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Cullman County Economic Development doing legwork to improve roads



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Cullman County Economic Development office in Cullman

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County officials have begun the process of applying for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to help fund important road improvement projects in qualifying areas. The grant is offered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to enhance infrastructure in low- to moderate-income communities.

"We apply every time we're eligible, and eligibility depends on the closure of any previously funded projects. We just closed out a project on County Road 1490, so we're now able to submit a new application," Matt Kinsland, director of Cullman County Economic Development, explained.

To qualify for the CDBG funding, the proposed road improvements must be in areas where at least 51% of households meet HUD's low-to moderate-income guidelines. That determination requires door-to-door surveying in targeted neighborhoods to collect household data. Staff from Cullman County Economic Development visited homes on County Roads 627, 628, 630 and parts of County Road 702 between Tuesday, June 17, and Saturday, June 20.



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Cullman County officials have begun the process of applying for a Community Development Block Grant to help fund important road improvement projects in qualifying areas.

Kinsland emphasized that participation and survey data are entirely confidential and used strictly for grant qualification purposes.

"We're not a reporting agency," he said. "The information doesn't get submitted individually. We » PAGE 5

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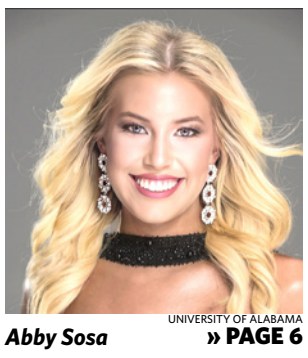
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Wallace State's Luke Fernandez has been named the NJCAA D1 Pitcher of the Year. » PAGE 6



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 23

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 23, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

June 20

- burglary; Hwy. 69N
- theft of property; CR 208
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 747

June 21

- burglary; criminal mischief; CR 1030
- theft of property; CR 310
- dog bite; CR 515
- trespassing; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence; CR 469

June 22

- domestic violence; CR 1323
- harassment; CR 703
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Whaley Ave. NE
- domestic violence; CR 703
- harassment; CR 1600
- menacing; CR 703
- theft of property; CR 566
- criminal mischief; CR 490
- theft of property; CR 1025
- domestic violence; CR 1390
- assault; trespassing; Clint Warren St. NE Hanceville
- domestic violence; Hwy. 69S

ARRESTS

June 20-22

Acree, Nikole P.; 29

- FTA – buying/receiving stolen property

Aragon, Dale J.; 28

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

Baker, Heath A.; 38

- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Bamberry, Daniel W.; 22

- public intoxication

Boyd, Lacie M.; 28

- FTA – theft-miscellaneous
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, $1500-2500

Emmons, Shantel L.; 36

- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Gold, Dillion T.; 30

- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Groham, William; 30

- violation of a court order

Hardy, Colton M.; 20

- reckless endangerment

Harrison, Robin A.; 50

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Hobbs, Justin M.; 44

- BAIL JUMPING 2 – burglary-residence-force
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – criminal mischief-damaged property

Hoffman, Lisa D.; 48

- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Holbrook, Zachary R.; 40

- domestic violence-3rd degree

Lay, Rachel L.; 34

- public intoxication
- criminal trespass

Taylor, Patrick O.; 49

- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- assault-harassment (harassment/intimidation)

Walker, Teresa L.; 61

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- unauthorized use of auto-no force (joyriding)

Young, Charles R.; 30

- attempting to elude a police officer

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

June 16

- forgery-3rd degree; person; forged checks
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damage to '08 Toyota Tacoma; $500
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; $55; Hwy. 157

June 19

- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; CR 469
- assault-2nd degree; person; CR 469
- theft of lost property-3rd degree; person; bag & contents; CR 469

June 20

- menacing; person
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $142; Olive St. SW
- criminal mischief-1st degree; Shell; damaged property; $40,000; 2nd Ave. SW
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; damage to Chev. Malibu; Hwy. 157
- criminal trespass-2nd degree; Rock the South; CR 469
- theft of property-3rd degree; ULTA Beauty; general merchandise; $734; Cullman Shopping Center
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Saddle Trace Ln. SE

June 21

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $34; Olive St. SW
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '17 Chev. Malibu; Cherokee Ave. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Christopher St. SW
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damage to '21 Nissan Altima; $500

June 22

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $119; Olive St. SW
- harassment; person; Dripping Springs Rd. NW

ARRESTS

June 20-22

Bailey, Morgan L.; 21

- assault-2nd degree

Miller, Bradley L.; 35

- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle (3 counts)
- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Roberson, Sr., Ron M.; 71

- certain person forbidden to possess firearm
- domestic violence-2nd degree – burglary
- theft of property-1st degree
- violation of domestic violence protection order

Dales, Lisa A.; 61

- theft of property-4th degree

James, Daniel E.; 20

- public intoxication
- resisting arrest

Jennings, Carson D.; 19

- public intoxication
- minor in possession / consumption of alcoholic beverage

Wilson, Cameron D.; 22

- public intoxication
- criminal trespass-2nd degree
- resisting arrest

Beasley, Edward W.; 45

- possession of drug paraphernalia
- resisting arrest

Okeefe, Daniel T.; 28

- public intoxication

Skinner, Quinton G.; 51

- harassment

Smith, Kristie G.; 55

- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

Kirby, Jakob D.; 19

- minor in possession / consumption of alcoholic beverage

Montbriand, Michael S.; 59

- public intoxication

Crawford, Jr., Joseph H.; 20

- minor in possession / consumption of alcoholic beverage
- disorderly conduct
- resisting arrest

Marlin, Ronald D.; 22

- public intoxication

Graham, Kaden W.; 18

- public intoxication

Sneed IV, Joseph E.; 19

- public intoxication
- resisting arrest

Ramsay, Laura J.; 40

- public intoxication

Salas, Luciano; 34

- unlawful possession/receiving of a controlled substance
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Gold, Dillion T.; 30

- FTA – insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA – switched tag
- FTA – fail to register vehicle

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Wallace State Alumni Association announces Fall on the Farm trip

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State Community College Alumni Association recently announced plans for a one-day trip to enjoy the bounty of the fall harvest. The Fall on the Farm trip is planned for Wednesday, Sept. 24, with stops to pick apples and sunflowers, as well as lunch at a restaurant voted one of the top 20 buffets in America by Yelp.

Scott's Orchard in Hazel Green and Hubert Family Farms in New Market are the two farms on the itinerary.

Scott's Orchard grows more than 15 varieties of apples. During the visit, guests will enjoy a tour and take a wagon ride to the orchard where they will be able to pick a quarter peck of apples, or about 3 pounds. They will also have time to sample fresh apple products from the Farm Store such as apple slushies, fried pies and apple cider donuts.

At Hubert Family Farms, guests will be able to gather sunflowers and zinnias in aluminum buckets that fit 20 or more blooms. They will get to keep the flowers and the bucket to bring home.

The group will stop for lunch at Mildred's Restaurant in Ardmore. From a buffet of Southern fare, diners will find fried chicken and an array of other meats and vegetables, as well as a salad bar and dessert bar.

The cost of the trip, which includes the fruit, flowers, lunch and transportation, is $139. The deadline to register is Sept. 10. To secure a seat, visit www.wsccalumni.org/farm or contact LaDonna Allen at 256-352-8071.

Trips offered by the WSCC Alumni Association are open to the public.

Nassetta (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Pete Nassetta on Monday announced he has qualified to run for Cullman City Council Place 3.

Nassetta's announcement is below.

Pete Nassetta has qualified to run for Place 3 in the Aug. 26 election for (Cullman) City Council.

Pete is a graduate of St. Bernard College. He has demonstrated his support for education as a former teacher and Key Club Advisor in the Cullman City School System. He is also a former member of the Catholic School Board of the Diocese of Birmingham. One of his most satisfying accomplishments is being a co-founder of Saint Bernard Preparatory School.

Community involvement has been an important part of his life. Pete is a past member of the Cullman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He was awarded member of the year in the Cullman Kiwanis Club. He also held office in the Cullman Lions Club and was a member of the Cullman Rotary Club. Many years were spent in coaching youth baseball with Cullman Parks and Recreation. He is also very proud of his years as scout leader, seeing both of his sons achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

Pete's professional resume includes 16 years as Director of Public Works for the City of Cullman, retiring in 2009. He holds an Advanced Certificate in Public Works Management from the University of Georgia and is a former President of the Alabama Public Works Association.

Church commitment has always been a hallmark for the Nassettas. Together, Pete and his wife Sondra have participated in most aspects of their faith community. Pete was ordained a permanent deacon in 2013. He also spent 32 years as Director of the church's 10 acre cemetery.

Pete is married to the former Sondra Ann Waters. They have two sons, David, retired Chief of Police for the City of Cullman and part-time staff member in the District Attorney's Office, and Patrick, a pediatric dentist in Birmingham. They have five grandchildren.

Pete's entire life has been dedicated to some type of public service. He can bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the table to offer solutions for issues that currently plague our fast growing city.

Cullman's Municipal Election will take place Aug. 26, 2025.

Creel (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Larry Creel on Monday officially announced his candidacy for mayor of Good Hope.

Below is Creel's announcement.

Larry Creel has announced his candidacy today for Mayor of Good Hope. Mr. Creel resides in Good Hope with his wife of 33 years, Janet. He has a lifetime of experience in public works and civil engineering work, including 30 years in roads, sewer, water, wastewater treatment plant construction, inspection, and maintenance. He also has 10 years of experience in civil engineering work, including design and inspection of water lines, sewer lines, sewer rehabilitation, municipal water tank rehabilitation/inspection. He has five years of experience supervising and managing over 100 employees, as well as organizing, adopting, and administering annual budgets totaling over $6 million, which has made him an adept candidate for this position. In total, Mr. Creel has amassed over 40 years of attending to citizens' needs and concerns.

I believe it is time for a change, one in which all citizens are heard. "My vision for Good Hope is to continue growth steadily, as budgets will allow, finish those projects that are currently incomplete, and put a much needed emphasis on maintaining what we as a community already have. I want citizens to be informed and involved. I want people to know what is going on in their government because it is just that, THEIR government; not just part of it, but all of it."

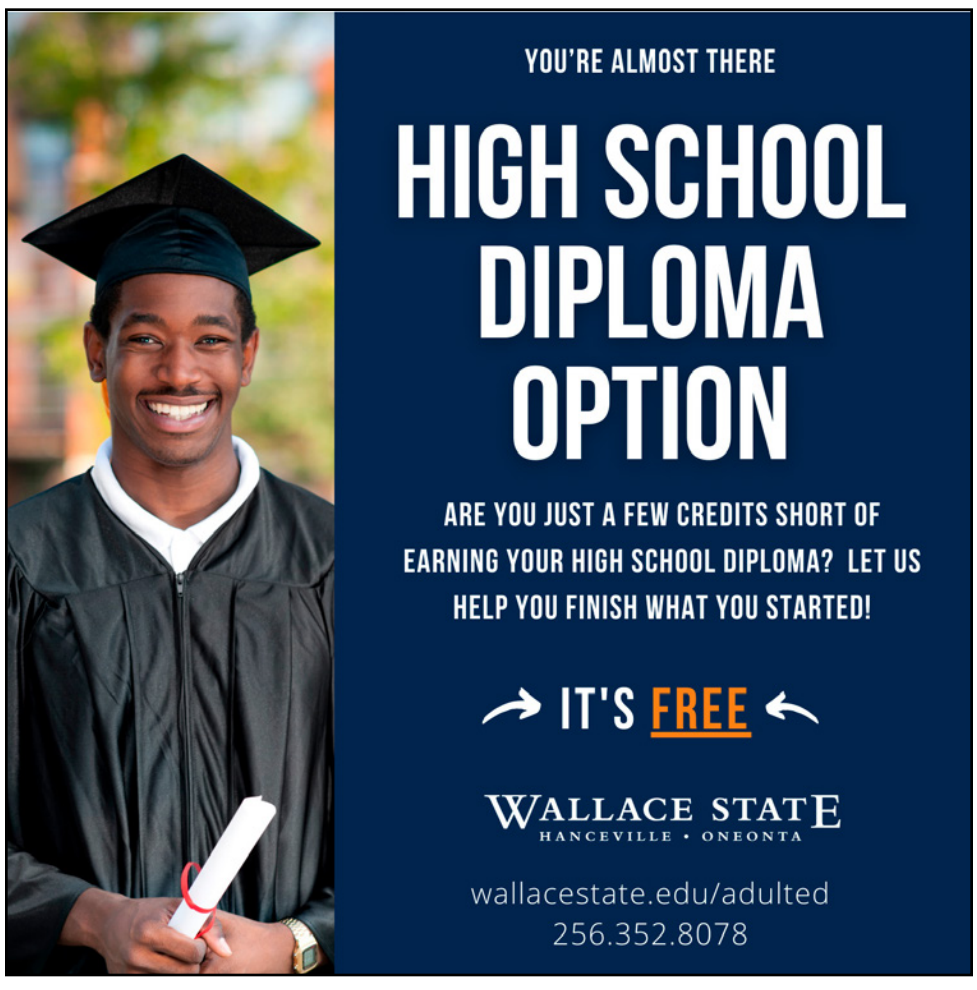
I have been a resident of Good Hope for two years, moving from Tuscaloosa County to Cullman County three and a half years ago. I built three homes in the City of Good Hope and I am proud to be a resident here. While I was not born here, I have several familial ties to Cullman County and the City of Good Hope. My uncle, Euel Hudson, was one of the original petitioners for the incorporation of Good Hope in 1962, and was later Mayor of Good Hope when I was a child. My aunt, Euel's wife, Lora Hudson, worked at Good Hope High School. Another uncle of mine who was from Good Hope was Herman Teem, whose Mother, Ethel Teem, was a teacher at Good Hope. I have always loved this area. In fact, I loved it so much that I brought both of my daughters, son-in-law, and two grandchildren here with me. My grandchildren are students in the Good Hope school system. I am fully invested in making Good Hope the best Cullman County has to offer.

I hope the citizens of this wonderful community will give me the opportunity to serve them in a way they deserve. Your vote is something I do not take lightly, as it is the foundation of this great nation. If you choose to vote for me, I will do everything in my power to always live up to your expectations. I am not a lifelong politician, I am one of you and I believe all people should be treated equal. I aspire to make Good Hope an excellent place to live, work, play, and go to school. Let's put more good in Good Hope. Please go out and vote on August 26th for me, Larry Creel, as your next mayor for ALL four years!" Thank you all for your support.

Larry Creel

The Good Hope Municipal Election will take place Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025.

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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.

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
• Wednesday, June 25 - 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, June 27 - 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 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Sunday, June 29 - 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.

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 onsite 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."

At the Foot of the Cross Church VBS
Through June 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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‘Just because something is hard doesn’t mean it’s impossible’: Vinemont’s Trinity Sartin reflects on Eagle years

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VINEMONT, Ala. – Vinemont’s Trinity Sartin collected her diploma in May, and in this interview, she shared some of her favorite memories from her time as an Eagle, starting with the relationships she made competing in archery.

”During archery season, we would always go to big tournaments, and sometimes, I would shoot with elementary school kids. Helping them shoot and being their motivator was always something I looked forward to,” Sartin said. ”They were always there to help you when you were going through something and would always have your back. Being friends with someone and being a team is two different things, and you see that when you are in a sport. They showed me that, you can have friends all you want, but your team will have your back in the worst and best times of your life. They will be there on the brightest days when you are winning to on your worst days when you are losing bad.”

Trinity soaked up as much as she could from her archery coaches, and she will deeply miss playing sports at Vinemont.

”They shaped me into who I am today. They push you, because they know you can do it. They are hard on you to help you. It wasn’t always easy, but when it came down to game day, we saw how them pushing us not only pushed us on the court or in a tournament, but it pushed us outside of sports. I learned that just because something is hard doesn’t mean it’s impossible. Never go through a hard time by yourself, because when one person hurts, we all hurt,” Sartin said. ”I’ll remember all the lessons we learned and even when things got hard to never give up. I’ll miss the friendships I had and getting to be there for everyone and helping the younger ones.”

Trinity made a lot of memories during her time in school and she talked about how one trip quickly changed not only her life, but many others as well.

”Archery trips were always my favorite. Some kids would bring a speaker, and we would listen to music on the way there. When we got there, we would sit in a circle and play cards. My second favorite memory was eating lunch with my sister and two other friends every day. Another one was when I went to girls’ state and met so many amazing girls. On the last night of being there, we had a worship night with 31 girls in the hallway,” Sartin said. ”Every night I was there, it was a week long. We had meetings every night just to talk about the day and what the next day would look like. This night was different, though. We talked about everything during that week because it was our last night, but there were testimonies that happened over the week that were told. There were two girls that roomed together. That was a God thing. One of them was trying to start reading her Bible more and the other one was reading every morning and night, and helped motivate the other girl to read more. One girl had just lost a relative or friend that week we were gone, and we had prayed for her and over her. We had worship music going, and our two leaders we had that week was also with us. You could just feel the difference from when we got there to the last day. Our meetings were normally only 30 minutes long. This one was two and a half hours long. I’ve never been around so many girls that wanted to run after God as much as they did, and I will just say, I was in awe. If God could move in a dorm room with 31 girls that have never met each other, think of what He can do in a church that have been around each other for 10 years.”

Trinity feels blessed to have gone to Vinemont, and she will remember and miss so much about being an Eagle.

”We are a small school, but the best part is knowing everyone. You become a family, and everyone knows everyone,” she said. ”I’ll miss my friends and teachers, especially the ones from CATA. Those teachers at CATA and the ones at Vinemont taught me so much. They helped me with more than just school, offered a shoulder to cry on when I needed it and were there for all the laughs as well. These teachers go above and beyond what they get paid for, and I will forever be grateful being a Vinemont Eagle and a health science student from CATA.”

Trinity participated in a few clubs at Vinemont, and she absolutely loved helping out the community in so many different ways. She earned several scholarships and decided to attend a school that she’s been dreaming of going to ever since she was little.

”I was in HOSA, SGA, and the National Honor Society. It was fun. I loved being a part of different clubs, because I could help different parts of the community. I learned that not everyone learns like you do, and not everyone understands like you do. You have to talk to people in a certain way for them to understand,” she said. ”I was super excited to get scholarships from some amazing colleges, because I didn’t know what college to go to. After a lot of praying and trying to figure out my future, I got the one for the University of Alabama, and it was almost a full ride. I was so shocked, and I couldn’t believe it, because ever since I was a little girl, I wanted to go to the University of Alabama. Now, my dream was coming true, and I’ll be on my way there in August. I will be majoring in nursing. I already have my CNA and CPR licenses from CATA.”

Sartin gave some advice to those students that will be starting high school in August.

”Don’t be afraid to be yourself. So many young adults are nervous or stressed and are just trying to figure out who they are, just like you. If you don’t know what you want to be, that’s okay. Don’t stress about it. If you do know what you want to be, start moving towards that by taking the classes for your basics. Most importantly, though, put God first. You don’t know what’s in the future. Let Him guide you through life. All the struggles you’ve had or will have will be for a good reason. I know it may not feel like it, but it will push you to be stronger and to help you overcome different obstacles, and then, you can be the light for someone else and help them through a tough time. Pick your friends wisely. You will have friends that will want to party, because they think they will fit in better. If you feel uncomfortable or you don’t think you should do something, don’t hesitate to say no. You will lose friends you thought you would have forever, and you will gain friends that you never thought you needed. Don’t be shy to join clubs. It helps you branch out and learn from some new people and your teachers. Last but not least, remember who you are. High school is stressful, and you can lose sight of yourself. Just remember where you came from and whose you are.”

Trinity’s faith is very important to her and she shared two examples of how much God has changed her life.

”When it was the first couple of days into summer, when I was going into the seventh grade, my best friend passed away, and I was in disbelief the whole summer. My grade was in constant disbelief for a couple of years, and I started getting depressed. I started getting mad at God and asking so many questions that many people ask today: Why did you let them die? Why did you put me through that? Why did this have to happen to me?, and all of those questions I had at one point until I realized God didn’t do this. God didn’t let this happen. God used what happened to me to help others that are going through the same situations,” she said. ”The other major thing that happened in my life here recently was I had no clue what college I was supposed to go to. I either wanted to go to Wallace, UAB, or the University of Alabama, but I didn’t have enough scholarship money for Alabama. I didn’t want to take out $30,000 to go to Alabama or to go to UAB, so my only option was to go to Wallace. I had two scholarships to UAB that were around $10,000 together and I still didn’t want to take out $20,000 to go to UAB. I was asking God, please show me which cards I’m supposed to go to, because I have no idea which direction you’re wanting me to go. Can you direct me the way that you want me to go and not the way that I want to go or my parents want me to go? I went to work on a Friday night at 5 p.m. I went to use the restroom, and I had checked my phone. I got a message from Alabama saying that I got the prestigious scholarship, and it was $56,000. It pays for my housing for one year and my tuition for four years. I texted my parents right away, and I was honestly in disbelief. I was so excited, but I texted them right away and told them that I had to tell you both something when I get home. Please be awake. Everything is okay. It’s good news. When I got home, I told my parents, and my dad was also in disbelief. I knew from then on, I was supposed to head to Alabama. God laid the path out in front of me, and He was just telling me to walk in that path, and since then, I have been doing that.”



TRINITY SARTIN
Vinemont’s Trinity Sartin

Trinity added,

”I have also been trying to save up for a car by July, because my car will not make it to Alabama, so I had noticed that I was going to be gone to the beach for a week, and I needed to come up with a second paycheck that would make out the difference. I was praying, oh my God, I need you to send me the money. I don’t know where this money is going to come from, and I told my parents that all the money I get from graduation, I’m putting it in my savings account for my car, and they said okay. When I counted up all the money I had from graduation, I had enough money for almost two paychecks, not just one, and I was so excited,” Sartin said. “God really opened my eyes in that moment. If you just believe, and if you pray, and you seek God, He will lay out the answers right in front of your face. You have to be willing to hear it, be willing to be open to it, be willing to be patient, and wait for it, because you’re not always going to have your answers in five seconds. Sometimes you have to wait for those answers, and you have to keep praying for those answers. I wholeheartedly believe that if I didn’t keep praying for those answers and standing on what I know and what I believe, I would’ve not been blessed as much as I have been.”

She shared a few of her favorite Bible verses as well. Being a role model to younger kids in and outside of sports is one of her top priorities.

”My favorite Bible verses are Jeremiah 29:11, Psalms 46:5, Matthew 17:20, Luke 1:37, and 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. Those verses mean more to me that I could even explain. These verses got me through so much. 1 Corinthians is the love chapter, and that has always helped me with relationships. Jeremiah 29:11 helped me know that His path is always better than what I have. Luke 1:37 helped me to keep pushing, even when things get hard. Matthew 17:20 helps me understand to keep having faith in what God is doing. Psalms 46:5 helped me know that as long as I had God with me, anything is possible,” she said. ”It’s very important, because now a days, kids don’t have good role models to look up to, so if I can help anyone that is going through something in any way, I can, and I will.”

Trinity wants people to remember her as someone that never gave up.

”No matter how hard life got with school, work, and college, I never gave up. I had people there around me that supported me and picked me up when I couldn’t pick myself up,” Sartin said. “They told me if I was doing something right or they were there to tell me I did something wrong. I had people in my life that told me when they thought I was being dumb and were honest with me.”





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Learning farm life in real time

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The North Alabama Agriplex has been hosting its Touring Farms for Kids program for the past 24 years. The program is a hands-on, two-day summer experience that introduces children to the rich farming traditions and agricultural diversity of north Alabama.

This year, more than 40 children and adults participated June 17-18, boarding a Wallace State Community College bus and exploring a variety of local farms, ranging from dairy and meat operations to pine tree plantations and produce gardens.

Designed for children aged 7 to 13, the program offers an in-depth look at where our food comes from, long before it reaches grocery store shelves. Outdoor Educator Sonya Boyd described what a day spent with the program looks like.

"We've been doing this for 24 years; the kids get to ride around to local farms, visit the Cullman Festhalle Farmers Market and even earn tokens to spend there," she said.

Youth Program Specialist Samantha Catland helped lead this year's camp and highlighted the farms visited, as well as the unique experiences had at each one.

"Every year, we visit different farms — blueberries, sweet potatoes, cotton, you name it," Catland said.

"This year, we visited Riverwood Outdoors, Gleam Brook Acres and Welcome Homestead, just to name a few.

Today, the kids met Highland cattle and learned about forestry and tree grafting at Wallace State's horticulture department."

The experience is both educational and interactive. Participants were able to take home plants from Wallace State, harvest potatoes from the Agriplex gardens and pick bags of fresh kale from Flat Rock Farm.

Along the way, they learned the realities of farm life, both joyful and practical.

"A lot of kids don't realize where their food comes from," Catland noted.

"They don't make the connection between cows and hamburgers or pigs and bacon. Seeing it firsthand helps them understand the work and care that goes into feeding our communities."

The program runs each June and costs $60 for two full days of programming from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Participants enjoyed ice cream at the North Alabama Agriplex following this year's Touring Farms for Kids program.

Parents are welcome to attend for the same price, and many take advantage of the opportunity to learn alongside their children. Registration is available at www.Agriplex.org.

The program is not only a great experience for the participants, but also for the staff and organizers.

"I'm excited to come to work every day," shared Catland. "The kids ask a million questions, and no two days are ever the same. It's inspiring to see them light up when they learn something new."

Key Lime Pie: Cullman's newest live music sensation

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Key Lime Pie is a new, genre-blending band that grew from humble beginnings into a crowd-pleasing favorite. Starting as a backyard jam session, the band has evolved into a dynamic group making waves at venues around town.

Before the official beginning of the band, deep-rooted, music-loving friendships had already taken place.

Max Townson, the band's guitarist, shared, "Our drummer, Tim Bolin, and I have been playing together since I was a freshman, and he was a senior at CHS. We were always trying to form a band, but it usually just ended up being the two of us."

That changed when Townson met bassist Cash Woods during his junior year, who became another connection formed through the Cullman High School percussion section. Eventually, the group added vocalist Devon Campbell, also a CHS percussion alumni, finally completing the tightly knit group.

"All of us went through CHS percussion," Townson explained. "We were never all in high school at the same time, but we overlapped just enough to build these friendships."

The band was officially formed in May 2024, and its unique name, Key Lime Pie, came about after a round of playful brainstorming.

"Devon suggested 'Sweet Potato Pie,' but we thought it sounded a little too Southern for our style," Townson laughed. "So I threw out 'Key Lime Pie,' and it just stuck."

Key Lime Pie's sound is best described as a colorful menagerie, drawing inspiration from artists ranging from Green Day and Greta Van Fleet to Mt. Joy and the Stone Temple Pilots. Each band member brings a unique flavor to the mix.

"Devon's vocals lean into folk, but he also has a theater and choir background. Tim loves metal and 80s rock, Cash is all about grunge and I was raised on Van Halen," said Townson. "So our music is really a blend of everything."

The band has a wide-ranging repertoire, playing songs that resonate with every generation and catering to audiences of all ages. Some of its most notable nostalgic picks have been from childhood favorites like "Shrek," "Surf's Up," "Curious George," "Scooby-Doo" and "Phineas and Ferb."

"We try to keep things versatile so there's something for everyone," Townson explained.



KEY LIME PIE

Left to right are Key Lime Pie members Cash Woods, Devon Campbell, Timothy Bolin and Max Townson performing at Valley Tavern and Grille in Cullman.

Each performance is an experience. From key lime pie eating competitions to even visits from the Gingerbread Man, the performances can turn any venue into a lively event.

While scheduling remains the most significant challenge — especially with one member still in high school — the band is committed to making music work around busy lives.

"Sometimes we need to take breaks, but we're flexible. We make it happen," said Townson.

Though the group hasn't yet released original singles or albums, songwriting ideas are already floating around. As the music continues to reach a wider audience, the band is open to expanding beyond Cullman.

"If Cash goes off to college, we're not looking at it as a separation, just as the band spreading out," said Townson.

For him, being part of Key Lime Pie is deeply personal.

"It means a lot when I can go off and make music with people I can somewhat stand," he joked. "But really, music has always been important to me. Being in this band lets me share what I love with other people — and that's something special."

Key Lime Pie offers an experience like no other, so be sure to check out upcoming performances for a night of fun and good music. Follow the band at www.instagram.com/keylimepietheband.

Roads (from Front)

keep it securely on file for seven years in case of an audit and only submit a compiled spreadsheet without personal data."

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To ensure safety, all surveys are conducted by identifiable staff, and completed forms are stored securely in the Economic Development office. After the mandatory seven-year holding period, documents are shredded by a certified service. Officials encourage those living in qualifying areas to participate in surveys, as participation plays a crucial role in securing the funding needed for these essential infrastructure upgrades.



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1. Short form subdivision – divide one lot into two lots – County Road 616 & County Road 467
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Fernandez (from Front)

Staff Reports
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CHARLOTTE, NC — Wallace State - Hanceville right-handed pitcher Luke Fernandez has been named the 2025 NJCAA Division I Baseball Pitcher of the Year.

The sophomore put together an incredible season for the Lions, striking out the second-most batters in the nation with 127 and holding a nation-leading 1.34 ERA. Fernandez also finished the season with six complete games and four shutouts.

He finished the season with an 8.2 record and 80.2 innings pitched, and with a WHIP of .79.

The Cummings, Georgia native led the nation in strikeouts per nine innings, 14.17, and had eight different appearances where he struck out over 10 batters.

In his two seasons at Wallace State, Fernandez has accumulated a career 2.99 ERA over 165.2 innings. This includes 227 strikeouts and a 10-6 record in 28 total appearances.

He has been named the Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) Pitcher of the Year each of the last two seasons and was named First-Team All-ACCC, too.

Fernandez has committed to continuing his baseball career at Purdue University.

NJCAA Accomplishments

- 2025 NJCAA DI Baseball First-Team All-America Selection
- Two-time ACCC Pitcher of the Year
- Two-time ACCC First-Team All-Conference
- National leader in ERA (1.34)
- National leader in Strikeouts per game (14.17)
- 6 Complete Games
- 127 strikeouts

Sosa (from Front)

Jennifer Brady
Contributor

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Ten University of Alabama students are among this year's field of 43 contestants set to compete for the title of Miss Alabama June 23-28 at Samford University in Birmingham.

Contestants are evaluated in the categories of interview, talent, evening gown, health and fitness and on-stage question.

They also each have their own community service initiative, a cause they championed while reigning in their respective titles.

The winner will represent Alabama at the Miss America pageant in September.

Last year's Miss Alabama, Abbie Stockard, went on to be crowned Miss America in January.

Many of the students listed have participated in the Miss University of Alabama competition during their time at UA.

The Miss UA program recently earned recognition as the "Best Large School Program" by the Miss Alabama organization.

The UA students competing include:

Hannah Adams
- Miss Phenix City
- Hometown: Birmingham
- Talent: Jazz ballet en pointe to "Get Lost"
- Community Service Initiative: Hannah's Hope – Finding a Cure for Pediatric Cancer

Carson Champion
- Miss Historic Springville
- Hometown: Valley
- Talent: Lyrical dance to "What the World Needs Now is Love"
- Community Service Initiative: Champions SERVE

Rylie Dewley
- Miss Eastern Shore
- Hometown: Grand Blanc, Michigan
- Talent: Baton to "Thunderstruck"
- Community Service Initiative: Start Heart Smart

Ashley Gattis
- Miss Autauga County Fair
- Hometown: Arab
- Talent: Tap dance to "Boogie Shoes"
- Community Service Initiative: Giver of Blood, Giver of Life

Liliana Geier
- Miss Mobile Bay
- Hometown: Dadeville
- Talent: Baton routine to "Last Dance"
- Community Service Initiative: Live with a Passion for Compassion – Bullying Prevention

Reagan Hanson
- Miss Trussville
- Hometown: Trussville
- Talent: Lyrical dance to "One Moment in Time"
- Community Service Initiative: Reagan's Rally – Encourage to S.E.R.V.E.

Imani Muse
- Miss Tuscaloosa
- Hometown: Chicago, Illinois
- Talent: Vocal performance of "I'm Every Woman"
- Community Service Initiative: #SAM – Small Acts Matter: Encouraging Tangible Change

Abby Sosa
- Miss Hidden River
- Hometown: Cullman
- Talent: Latin jazz dance to "Bailar/Mi Gente"
- Community Service Initiative: Bridging the Gap – Inspiring Latina Generational Transformation

Ruby Tilghman
- Miss University of Alabama
- Hometown: Panama City, Florida
- Talent: Vocal performance of "I Dreamed a Dream"
- Community Service Initiative: Many Mini Musicians – Answering the Needs of Your Community

Chloe Yates
- Miss Birmingham
- Hometown: Louisville, Kentucky
- Talent: Gymnastics routine to "Ease on Down the Road"
- Community Service Initiative: Special Olympics – Deleting the "Dis" in Disabled

About Miss Alabama

The mission of the Miss Alabama organization, part of the Miss America organization, is to help educate young women of Alabama by providing scholarships to further their college education.

According to the Miss Alabama organization, the state title comes with a $15,000 cash scholarship along with several in-kind scholarships, sponsor gifts and services made available to her.

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CLAUD WAYNE BUCKELEW, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC 2025-198**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to NICKY WAYNE BUCKELEW and PAULA MARIE BUCKELEW PERRY, Co-Alternate Executors of the Estate of CLAUD WAYNE BUCKELEW, deceased, on the 20th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Steven C. Smith, Special 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.

Nicky Wayne Buckelew and
Paula Marie Buckelew Perry
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgages executed by **YALONDA LEGENIA McCLENDON** now known as **YALONDA McDONALD and JEREMY BRANDON McDONALD** to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage securing the property described below, said Mortgage executed by Yalonda Legenia McClendon dated May 12, 2016, and recorded on May 20, 2016, in Mortgage Book 1788 Page 138 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, and Mortgage executed by Yalonda McDonald and husband, Jeremy Brandon McDonald dated March 10, 2023, and recorded on March 13, 2023, in Mortgage Book 2043 Page 657 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, and modification of mortgage executed by Yalonda McDonald and husband, Jeremy Brandon McDonald dated March 31, 2023, and recorded April 20, 2023, in Mortgage Book 2047 Page 521 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman, County, Alabama, the undersigned Traditions Bank, as mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgages, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse in Cullman, Alabama, on the **July 17, 2025,** between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Tract No. Thirty (30) of the Lowery Estate Property as recorded in Map Book 8 Pages 11 and 13 in the Office of the Judge of Probate in Cullman County, Alabama.

Less and Except A parcel of land in the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 36, Township 11 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama, described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the West line of the E ½ of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 with the North ROW line of the Beech Grove Road; thence Easterly along the North ROW line of said Beech Grove Road, 200 feet; thence due North 325 feet; thence Southwesterly 85 feet, more or less, to a point that is 280 feet Northeast of the POB; thence Southwesterly 280 feet to the POB. This is the description for the property conveyed by Willie E. Ballard and Wilma Ballard to Johnson Scott Sanders and Marla D. Sanders in Deed Bk 475 page 560. Less and except from this property the following described tract: That part of Tract 30 of the Lowery Estate Property in Map Book 8 pages 11 and 13 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of said Tract No.Thirty (30) thence along the North right of way of County Road 248, North 82 degrees 06 minutes 46 seconds East 77.45 feet; thence North 89 degrees 13 minutes 44 seconds East along said right of way 102.83 feet; thence South 86 degrees 12 minutes 23 seconds East along said right of way 19.74 feet to an iron pin and the point of beginning; thence North 0 degrees 26 minutes 08 seconds West 325.00 feet to an iron pin; thence South 36 degrees 34 minutes 02 seconds West 110.00 feet; thence South 27 degrees 56 minutes 47 seconds West 42.59 feet; thence South 23 degrees 50 minutes 38 seconds East 217.60 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 0.33 acres, more or less. This being the property conveyed by Jonathan Scott Sanders and Marla D. Sanders to The Estate of Willie E. Ballard in Deed Bk 530 Page 396.

Also Less and Except: That part of Tract No. Thirty (30) of the Lowery Estate Property in Map Book 8 pages 11 and 13 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of said Tract No. (30) for a point of beginning; thence North 0 degrees 52 minutes 18 seconds East, along the West line thereof, 267.66 feet to an iron pin; thence North 68 degrees 22 minutes 17 seconds East 74.69 feet to an iron pin; thence South 23 degrees 50 minutes 38 seconds East 93.40 feet; thence South 27 degrees 56 minutes 47 seconds West 237.41 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 0.41 acres, more or less. This being the property conveyed by Gloria Hudson as Personal Representative of the Estate of Willie E. Ballard to Johnathan Scott Sanders and Marla D. Sanders in Deed Bk 530 page 399.

Property Address: 124 County Road 248, Cullman, AL 35057

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2025 - 900200

SHAILYN HALE,

Plaintiff,

v.

Commence at the NW corner of the SE Quarter of the SE Quarter of Section 36, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, thence N 89 Degrees, 09'E 790 feet to the point of beginning. Thence N 89 Degrees 09'E 111 feet; thence S 2 Degrees 00'E a distance of 210 feet thence S 89 Degrees 09'W a distance of 111 feet; thence N 2 Degrees 00'W a distance of 210 feet to the point of beginning. Said land is in the SE Quarter of the SE Quarter of Section 36, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama.
Parcel ID: 17-07-36-0-001-038.002; PIN: 38283; Account Number: 238254

AND

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

AND

JOHN L. GREEN, MILDRED GREEN, AND THE HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MILDRED GREEN,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: JOHN L. GREEN, MILDRED GREEN, AND THE HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MILDRED GREEN, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown.

You are hereby notified that on the 29th day of May, 2025, a Verified Complaint to Quiet Title to the above-described real property was filed in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Shailyn Hale against John L. Green, Mildred Green, and the Heirs and Devisees of Mildred Green, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown, whose names and whereabouts cannot be ascertained after exercise of due diligence and who are believed may claim some right, title, interest, or claim in and to the above-described real property. All persons having an interest in said lands or any portion thereof, claiming any title thereto or encumbrance or lien thereon, are hereby directed to plead, answer, demur, or otherwise respond to the Verified Complaint on or before the 8th day of August, 2025, else at the expiration of thirty (30) days thereafter suffer a judgment by default to be rendered against them, it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

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

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

Obituary Announcements: June 21-23

Catherine Mann, 70
Memorial service is incomplete at this time for Catherine Mann, 70, of Hanceville. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Mann passed away Friday, June 20, 2025. She was born July 14, 1954, to William and Nellie Ruth Steele Borden. Catherine loved playing on her phone and she could always make you laugh. Her great-grandchildren were her world. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Roger Mann & Bobby Johnson; grandchildren, Chelsie Kritner and Cole Parmer. Survivors include her son, Bobby Allen Johnson; daughters, Donna Wallace, Katherine Diane Kritner; brothers, Jimmy Taylor, Charles Taylor, Kirk Teichmiller; sisters, Carolyn Thomas, Rose Borden, Sarah Zarate; grandchildren, Brittany, Nate, Ben, Kaleb, Tyler, Brandon, Savannah; great-grandchildren, Amelia, Brylee, Jacob, Summer, Silas, Cali, Ryker, Everly, Sophia, Amelia, Carter; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Mary Leah Moss, 61
Mary Leah Moss, age 61, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Thursday, June 19, 2025. Mary Leah was born on March 23, 1964, in Cullman, Alabama. Mary Leah will be remembered as a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother, and as an incredible friend to everyone that knew her. She was proceeded in death by her parents, Inez (King) Ballew and Harold Ballew. Mary Leah is survived by her husband, David Moss, Jr., her son Thomas Moss (Nina), and her two daughters, Katie Acton (Jansen) and Mary Beth Cleveland (Lance). She is also survived by her three beautiful grandchildren, Ada Moss, Grady Cleveland, and Caleb Acton. Mary Leah worked for many years as a fitness instructor at Wallace State College. She was involved in Share Club in Cullman, AL and was a lifetime member of First United Methodist Church of Cullman. Funeral Services will be on Wednesday, June 25, at 1 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. She will lie in state from 12 p.m. until the service time at 1 p.m. Visitation will be on Tuesday, June 24, from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please consider a small donation to the Link of Cullman County or Sonshine Preschool at First Methodist Church in memory of Mary Leah. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Kenneth 'Red' Griffin, 78
Funeral service for Kenneth "Red" Griffin, 78, of the Blair Community will be at 3 p.m., Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at Bethlehem West Baptist Church, 14310 Alabama Highway 157, Vinemont, AL, with interment in Blair Methodist Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Tuesday at the church from 12-3 p.m. Bro. Shane Wheeler and Bro. Tim Aris will officiate. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Kenneth was born in Cullman County, Alabama on Jan. 2,1947, to Doyal and Mary Griffin. He passed from this life Saturday, June 21, 2025. Kenneth, better known as "Red" was a member of the United States Army (1966-1968). Red began his career as an ambulance driver and a Cullman County deputy. Not long after that, Red and Connie bought and operated a convenience store at Battleground for about 35 years. Red also had a trucking business for a few years during this time. Lots of good times were had and many friendships were made at Hilltop. Red went back into law enforcement and retired as an Agriculture Investigator. Red was a community person. He served as a school trustee for West Point. He loved the West Point Warriors and he loved Alabama football. After Red retired, he spent the majority of his time working on his farm. He loved being on his tractor and taking care of his cows. Red was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Bobby Griffin and his sister, Betty Garrett. Kenneth is survived by his wife of 54 years, Connie Smith Griffin; his two daughters, Amy Griffin, Maria Wren (husband, Scott); one son, Kenny Griffin; grandchildren, Abbey Wren (fiance, Grayson Moye), Olivia Claire Wren, Kennedy Griffin (wife, Alexis Griffin), Ana-Spencer Griffin; a host of family and friends. Pallbearers will be Kennedy Griffin, Mark Powell, Chad McKelvy, John McKenney, Tim Garner, Grayson Moye; honorary pallbearers will be Benton Thompson, Nathan Thompson, Billy Jones, Steve McSwain, Logan Griffith, John Bryant, Bob Holley, Jimmy Miller, Gerald McGough, Steve McBride, Ed Townsene, Michael Corley. The family would like to thank Aveanna Home Health and Southern Care Hospice for the excellent care given to Kenneth "Red" Griffin. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Donna Sue Smock, 75
Donna Sue Smock, age 75 of Vinemont, passed away on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at Cullman Regional. She was born March 30, 1950, to Huleon Dean and Wynelle Dean. Services will be planned for a later date.

Curbie William Breedlove, 78
Curbie William Breedlove, age 78 of Vinemont, passed away on Friday, June 20, 2025, at his residence. He was born, Oct. 28, 1946, to Delbert William Breedlove and Erma B Breedlove. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Cheryl Breedlove; children, Kelli (Jack) Taylor, Kerri Breedlove, and Daniel Breedlove; grandchildren, Jasmine Joiner, Brandon Joiner, Alexis Joiner, A'ja Rutleu, and Trey Breedlove; great grandchildren, Brandon, Jordyn, Alayah, Mateo, and Zahra Farhat, Alohna and Amora Austin; and a host of extended family and friends. There are no planned services at this time for Mr. Breedlove.

Tamelia 'Tam' Renea Lemons, 65
Funeral services for Tamelia "Tam" Renea Lemons, 65, of Vinemont, will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, June 26, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, the family will receive friends from 12-2 p.m. at the funeral home. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Lemons was born Oct. 11, 1959, to parents, James Dock and Shirley Ann Gobble Kilpatrick. She was the happiest person and so full of life until she got sick. She loved to travel and she was her husband's world, just he was hers. Mrs. Lemons was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Marty 'Baby' Lemons; sister, Crystal Smith; brother, Anthony Smith; grandparents, Felton and Clara Kilpatrick, Hubert and Ruby Gobble; grandmother, Mary Gibbs. Survivors include her mom, Pat Kilpatrick; grandfather, Clifford Gibbs; brothers, Jimmy D. (Audy) Kilpatrick, Jerry (LaMoyne) Kilpatrick; sisters, Tammy (Paul) Carpenter, Shelia (Derick) Smith; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made to the National Kidney Foundation; 30 East 33rd St New York, NY 10016 or the American Diabetes Association; P.O. Box 2680 North Canton, OH 44720.

James Alfred Sellers, 89
Funeral services for James Alfred Sellers, 89, of Falkville, will be at 12 p.m., Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with interment in Ebenezer Baptist Cemetery, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. before the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Sellers was born Feb. 23, 1936, to parents, Millard Hardy and Mary Elizabeth Pearson Sellers. James was a Godly Christian man; a member and a deacon for over 60 years at Bell Springs Baptist Church. He was a sheet metal worker since he was 15 years old. He loved his family; his grandchildren and great-grandchildren were extra special to him. Mr. Sellers was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Martha Sellers; infant grandson, Billy Tidwell; son-in-law, Brian Dutton; brothers and sisters. Survivors include his son, Frankie Sellers; daughters, Kathy Tidwell, Pam (Mike) Dotson, Debbie Dutton; brothers, Dolphus (Donna) Sellers, Thomas Sellers; sister, Althea (Fred) Oliver; grandchildren, Tara (T.J.) Hamm, Josh (Megan) Sellers, Jonathan (Clarissa) Tidwell, Kaci Tidwell, Megan (Chase) Self, Hunter Dutton, Lyndsie (Micah) Camper; great-grandchildren, Ashlin Hamm, Ella Hamm, Rivers Sellers, Evie Sellers, Colt Self, Brandon Self, Eden Camper, Hyland Camper, Lennon Camper; and a host of family and friends.

Vicki Lynn Jones, 69
Memorial service for Vicki Lynn Jones, 69, of Vinemont, will be from 5-6 p.m., Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Jones was born Sept. 27, 1955, to parents, Niles and Frances Luella Sears Wilcoxson. She was a member of Daystar Church. Vicki loved to bake sweets and desserts, and had a master green thumb. Mrs. Jones was preceded in death by her parents, and grandson, Kurtis Jones. Survivors include her husband of 35 years, Richard Jones; daughters, Amy (Mark) Emmert, Amber (Jason) Watwood, Sarah Fields (Jacob Brooks); brothers, Del (Judy) Wilcoxson, David Wilcoxson; sisters, Marlene Schultz, Carol Clark, Mary Jo (Norm) Ebare; grandchildren, Drew (Sarah) Emmert, Ashley (Sean) Daniel, Skyla (Blake) Burnett, Destiny Emmert, Jesse Jones, Elita (Blake) Naramore, Cassie (Nate) Curry, Andrea Fields, Gracie Fields, Jacob Brooks; 13 great-grandchildren; and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Shirley Wallace Clay, 79
Shirley Wallace Clay passed peacefully in her home on Wednesday, June 18th, 2025. She was born in Arab, Alabama, on March 3, 1946, to the late Rayburn C and Imogene Wallace. She was preceded in death by Husband Ronald Clay, the love of her life; Her son, John R Smathers; Her sisters; Deborah Carney, Vicky Stephens, Brother; Ray Wallace Survivors include her daughters; Melissa S. Smathers of Rome, Georgia and Kathryn Cohen (Jake) of Connecticut, Grandchildren; Tara Smathers (Brandon), Chloe Cohen, Aiden Cohen, and Brooke Cohen, Great Granddaughter; who she adored and helped name, Olivia Smathers and many friends and family. Romans 15:13: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may abound in hope." Shirley was an amazing example of this verse and many more from the word of God. Throughout the seasons of her life, she never wavered on her walk with Christ. She was an avid lover of gospel music, food, family, and friends. Shirley was quite the cook. The whole family would line up for her famous chocolate gravy and biscuits. She was an animal lover. Whether a kitten, raccoon, or frog, you would always find her rescuing/caring for all God's critters. Shirley adored her church and community dearly. Her gentle spirit, love, and light will be greatly missed. Celebration of life will be held on June 28th at 3 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church 30 County Road 1184, Cullman, AL 35057, as we honor her remarkable life. In lieu of flowers, we're requesting donations to the "One Strong" ministry at Temple Baptist Church.

Henry Odie Johnston, Jr., 92
It is with heavy hearts that Abbot Marcus Voss, O.S.B., and the Monks of St. Bernard Abbey announce the death of their confrere, The Venerable Brother Jude Henry Johnston, O.S.B., who went to God on 19 June 2025. Henry Odie Johnston, Jr., was born on 19 January 1933 in Florence, Alabama. The young Henry was reared by his parents in a Catholic home. His father, Dr. Johnston, practiced the art of dentistry. In a time of racism and segregation in the South, Henry was proud that his father would often work after supper to provide free dental care to African Americans, who had little other access to such care. While little is known of his arrival at St. Bernard, Henry attended St. Bernard Preparatory School, graduating in 1951. He then entered the novitiate in 1953 with the intent of becoming a lay brother and received the religious name Jude. Br. Jude made his first profession on 15 August 1954. Being that he had a strong devotion to the Blessed Mother and a lifelong fidelity to the rosary, it is fitting that his profession was made on the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady. In 1957, Br. Jude made simple perpetual vows. Despite the later possibility of taking solemn vows, Br. Jude chose to remain in simple vows. Br. Jude was gifted with his hands and had a passion for art, which seemed to flow naturally from him. His artistry first manifested itself through his work in the tailor shop as a young monk, where he expertly learned to make habits and vestments. Nonetheless, this work was short lived, as he was subsequently made Refectorian and dishwasher. It was during his breaks in this duty that he began to study ceramics and work in the "mud room" with our Fr. Timothy Harrison, himself a gifted artist. Realizing Br. Jude's skill in the art of ceramics and sculpting, Abbot Bede assigned him to apprentice under Herbert Jogerst, the German sculptor commissioned to carve the statues in our Abbey Church. It was during this apprenticeship that Br. Jude carved a bust of our Br. Joseph Zoettl, creator of the Ave Maria Grotto. Despite the fine quality of this bust, which can still be seen today in the Grotto Shop, Br. Jude referred to his work as "my first awkward attempt at portraiture." This self-critical condescension was something that followed Br. Jude for much of his life. Br. Jude studied at and had numerous degrees from Universities such as Notre Dame, Auburn, and Yale in the fields of sculpture, photography, engineering, architecture, and artistic design. Despite his exceptional artistic talent and skill as a teacher, including at Yale and Southern Benedictine College, Br. Jude struggled to come to terms with his life in the community and the utilization of his talents in the service of St. Bernard. Because of this inner conflict, he lived and worked outside the monastery for a time. And yet, it is clear from his correspondence during these difficult days, that despite his frustration and sense of uselessness, Br. Jude could not separate himself from the monastery. His love for St. Bernard was enduring and woven deep into the fabric of his identity – sometimes deeper than the eye could see. Eventually returning to the monastery, he continued to produce art and write proposals for projects and plans which he thought would better our campus and apostolates. In later years, he faithfully brought meals to the monks in the Infirmary. This quiet service to the sick members of the community was indicative of Br. Jude's attention to the poor and the least. Despite Br. Jude's somewhat complicated history in the community, old age softened his disposition considerably. His cynicism, which had come from years of frustration and sometimes fraught relationships with superiors, began to wash away. During the nearly four years he resided in the Monastic Infirmary, Br. Jude enjoyed regular visits from his confreres and integrated more deeply into the life of the community. The love and care which he received from his confreres and Infirmary personnel during those last years of his life was certainly a healing balm, both to Br. Jude and the community itself. Shortly before his death, Br. Jude remarked to one of the brethren, "the community has been so good to me." Having received the Anointing of the Sick, the Apostolic Pardon, and Holy Viaticum, Br. Jude died peacefully in the Monastic Infirmary in the early morning hours of 19 June 2025. He was surrounded by his confreres, who had been keeping vigil at his bedside. At the time of his death, Br. Jude was the senior monk of our house, both in age and profession, and the last lay brother at St. Bernard. Br. Jude's life, though not considered to be an easy one, is a testament to monastic stability. Despite struggles both internal and external, ultimately Br. Jude chose to remain a monk of St. Bernard Abbey. It was his perseverance in that choice which allowed so much healing and transformation in the latter years of his life. As one monk remarked, "Br. Jude died gracefully." But perhaps more importantly, his ongoing conversatio morum was due to the work of the Holy Spirit, who blows mysteriously where He wills. It is thus fitting that above the door to our Chapter Room hangs a wood-carved Dove of the Holy Spirit sculpted by Br. Jude, with the simple inscription: Veni Sancte Spiritus. Rt. Rev. Marcus J. Voss, O.S.B., and Community St. Bernard Abbey
Cullman, Alabama

Richard Lee Steele, 89
It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Richard Lee (Dick) Steele. Richard departed this life on June 15, 2025, at the age of 89. Richard was born Oct. 6, 1935, in Culver, Indiana, the second son of Paul and Leona (Stouder) Steele. Dick graduated from Culver High School in 1953 and attended Purdue University, earning an engineering degree in 1957. He married Doris Mae Truitt, of Spiceland, Indiana, as they graduated from Purdue. Doris passed away in 1998, and he later married Carol Apple Ammerman, a sorority sister of Doris' at Purdue. Dick and Carol were from the same Indiana county but did not meet until their days at Purdue. Dick was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Kenneth. Out of college, Richard worked for a division of International Harvester in Libertyville, Illinois. Dick had stops in Enid, Oklahoma and Rockford, Illinois before moving his family to Lebanon, Indiana in 1973 to join Webb Wheel, a division of Chicago-based Marmon Industries. Dick became president of Webb and in 1981 he was responsible for moving Webb Wheel to Cullman, Alabama to build a new corporate headquarters and manufacturing plant for truck and trailer parts. Webb's other plant was in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, but in time, they would build several other plant locations. Dick led Webb until his retirement in 1999. Richard built a home on Smith Lake in 1981, and the lake was his retreat. He enjoyed boating, fishing, hunting, gardening and golf. Dick spearheaded numerous Canadian fishing trips with his father, sons, close friends and on his last trip in 2009, several of his grandsons. Like all of the Steele men, Dick loved to catch and eat walleye! He is survived by Carol, his wife of 25 years. Richard and Doris had three children who all survive. Douglas (Karen), of Vincennes, Indiana; Denise (John Powell), of Stanley, New Mexico; and David (Patti), of Birmingham, Alabama, along with nine grandchildren John Powell, Clint Powell, Katie Gray, Kristen Farthing, Andrew Steele, Michael Steele, Thomas Steele, Kevin Steele, Caela Steele, and seventeen great grandchildren. He is also survived by Carol's four children Scott, New Zealand; Connie (Mitch), Anchorage, Alaska; Brett (Maria), Denver, Colorado; Curtt (Christina), Los Alamos, New Mexico, fourteen step grandchildren, and four step great grandchildren. Both Doug and David inherited Dick's love of Smith Lake, with Doug purchasing Dick and Carol's home in 2021, and David buying a lake house nearby. Richard's service will be on June 28 at First Presbyterian Church, 615 Third Avenue SE in Cullman, Alabama. Calling will begin at 2 p.m. and services begin at 3 p.m. Remembrances may be made to First Presbyterian Church in Cullman or to Southerncare New Beacon Hospice, 417 Main St. NE, Hanceville, AL 35077. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Ruth Ellan Duncan Thompson, 76
Ruth, beloved wife, mother grandmother and friend, passed away peacefully in Cullman, Alabama, surrounded by her loving family. Born on Dec. 14, 1948, Ruth made her home in Cold Springs where she built a life full of love, kindness and quiet strength. She was the cherished wife of Mark Thompson and together they raised a beautiful family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harlan and Connie Duncan, sister, Sara Jerlene Beasley and son Kenneth Jeffrey Thompson. She was survived by her husband of 58 years, Mark Thompson; son, Preston Mark (Amanda) Thompson; daughter, Tobi (Mark) Wilson; stepdaughter, Brenda (Paul) Miller; brothers, Kenneth (Ruth) Duncan, and Andy (Mary Ann) Duncan, and a multitude of grandchildren, family and friends. She cherished her family above all else, and nothing brought her more joy than spending time with them. Her home was always filled with love, laughter and the comfort of knowing we were loved and cared for. Ruth had a gentle spirit and a heart that welcomed all. Her smile could brighten any room, and her presence had a way of making everything feel better. Whether she was crocheting a new blanket, lost in a good book, or listening to her favorite Christian hymns. Ruth found joy in life's simple moments and shared the joy with others. To know her was to be bless by her warmth, her wisdom and her unwavering faith. She touched many lives and leaves behind a legacy of love that will never fade. Funeral Service for Ruth Ellan Duncan Thompson, age 76 of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; burial at Shady Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. All who loved Ruth are welcome to come celebrate her remarkable life. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Constance Lee Smith, 62
Constance Lee Smith, age 62, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on June 22, 2025. She was born in Tennessee on March 31, 1963, to Hilton and Nora Dean Tate. Constance will be remembered as a loving mother, "Coco," and friend to many. She is survived by her son Sy (Kyle Short) Shaver, daughter Astin Shaver (Schmook) Brains, granddaughter Charli Shaver Short, cousin LeAnn Powers, and her beloved cat "Meeka." She was preceded in death by her husband Keith Smith, brother Phillip Tate and parents Hilton and Nora Dean Tate.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Police Department, Cullman County Sheriff's Office and Cullman Fire Rescue shared final incident and medical numbers from Rock the South, which took place June 19-21.

Police Chief Joey Duncan said over all three days, 29 arrests were made and 62 people were ejected from the property.

"The Cullman Police Department extends its heartfelt gratitude to the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, Region 6 Law Enforcement agencies, Cullman Fire Rescue and all other first responders who provided invaluable support during the Rock The South event," Duncan said.

"Their professionalism, coordination and dedication were instrumental in ensuring the safety and success of this large scale event.

"We are proud to stand alongside such committed partners in public service."

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry said he wanted to share a huge thank you to everyone who came out and made Rock the South a success this year.

"We also want to recognize the tireless efforts of all the law enforcement and first responders who worked around the clock to ensure the safety of all attendees," Gentry said.

"I am proud of all the hard work and long hours our deputies at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office put in this weekend.

"Regardless of the challenges that events like this present, the citizens of Cullman County will always be our number one priority. I know their dedication does not go unnoticed — I ask that you join me and say thank you for keeping our community safe."

Cullman Fire Rescue Chief Darren Peeples shared the following medical incident totals:

- Day 1: 90 assisted; six sent to hospital
- Day 2: 175 heat-related cases; 51 treated; one sent to the hospital
- Day 3: 70 medical treatments; 74-heat related cases; four transports to the hospital

The CPD was also able to use its helicopter for aerial surveillance to monitor crowd movement and quickly identify potential issues, allowing for swift coordination of ground responses.

"Given the heavy traffic associated with Rock the South, the helicopter also plays a critical role in monitoring traffic flow and assisting with parking and ingress/egress management in collaboration with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office," Duncan said.

"A strong law enforcement presence at Rock the South is essential to ensure the safety and well-being of all attendees, staff and performers.

"With thousands of people gathered in one place, having a visible and coordinated police presence allows for effective crowd control, quick response to emergencies, traffic management and the prevention of criminal activity.

"The Cullman Police Department, in partnership with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and other agencies, works diligently to maintain a secure environment so that everyone can enjoy the event safely."



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