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Cullman County Schools announces career tech administrators

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Board of Education recently named Dr. Susan Patrick as the system's director of career technical education. Adam Edmondson is the new principal of Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA).

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CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Dr. Susan Patrick and Adam Edmondson

Fairview Elementary launching agriscience program



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview Elementary School is seen on Friday, June 20, 2025.

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Fairview Elementary will be adding an agriscience program for its kindergarten through fifth-grade students as a weekly specialty class for all to attend.

Elementary Agriscience Teacher Savanna Dutton said this means all students will learn about the depths of agriculture.

"I think the kids will be able to see that agriculture isn't just animals and planting crops, but it is part of our everyday life," Dutton said. "My goal is to educate them on the ways of agriculture and to introduce them to local farms and farmers. I also want this program to be a stepping stone for them to continue in ag through their school career. We have many exciting things planned for this program. I am thankful for all of the support we have already received and continue to receive from our community."

Dutton said she visited Fairview High School teacher Whitney Haynes last year and asked her why they didn't offer something like this to elementary students.

"We got to talking and researching and it all grew from there," she said. "We are both from farm families and we want our children to have all the agricultural knowledge available. I want to thank Whitney Haynes for being so supportive and ready to jump in with both feet for my idea."

Haynes said Dutton has aligned the elementary ag curriculum to state science standards, giving students yet another opportunity to receive training with critical thinking and problem solving skills.

"As a parent, I'm excited for my children to get to experience this program allowing them to be outside and get their hands dirty when the lessons » PAGE 5



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Downtown library hosting free summer events



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

The main branch of the Cullman County Public Library System is located at 200 Clark St. NE in Cullman. » PAGE 2

North Alabama Agriplex kicks off Summer Garden Club at East Elementary



CAMILLE GIBBS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The first meeting of this year's Summer Garden Club at East Elementary School took place on June 17, 2025. » PAGE 5

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Pulling for Survivors: Fire truck pull to benefit Victim Services rescheduled for July 12 at Heritage Park

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Crash (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A Cullman teenager was killed in a two-vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 4:23 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, according to Alabama State Troopers.

Troopers said the 18-year-old was fatally injured when the 2005 Falcon 200 motorcycle the teen was operating collided head-on with a 2002 Ford F-350 driven by Cody L. Still, 29, also of Cullman.

After the collision, they said, the juvenile was thrown from the motorcycle and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The crash occurred on U.S. Highway 278 near County Road 400, Troopers said, approximately 5 miles west of Cullman, in Cullman County. Nothing further is available as Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate.

Library (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The main branch of the Cullman County Public Library System (CCPLS) will be host multiple free events in conjunction with its Summer Reading Program.

CCPLS Assistant Director Shelby Creekmore said there will be two special programs for the Summer Reading Program next week.

"Our 'Color Our World' event will be Tuesday, June 24, at 10 a.m., and we will host the Cook Museum with their Ambassador Animals exhibit and they will be bringing turtles," she said. "Then, on Thursday, June 26, at 10 a.m., we will host the Alabama Extension for their program, 'Eat a Rainbow,' where we will learn about colorful foods. These programs are free to the public, family friendly, and visitors do not have to be registered to attend."

There are no fees for the public to attend these programs. Also, participants do not need to bring anything to attend the program.

"Other upcoming events are Snead's Farmhouse on July 1, and Barry Stewart Mann, the Storyteller on July 3," Creekmore said.

For more info on upcoming events and more, visit www.facebook.com/cullmancountypubliclibrarysystem or call 256-734-2720. The main branch is located at 200 Clark St. NE in Cullman.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 20

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 20, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

June 16
- criminal mischief; CR 351
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 216
- gas driveoff; US. 31
- passing counterfeit money; CR 222

June 17
- domestic violence; CR 244
- theft of property; CR 1059
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1422
- possession of marijuana; Hwy. 69S

June 18
- attempt to elude law enforcement officer; CR 437
- theft of property; CR 1541
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 718

June 19
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 831
- harassing communications; CR 1422
- domestic violence; CR 750
- burglary; 10th St. SE Hanceville
- theft of property; 2nd St. SW Garden City

ARRESTS

June 16-19

Armstrong, Jason E.; 50
- public intoxication

Bailey, Logan K.; 33
- FTA – criminal mischief
- FTA – resisting arrest
- FTA – public intoxication

Barnett IV, Chesley A.; 54
- DUI (other substance)

Beach, Nickolas R.; 35
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – organized retail theft
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – retail theft-2nd degree

Boyd, Lacie M.; 28
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – possession of drug paraphernalia
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – possession of dangerous drugs
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – unlawful possession of certain chemical compound

Capshaw, Larry W.; 55
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Chambers, Rodney A.; 44
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of a stolen vehicle
- FTA – auto theft

Gable, Nathan K.; 43
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Garner, James B.; 54
- criminal mischief – damaged property
- criminal trespass

Green, Anthony M.; 37
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Jones, Patrick E.; 38
- public intoxication

Orozco, Michael A.; 38
- GJ – organized retail theft
- GJ – retail theft-1st degree

Parris, Ethan B.; 32
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – tampering with physical evidence

Pastor, Juan D.; 36
- FTA – DUI (alcohol)

Patterson, Christopher C.; 47
- assault-harassment

Raines, Brian A.; 37
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – possession of drug paraphernalia

Richardson, Alexis L.; 25
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Talley, Tina M.; 62
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Townsel, Michael B.; 36
- FTA – assault-child abuse-simply-family

Weissend, Daniel N.; 44
- FTA – family offense-NS non-support-child
- PROBATION VIOLATION – identity theft
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft-miscellaneous

White, Derek W.; 44
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – possession of drug paraphernalia

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

June 19
- unlawful breaking and entering a motor vehicle; person; miscellaneous; Industrial Dr. SW

ARRESTS

June 18-19

Galvan, Nery A.; 25
- FTA – driving while suspended

Chambers, Rodney A.; 44
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – driving without license
- FTA – insurance violation

Dever, William E.; 19
- public intoxication

Martinez, Juan V.; 38
- unlawful breaking and entering a motor vehicle
- theft of property-4th degree

Hodge, Michael K.; 35
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (7 counts)
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree (8 counts)
- FTA – driving while suspended (2 counts)
- FTA – insurance violation (2 counts)

Hobbs, Justin M.; 44
- domestic violence-1st degree – assault

Jackson, Kelly J.; 56
- public intoxication
- resisting arrest
- public lewdness

Pearson, Allie B.; 29
- domestic violence

Pearson, Ryan M.; 30
- domestic violence

Kirby, Morgan R.; 18
- public intoxication

Lawrence, Tiffanie L.; 42
- 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.

Pull (from Front)

Gauge Day
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Victim Services of Cullman will host its first-ever Pulling for Survivors fire truck pull event on Saturday, July 12, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Heritage Park. The family friendly event is both a fundraiser and a show of support for community survivors of domestic violence.

Teams of 10, consisting of local first responders, businesses, schools and community members, will compete to pull a fully loaded fire truck across a set distance. Spectators are encouraged to come out and support their favorite teams from the sidelines.

"This is our first year hosting this event, and we couldn't be more excited or more moved by the response we've already seen from the community," said Jessica Atchley, executive director of Victim Services.

"The idea for the event came from a deep desire to create something meaningful, a space where people could come together, raise awareness and stand with survivors of domestic violence in a visible, powerful way."

Team registration is currently open with a fee of $250 per team.

The deadline has been changed to July 1 to accommodate the rescheduling of the event. Teams are encouraged to raise additional funds, with awards going to top fundraisers, fastest pulls and most spirited teams.

Individuals can also support the cause by sponsoring a team or donating directly through each team's spotlight page on the Victim Services Facebook page.

Additionally, the event will include bounce houses, live entertainment and food vendors including The Butcher Chuck Wagon, Carnival Cravings, Beto's Tacos and The Street Kitchen. Current participating teams include Cullman Fire Rescue, Cullman Police Department, Cullman County Sheriff's Office, Jones Chapel Volunteer Fire Department, The Garage, Premier Bank of the South, 3Sixty Jeep Club and the Cullman VFW.

Funds raised through the event will directly benefit the Victim Services program, which provides critical resources such as emergency sheltering, counseling, legal advocacy and recovery support to survivors in the Cullman area.

"The funds raised from this event go directly into our Victim Services program, which means they're helping someone at the hardest moment of their life," said Atchley.

"When people show up for this event, they're showing up for their neighbors, their coworkers, their classmates — because the truth is, most of us know someone who has been affected by violence, even if we don't realize it.

"This is a chance for our community to stand in solidarity."

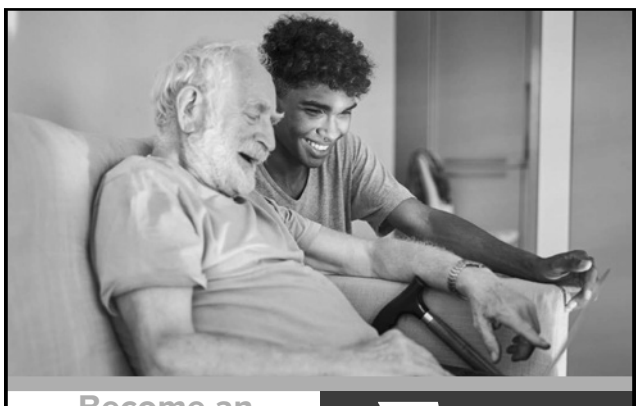
She added, "We've poured so much heart into planning this because we know how needed it is. Victims of domestic violence often suffer in silence and we wanted to create an event that says, 'You are not invisible. You matter and we are here for you.' While this may be the first year, it's the beginning of what we hope will become a longstanding tradition, one rooted in compassion, community and healing."

To register a team, become a sponsor or donate, contact Jessica Atchley at jessica@victimservices.online or Lacey Lemley at lacey@victimservices.online.

For more information on Victim Services, call 256-775-2600 or visit the Victim Services of Cullman Facebook page.

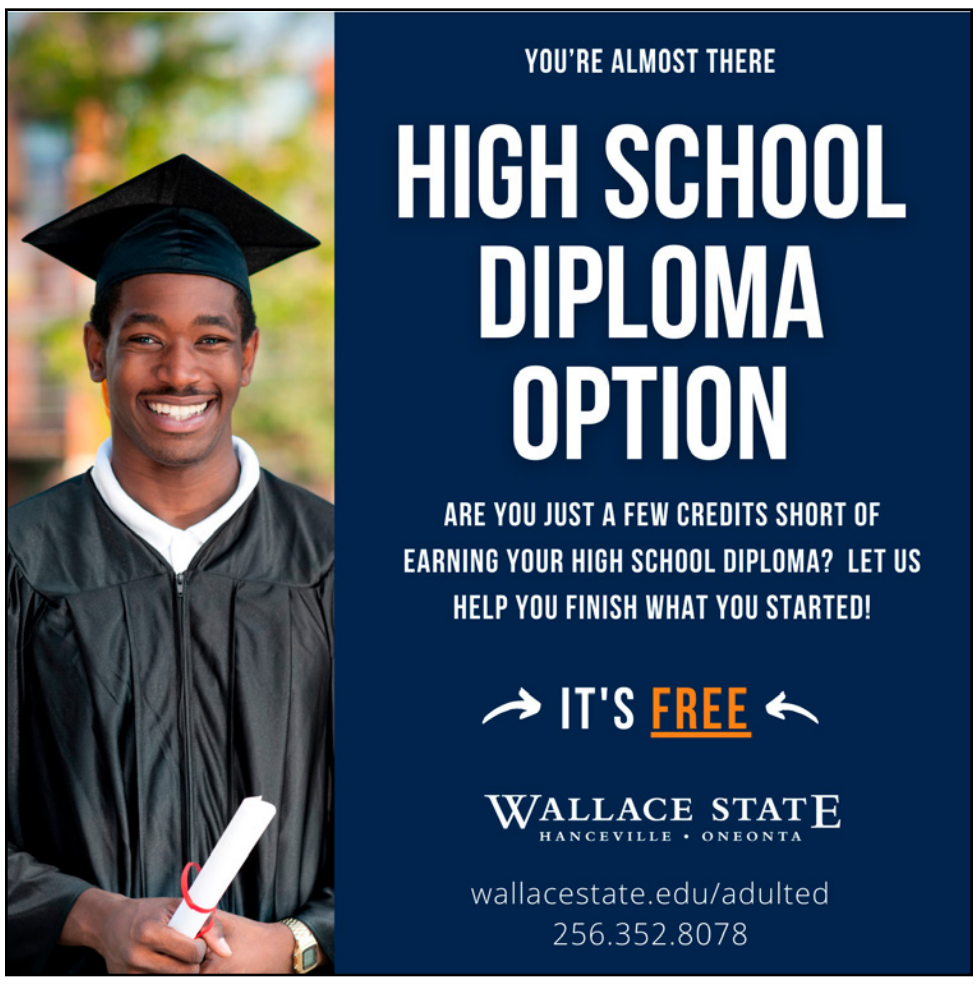
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Attention Senior Citizens
If you are 60 or over, please come to the Cullman Senior Center at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW and have some fun with us and eat lunch. Good fun, good friends and good food. Different things going on Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-noon. Volunteers needed to deliver meals to homebound. Call Commission on Aging for info. 256-734-1241.

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 Repair
Sessions at 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church located at 615 Third Ave. SE, Cullman, AL 35055. 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
• Saturday, June 21 – Drive-through food bank 9-11 a.m.
• Sunday, June 22 - 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. Healing service at 5 p.m.

Guy Hunt Library Summer Reading Program
• Make plans to join us at Guy Hunt Library in Holly Pond on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for the Summer Reading Program. Children from ages 2 to 12 are welcome.
• June 24: North Alabama Agriplex
• Drinks and snacks will be provided. For more information contact Guy Hunt Library at 256-796-5226. Leave a message if needed. We look forward to having you join us for a morning of fun.

Shirley Burden Public Library – Hanceville: Events
• Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
• Wednesday, June 25, 10 a.m. Hanceville Fire Department – Learn about firetrucks and fire safety and get cooled off with the hose; bring bathing suits and a towel!
• Wednesday, June 25, 10 a.m. Cullman County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit – Find out what it takes to be a rescue dog!
• Friday, June 27, 6-7 p.m. Poetry Night, back by popular demand. Sing or recite your song or poem. Amateurs welcome!
• Wednesday, July 2, 10 a.m. The Science Lady Jan Mattingly makes science fun to learn, with engaging experiments!
• Wednesday, July 9 BREAK
• Wednesday, July 16, 10 a.m. Storytime presented by Cathi Bradford
• Wednesday, July 23, 10 a.m. Bookmobile will be on-site and Library Director Amber Thorton will read "The Wide Mouth Frog."
• Wednesday, July 30, 10 a.m. Lauren Bentley, board member, will read "Rainbow Fish."

Fairview High School Class of 1975 Reunion
Saturday, June 21, at 6 p.m. at The Venue, 8575 Alabama Highway 69 N, Cullman, AL 35058. Cost is $45 per person. Contact Sheila Woods to RSVP at 256-347-6738. Looking forward to seeing everyone and having a great time.

At the Foot of the Cross Church VBS
June 23-28. Jesus Frenzy. Ages up to 12, Monday-Wednesday. Ages 13 and up Thursday-Friday. 6-8 p.m. Saturday is fun day. 2.5 miles north of Alabama Highway 157 on Eva Road. (See The Tribune's full VBS listing at cullmantribune.com/2025/06/02/list-the-ultimate-cullman-vbs-summer-roadmap.)

Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District Quarterly Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 8, at 9:30 a.m. USDA Service Center, 501-B Fourth St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

Swamp John's Dinner
Tuesday, July 22, 4-7 p.m. at Cullman Senior Center, 1539 Sportsman Lake Rd. $15 per plate. Fundraiser for the senior center. Tickets on sale at the center beforehand or that day. Cash, check or card. Dine in or carry out.

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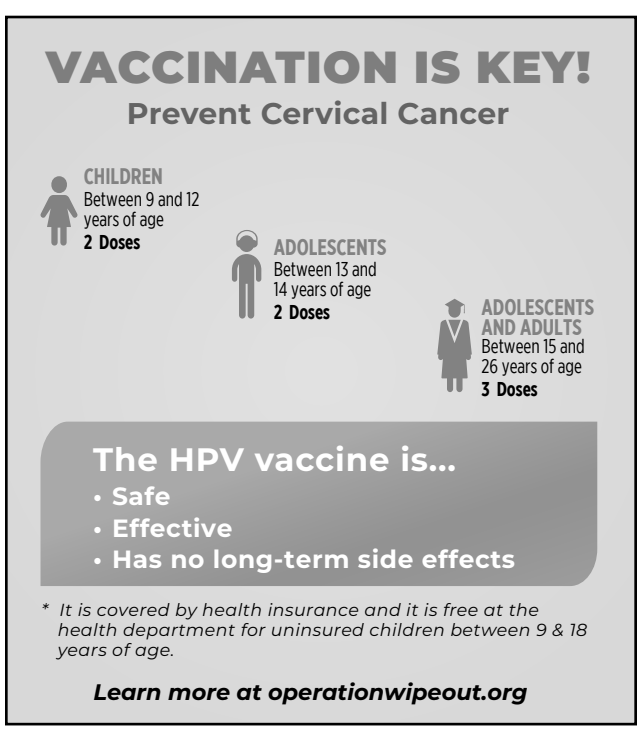
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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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Cullman Swim Team earns hardware at Madison Medal Meet

Sarah Hughes
Cullman Swim Team

MADISON, Ala. — This past weekend the Cullman Swim team participated in the Madison Medal Meet where 1st-3rd places were awarded medals, 4th-8th places took home ribbons and lots of personal bests were recorded.

Head Coach: Charis Peek

Assistant Coaches: Anna Hilb, Troy Mann, and Anna Page



SARA HUGHES/CULLMAN SWIM TEAM

The Cullman Swim Team earned medals at this past weekend's Madison Medal Meet.

RESULTS

12 & Under Open Events
Girls
• 100 Back - 1. Georgia Dowdy (1:08.20); 3. Lauren Hughes (1:14.15); 7. Clara Peek (1:28.20)
• 200 IM - 1. Georgia Dowdy (2:31.00); 3. Lauren Hughes (2:43.98); 5. Faith Peek (2:58.54)
• 100 Breast - 2. Lauren Hughes (1:22.37); 3. Catherine Hughes (1:24.38)
• 100 Fly - 1. Georgia Dowdy (1:08.70); 3. Lauren Hughes (1:19.30); 4. Catherine Hughes (1:26.23)

13 & Over Open Events
Boys
• 100 Back - 6. Gunner Stracener (1:03.10)
• 200 IM - 6. Briar Lackey (2:21.15); 8. Gunner Stracener (2:29.86)
• 100 Fly - 6. Gunner Stracener (1:06.04)

Girls
• 100 Back - 1. Mika Lackey (1:03.60); 2. Madeline Dowdy (1:04.19)
• 200 IM - 2. Mika Lackey (2:24.27)
• 100 Breast - 2. Edie Hudson (1:11.87); 3. Mika Lackey (1:12.32)
• 100 Fly - 3. Madeline Dowdy (1:03.61); 5. Sofi Velez (1:08.11)

Boys 6 & Under
• 25 Free - 6. Thiago Cortes (34.80)

Girls 8 & Under
• 100 IM - 3. Emri Lackey (1:39.79); 5. Brooklyn Pate (1:42.71); 6. Amberly Pate (1:44.13)
• 25 Free - 4. Amberly Pate (17.01); 6. Brooklyn Pate (18.29); 7. Emri Lackey (18.77)
• 25 Breast - 4. Amberly Pate (24.86)
• 25 Back - 2. Amberly Pate (20.81); 4. Emri Lackey (21.70)
• 25 Fly - 3. Amberly Pate (19.96); 6. Brooklyn Pate (20.62)
• 50 Free - 6. Brooklyn Pate (39.85); 7. Emri Lackey (40.21)

Girls 9-10
• 50 Free - 8. Clara Peek (35.68)
• 50 Back - 1. Lauren Hughes (33.09); 6. Clara Peek (41.48)
• 100 Free - 6. Clara Peek (1:20.33)

Boys 9-10
• 100 IM - 1. Abram Lackey (1:14.42)
• 50 Free - 2. Abram Lackey (30.26)
• 50 Back - 1. Abram Lackey (33.86)
• 50 Fly - 1. Abram Lackey (33.02)
• 100 Free - 1. Abram Lackey (1:08.59)

Girls 11-12
• 100 IM - 3. Catherine Hughes (1:18.13); 8. Ellie Forester (1:26.23)
• 50 Free - 5. Catherine Hughes (30.29); 8. Faith Peek (32.33)
• 50 Breast - 2. Catherine Hughes (37.26); 6. Faith Peek (43.39)
• 50 Back - 1. Georgia Dowdy (32.74)
• 50 Fly - 7. Faith Peek (35.68)
• 100 Free - 6. Ellie Forester (1:14.45)

Boys 11-12
• 100 IM - 7. Luke Forester (1:28.95)

Girls 13-14
• 50 Free - 3. Edie Hudson (27.17); 8. Elizabeth Hughes (28.94)
• 50 Breast - 1. Edie Hudson (32.87); 7. Elizabeth Hughes (37.97)
• 50 Fly - 4. Edie Hudson (31.28)
• 100 Free - 3. Edie Hudson (1:04.23); 4. Elizabeth Hughes (1:06.42)

Boys 13-14
• 50 Free - 3. Briar Lackey (26.07)
• 50 Back - 3. Briar Lackey (30.59)
• 50 Fly - 3. Briar Lackey (30.14)
• 100 Free - 3. Briar Lackey (55.04)

Girls 15-18
• 100 IM - 4. Sofi Velez (1:09.28)
• 50 Free - 1. Madeline Dowdy (26.41); 5. Tori Rees (27.68)
• 50 Breast - 2. Mika Lackey (33.21); 5. Tori Rees (36.42); 6. Sofi Velez (36.46)
• 50 Fly - 2. Madeline Dowdy (28.77); 4. Mika Lackey (29.54); 7. Tori Rees (30.99); 8. Sofi Velez (31.76)
• 100 Free - 3. Tori Rees (1:01.49)

Boys 15-18
• 50 Back - 4. Gunner Stracener (29.39)

More than 120 student athletes earn place on ACCC Commissioner's Honor Roll

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College congratulates the student athletes and teams who were named to the Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll. Student athletes who achieve a GPA of 3.0 or higher are eligible for inclusion on the Commissioner's Honor Roll.

"We are extremely proud of our student athletes," said Kristen Holmes, Vice President for Students. "They work hard every day on and off the field, juggling classes along with practices and game, and serving as leaders on campus. It takes dedication, effort and focus to earn such an outstanding achievement."

Collectively, 10 WSCC teams recognized for averaging a 3.0 GPA or higher for the 2024-2025 academic year: Baseball, Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Cross Country, Men's and Women's Golf, Softball, Men's and Women's Tennis and Volleyball.

More than 120 student athletes earned a place on the individual Commissioner's Honor Roll for the Spring 2025 semester.

Baseball: Landon Blackwood, Eli Cannon, Connor Cosby, Shayne Craft, Benjamin Crumpton, Miles Edwards, Ryan Everly, Luke Fernandez, Brady Gillespie, CJ Gross, Charlie Harbin, Brayden Heaps, Samuel Henegar, Riley Jackson, Andrew Lawrence, Cody Lee, Conner Lowery, Jayden Martin, Cole Molina, William Perry, Kahlil Quesada, Cole Rasbury, Tucker Rickman, Cooper Sanford

Men's Basketball: Sawyer Griffin, Camren Johnson, Kohl Key, Marquis Nash, Hayden Shedrick

Women's Basketball: Ella Collum, Nylaa Fuller, Sinaya Gibson, Carrie McCullar, Idaysia Mercer, Chloe Rule, Kameron Sanders, Taylor Smith, Emma Stearns, Bailey Tetro, Heather Tetro, Kallie Tinker, Jaden Toney

Cheerleading: Raven Adams, Ashley Benefield, Gabriela Green, Bailey Jefferson, Tori Ozio, Gracelyn Peterson, Kloey Poe, Adyson Wallace, Brooklyn Wells

Men's Cross Country: Tyler Anthony, Zachariah Beauregard, Elliot Denard, Talan Franks, Luke Kennedy, Carson Masterson, Conner McCrary, Devon McGee, David Robles, Marcos Tajeda

Women's Cross Country: Eden Brumer, Raven Fairley, Grace Gosline, Reagan Parris, Kylie Powell, Bernarda Tizapa-Robles, Madison Wright

Men's Golf: Nicklaus Cook, Zachary Lindeman, Samuel Mitchell

Women's Golf: Mallory Brooks, Lanie Cornelius, Alyssa Warren

Softball: Blakelyn Austin, Ashlyn Burns, Reese Decker, Leah Graves, Madeline Howard, Kaelyn Jones, Lexie Kelly, Charli Kyser, Brandy Phillips, Brooklynn Sertell, Ava Smith, Charley Walker

Men's Tennis: Jean Badenhorst, Ferran Bonstre Taroncher, Eli Chaney, Alex Edley, James Edley, Marcos Fernandez Cano, Brett Foster, Ronan Garchitorena, Juan Manuel Garcia Amor, Angel Gautier, Alexander Hernandez, Will Johnson, Axel Le Ho, Jose Muñoz Mercado, Zac Riley

Women's Tennis: Sophia Baillos, Chloe Baines, Noelle D'angelillo, Maddie Files, Lydia Lichlyter, Joslyn Newton, Indira Wilson

Volleyball: April Burgess, Ava Calvarese, Kailey Dickerson, Mia Fowler, Chloe Jackson, Abby McDonald, Rachel Mecklenburg, Amanda Monge Santana, Ali Price, Aliana Quesada, Valerie Rodriguez, Kaylee Roman, Molly Shiflett

Seven Wallace State athletic teams claimed ACCC conference championships during the 2024-2025 season: Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Cross Country, Men's Golf, and Men's and Women's Tennis. Seven teams finished in the top 10 in national competitions. Men's and Women's Cross Country finished third and fourth, respectively. Softball finished in third place, Women's Golf finished in fifth place, and Men's and Women's Tennis finished in eighth and 10th place, respectively.

Wallace State is fielding teams for two new sports at the college. Men's Soccer and Women's Flag Football will each begin play in Fall 2025. For more information about Wallace State Athletics, visit athletics.wallacestate.edu.



North Alabama Agriplex kicks off Summer Garden Club at East Elementary

Camille Gibbs
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The North Alabama Agriplex and East Elementary School joined to host the Summer Garden Club at the East Elementary Garden. The first meeting was held on June 17. Meetings will be held every Tuesday until July 29.

After planting pumpkins last year, this year students planted zinnias and okra and pulled onions and potatoes.

They also tended to strawberries and installed an umbrella to read under.

The children also learned ways of tending to the garden. They mixed fertilizer into the soil to feed the plants and watered them.

The Summer Garden Club teaches children about caring for a garden and the outdoors.

The East Elementary Outdoor Classroom has a butterfly garden, habitat for pollinators, home for frogs and toads, log decomposition station, compost station, garden dedicated to George Washington Carver and a vegetable garden.

A new Aquascapes natural pond was donated by ProWorx in honor of school volunteer JeanMarie Yearwood and will be installed in the fall.

Summer Garden Club meetings are held on Tuesdays from 8-9 a.m. in the garden behind East Elementary School.

Parents and guardians must stay with their children.



CAMILLE GIBBS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The first meeting of this year's Summer Garden Club at East Elementary School took place on June 17, 2025.

Administrators (from Front)

tech and how important it is for our graduates to learn a skill that will help them provide for their families whether they decide to continue their learning in college or not," said Dr. Shane Barnette, Cullman County Schools superintendent.

"I am excited to continue to work with Mr. Edmondson and Dr. Patrick to actively expand the opportunities that we offer our students to help them all to be successful beyond high school."

Patrick previously served as principal of CATA. In her new role, she will focus on growing and investing in career tech programs across the school district.

"I would like to thank the board and Dr. Barnette for the opportunity to serve as director of career technical education for Cullman County Schools," said Patrick.

"Their commitment to our students and CTE in general is evident. I plan to work closely with all Cullman County schools and Wallace State Community College to promote and expand career tech opportunities in our district to meet the needs of business and industry in our area."

Edmondson has many years of experience in career tech, and previously served as cooperative education coordinator at CATA.

"I'm incredibly honored to serve as the new principal of Cullman Area Technology Academy. Career and technical education is vital — it gives students real-world skills and strengthens our local workforce," said Edmondson.

"I look forward to continuing CATA's tradition of excellence and working alongside our staff, students and industry partners to build strong pathways from the classroom to the career."

These administrative changes become effective July 1, 2025.

Program (from Front)

permit," Haynes said.

"This gets them away from a screen, and of course, broadens their knowledge of agriculture and its related careers and pathways."

Haynes said, as a farmer, she's excited for the students to learn about our food system as a whole.

"We are excited for them to see how farmers and those in the agriculture industry work to keep our food safe, and how almost everything we touch and eat is affected by agriculture," she said.

"I hope this sparks some interest for our students that might one day choose an ag-related career. One in four jobs in Alabama is agriculture related, so we really can help prepare our young students for their future.

"Responsibility, management and organization are essential in farming and agriculture. These soft skills can be beneficial to our students regardless of their career path."

Dutton said that no grants were required for them to get the elementary ag program started.

"Thanks to (Cullman County Schools Superintendent)Dr. (Shane) Barnette, we are getting to pilot the program for a year, and then after that we may look into grants to help keep the program going," Dutton said.

"My hope is that our program is such a success that other schools in Cullman County will also want to adopt this program for themselves.

"I also want to thank Dr. Barnette for letting us start this program at Fairview.

"What better place to start elementary ag than with the Aggies! I also want to thank Ms. Lori Gibson, Tanner Elementary's ag teacher, for being such a great inspiration for us starting this program."

Barnette said he is very excited to support the pilot program at Fairview Elementary.

"While agriculture is important to all of Cullman County, it has been especially important to the Fairview community for generations," Barnette said.

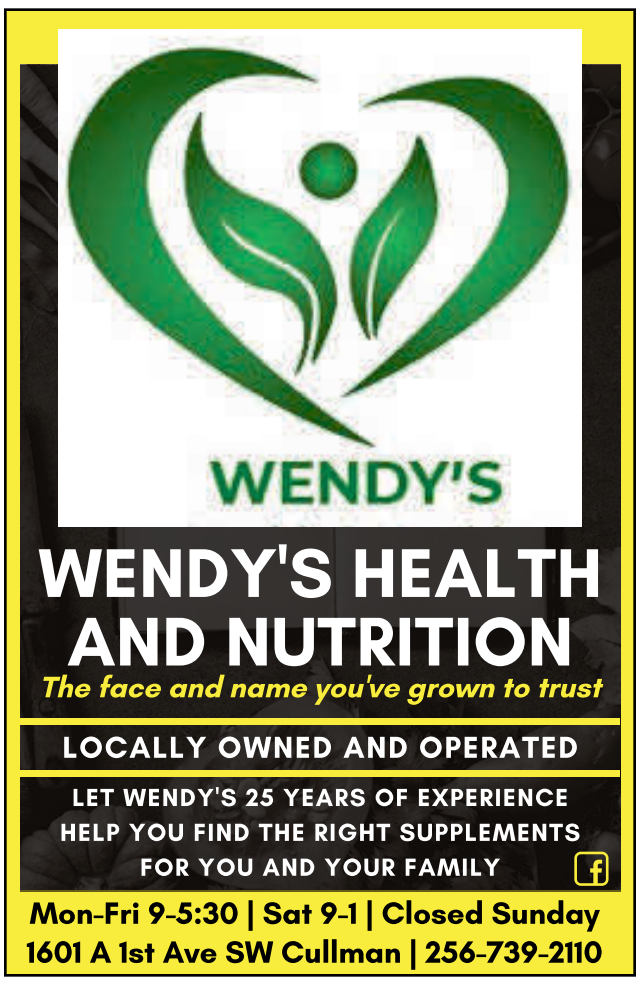
"Our plan is to introduce and foster these traditions beginning in the elementary grades and then expanding them through our newly renovated programs in the high school.

"This could be something very special."

This program at Fairview Elementary will be a special class that all students kindergarten through fifth grade will attend weekly.













Cullman County Bosom Buddies hosting Beautifully Brave Pageant Sept. 6

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Local nonprofit Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation will host the Beautifully Brave Pageant on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. at the Burrow Center for Fine and Performing Arts on the campus of Wallace State Community College.

Event Coordinator Rayven Peak said the group created the pageant to raise money for CCBBF.

"I got the idea because my daughter and I both compete in pageants and love doing them," Peak said. "We have met so many amazing people while doing them."

Peak said her favorite thing about these events is getting to meet all the beautiful young women and children and watching them play dress up.

"Our major fundraiser for the year is 'The Little Pink Dress,' but we needed another large fundraiser to be able to continue helping the volume of patients we are assisting financially," Peak said. "We can't do this without the amazing people in Cullman, so thank you from all of us at CCBBF."

To register for the Beautifully Brave Pageant, visit www.cullmanbosombuddies.com. Cancer survivors are encouraged to register for the free Survivor category. Men, women and children are welcome to participate.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/CullmanCountyBosomBuddiesFoundation or call Rayven Peak at 256-816-3050.

From the CCBBF website:
"Established in 2013, the mission of the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation, a 501(c) (3) organization, is to raise money for the purpose of assisting Cullman area residents while they are in a cancer treatment program. We provide need based assistance for day to day living expenses such as utility bills, transportation costs to and from treatment, food cards and other approved needs. We pay the bills directly, no cash is given. This assistance is for approved patients regardless of the type of cancer they may have or the location of their treatment center.

"The Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation meets a need that no other organization is meeting, and all money raised through our fundraising events and private donations stays right here in Cullman County."

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LEGALS

Legal Notice

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

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicle, 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 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD - VIN# 1GCHK23G83F251982
This vehicle will be sold on July 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at 1801 Cherokee Ave SW Ste B Cullman, AL 35055.

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC2024-303

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL DEWITT YEAGER, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Michael Dewitt Yeager have been granted to Runna Faulkner on the 5th day of June, 2025, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Runna Faulker
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF M.J.R.C.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 12-12-2020
CASE NO.: AD2024-059

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **Jordon Correll Biological father of a child M.J.R.C., born December 12, 2020, to Stephanie Brooke Stoebner**

Please take notice that a *Petition for Adoption* was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Dennis Schlichting and Desiree Schlichting, Petitioners. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS THE 5th DAY OF June, 2025.

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

Jerry Kilgo
Attorney for Petitioners
413 First Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
SANDRA JANE BEAVER,
Deceased.
Case Number: PC2025-214

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of Sandra Jane Beaver, Deceased

Letters Testamentary upon last will and testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of June, 2025, 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.

David Goolsby
Personal Representatives

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Personal Representatives
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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
WAYNE LEE NUSS,
Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC2025-167

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration, having been granted to the undersigned on the 4th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of 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.

Stanley Wayne Nuss
Personal Representative

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF:
ANNA BROOKE COX &
KALIE MARIE COX
CASE NUMBER: AD2024-052

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PETITION

TO: DANIEL WARD, ALLEGED FATHER AND ANY OTHER UNKNOWN FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD K.S.R., BORN AUGUST 29, 2019 TO DEBRA WARD

DEBRA WARD, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OF A MINOR CHILD K.S.R., BORN AUGUST 29, 2019

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Anna Brooke Cox and Kali Marie Cox, Petitioners. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 200 2nd Avenue S.W., Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE this 18th day of June, 2025.

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

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Petitioner
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Cullman, AL 35055
256-246-9600

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2025-015

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF JAMES BRIAN CORDES and TERRI NORENE CORDES.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: RICHARD E. DEMLOW, whose whereabouts and location are unknown and to any UNKNOWN FATHER of G.M.G., DOB 04/03/2012

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of G.M.G., a minor child born April 3, 2012, to Rebecca Louise Allen Demlow was filed on the 21st day of May, 2025, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioners James Brian Cordes and Terri Norene Cordes. 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 3rd day of June, 2025.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
MARY SUE BANISTER,
Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC2025-322 (2024-322)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to WILLIAM THOMAS BLANKENSHIP as Personal Representative of the Estate of MARY SUE BANISTER, deceased, on the 12th day of June 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.

William Thomas Blankenship
Personal Representative

Clint Maze
Attorney for Personal Representative
Wilmer & Lee, P. A.
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Arab, Alabama 35016

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 12th day of June, 2025.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
Walter Randell Phillips,
Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC2025-165

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Caroyln Dotson Phillips as Personal Representative of the Estate of Walter Randell Phillips, deceased, on the 11th day of April 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Carolyn Dotson Phillips
Administrator

Alex J. Chaney
Attorney for Administrator
Berry, Berry, Little & Chaney
P.O. Box 1052
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256-734-6330 (Phone)

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
SUSAN CHRISTENSEN,
Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC2025-124

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to THOMAS JOHN CHRISTENSEN, on the 4th day of June, 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.

THOMAS JOHN CHRISTENSEN
Personal Representative

Shelbie G. Hankey
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF:
PARKER JETT,
A Minor Child.
CASE NO. JU-2025-000300.01

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NICOLE JETT, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Verified Petition to Terminate Parental Rights filed by Austin Jett and/or other relief by)0l-L0O-aB .....O-5---------- 'or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against her in regard to case nl,lmber JU-2025-000300.01, Juvenile Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 18 day of June, 2026.

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CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

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RK OF JUVENILE COURT

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

The longest journey of my life

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



By this point in my life, I have been on quite a few journeys. I do love to travel and experience new things. I'm aways excited to take off on a new journey and always a little saddened when it's over, but at the same time, I'm always glad to be back home.

Recently, someone asked me what has been the longest journey I've been on. That is an easy one to answer. Without doubt, it would have to be my journey from Rainsville, Alabama, to Opelika, Alabama. I know, you're thinking how that could be.

That trip is only about 165 miles, one way, and can be driven in approximately three hours. Nevertheless, it has taken me 438,291 hours to make this trip! I left my beloved Rainsville on June 14, 1975. While we moved to Opelika 18 years ago, it took 50 years to reach last Saturday's destination.

The awesome part is that that was simply one leg of the journey and, prayerfully, there is still more to come. I began this journey at Broadway Baptist Church, in Rainsville, with my new bride, and we completed this first leg of our journey at Lanier Baptist Church in Lanett.

Fifty years ago, Jean Willis became Jean Willis King. Last Saturday, we celebrated our golden wedding anniversary at Lanier. No, we did not renew our vows. Our original ones still suited us just fine. While we have not been by each other's side every minute of every day or even each day of each year, she has been my traveling companion for half a century now.

She has been so much more than simply my companion. She has been and is the love of my life, my soul mate, my best friend ever, the other half of me and, yes, absolutely the better half!

Here's the funny thing, I never actually asked her to marry me. We began dating the summer before her senior year in high school, and I was about to begin my freshman year of college.

We dated for two years before we married. Neither of us can actually remember when, but somewhere along the way we began to talk about getting married. Hey, a friend of ours asked his girlfriend if she wanted to get married by asking if they had any need for a sofa his mother had. Both marriages appear to have worked out just fine!

At first, we planned to wait until we had finished our college educations.

That was a goal we did not achieve. Oh, we both completed our degrees, three each, but we did so after we were married. We took turns going. One "paid and prayed" while the other one went to school. Actually, we both worked then, too. That is simply one example of many when we have supported and helped each other in whatever we were attempting.

I am not going to use my writer's license and tell you that every day has been an easy one. Jean said some days have been long, but the years have been short. I will tell you that the years have been more than wonderful, and I thank God for them all!

I also want to thank Lanier Baptist Church, where I now serve as pastor, for hosting our golden celebration.

I want to thank our church members, family and friends, who came to celebrate this milestone with us. I especially want to thank our one-and-only daughter Sara Ashley, for all her hard work and expense in bringing this celebration together. I am truly one blessed man...husband, father, father-in-law, grandparent, etc.!

Bill King can be reached at bkpreach@yahoo.com or 334-728-5514 (office).

HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: June 21, 1934

From the files of June 21, 1934

HOSPITAL NEWS.
Master Arnold Evers underwent an appendicitis operation at the Baptist hospital Wednesday morning.

Rev. W. C. Reeves, pastor of the First Methodist church, and Theodore Swann, underwent an operation to be carried to his home Thursday.

Miss Mary Magg and baby James Magg of Hartselle, are spending a few days in Cullman visiting with burns caused by their home burning in Hartselle Tuesday.

Mrs. Elbert Duke underwent an operation for appendicitis Thursday at the hospital she is the daughter of Mrs. Z. L. Newman underwent an appendicitis operation last Friday and is recovering nicely.

Miss Margaret Thompson underwent an appendicitis operation last Monday night and is making a nice recovery.

Miss Thelma Kinney underwent an appendicitis operation last Monday evening at the Baptist hospital. It is reported that he is making nice recovery.

BATTLE GROUND NEWS
Vinemont R. 3, June 19.—Plowing is the order of the day here.

The singing was enjoyed Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Felton Hopkins, Misses Gladys and Gwyneth Ray at New Hope.

Miss Willie Puckett spent the week end the guest of Miss Ordis Buckelew.

Miss Carlie Johnson of Simcoe, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Robert Oakley, at this place.

Roy Jones was the Sunday afternoon guest of Mrs. Cecil Jones.

Miss Ruby Humphries spent Saturday night the guest of Ruby Oakley.

Gladys Humphries spent Saturday night with Miss Vera Humphries.

We regret to report that Mrs. T. J. Blackman is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Williams and daughter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Marion Blackman.

Mrs. Addie Tucker, Miss Fannie Heck, and son, Earnest, Jr., Mrs. Houston Dye, Louie Blackman and Miss Margaret Humphries visited Mrs. T. J. Blackman Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. A. E. Humphries and Mrs. Dock Rider visited North Cullman Saturday, they also visited West Cullman.

Little Lorene Paris has pneumonia. Hope for a speedy recovery for her.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest McDowell was the Sunday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Morris.

Little Lorene Wright is on the sick list.

Hersel Hopkins visited Ralph Misses, Pauline Wood and Louise Holmes, Sunday Misses Gladys Hopkins was the Sunday guest of Mrs. C. Drive Saturday night.

Miss Cora Morris visited Mrs. T. T. Hopkins Saturday.

Little Bettie Fay Hudson visited Mrs. Ruby Blackman Sunday Saturday.

J. H. Caudell of Falkville, visited D. H. Woodard Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Plunkett and children were the Saturday night guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Blackman.

A large crowd from here attended the musical entertainment provided by Misses Ann and Virginia Blackman.

Comer Humphries made a business trip to Guntersville Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Handley attended the singing at Liberty Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reid have returned to their home at West Point after a few days visiting their relatives here.

Everybody remember the Sacred Harp singing at Battle Ground the first Sunday in July. Come and bring dinner with you.

Men's work shirts, all sizes, full cut, well made. June Sale Price 49c. The Economy Store. adv.

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"I DO NOT want to give up ... but why do I tire so easily ... why can't I 'carry on' ... and how is it that I do not feel like myself?"

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In the Springtime—take S.S.S. Tonic.

POET'S CORNER

Things That Endure | By: Randy C. Hale

The older I get, the more comforting
are the things that have been around
for a long time.
Like the magnolia tree in my father's
yard, planted by my mother when I was
just a boy. It's in bloom now, the time of
year it stands out most.

When it was first planted, it was not
even the height of a small boy who
was told to be careful around it when
playing.
Mother wanted it to live and flourish
despite my cocker spaniel jumping
and grabbing the leaves to my
mother's screams.

My Father said, he never thought the
tree would survive me and old fluff.
But it has, and my mother, now some
twenty years. It is now 40 feet high,
reaching up to where I think of my
mother being, perhaps looking down
with me on something she wanted to
continue.

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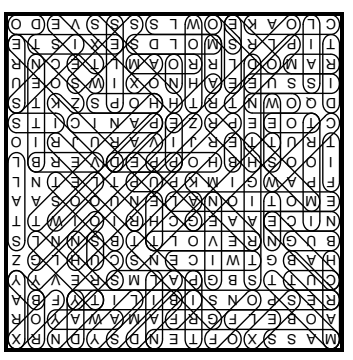
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June 17 Cullman County Commission meeting notes

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission, at its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 17, acknowledged two retiring employees from the road department. Randy Baker was honored for his 20 years of service, and Timothy Tipton for his 32 years of service. Commissioners spoke of Baker's and Tipton's reputations for excellence in roadwork and their dedication to the community, thanking them for their years of service.

The commission approved multiple resolutions regarding speed limits throughout the county, including new limits on County Roads 744, 1282, 96 and 97, prompted mainly by recent paving work and efforts to enhance road safety.

The commission approved the temporary relocation of the Kelley Community Center voting precinct to Friendship Baptist Church, located at 1104 County Road 1435, for the State House District 12 Special Primary Election on July 15. The precinct will revert to its original site following that election.

Several funding-related items were addressed throughout the meeting. Commissioners approved a resolution to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) aimed at reconstruction and resurfacing several county roads, including 627 628 630 and parts of 702.

They authorized the Youth Advocate Program to apply for funding from the Juvenile Probation Office of the Alabama Department of Youth Services for Blount and Jackson counties, authorized Hartt to apply for funding from the Juvenile Probation Office of the Alabama Department of Youth Services for Cullman County and authorized the Transition Program to apply for funding from the Juvenile Probation Office of the Alabama Department of Youth Services for Lauderdale County.

The commission also approved a new partnership with Wallace State Community College, which will provide County employees with access to discounted tuition and expanded training opportunities at no cost to the County.

In another community investment, the commission discussed the allocation of $20,000 toward a military drone to be used for recon and bombing construction in Veterans Park at Sportsman Lake, with those funds to be offset by the Cullman County Tourism Bureau. This funding has not yet been approved.

Planning and zoning matters were attended to with the approval of preliminary plats for new subdivisions, along with several bond extensions for ongoing developments.

Additional approvals included a tree removal project at Veterans Park at Sportsman Lake (with a note to comply with wildlife regulations), sanitation billing agreements, payments for law enforcement medical services and scheduling adjustments to accommodate upcoming elections.

The next Cullman County Commission work session is scheduled for Thursday, July 17, at 4 p.m., with the full commission meeting to follow at 6. Both will be held in the commission meeting room.



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Ivey commends Wallace State as a Top 3 community college in the nation

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Alabama Governor Kay Ivey commended Wallace State Community College and President Vicki Karolewics for the college's outstanding accomplishments, including being named a Rising Star by the Aspen Institute for the 2025 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, making it one of the Top 3 community colleges in the United States.

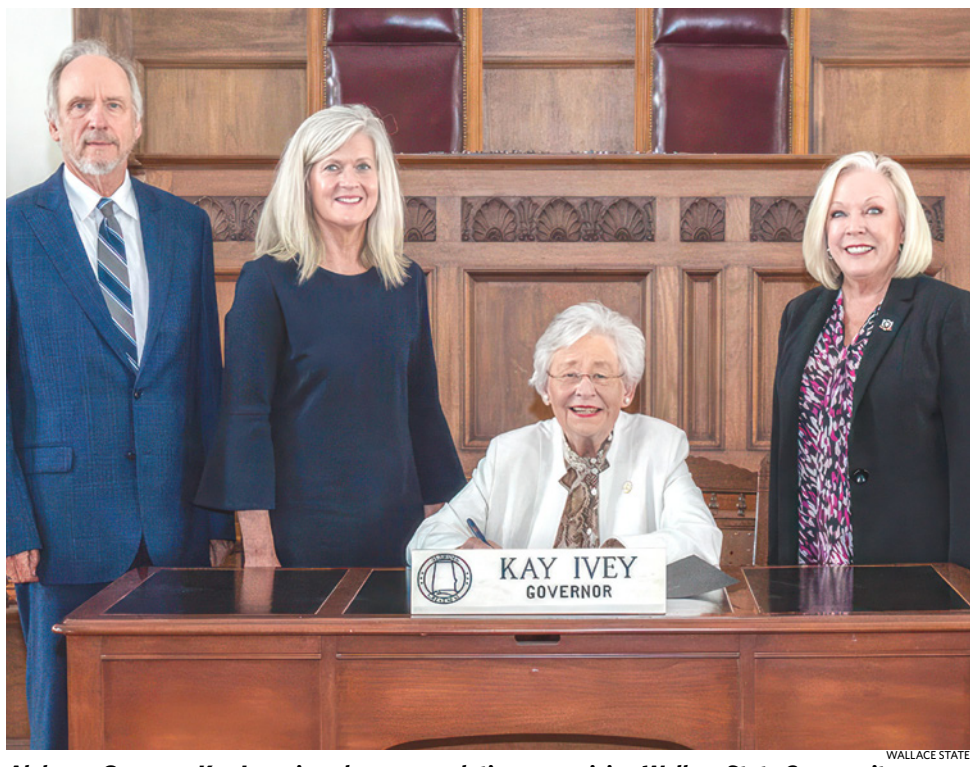
"We are honored to have Governor Ivey recognize Wallace State with a commendation outlining the achievements the college has earned over the last year," Karolewics said.

Wallace State Community College was named a Rising Star by the Aspen Institute, which places the college among the Top 3 community colleges in the nation. Wallace State is the first community college in the state of Alabama to be a finalist for the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence and has six times been named among the top 150 colleges in the nation. The commendation also noted Karolewics' selection as an Aspen Fellow, recognizing her visionary leadership for the college and the community.

Other accolades recognized in the commendation include:

- The college's 51% three-year graduation rate, outpacing the national average of 35%; a persistence rate of 85%; transfer success rate of 78%; and employment and licensure rates of more than 90%, all well above national averages
- Wallace State's total economic impact of $276.1 million in added income and support of 4,106 jobs, or one in every 35 jobs, in its service area
- Wallce State's impact as a vital community partner and virtual powerhouse of education and training, offering more than 200 options in academic, health and technical programs
- Wallace State enrolls approximately 10,000 students each year in college credit and workforce-credit courses, adult education and dual enrollment

Wallace State has also been named a Military Friendly College, is an Achieving the Dream Leader College, has been designated as a Caring Campus, has been ranked by Southern Business and Development among the Top 3 institutions in the South for workforce development, named a Center of Excellence by the National League for Nursing and the National Security Administration, rated the Top Online Community College in Alabama and much more.



WALLACE STATE

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey signed a commendation recognizing Wallace State Community College's outstanding accomplishments, including being named a Rising Star by the Aspen Institute for the 2025 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, making it one of the Top 3 community colleges in the United States. Standing from left are College Dean Emeritus Dr. Johnny McMoy; Director of Research, Planning and Assessment Mattie Hudson; and Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics. Seated is Gov. Ivey.

Obituary Announcements: June 19-20

J.W. Chaffin, 90
Romans 12:12: "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." J.W. Chaffin was an amazing example of this quote and many more from the word of God. Throughout the seasons of his life, he never wavered on his walk with Jesus. He was an avid lover of gospel and bluegrass music, being easily named the best banjo player in the family. He could identify any vegetable and tell you how to make it thrive. He was a passionate artist and loved creating art, whether it be abstract painting or the beautiful construction projects his own company, Chaffin's Plastering Company, was known for. Above all, his persistant positivity and love for life and learning will be greatly missed. Services for J.W. Chaffin age 90 (of Crane Hill, Alabama) will be held Sunday June 22, 2025. Visitation from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. followed by Funeral Services at 1 p.m. He will be laid to rest at Jones Chapel Cemetery following service. He is preceded in death by his wife: Barbara Jane Glover Chaffin, Father: Omer Chaffin, Mother: Lura Martin Chaffin, Brother: Holland Chaffin, Sister: Joyce Stratton. He is survived by his daughters: Pamela Kay Mack, Debra Kilgo (Mancel), sisters: Sue Shedd (Clint), Ann Cathy (George), Brother: Thurman Chaffin (Hazel), Grandsons: Adam Hogan, Jonathan Hogan, Joseph Bryan (Rosie), Granddaughters: Janessa Hardwick (Patrick), Makenzie Mack (Peyton), and four great grandchildren: Conner, Shelby, Dalton, Willow and a host of nieces and nephews he loved dearly. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Diane Vickers, 76
Diane Vickers, 76, of Cullman passed away June 19, 2025, at Woodland Village Health Care. No service is planned at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

Charles Curtis Parker, 83
Funeral service for Charles Curtis Parker, age 83, of Vinemont, will be Saturday, June 21, 2025, at 11 a.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home chapel. Visitation will be held Friday, June 20, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The service will be officiated by Bro. Tim McCormick and burial will be held at Vinemont Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Parker was born on April 7, 1942, to Monroe and Myrtle Parker. He passed away on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. He is preceded in death by his parents; grandchild, William Young; brothers, Junior Parker and Claudia "Buddy" Parker. He is survived by his wife, Oneda Parker; sons, Roger (DouglasAnn) McGriff, Eric (Cyndi) Parker, Stacey (Melissa) Parker; eight grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; brothers, Dee (Lenny) Parker, Gerald (Kathy) Parker, Donald Ray (Denise) Parker; sisters, Ruth Parker (Donald Jones), Rachel (Franklin) Jones.

Martha Ruth Armstrong Black, 100
Funeral Service for Martha Ruth Armstrong Black, age 100 of Decatur, will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Bro. Herbert Statham, Bro. Ronald Black, and Bro. Jimmy Mosteller officiating; burial at Mt. Carmel Cemetery at Berlin. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Martha Ruth Armstrong Black, born May 21, 1925, entered her heavenly home on June 18, 2025, at the age of 100. A beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Martha was a faithful member of Berlin Baptist Church for many years and was a woman of quiet faith whose life reflected the words of Proverbs 31: "Her children rise up and call her blessed." She lived with grace, patience, and enduring love, always anchored in her devotion to her family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Reedy Elmer Armstrong and Dewey Ann Nelson Armstrong; her siblings, Nelson Armstrong, Harvey Armstrong, Sara Armstrong Moody, and Jimmy Armstrong; her husband, Ottis Samuel Black; daughter-in-law Cynthia Black; and grandchildren Julie Dianne Mosteller and Christopher Jarrod Mosteller. Martha is survived by her children: Ronald Black, Brenda Kay Black Mosteller (Jimmy), Samuel Black (Beth), and Rodger Black (Yvonne). Her legacy continues through her grandchildren: Jeremy Mosteller (Amy), Jennifer Mosteller, Jonathan Mosteller (Mallory), Kyle Black, Jason Black, Cassie Black, and Sam David Black (Anna); granddaughter-in-law Whitney Mosteller; and great-grandchildren: Haley Crow, Hudson Crow, Hayden Black, Aubrey Mosteller, Nora Page Mosteller, Annabel Black, Braxton Prestwood, and Maverick Mosteller. Pallbearers: Jeremy Mosteller, Jonathan Mosteller, Kyle Black, Jason Black, Hayden Black and Sam David Black. Martha lived a life centered on her family. She found purpose and meaning in her roles as a mother and matriarch, and her presence will be missed deeply by all who knew her. As her family grieves, they take comfort in knowing she is at peace in the presence of her Savior.

Janette Garrison Woodard, 85
Funeral Service for Janette Garrison Woodard, age 85 of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at Center Grove Baptist Church with John Garrison officiating; burial at Center Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at Center Grove Baptist Church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Woodard passed away on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at Summerford Nursing Home. She was born Oct. 7, 1939, to William Gurvis Garrison and Clara Elizabeth Lovvorn Garrison. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Hanley Woodard. Survivors include her sons, Darell Lee (Kelly) and Jeffrey Lee (Pamela); grandson, Brent Burns (Gabrielle), granddaughter, Laura Beth Lesshaft (Ray),granddaughter, Casey Dykes (Geno), grandson, Grant Lee (Emily), granddaughter, Candace Long (Daniel), grandson, Jordan Lee (Sarah); 12 Great grandchildren; brothers, David Garrison (Martha), John Garrison (Amelia), James Garrison (Sandra) and Phillip Garrison (Nancy. Janette worked for Cullman Cabinet for over 25 years and was a member of Lystra Baptist Church in Baileyton, Alabama.

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