill Rd.
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 1242

ARRESTS

April 25-27

Bermingham, Rayden B.; 21

- attempting to elude a police officer
- reckless endangerment

Bullard, Eric M.; 30

- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Cone, Jimmy L.; 56

- public intoxication

Denton, Sara J.; 31

- FTA – manufacture of a controlled substance
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (4 counts)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (3 counts)

Haynes, Travis G.; 26

- drug trafficking

Hitt, Blake D.; 26

- DUI (alcohol)

Jackson, Marcus D.; 23

- possession of methamphetamine

Jacobes, Jessica J.; 40

- DUI (controlled substances)

Jenkins, James D.; 59

- FTA – auto theft

Marlow, Sarah N.; 43

- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Nall, Tia M.; 32

- FTA – driving while license suspended

Parton, Amanda C.; 36

- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Pate, Bobby L.; 43

- FTA – burglary-residence-force
- FTA – possessing stole property

Perkins, Rusty L.; 47

- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Perrin, Kimberly B.; 47

- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Prewitt, Austin J.; 27

- DUI (alcohol)

Rice Jr., Charles K.; 63

- public intoxication

Richter, Morgan B.; 22

- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Speegle, Tony A.; 70

- family offense-domestic violence protection order enforcement act

Swann, Laura R.; 45

- FTA – public intoxication

West, Jayme A.; 43

- PROBATION REVOKED – burglary-non-residence-force (2 counts)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

April 26

- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '14 Chev. Traverse; $1,000; 2nd St. SW / 1st. Ave. SW
- organized retail theft; retail theft of property-3rd degree; criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $145; Hwy. 157
- criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW
- assault-3rd degree; criminal mischief-2nd degree; person; damaged property; $600; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Elizabeth St. NE

ARRESTS

April 25-27

Richter, Morgan B.; 22

- unlawful possession/receiving of a controlled substance

Zigler, Zeteic; 38

- possession of drug paraphernalia

Brant, Jared L.; 46

- illegal possession of prescription drug

Golladay, Lydia C.; 27

- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Evans, Miranda M.; 41

- illegal possession of prescription drug

Gray, Paul J.; 59

- FTA – public intoxication (2 counts)

Wilson, Zachary L.; 26

- FTA – cruelty to animals

West, Jayme A.; 43

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – resisting arrest
- FTA – attempting to elude

Graves, Kevin D.; 39

- possession of drug paraphernalia

Moser, Joseph J.; 31

- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Food Truck Night tonight at Sportsman Lake Park

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Tonight, Tuesday, April 29, Sportsman Lake Park will host Food Truck Night from 4-8.

This is the second year the park has hosted Food Truck Nights. The spring season runs until the Tuesday before Memorial Day, and the event resumes in the fall after the summer break.

Food Truck Nights offer fun, family friendly evenings at the park.

Each week, a rotating lineup of food trucks offers a variety of options, including seafood, barbecue, tacos, desserts and more.

Local vendors are given priority, but food trucks from outside Cullman are also welcome to participate.

The park transforms into a lively outdoor food court area, complete with picnic tables and overhead string lights, adjacent to the safe, fenced-in playground, where children can play while parents and caregivers relax and enjoy. Leashed pets are also welcome to attend the events.

"Everybody feels safe, and they can have a good night out without worrying about where their kids are or where they're playing on the playground," said Cullman County Parks and Recreation Director Kenneth Cornelius.

"We just appreciate everybody who comes out. It really helps us promote the park and hopefully bring people back for other days and events, not just Tuesday nights."

Sportsman Lake Park is located at 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman.

Youth (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — From Lego builds and homemade art to freestyle soccer routines and more, the Cullman County 4-H Round Up on April 22, was packed with creativity as local students competed for a chance to advance to the Northeast Alabama Regional Congress in Cleveland, Alabama, on May 14.

Throughout the year, 4-H members meet regularly in classrooms and community clubs to develop skills they can later showcase in the various competition categories at the annual Round Up. Students first compete at the classroom level, with top winners advancing to the Cullman County 4-H Round Up, where they vie for top honors and the opportunity to represent Cullman County at the regional level.

This year's Round Up hosted 190 of those youth competitors, making it one of the largest in Cullman County 4-H history — so large, in fact, that the original venue could no longer accommodate the event.

"We had a local location booked for Round Up but after looking at pre-registration numbers, we quickly realized that we would be over fire code," shared Kerri Roberts, 4-H youth development coordinator.

"We scrambled to find another location. Thankfully, we were able to work with Kenneth Cornelius, Cullman County Parks and Recreation director, to use the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center."

The Cullman County 4-H Round Up competition featured a wide variety of disciplines, giving students the chance to showcase their talents and apply the skills they've honed throughout the year. The 2025 event included long-standing favorite categories such as Art, 4-H Chef, the $15 Challenge, Freestyle, Cookies and Photography, alongside new additions like Graphic Design, Public Speaking and Container Gardening.

Local volunteer judges served as the backbone of the event, spending hours carefully evaluating each category. They listened as students explained the inspirations behind their art and photography, watched as others showcased skills like trimming and arranging elaborate flower displays, and admired the enthusiasm of future Lego Masters sharing their creative builds. Some judges sampled a variety of homemade dishes, from appetizers and desserts to handcrafted pizza rolls — while others listened intently to the well-prepared public speeches delivered by the students.

The night came to a head and winners for each category were selected. Winners for each division are listed below:

ART

Juniors:
1. Mia Bryant – Holly Pond
2. Marika Podnecky – East Elementary
3. Sawyer Phillips – East Elementary
3. Chaya Morris – WPIS

Intermediates:
1. Penelope Randall – Homeschool
2. Caleb Bradbury – Homeschool

CHEF A

Juniors:
1. Genevieve Speegle – Homeschool
2. Charli Taylor – East Elementary
3. Karsyn Jones – Good Hope

Intermediates:
1. Maggie Keener – Homeschool

Seniors:
1. Lucy Randall – Homeschool
2. Irish Keener – Homeschool

CHEF B

Juniors:
1. Coralee Ashley – Fairview
2. Autumn Cook – Fairview
3. Lola Minor – WPIS

FREESTYLE A

Juniors:
1. Anna Drake – Cullman Christian
2. Selah Sutter – WPIS
3. Hannah Martens – Homeschool

Intermediates:
1. Caleb Bradbury – Homeschool
2. Elijah McAfee – Homeschool

Seniors:
1. Grayson Randall – Homeschool

FREESTYLE B

Juniors:
1. Nola Gragg – East Elementary
2. Avalea Neighbors – Good Hope
2. Eliza Speciale – East Elementary
3. Kolton Storck – WPIS

CONTAINER GARDENING

1. Lane Dunn – Homeschool

BLOCKS ROCK!

Juniors:
1. John Knight – Sacred Heart
2. Carley Lynn – Good Hope
2. Rawlston Kilpatric – Good Hope
3. Keaton Marotz – St. Paul's

Intermediates:
1. Elijah McAfee – Homeschool
2. Christian Bendyna – Holly Pond

Seniors:
1. Grayson Randall – Homeschool

EXTREME BIRDHOUSE

Juniors:
1. Kalina Dotson – WPIS
2. Noah Cofield – Homeschool
3. Wyatt Anders – Vinemont

$15 CHALLENGE

Juniors:
1. Scarlet Freyeisen – Homeschool
2. Lauren Mayfield – Holly Pond
3. Isabella Reese – Hanceville

Intermediates:
1. Penelope Randall – Homeschool
2. Tanner Bell – Holly Pond

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Intermediates:
1. Anna Adkins – Homeschool

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Juniors:
1. Matthew Adkins – Homeschool

Seniors:
1. Autumn Adkins – Homeschool
2. Amber Adkins – Homeschool

COOKIES

Juniors:
1. Hannah Martens – Homeschool
2. Sawyer Owens – Good Hope
3. Henley Nicholas – East Elementary

Seniors:
1. Laurie Martens – Homeschool
2. Ella McAfee – Homeschool
3. Lucy Randall – Homeschool

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Juniors:
1. John Luke Alcorn – Homeschool
2. Selah Sutter – WPIS
3. Jackson Rollo – West Elementary

In addition to the competition winners, several special recognitions were awarded to highlight outstanding contributions and achievements within the Cullman County 4-H program.

Two teachers were honored as Leaders of the Year for their exceptional support of 4-H in their classrooms. Mark Armstrong of Hanceville Elementary and Melanie Haynes of Good Hope Elementary were recognized with a certificate and a $50 gift card each for their dedication to the program.

In addition, 4-H Officers of the Year were announced, celebrating young leaders who have gone above and beyond in their roles. This year's honorees were Bella Hamm from Fairview Elementary, Gracelynn Powell from West Point Intermediate School and Tatum Dyer and Matthew Lemus, both from Vinemont.

The 4-H Rookie of the Year award, given to a student who has completed the most projects in 4-H, went to Madelyn Bradley of Parkside School, earning her a free trip to 4-H Summer Camp. Tanner Bell of Holly Pond was named 4-H Member of the Year, finishing second overall in project completions and also earning a trip to summer camp.

With winners announced and every student recognized for their hard work and dedication, Roberts reflected on how the event embodies the larger mission of Alabama 4-H.

"Alabama 4-H uses what we call the Thrive Model to help youth find their 'spark' — the thing that really interests them that they may continue into adulthood," said Roberts. "4-H offers so many different opportunities that youth can try out to find what they really like. Competition is a major part of 4-H to allow youth to practice real-life scenarios like speaking in front of others and failing or succeeding. There is learning either way."

Roberts encouraged all competitors to take pride in their efforts, regardless of the outcome. "To the competitors, I would say if you feel like you really tried your best, you have already succeeded regardless of whether you earned a ribbon or not. If you have enjoyed 4-H, stick with it! There are amazing leadership opportunities for older youth."

As the event came to a close, Roberts praised the many people who made the day possible. "As I reflected on the drive home, I realized I forgot to have the kids thank their parents for supporting them and bringing them to the event. I totally meant to do that! Without parental support, this wouldn't have happened," she shared.

"I also thank the numerous community volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to come to support our kids as judges at this event.

"Another huge thank you goes to Cullman County Parks and Rec for allowing the use of the Ag Center, Cullman United Way for supporting us as a partner agency and the Cullman Lions Club Fair Board, who allow us to borrow staging supplies," Roberts said.

"Everyone in Cullman steps up to help when needed. The biggest thank you goes to my coworkers at the Cullman Extension Office who pull together to make events for youth happen and to my 4-H Youth Council, the older youth present, who led activities for youth."

For more information on Cullman County 4-H, contact the Cullman County Extension Office at 256-737-9386 or visit their website at www.aces.edu.

Crash (from Front)

Noah Galilee, Lauren Estes
The Cullman Tribune

CULLMAN, Ala. — A Cullman man was killed Monday morning in a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of U.S. Highway 31 and 24th Street Southeast.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick identified the victim as William Lavon Harper, 73. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Kilpatrick said Harper was the only fatality in the incident.

Cullman Police Department Chief Joey Duncan said officers responded to the crash at approximately 10:26 a.m.

Due to the severity of the injuries, the department's Traffic Homicide Unit was called to investigate.

The collision involved a 1999 Chevrolet S-10 pick-up truck and a 2022 Ford Econoline bus.

Authorities have not released additional information, and the investigation remains ongoing.

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ALEA: May 7 is STAR ID federal enforcement date; residents can still obtain STAR ID after May 7

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) reiterated that Alabama residents will still be able to obtain their STAR ID from an ALEA Exam Office after the May 7, federal enforcement date.

May 7, is not the last day residents can obtain a STAR ID from an ALEA Exam Office. However, this is the date on which the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will begin enforcing REAL ID requirements. Beginning May 7, individuals who wish to board domestic flights or access certain federal facilities will need to present a REAL ID-compliant credential, such as:

- A STAR ID (Alabama's version of the REAL ID)
- A valid, unexpired U.S. passport or passport card
- U.S. Department of Defense ID card
- Or another form of federally accepted identification (www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification)

Residents who do not plan to fly or access federal facilities immediately in May 2025, still have plenty of time to obtain a STAR ID after the May 7, enforcement date. Alabama residents may visit any of the 75 ALEA Driver License Examining Offices statewide to complete the application process.

If appointments are booked in one location, residents are encouraged to check availability at nearby offices.

It is important to note that:

- A STAR ID is NOT required to operate a motor vehicle
- A STAR ID is NOT required to vote in Alabama
- STAR ID is not a new initiative. It has been available statewide in Alabama since 2012, and STAR ID services will continue to be offered after May 7.
- What is new is the federal enforcement date, which has been extended several times due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- The REAL ID Act, passed by Congress in 2005, aims to enhance the security of federal identification credentials

Once issued, the STAR ID is not a separate document — it is incorporated into your existing Alabama Driver License.

A gold star in the top left-hand corner of the card will indicate that it meets federal standards.

If your current license was issued after April 26, 2022, and lacks this gold star, it will be marked "Not for federal identification."

Residents with a valid, unexpired passport or other accepted federal ID may choose not to obtain a STAR ID, as Alabama is an optional state.

For more information or to find the nearest ALEA Examining Office, visit www.alea.gov/dps/driver-license/star-id.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Attention Senior Citizens
If you are 60 or over, please come to the Cullman Senior Center at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW and have some fun with us and eat lunch. Good fun, good friends and good food. Different things going on Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-noon.

Volunteers needed to deliver meals to homebound. Call Commission on Aging for info. 256-734-1241.

Good Hope Public Cemetery Decoration Weekend clean-up announcement
Good Hope Public Cemetery will hold its annual Decoration Weekend on Saturday, May 3, and Sunday, May 4. We ask that all new flowers and decorations be kept as close to the monuments as possible to aid in mowing. Solar lights are not allowed unless they are directly in a flower arrangement. Donations to the cemetery can be sent to Good Hope Public Cemetery, P.O. Box 355 Cullman, AL 35056 or placed in the donation box on site. Donations are tax deductible and are essential to pay for cemetery upkeep.

SAVE THE DATE! Little Pink Dress Benefit
Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 6-9 p.m. at The Venue at Stone Bridge Farms. Table for eight for $450. Tickets available from Jennifer Limerick (256-201-2521 or jenniferalrealtor@gmail.com) or Judy Grissom (256-347-5993 or options5993@gmail.com) or www.CullmanBosomBuddies.com. Benefits the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation.

Music Every Thursday Night in February at the Bethel Community Center
4-8 p.m. at the center, just off U.S. Highway 278, west of Cullman on County Road 1117. Bluegrass, gospel and country music. Musicians are welcome with acoustic instruments only. Covered dish supper and everyone is invited. Please join us! No entry fee, but donations are appreciated for building upkeep.

Grief Support Group: Broken Heart for Repair
For more information, contact Reverend Warren Ruland at 256-962-2521.

Cullman County Republican Women Monthly Meetings
Second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Cullman VFW. President Cathi Bradford: "We are going to begin training to track legislation in Montgomery. If you need information, you can directly message me on Facebook." Full meals at 5:30. Meetings start at 6.

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

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

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at the Donald E. Green Adult Active Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW. The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

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

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

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

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
- 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- Wednesday, April 30 - 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 Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup.
- Friday, May 2 - 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! Dinner at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
- Saturday, May 3 - 8 a.m. Men's breakfast; 11 a.m. Foundry outreach program
- Sunday, May 4 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11. Prayer service at 2 p.m.

Singing
Saturday, May 3, at 5 p.m. At The Food Of The Cross Church on Eva Road, 2.5 miles from Alabama Highway 157, on the left. Loretta Jent will be guest singer.

Jim Phillips at the Cullman Senior Center
Thursday, May 8, at 1 p.m. at the Cullman Senior Center, 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman. Jim Phillips will talk about Old American currency, coins, bottles and Bibles, offering FREE appraisals on those items. A donation to the senior center is appreciated for hosting.

Pancake Breakfast to Benefit Holly Pond Cemetery
The Holly Pond Lions Club is having a pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 17, at the Holly Pond Lions Club Building from 6-9 a.m. Enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes, bacon, sausage and a drink for a donation to eat in or take out. The proceeds will benefit the Holly Pond Cemetery. Come join us and bring your friends! Thank you in advance for your support.

Shibori Dyeing Class
Monday, May 19, at 1 p.m. at the Cullman Senior Center, 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman. $32 per person. Space is limited. Sign up today. Call 256-734-0145 M-F 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Ladies' Conference
Saturday, June 7, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with lunch at noon. At The Foot Of The Cross Church, 2101 County Road 1435 in Vinemont. Guest speaker Kristy Garrison Harris: Trusting God through every season. There will be games and door prizes. Please join us.

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PREP BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

No. 3 Addison downs Pickens Academy to advance

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The Addison Bulldogs split their second round playoff games at Pickens Academy Friday night.

CARROLLTON, Ala. — After dominating Skyline in round one, the Addison Bulldogs hit the road for a round two battle at Pickens Academy on Friday. After a slow start in game one, the Bulldogs plated five runs in the top of the fourth and five more in the top of the sixth to pull away with a 12-2 win. The Pirates bounced back to take game two 4-1 and force a game three but Addison dominated the rubber match 15-1 on Saturday to punch its ticket to the 1A quarterfinals. The Bulldogs will be back home on Thursday to host round three against Lynn.

Addison 12 – Pickens Academy 2 (Game One)

The Pirates put one run on the board in the bottom of the first to take an early lead. Kiah Lake drew a walk to lead off the top of the second and Kaden Dyson singled to give Addison a pair of runners, but they were left stranded and Pickens Academy stayed in front 1-0. Jed Wilkins led off the top of the third with a double to center field, but three straight strikeouts ended the scoring opportunity for the Bulldogs.

After three scoreless innings, Addison was able to pull ahead in the top of the fourth. Lake drew a walk to lead things off and Casen Hill entered the game to run for him. After Hill stole second base a few pitches later, Dyson drove an RBI single up the middle to plate Hill and tie the game at 1. Carter Pratt followed with another single and Wilkins was intentionally walked later in the inning to load the bases. Tucker Thompson drew a walk to bring in another run and give the Bulldogs a 2-1 lead. Stone Talley was hit by a pitch to make it 3-1 and after Wilkins scored on a steal, a wild pitch allowed Thompson to score and put Addison in front 5-1 going into the fifth.

The Pirates were able to trim the lead to 5-2 in the bottom of the fifth, but the Bulldogs got the run back and then some in the top half of the sixth. Pratt reached on an error and Dathan Cleghorn walked to give Addison a pair of runners. Pratt advanced to third on a fielder's choice and an error allowed him to score a few pitches later, giving the Bulldogs a 6-2 lead. Talley kept things going with a 2-run double to center field, stretching the lead to 8-2. Lane Stewart drew a walk to put runners on the corners and Lake knocked another 2-run double into right field to make it a 10-2 game going into the bottom of the sixth.

Lake needed just nine pitches to collect three outs in the bottom half of the sixth. Pratt led off the top of the seventh with a single to left field and he moved over to second on a wild pitch. That's when Cleghorn lifted an RBI double to left field to drive in Pratt and make it 11-2. Cleghorn scored on an error later in the inning to give Addison a 10-run lead with just one frame left to play. The Bulldogs collected the final three outs in the bottom of the seventh to secure a 12-2 win in game one.

Lake pitched a complete game to earn the win, allowing four hits, two unearned runs and striking out six batters. At the plate, Talley finished the game with a pair of hits and three RBIs. Lake (one hit) and Thompson (one hit) each drove in a pair of runs as well.

Pickens Academy 4 – Addison 1 (Game Two)

After a scoreless first inning, Addison took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second when Tanner Gaither scored on a fielder's choice. Both teams combined for just one hit over the next two innings, but Pickens Academy was able to put three runs on the board in the top of the fifth and take a 3-1 lead.

The Pirates tacked on one more run in the top of the sixth to move ahead 4-1 and Addison was unable to answer in the seventh, allowing Pickens Academy to claim game two and force a tiebreaker on Saturday.

Pratt finished the game with a hit and an RBI and Tucker Thompson and Kiah Lake each added a pair of hits in the loss.

Addison 15 – Pickens Academy 1 (Game Three)

The Bulldogs wasted no time building a lead when they returned to Pickens Academy on Saturday.

A 2-run single from Stone Talley gave Addison an early lead in the top of the first. An RBI single from Jaxson Williams made it a 3-0 game and an error allowed two more runs to score, stretching the lead to 5-0. Jed Wilkins kept things going with another 2-run single and he scored on an error later in the inning to make it 8-0. Talley made his way back up to the plate and ripped an RBI single to right field to put the Bulldogs in front 9-0 going into the second inning.

Dathan Cleghorn drove in Tanner Gaither with a sacrifice fly in the top of the second to extend the lead to 10-0 going into the third. Lane Stewart knocked a double into center field to plate two more runs in the top of the third and an RBI single from Kiah Lake made it a 13-0 game going into the fourth inning. RBI singles from Tucker Thompson and Talley put two more runs on the board in the top of the fourth to put Addison ahead 15-0.

The Pirates were able to plate one run in the bottom of the fourth but that was all the offense Pickens Academy could muster, and the Bulldogs wrapped up a 15-1 win to secure a spot in round three.

Talley tossed all five innings to earn the win on the mound, allowing just one run on two hits and striking out one. At the plate, Talley led the way with three hits and four RBIs. Thompson (one RBI) finished with three hits as well and Wilkins (two RBIs), Stewart (two RBIs) and Williams (one RBI) each posted a pair of hits in the win.

PREP BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

Cullman falls to Pell City in round 2



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The Cullman Bearcats' season came to an end with a pair of losses to Pell City on Saturday.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Bearcats dominated their opening round series against Hazel Green last week and they were back on Bill Shelton Field to face Pell City in the second round on Saturday. Cullman jumped out to an early lead in game one, but the Panthers plated eight runs in the fifth inning to pull ahead and went on to win it 10-6. It was Pell City that got off to a fast start in game two. The Panthers led 4-0 going into the fourth inning but the 'Cats tied things up at 4 in the top of the fifth. However, Pell City was able to reclaim the lead in the sixth and held on to defeat the Bearcats 5-4, bringing Cullman's season to an end in round two.

Pell City 10 – Cullman 6 (Game One)

The Panthers were able to take a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, but the Bearcats got the run back in the bottom half of the inning when Brooks Heatherly scored on a fielder's choice. In the bottom of the second, Cullman took advantage of two walks and an error to put another run on the board and take a 2-1 lead. Andrew Au kept things going with an RBI single up the middle to drive in Knox Mauldin and make it 3-1. Later in the inning, Cannon Bowen scored on a sacrifice fly from Colter Bowen to give the 'Cats a 4-1 lead going into the third.

After a scoreless third inning, Pell City was able to push another run across the plate in the fourth to trim the lead to 2 and the Panthers' bats got hot in the fifth. They posted seven hits, including a pair of home runs, to score eight runs and move out in front 10-4.

The Bearcats were able to chip away some of the lead in the bottom half of the fifth. Bennett Johnson scored on a fielder's choice to cut the lead to 5 and another RBI single off the bat of Au drove in Carson Stancil to make it a 10-6 game going into the sixth.

Unfortunately for the home crowd, those were the last runs Cullman put on the board and Pell City took game one 10-6.

Au finished with two hits and two RBIs in the loss. Johnson (one hit), Loftin and Bowen each added an RBI as well.

Pell City 5 – Cullman 4 (Game Two)

After a scoreless first inning, Pell City plated a pair of runs in the bottom of the second to take a 2-0 lead. The Panthers tacked on two more runs in the third to make it a 4-0 game, but Cullman was finally able to get on the scoreboard in the top of the fourth. Stancil led off the inning with a double and after he moved to third on a wild pitch, Tyler Brock drove him in with a sacrifice fly to trim the lead to 4-1.

The 'Cats took advantage of another scoring opportunity in the fifth inning. An error allowed Andrew Au to reach first base and a passed ball allowed him to advance to second. A few pitches later, Brooks Heatherly knocked an RBI single up the middle to drive in Au and bring the lead down to 4-2. Later in the inning, Bennett Johnson blasted a 2-run bomb over the left field wall to tie the game at 4 and swing the momentum back to Cullman's dugout.

The Bearcats made quick work of the Panthers in the bottom half of the fifth and went back to work at the plate in the top of the sixth. Knox Mauldin singled up the middle and Au drew a walk to give Cullman a pair of runners, but they were left stranded and the score remained knotted at 4.

Pell City moved in front in the bottom of the sixth, pushing one run across the plate to take a 5-4 lead into the final frame.

Down to their final three outs, Heatherly led off the top of the seventh with a walk to put the tying run on base. Colter Bowen laid down a sacrifice bunt to move Heatherly over to second base and Johnson ripped a single to left field to put runners on the corners.

Tyler Brock was intentionally walked to load the bases but the 'Cats were unable to take advantage of the scoring opportunity and Pell City held on to win game two 5-4 and advance to round three.

Johnson (two RBIs) and Heatherly (one RBI) each posted a pair of hits in the loss.



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'Always be kind and love everyone, no matter who they are'

Cold Springs' Lainey Gerstman crowned Miss Alabama Strawberry Festival

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CULLMAN, Ala. — This year's Miss Alabama Strawberry Festival pageant was held at Cullman High School on April 12 and Cold Springs' sophomore Lainey Gerstman went home with the crown. She has been competing in pageants for several years, but this was her first time competing for Miss Strawberry Queen. The nerves were there for her at first, but she got some help from a few friends. Being in a lot of pageants helped her prepare for the competition and being around so many talented girls helped her get more comfortable as well.

"It was very nerve-racking, but I loved talking and making friends with the other contestants to ease my nerves," Gerstman said. "It helped me learn the things I needed to improve on and what I needed to keep doing. Of course, experience is a big thing for pageants. It was a great experience being able to watch everyone else and learning from them, so I can better myself in every pageant."

Lainey learned a lot during the pageant, and she had a lot of help during her preparation for the big event. Having her sister Avery by her side helped her out so much and she learned a lot from her in her pageants over the years.

"I learned that in the pageant world, it's not always about winning. It's about having fun and making new friends along the way. No matter what, never give up on yourself. God does things for a reason. I made sure my dress was steamed and ready. I got my shoes and earrings together. Then, two days before, my amazing mom, Shanna, spray-tanned me, and of course, I practiced my walk with my sister, Avery, to make sure it was perfect," Lainey said.

"It was amazing being able to have her help me with all my pageants. Avery is probably my biggest supporter. I don't think I could've won this pageant without her. She is always cheering me on, no matter what I'm doing. She showed me how to perfect my walk and smile. Watching her in all of her pageants taught me to be slow and steady while also looking confident."

Lainey did something special before the pageant got underway, and she was shocked when she heard that she had won.

"Before any of my pageants, I always pray that it goes smoothly for me and everyone else. I talk to my sister to calm my nerves," she said.

"I was not expecting it at all, and when they called my name, I was super happy and excited to have been chosen to represent the Strawberry Festival. All of the other contestants were very happy for me and congratulated me. My family and friends were all super excited and proud of me."

A lot of girls watched the pageant, and Lainey wants to be a role model for them now as well. She shared some advice for any girls that want to compete in pageants themselves.

"It means the whole world to me. I love that I can influence future generations to always be kind and love everyone, no matter who they are, and always give our God the credit," she said.

"My advice would be to make sure to walk slow and be comfortable. Never give up if you don't win a pageant. You'll win some, you'll lose some, but the real prize is the friends you make on the way and having fun."

Lainey made a lot of great friends and a lot of great memories at this year's pageant, and she talked about her most memorable moment.

"It made me feel very welcome. Making friends is my favorite part of pageants like this. I am a super social person, and I am always talking to new people and learning things about them. I love looking back at my pageants and remembering how fun it was and how kind everyone else is," she said.

"It was probably after we all walked. We stood in a group just talking about our walks and dresses and just getting to know each other."

God has played a huge role in Lainey's life and she shared a couple of her favorite Bible verses. She also talked about one of the most meaningful things she's learned from participating in these events.

"He has been a part of all of my pageants. He is the reason for everything. Winning pageants is because of Him. He allows me to have that opportunity, and even though it is disappointing if I don't win, I love to watch other people win and put the glory to God.

"He is the foundation to everything and the answer to all problems," she said. "One of my favorite Bible verses is 2 Corinthians 5:7: 'For we walk by faith, not by sight.' It helps me a lot when I'm competing, because it's a reminder to always have faith in myself and not worry about what anyone else but God thinks about me. Another one is Proverbs 16:3: 'Commit all your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.' That is why I give God the glory for all of my accomplishments in anything. I learned that you will find good people, no matter where you go. If you just talk to people, you get to know who they are, and it will open up a lot more opportunities for so many people."



LAINEY GERSTMAN

Cold Springs' Lainey Gerstman

'It's such a great community event'

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Brooks' Place – The Child Advocacy Center of Cullman, held the 25th annual Safe Kids Expo on Saturday, April 26, at Sportsman Lake Park, where over 200 children and their families came out to enjoy the festivities.

Executive Director Gail Swafford shared, "It was slower today than in years past with attendance, but it's such a great community event.

Seeing families come out together and have a good time without a worry is such a blessing. We love to see families spend time together and it's our way of giving back to the community."

Community members Mike and Pam Key brought their grandchildren for a day of fun.

"We and our grandkids have had a great time today," Pam Key shared.

Cullman County Commission on Aging Director Stephanie Lawson said, having worked with DHR and now serving on the Brooks' Place board, she has seen the invaluable role Swafford and her team play in transforming lives.

"Their compassion, dedication and tireless efforts provide children and families with the support they deserve," Lawson said.

"The Safe Kids Expo is a fantastic extension of the work done by Brooks' Place. Not only does it raise awareness about child safety, but it also provides families with valuable resources in a fun and engaging way."

Swafford said the event would not have been possible without sponsors, including Sportsman Lake Park, the Cullman County Commission, Desperation Church, Pepsi, Cullman Lions Club, District Attorney Champ Crocker, Wal-Mart Distribution, Cullman County Partnership for Children and the Cullman County Home Builders Association.

Brooks' Place was formed in 1997 after a grassroots effort headed by then Cullman County District Attorney Len Brooks to provide services to child abuse victims.

The center was named in his honor. Services include trauma-focused counseling, forensic medical exams and advocacy for child abuse victims.

All services are provided at no cost to families. Brooks' Place partners with law enforcement, DHR, juvenile probation, medical professionals specializing in child abuse and the DA's office to seek justice and healing for children and families dealing with the impact of child abuse. It is the only agency in Cullman providing all the services under one roof needed for children to heal from abuse.

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A member of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office shows equipment to two attendees at the 25th annual Safe Kids Expo at Sportsman Lake Park on Saturday, April 26, 2025.



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Children enjoy activities at the 25th annual Safe Kids Expo at Sportsman Lake Park on Saturday, April 26, 2025.



COLUMN

Breakup songs

Joe Hobby
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Wait for a rainy, cold, black-and-white movie kind of afternoon. Have a box of tissues handy, then grab a pint of Ben and Jerry's. If you've got time, watch "Casablanca." Now, go back in time and think about a breakup – the one that wounded you the most, and then ask yourself, "What song could I absolutely not listen to during that sad time of my life?" Now you have a serious candidate for my list of breakup songs.

I've listed a number of my breakup songs below, almost exclusively from the 60s and 70s. There are many great ones from the 80s onward, but this is my list. There are probably some you don't know. I'm sure I've missed some, and I'm sure I have several you don't agree with. That's OK – because music is so personal. It's like asking who has the best barbecue – there's a wide variance in the answers, and all of them are correct.

To make my list, the singer needs to sound like they were hurt. In many cases they were – so much the better. The lyrics should also vividly describe the feeling, with the sadness of loss oozing through every word.

If you are looking for a near perfect example, give a listen to "How Am I Supposed to Live Without You?" by Michael Bolton. Not only does this song have great words, Bolton is singing them like it just happened to him, and he can hardly get the lyrics out.

We all know the power music has. Years ago, I got dumped, and it broke my young heart. For the next several weeks, I had to change stations if anything Motown came on the air. It didn't help that one of her favorite songs was a Temptations tune. Half a century later, I hear it and still think of her.

Here's a few of my favorites in no particular order:

"Taxi" by Harry Chapin
Chapin masterfully crafts a haunting narrative about two people, and the roads not taken.

"Boulder to Birmingham" by Emmylou Harris
Emmylou could sing pages from an accounting textbook make it sound angelic. Pair that voice with a heartfelt tribute to the death of a special person in her life, and you have something sadly spectacular.

"I Can't Make You Love Me" by Bonnie Raitt
My personal favorite. I give it five out of five tissue boxes. Raitt recorded the song in just one take because she said it was so sad that she could't recapture the emotion. It's still difficult for her to sing it today, although she finally began doing it in concert, saying, "It's almost a sacred moment when you share that depth of pain with your audience..."

"She's Leaving Home" by The Beatles
This one line from the song absolutely gets me: "She breaks down, and cries to her husband, Daddy, our baby's gone."

"Adios" by Linda Ronstadt
In her prime, Linda Ronstadt had pipes that were unrivaled. Add some Jimmy Webb breakup lyrics and you have a full-blown pop tearjerker. "I miss the blood red sunset, but I miss you the most. Adios. Adios." Whoa.

"I Wish It Would Rain" and "I Could Never Love Another (After Loving You)" by The Temptations
I put these two Motown monsters together because they were both written about a true-life incident. Rodger Penzabene learned his wife had been unfaithful, and wrote the tunes to publicize the heartache she caused him. Once both songs were recorded, he committed suicide.

"Tears in Heaven" by Eric Clapton
Knowing the unthinkable tragedy that fueled this song is so painful that I can barely listen to it. However, Clapton said this ballad to his son helped him heal. Music is indeed powerful.

"I Will Always Love You" by Dolly Parton
Anyone who knows anything about Dolly knows she wrote this song to Porter Wagner when she was about to strike out on her own. Tell that to somebody who listens to this song right after being dumped.

"You've Lost That Loving Feelin'" by The Righteous Brothers
The "blue eyed soul brothers" belt out a Phil Spector tune about a guy who trying to reboot a dying relationship. Sadly, in the girl's mind, it's probably already over. Erotic and emotional – some writers say it's the best record ever made.

"I Fall to Pieces" by Patsy Cline
When she began recording this song, Patsy Cline thought it wasn't country enough. Wrong. On the fourth take, when every man in the studio was bawling like a baby, they knew it would become a breakup song for the ages.

"Crying" by Roy Orbison
Orbison's otherworldly vocals paired with background strings gushes sadness. Just the touch from an ex-lover is more than this guy can take. Rolling Stone ranked it 69th on their list of the 500 greatest songs of all time. It's a top 10 breakup song.

"By the Time I Get to Phoenix" by Glen Campbell
Another poignant tune written by Jimmy Webb. Frank Sinatra called it the best song of its kind ever written. Who am I to argue with Frank?

If you haven't heard of some of the songs, listen to them. Or drop me a message with your favorite. There are so many more.

While researching this article, I asked dozens of people what their breakup song would be. The best response came from my dentist, who said, "Another One Bites the Dust."

It's hard to argue with a man who has sharp instruments in your mouth.

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Baileyton Mayor Windell Calloway and Cullman County Commissioner Kerry Watson.

Cullman Hoop Shoot Director Donnie Handley
"We're very proud of Paxton but we're also proud of the parents and other students and all of Cullman County's coaches and P.E. teachers. I've been the director for 30 years and 23 of those years we've been to nationals because of these young men and young women," Handley said. "We've got the best coaches and the best teachers in the state of Alabama right here in Cullman County and I'm proud of every one of you."

Alabama Hoop Shoot Director Joel Vickery
"Paxton did an outstanding job all the way from our local shoot up to nationals and did a great job representing the state of Alabama," Vickery said. "At regionals Paxton missed his very first shot but after that he hit 24 in a row. I just want to thank his parents mainly and his teachers for doing a great job and just keep up the good work. Congratulations."

Cullman County Commissioner Kerry Watson
"Paxton made Cullman County proud and we're very proud of him," Watson said. "At our next meeting on May 20, we'll recognize him with a certificate, you've made us all proud and keep up the good work. You've set a high standard for all of us to work for."

Senator Garlan Gudger
"I work in Montgomery with Governor Kay Ivey and the governor could not be here today, but she sent a special Alabama pin for Paxton for winning the national championship," Gudger said. "On behalf of the Alabama State Senate and the Legislature we want to present you with a Resolution in Montgomery from the Alabama Legislature in honor of winning the national championship. We are very proud of you sir and as you can tell, everyone here is very excited for you."

Each year, the six Hoop Shoot National Champions will have their names listed alongside their picture in a digital exhibit at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Additionally, two of the Frank Hise National Champions are in attendance when the Hall of Fame inductees are honored at the enshrinement ceremony.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Senator Garlan Gudger presents Parkside's Paxton Plourd with a pin from Governor Kay Ivey in honor of his national Hoop Shoot win during Monday morning's pep rally.

LEGALS

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO.: AD2025-009

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF STAN DAVID JENNINGS and TARA LYNN JENNINGS.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: Daiquiri Tashell Powell
whose whereabouts and location are unknown

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of L.J.E., a minor child born November 15, 2018, was filed on the 4th day of April, 2025, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioners Stan David Jennings and Tara Lynn Jennings. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said Petitioners, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this 14th day of April, 2025.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
DON B. YOUNG, *
Deceased. *
CASE NO.: PC2025-096

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to CYNTHIA Y. RUGGLES, as the Executor on this 24th day of April, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

CYNTHIA Y. RUGGLES
Personal Representative

Sara Doty, Attorney at Law, LLC
Attorney for the Estate of Don B. Young
4725 Whitesburg Drive
Suite 202
Huntsville, AL 35802
256-519-9970

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

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

SPECIAL NOTICE BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOOD HOPE

This notice is to inform the public of 2 petitions to vacate right of way and 1 petition to vacate street.

In accordance with Section 23-4-2 Code of Alabama, 1975, and will be advertised for 4 weeks prior to the public hearing.

2941 Co Rd 437 Cullman, AL 35057 vacate right-of-way .14 acres

2865 Co Rd 437 Cullman, AL 35057 vacate right-of-way .04 acres

Vacate Williams Drive - full legal description posted at city hall

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025 , 6:30 PM

Located at Good Hope City Hall 135 Municipal Drive, Cullman, AL 35057

Anyone that would like to attend the public hearing but has a disability which might require special materials, services, or assistance should notify the city clerk at 256-739-3757 at least 3 days in advance of the public hearing.

By: Christie Chamblee, City Clerk

Legal Notice
Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80, as per Legislative Act 2015-470:
2003 Honda Odyssey (White) vin: 5FNRL18033B031628
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2013 Kia Forte VIN: KNAFU4A26D5647255
2003 Honda Odyssey (Gray) VIN: 5FNRL180X3B020447
2013 Chevrolet Equinox (Black) VIN: 2GNALDEK1D6370942
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2005 Ford Escape VIN: 1FMYU92Z05KB86346
2012 Chevrolet Equinox VIN: 2GNALPEK5C6231297
2008 Toyota Corolla (Silver) VIN: 1NXBR32E38Z017982
2008 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 (Black) VIN: 2GCEK13081182780
These vehicles will be sold on May 23, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. for towing/storage fees if not claimed. Located at Hammock Auto Sales, 17 County Road 406, Cullman, Alabama 35057, 256-775-3754.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JACKIE DONALD TAYLOR, * **CASE NO.: PC2024-347**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Angela Kilpatric Dodd, Personal Representative of the Estate of Jackie Donald Taylor, deceased, on the 24th day of April, 2025, 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.

Angela Kilpatric Dodd
Personal Representative

Patrick Caver
Attorney at Law
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Hartselle, Alabama 35640

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

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

DONE this 24th day of April, 2025.

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

DECATUR HOUSING AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) NO. CHA2025-02
WEBSITE DESIGN SERVICES

Decatur Housing Authority (CHA), is accepting proposals from qualified, licensed, and insured entities to design a website for Cullman Housing Authority.

Separate, sealed proposals to provide this service will be received at **408 Cleveland Avenue, Cullman, Alabama 35055** until **11:00 A.M.** CST, **May 22, 2025.**

Electronic proposal documents are available through Housing Agency Marketplace E-Procurement, by accessing the following website:
https://ha.internationaleprocurement.com/requests.html?company_id=78231

CHA reserves the right to reject any/or all proposals, make the determination as to what is equal to the specifications and/or scope of work, or to waive any informality in the proposals received, and to accept any proposal which, in its opinion, may be in the best interest of CHA.

Cullman Housing Authority
Marquisha Griffin, Executive Director

Pursuit to Alabama Code 32-13-1 Mullins Body Shop LLC, will offer for sale at Public Auction the following vehicles on 6/17/2025 at 9:00 am at 11042 US Hwy 31 S.,Cullman

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO.: AD2025-008

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Festival (from Front)

the festival has clearly found its footing — and its fan base. Visitors traveled from more than 20 states, Anderson said, with ticket sales at the Coca-Cola Stage showing guests came from as far away as California.

The event's expansion to two days brought fresh energy, as did a few important changes. Senior Day was moved to Depot Park to offer a more spacious, comfortable experience, and the collaboration with downtown businesses, especially in the Warehouse District, paid off.

"Moving Senior Day to Depot Park allowed us to accommodate a record crowd and gave seniors a more comfortable opportunity to shop vendors and enjoy entertainment without the peak-hour congestion," Anderson said. "Expanding the footprint and working with the local businesses — especially in the Warehouse District — has been a major win for everyone. We couldn't be more proud of the collaboration and the benefits it brought to the event."

Over 120 arts, crafts and food vendors packed the streets this year, the majority of them local, bringing a wide variety of shopping and dining options that still kept the festival rooted in Cullman's community spirit.

"We're very intentional about encouraging local shopping," Anderson said. "It's a big reason why we work closely with the neighboring brick-and-mortar businesses to drive foot traffic into their stores as well. Having a mix of local and regional vendors adds variety while keeping the focus on supporting our community."

Of course, when tens of thousands of visitors flood into town, challenges are inevitable. Parking lots were full hours before gates opened, and long lines formed during peak hours. Anderson said crowd management remains a top priority moving forward, but praised improvements already made.

"The mayor and city council have done an outstanding job expanding event parking in the Depot area over the past year," he said. "There are already plans in place to double the size of the new event parking lot near the middle school, which should help relieve some of the congestion moving forward."

Still, despite the occasional traffic jam, festival-goers left with smiles — and plenty of strawberries — in hand.

Behind the scenes, it took a major team effort to bring the festival to life.

"We're incredibly blessed to have an outstanding event team at Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism, and to work alongside nearly every department within the City of Cullman — all of whom are always willing to jump in and help wherever needed," Anderson said. "The support of the mayor, city council and park board has helped all three of our major festivals grow by leaps and bounds over the past year. And, of course, we couldn't do it without the generosity of our sponsors and the hard work of our volunteers. We're so thankful to everyone who came out to celebrate our local farmers with us, and we're already looking forward to making next year even better!"

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs echoed that sentiment, praising the event's growth and impact on the community.

"The Strawberry Festival is a proud part of Cullman's history, and we're honored to see it continue to grow each year," Jacobs said.

"On behalf of myself and the city council, I want to thank organizers and festival workers, farmers, local businesses and sponsors who make it possible. Their efforts have helped create an event that celebrates our roots and brings tremendous economic impact to our community. We're proud to support it and look forward to its continued success."

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Obituary Announcements: April 26-28

William Scott Hale, 65
Funeral service for William Scott Hale, 65, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Concord Cemetery, Bro. Mike Yeager officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from noon - 2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Scott was a quiet, hardworking man. He was a very loving husband, wonderful father, brother, doting g-pop, best friend, and a very giving person. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Randy Hale; sister, Nina Hale and baby Hale. Survivors include his wife, Christy Bates Hale; son, Colton Hale; bonus son, Jac O'Hair (MaKayla); sister, Darra Hale Charles; grandchildren, Riley Emmaline O'Hair, Sadie Mae O'Hair; and his dog, "Shelby Puddin". Pallbearers will be Jerome Wood, Keith Henry, Ricky Morgan, Jac O'Hair, Colton Hale, Tony Hale. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Nancy Rebecca Harrison Moore, 69
Nancy Rebecca Harrison Moore passed away Saturday, April, 26, 2025. She was born July, 16, 1955, to Leonard and Myrtie Turner Harrison. She was preceded in death by her parents, her son, Michael Amos Griffin and a sister Eva Mae Harrison. Survivors include her son, Tim (Katrina) Griffin, grandchildren, Braydon Latham, Connor Lee Griffin, Bailey (Houston) Gardner, Annabella Rose Griffin and great grandchild, Lainey Kate Gardner. A celebration of life service will be held a later date. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Donald Wayne Kinsaul, 71
A memorial service is incomplete at this time for Donald Wayne Kinsaul, 71, of Cullman. Mr. Kinsaul passed away April 26, 2025, at his residence. He was born July 25, 1953, to Raymond Lee Kinsaul Sr. and Mary Carolyn Hood Kinsaul. He loved his family and especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed bowling, racing, loved watching all sports, western movies. He played softball when he was younger. He had a great personality and never met a stranger. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Larry Kinsaul; daughter, Amanda Louise Kinsaul. Survivors include his wife, Deborah Kinsaul; his children, Christi Sorrelle and her children, Ronny, Tristan, Chance and Tristan's daughter, Leia; Brittany Feid (Eugene) and her children, Dakary, Zaylee, Gemma, Jaelen, Charlee; step-children, Rebecca Swaffield and her children, Shelby & Hunter; Chris Richardson and son, Remington; brother, Raymond (Jane) Kinsaul; niece, Hatherine Kinsaul; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Ronald Paul Lynn, 73
Funeral service for Ronald Paul Lynn, 73, of Hanceville will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, May 1. 2025 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Hamby's Chapel, Bro. James Watts officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from noon - 2 p.m. on Thursday. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Lynn passed away April 27, 2025. He was born June 25, 1951, to Albert Lynn and LaBelle Gay Lynn. He was a business owner and was a wholesale distributor for 40 years. He was a musician, he loved Lacon Flea Market, loved antiques, loved spending time with his grandbabies, great-grandbabies and his family. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Jeanette West. He is survived by daughters, Kevin and Relena Abbott, Shelia Morgan; grandchildren, Whitney Canady, Cody Canady, Hailey Canady, Zoey Canady, Zander Canady, Isaac and Peyton Abbott, Kyndall Abbott; great-grandchildren, Ava Morgan, Jasper Canady, Karrigan Abbott; nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Estol 'Rex' Holloway, 84
Graveside service for Estol 'Rex' Holloway, age 84 of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Holloway passed away on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Cullman Regional. He was born Friday, Nov. 15, 1940. He was preceded in death by his wife Helen Dorothy Holloway. Survivors include his children Lori Rogers, Kendell (Donna) Hollaway, Sheri (Doug) Golden, Joseph (Stasi) Hollaway and a host of grandchildren nieces nephews and other family.

Cheryl Ann Fields, 62
Cheryl Ann Fields, age 62 of Cullman, passed away on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Cullman Regional. She was born Aug. 21, 1962, to Andrew Puskas, Jr. and Elvira Puskas. She was preceded in death by her parents and father of her children, John Lewis Fields, Jr. Survivors include her daughters, Jennifer Capote and Ashley Fields; grandchildren, Brianna, Brandon, Diego, Laith, Kyle, Haliegh and Isaiah; brothers, Thomas Puskas, Terry Puskas and Alan Puskas and a host of nieces, nephew and friends. Services will be planned for a later date.

Terry Lee McBrayer, 70
Terry Lee McBrayer, age 70 of Cullman, passed away on Sunday, April 27, 2025, at Falkville Health Care Center. He was born Saturday, June 19, 1954, to J B McBrayer and Ora McBrayer. He was preceded in death by his parents Survivors include his sons, Clint McBrayer, Dusty McBrayer; daughters, Pennie Hill and Sarah Perkins and many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends A Memorial Service will be scheduled at a later date.

Andrew Lee Tankersley, 78
Funeral Service for Andrew Lee Tankersley, age 78 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with David Partridge officiating; burial at Bethlehem East. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Tankersley passed away on Sunday, April 27, 2025. He was born April 4, 1947, to Ausby Tankersley and Estelle Adams Tankersley. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Koby Tankersley; 3 sisters and 3 brothers. Survivors include his, wife, Shirley Tankersley, daughters, Sonya (Tony) Gaither and Ashley Brown; grandchildren, Derekia Pope and Hunter Brown; great grandchildren, Weslee Pope, Brooks Lee Tankersley, Koda Tankersley; sisters, Jean Howse, Kathy (Donnie) Schnur and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Freida Nichols Boren, 86
A Graveside Service for Freida Nichols Boren, age 86 of Hanceville, will be at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at with Jimmy Sawyer officiating; burial at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be on Wednesday April 30, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements Mrs. Boren passed away Sunday, April 27, 2025, at Folsom Rehab and Healthcare Center. Freida Nichols Boren, was born June 9, 1938, to Oscar Alton and Jewel Griffith Nichols. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Edsel Boren; son-in-law, Steve Taylor; sisters, Ellen Ratliff and Margaret Ratliff and brother John Wyles Nichols. She is survived by her daughter, Ginger Taylor; granddaughter, Brittany Taylor; brother, Wayne (Sharon) Nichols; sister, Kathy Fredrick; sisters-in-law, Marlene Edwards and Nita Marquis and many nieces and nephews.

Mary Jane Mooney, 74
Mary Jane Mooney, age 74, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away on Saturday, April 26, 2025. Mary was preceded in death by her parents Tilford "Tip" and Ruby Barbee. Sisters, Ann Hopkins (Levon) Marie Robertson (Dalton) and brother, Clinton Barbee (Martha). Mary is survived by her husband Terry Mooney, daughter Sherry Jane Gammon (Tony), Lori Bates (Nicholas), son Kevin Mooney (Randi), and brother Greg Barbee (Carolyn), grandchildren Blake Gammon (Chelsey), Makenzie Williams (Tyler), Kaitlyn Mooney. Brayden Mooney, Wilder J. Bates, great grandchildren Fisher Gammon, Kenzly Mae Williams, Hunt Williams, Haisy Jane Williams and Shepard Gammon and a host of nieces and nephews. Mary Jane Mooney was a devoted member of Living Faith Baptist Church for over 30 years and her passion for the Lord was obvious. She was a member of Living Faith Baptist Singers for over 25 years but enjoyed spreading the gospel and singing at church on Sundays. We know that she is resting happily and rejoicing in union with our Lord and Savior and so even through our tears we find comfort in the knowledge that she is watching over us. Mary's love for her family was boundless, and she found pure delight in watching them grow, cheering them on in every triumph and comforting them in every storm. Her proudest role, was being "nanny" A visitation for Mary will be held Wednesday, April 30, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Living Faith Baptist Church, 44 Schaeffel Road, Cullman, AL 35055, until the funeral service at 2 p.m. The interment will follow at Spring Hill Cemetery, 5400 U.S. Highway 278 W, Cullman, AL 35057. The Pallbearers will be Tony Gammon, Kevin Mooney, Nicholas Bates, Tyler Williams, Brayden Mooney and Blake Gammon. Honorary pallbearers Fisher Gammon and Hunt Williams Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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Pilot Club hosts 30th annual Fashion Show

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ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Members of the Pilot Club of Cullman pose at the group's 30th annual Fashion Show on April 23, 2025.

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Pilot Club of Cullman celebrated its 30th annual Fashion Show on Wednesday, April 23, at The Venue at Cotton Creek. The event celebrated springtime fashion, featuring local vendors and community members who provided and modeled their designs with a spirit of charitable giving.

"This is our main fundraiser of the year," said Elaine Cole, current president of the Pilot Club of Cullman. "The more money we get, the more we can give away."

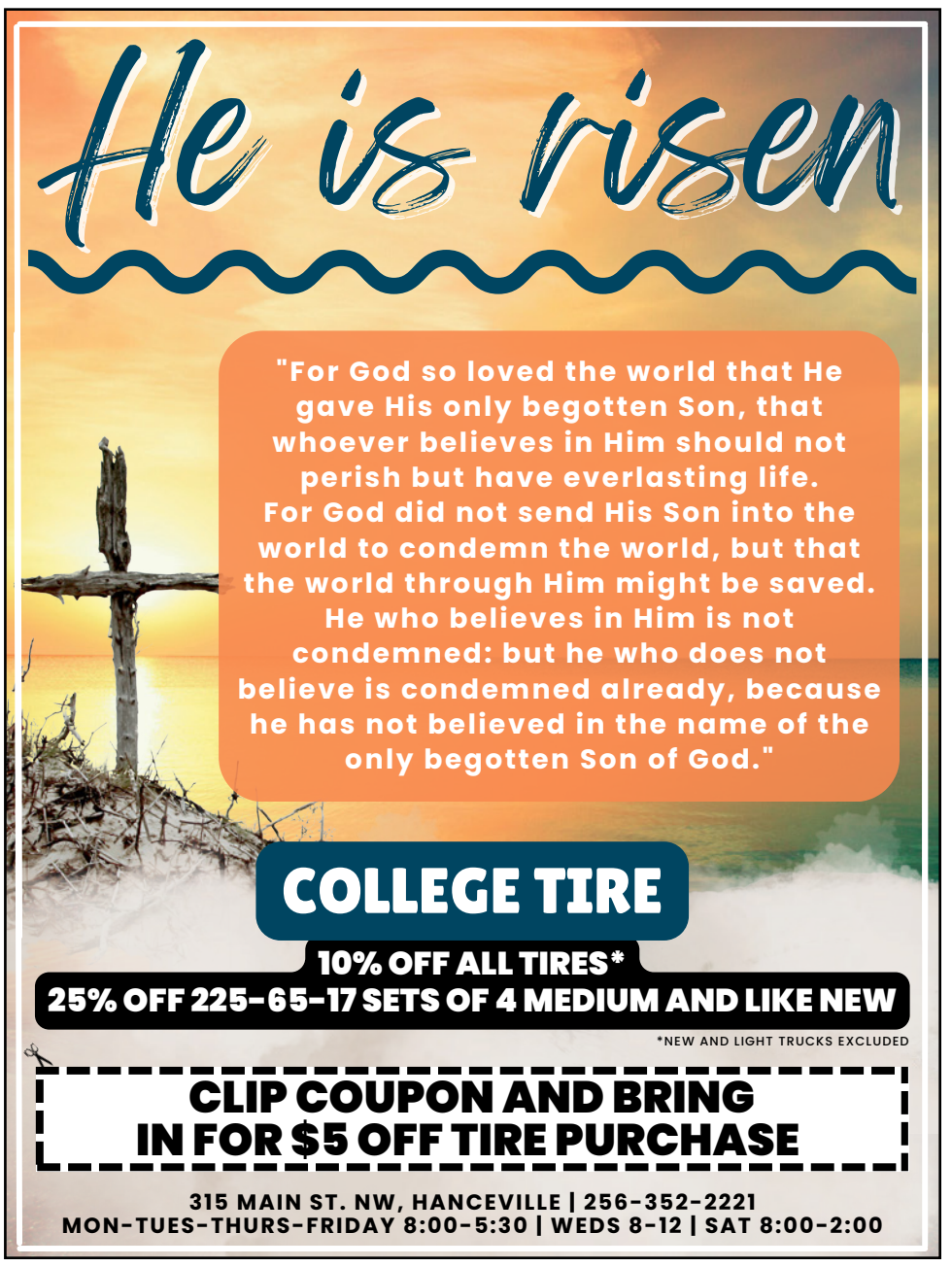
This year's fashion show featured local merchants like Monograms Plus, Better Than Before, The Copper Cricket, Mr. Hicks Menswear and Belk. Guests also enjoyed a luncheon and shopping at booths provided by vendors and other local organizations, offering a variety of goods.

Funds from the events primarily support Project Lifesaver, a program designed to protect, and when necessary, quickly locate individuals with cognitive disorders who are prone to the life threatening behavior of wandering, and the Pilot Light Home, which offers emergency foster care services. Other organizations supported include Hope Horses Inc., the Margaret Jean Jones Center, Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism's Therapeutic Recreation Program, the Field of Miracles, Secret Meals for Hungry Kids and the North Alabama Agriplex's programs for developmentally disabled children.

"It means a great deal," Cole shared. "It gives me a chance to work with the community and also make a lot of friends through Pilot Club members, who are our sisters."

Final fundraising totals are expected to be announced in the next few weeks. Cole thanked all local sponsors, merchants, models and volunteers who helped make the event a success.

Find the Pilot Club of Cullman on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cullmanpilotclub.





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