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Cullman City Schools gives update on community-driven strategic plan

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman City Schools is more than two years into a strategic plan created to position the school system for the future. The system recently released an update on its progress.

In 2023, the Cullman City Board of Education approved a five-year strategic plan "rooted in the voices of its community. Through seven dedicated stakeholder meetings, the board listened to the needs, hopes and aspirations of parents, employees, students, and community members — resulting in a bold, actionable roadmap known as the Pillars of Commitment," said a media release.

"Since 2021, the current board has guided the school system through a period of growth, innovation, and strategic investment. These six pillars — Student Support and Safety, Technology, Curriculum and Assessment, Employees, Finances and Resources, and Facilities — have defined the district's work and continue to drive meaningful outcomes for Cullman City Schools."

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Trees slated to be removed for drone installation



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Veterans Memorial Park at Sportsman Lake Park

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Plans are currently being made to remove several large trees at Sportsman Lake Park near Cullman Veterans Memorial Park. The Veterans Memorial Park Board requested the removal of the trees so the park could accommodate a new drone monument. Details about the project remain tentative. The matter has already gained local attention due to its potential environmental impact and park accessibility limits. It has been confirmed that the monument's placement is the reason for the tree removal, with room left for possible future expansions.

Although the exact number of trees slated for removal is not yet known, the project must first get through regulatory reviews, including those related to wildlife preservation, before removal can begin.

The park is protected under the Land and Water Conservation Fund program, requiring approval from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) before any trees can be cut down.

There is no definitive timeline for when tree removal might begin. Disruptions to park access are expected to be minimal; however, sections of the park directly surrounding the construction site may be temporarily closed during the construction period. Any closures are expected to be limited and short term.

The long-term landscaping plans for the area around the drone monument remain undetermined.

The initiative is a partnership between the Cullman County Commission and the Veterans Memorial Park Board, but design decisions are primarily made by the board. It is anticipated that the area will be developed in a manner consistent with the existing style of Veterans Memorial Park.

Public discussion regarding the project has already occurred during Cullman County Commission meetings. At its last meeting, the commission voted to move forward with the request to remove the trees, although further steps depend on obtaining the required environmental permits. Any future updates will be communicated to the public via the County's official social media outlets and Everbridge alerts once the project timeline becomes clearer.



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Smith Lake Park 4th of July festival this Friday



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Fireworks at Smith Lake Park » PAGE 6

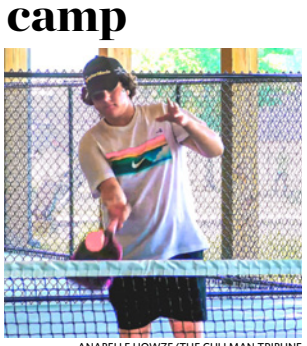
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CPRST holds pickleball camp



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Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism's youth pickleball camp ran June 23-26 at the pickleball courts at the Donald E. Green Active Adult Center. » PAGE 8



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 30

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 30, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

June 26
- theft of property; CR 490
- theft of property; Industrial Park Rd.

June 27
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 715
- theft of property; CR 1511
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; Hwy. 278E
- reckless endangerment; CR 222
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; Hwy. 278E
- criminal mischief; Main St. NW Hanceville

June 28
- harassing communications; CR 201
- assault; CR 1638
- domestic violence-menacing; CR 1386
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; CR 1728
- criminal mischief; CR 19
- domestic violence; Countryside Acres Rd.
- unlawful possession of controlled substance with intent to distribute; I65NB MM299

June 29
- possession of cocaine; possession of marijuana; Hwy. 278W
- domestic violence; CR 1169
- harassment; Main St. NW Hanceville
- harassing communications; criminal mischief; CR 747

ARRESTS

June 27-29

Blackstock, Katelyn S.; 29
- permitting dogs to run at large

Brasher, Ronald A.; 41
- PROBATION VIOLATION – illegal possession/use of a credit/debit card
- PROBATION VIOLATION – unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Campbell, Terry D.; 61
- FTA – assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- resisting arrest

Christian, Kyle B.; 40
- assault-aggravated assault family-strong arm

Clay, Cody L.; 36
- criminal trespass

Daneau, Phillip A.; 36
- public intoxication

Davidson, Erin M.; 37
- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Davis, Mason L.; 20
- possession of methamphetamine

Elliott, Jordan E.; 33
- public intoxication

Ford, Marcus A.; 42
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – family offense-NS non-support-child

Hawkins, Jr., Jerry E.; 45
- unauthorized use of auto-no force (joyriding)

Jackson, Joshua B.; 43
- possession of methamphetamine

Jacobs, Alexis P.; 23
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Jones, Johnathan C.; 41
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – retail theft-3rd degree

Kurry, Daniel M.; 40
- possession of cocaine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- DUI (combined substance)

Linn, Rachel A.; 41
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of drug paraphernalia
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of dangerous drugs

Parker, Kenneth W.; 52
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Ramos, Jose A.; 60
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Talley, Tina M.; 62
- theft-miscellaneous

Tanner, Rebecca L.; 56
- FTA – assault-child abuse-simple-non-family
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Thomas, Dillon B.; 32
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Woljevach, Robin M.; 59
- assault-domestic-menacing-gun

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

June 23
- retail theft of property-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $980; Olive St. SW

June 24
- harassment; person

June 27
- theft of property-4th degree; criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $18; Olive St. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; harassment; person; Bailey Ct. NE
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; damage to '25 Nissan Frontier; $2,000; 2nd Ave. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $89; Olive St. SW

June 28
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $149; Hwy. 157
- menacing; person; 2nd Ave. SW
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; theft of property-3rd degree; person; purse & contents; Logan St.
- domestic violence-3rd degree – criminal mischief; person; 2nd Ave. NE

June 29
- domestic violence-2nd degree; person; Cleveland Ave. NW
- domestic violence-2nd degree; person; Ann St. NW
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; miscellaneous; Lee Ave. SW
- leaving the scene of accident; person; damage to '22 GMC Yukon; $300; 2nd Ave. NW / Hwy. 157

ARRESTS

June 27-29

Brasher, Ronald A.; 41
- FTA – DUI
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Petrimoulx, Daisy; 28
- theft of property-4th degree

Linn, Rachel A.; 41
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)

McAnally, Patricia A.; 46
- theft of property-4th degree

Davis, Dalton B.; 26
- GJ – theft by fraudulent lending

Davidson, Erin M.; 37
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Jones, Johnathan C.; 41
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Tanner, Rebecca L.; 56
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA – driving without license (2 counts)
- FTA – fail to register vehicle
- FTA – insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA – fail to signal

Neely, Robin M.; 62
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – driving while suspended (2 counts)
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – switched tag

Hutson, David G.; 52
- DUI

Goodnight, Clayton J.; 36
- domestic violence-3rd degree – criminal mischief

Peralta, Francisco S.; 29
- domestic violence-3rd degree
- resisting arrest

Webb, Natasha N.; 54
- 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.

Summer safety tips for pets

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Animal Shelter offered many tips for keeping your furry friends healthy at home this summer, with safety in mind.

Shelter Manager Andrea Hudson said it's important as a shelter to offer safety tips during summer months to strive for common goals in the community to keep pets safe.

"The 4th of July is the busiest time for animal shelters across the United States due to an increase in stray animals," she said.

"If we can minimize the intakes to keep those babies home safe and stress free, we want to absolutely do that. We care about our community."

Hudson said summer brings on multiple problems for animals, especially due to heat.

"An increased call volume for welfare checks happens during the summer due to lack of proper shelter for summer months and water," Hudson said.

"The animal control officers are great about staying on top of those checks."

Fireworks and heat safety tips for pet owners:

- Microchip and ID your pets
- Bring your pets inside while fireworks are being used
- Give your pets a safe and secure place
- Allow your pets to exercise early in the day

The ASPCA recommends the following (www.aspca.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/hot-weather-safety-tips):

- Visit the vet for an early-summer checkup
- Keep all unscreened windows or doors in your home closed
- Give pets plenty of fresh, clean water
- Feel free to trim longer hair on your dog, but never shave your dog
- Know the symptoms of overheating in pets
- Don't let dogs linger on hot asphalt
- Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle
- Use caution when using herbicides and insecticides
- Know that animals with flat faces, like Pugs and Persian cats, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively
- Be mindful of what you are planting in your garden.
- Do not leave pets unsupervised around a pool
- Remember that food and drink can pose one of the biggest threats to pets
- Never use fireworks around pets

The public is encouraged to visit the Cullman County Animal Shelter anytime Monday- Friday, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. to see animals available for adoption. The shelter is located at 935 Convent Road in Cullman. It can through its Facebook page, at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

Vote (from Front)

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Cullman deserves more than familiar names and empty chairs.

In a time when every vote carries weight, too many are still cast based on little more than a last name, a family friend's recommendation or a yard sign seen on the drive to work. That might have sufficed decades ago. It no longer does.

We owe it to ourselves — and to our communities — to demand better.

Local elections shape our roads, our taxes, our children's schools and the integrity of those we elect to serve. Yet far too often, voters walk into the polling place guided by hearsay or habit. That's not civic duty. That's autopilot.

It's not enough to know the name. You need to know the person. What do they stand for? What have they done? How do they respond when pressed — not when rehearsed?

That's why forums and debates are not interchangeable. Voters deserve to see candidates tested — not catered to.

Let's be clear: showing up to a debate, where questions are unscripted and answers must be given in real time, is far more important than attending a forum where candidates are handed the questions beforehand. A debate reveals who can think critically, who truly knows their district and who will lead with substance instead of slogans.

To the voters: do your homework. Watch them speak live. Ask questions. Challenge assumptions. If you wouldn't hire someone based on a résumé alone, don't vote that way.

To the candidates: if you won't show up to a public debate and stand beside your opponent to make your case, what message are you sending to the people you want to represent? You want the title — earn the trust.

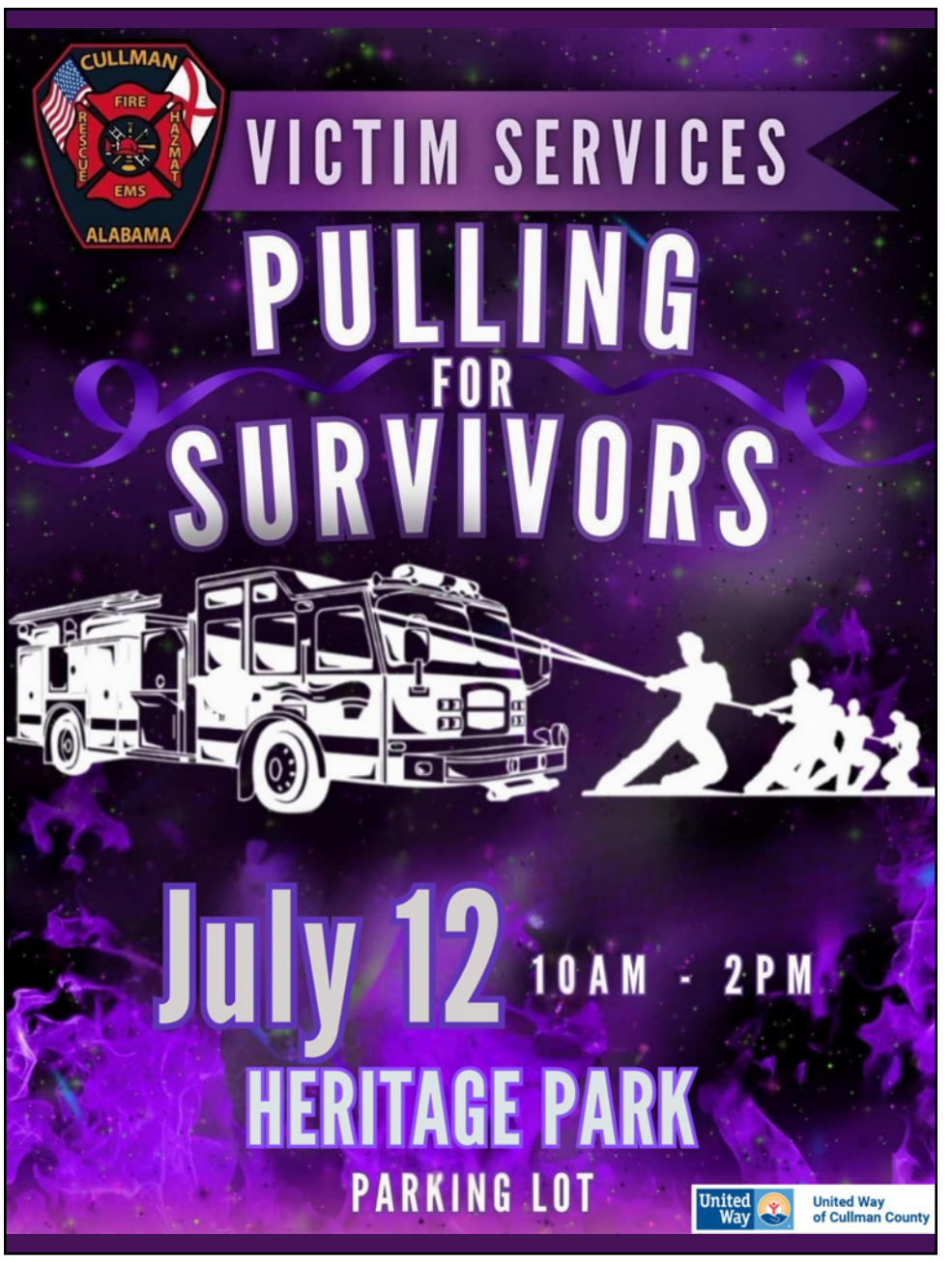
Cullman deserves leaders who are not afraid of scrutiny. We deserve candidates who believe the public is smart enough to hear both sides and make an informed choice. Dodging debates while posing for campaign photos is not leadership. It's performance art at its worst.

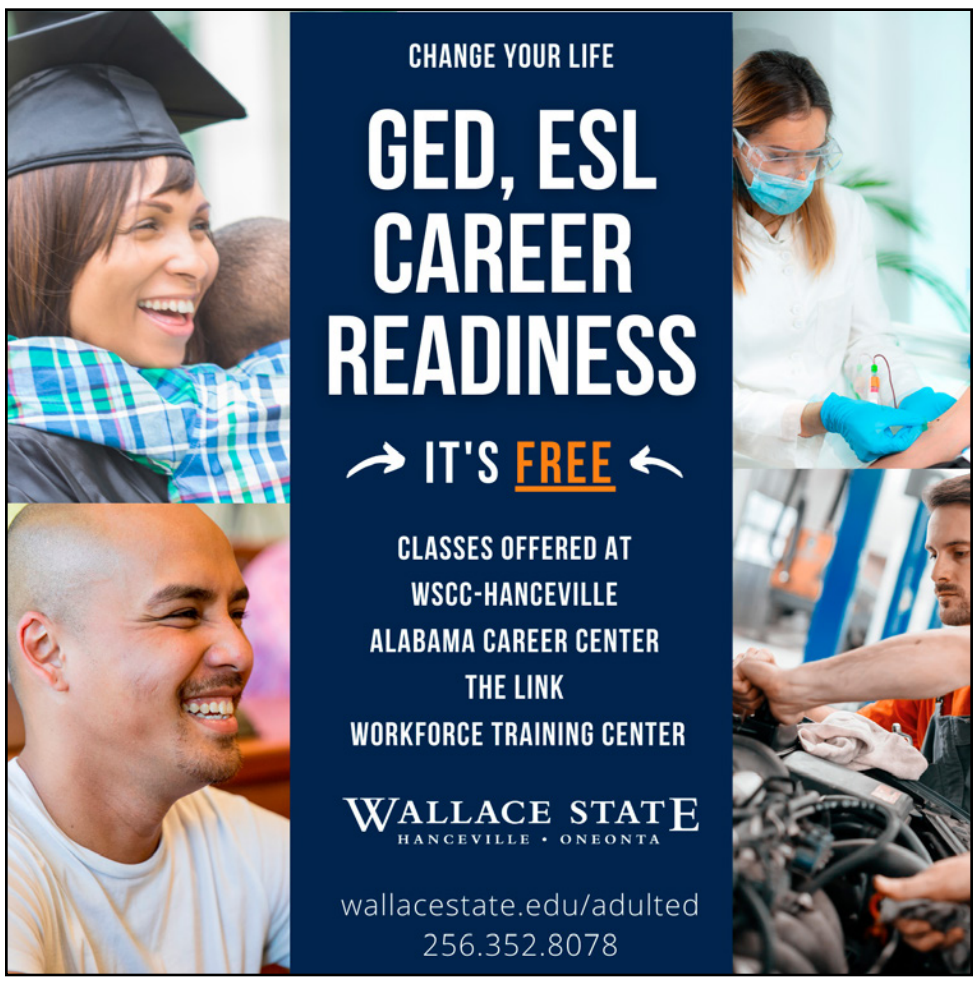
If a candidate won't face the public when asking for your vote, don't expect he or she to face the tough issues after they get it.

Informed voters make strong communities. It's time we all start voting like Cullman's future depends on it — because it does.

Noah Galilee
Publisher, The Cullman Tribune

We now have freestone peaches!
Steele Orchard
Mon - Sat: 9-5
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Cullman, AL 35057
256-734-5249







COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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 on Sundays at 2 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, July 2 – 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, July 4 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Saturday, July 5 – 8 a.m. Men's breakfast; 11 Foundry Farm outreach
• Sunday, July 6 – 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11. Prayer service at 2 p.m.

Shirley Burden Public Library – Hanceville: Events
• Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
• 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."

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.

Annual Reunion of the David Speegle Family
Sunday, July 13, at Speegle Family Point (334 County Road 321, Crane Hill, AL 35053) beginning around 10:30 a.m. Please join us and bring a covered dish for lunch at noon. Contact Judy Shannon (256-338-0676) or Terry Phillips (256-656-3327) if you need additional information. Come eat and enjoy the day with us at the beautiful Speegle Family Point.

Cullman Chapter of The National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting
Monday, July 14, at the Golden Corral Restaurant. Dutch lunch begins after 11 a.m. and meeting is at noon. Our guest speaker will be Kenneth Cornelius, director of Cullman County Parks and Recreation. Members, as well as nonmembers and guests, are welcome to attend.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Events
Summer revival will be the third week in July beginning with a singing Sunday, July 20, at 5 p.m. We will have The Williamsons from Wetumka, Oklahoma as our guest. Services will run day and night, Monday-Friday, July 21-25. Morning services will begin at 10:30 and evening services at 7 with Brother Dustin Smith as the evangelist. Lunch will be served each day after the morning service and we will have a prayer room at 6:45 before each evening service. All are invited. If you can't come, please pray for us. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 East approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-339-1862 or 256-590-1501.

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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Cullman Swim Team defeats Boaz 506-199

Emily Price
Cullman Swim Team

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Swim Team was back home to host a meet against Boaz last Tuesday and they put together a dominant, 506-199 win over the Barracudas.

Head Coach: Charis Peek

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

RESULTS

Girls 6 & Under
- 25 Free - 1. Ellie Grace Thigpen (25.86); 3. Emy Berryhill (37.85)
- 25 Back - 2. Emy Berryhill (43.46); 3. Hollis Bentley (48.43)

6 & Under Girls Relay
- 100 Free Relay - 1. Emy Berryhill, Addie Thigpen, Hollis Bentley, Ellie Grace Thigpen (2:51.26)

Boys 6 & Under
- 25 Free - 1. John Branscomb (27.78); 2. Mason Heim (32.66); 3. Titus Wood (35.93)
- 25 Back - 1. Jack Berryhill (26.86); 2. John Branscomb (29.03); 3. Titus Wood (39.24)

6 & Under Boys Relay
- 100 Free Relay - 1. Mason Heim, John Branscomb, Titus Wood, Jack Berryhill (2:03.62); 2. Thomas Berg, Tyler Borden, Oliver Smith, Thiago Cortes (2:43.83)

Girls 8 & Under
- 100 IM - 1. Amberly Pate (1:41.94); 2. Everly Berryhill (1:50.53)
- 25 Free - 1. Emri Lackey (20.05)
- 25 Breast - 1. Malia Swidecki (25.65); 2. Brooklyn Pate (26.49)
- 25 Back - 1. Amberly Pate (21.43)
- 25 Fly - 1. Emri Lackey (20.70); 3. Brooklyn Pate (21.74)
- 50 Free - 1. Emri Lackey (40.51); 2. Brooklyn Pate (42.35); 3. Everly Berryhill (43.21)

8 & Under Girls Relays
- 100 Medley Relay - 1. Brooklyn Pate, Emri Lackey, Everly Berryhill, Amberly Pate (1:18.86); 2. Audrey Smith, Malia Swidecki, Audrey Caffey, Mary Doss Amuso (1:30.58)
- 100 Free Relay - 1. Emri Lackey, CJ Curry, Owen Boaz, Amberly Pate (1:20.75); 2. Everly Berryhill, Bransyn Tucker, Damian Torres Diaz, Brooklyn Pate (1:26.00)

Boys 8 & Under
- 100 IM - 1. CJ Curry (1:40.64)
- 25 Free - 1. CJ Curry (19.14); 2. Owen Boaz (22.65); 3. Bransyn Tucker (25.88)
- 25 Back - 1. Damian Torres Diaz (27.58); 2. Bransyn Tucker (30.79); 3. James Berg (44.80)
- 25 Fly - 2. Jack Berryhill (27.57); 3. Bransyn Tucker (28.09)
- 50 Free - 1. CJ Curry (43.85); 2. Jack Berryhill (56.59); 3. Tyler Borden (1:24.41)

8 & Under Boys Relays
- 100 Free Relay - 1. Owen Boaz, Damian Torres Diaz, Bransyn Tucker, CJ Curry (1:33.97)

Girls 9-10
- 100 IM - 1. Lauren Hughes (1:12.89); 2. Hannah Thigpen (1:28.81); 3. Emma Grace Tidwell (1:34.76)
- 50 Free - 1. Paisley Caldwell (32.89); 2. Clara Peek (36.93); 3. Emma Grace Tidwell (38.49)
- 50 Breast - 1. Lauren Hughes (35.58); 2. Hannah Thigpen (46.95); 3. Jesslyn Davis (49.90)
- 50 Back - 1. Clara Peek (41.93); 2. Jesslyn Davis (44.07)
- 50 Fly - 1. Paisley Caldwell (38.73); 2. Emma Grace Tidwell (44.96)
- 100 Free - 1. Lauren Hughes (1:06.77); 2. Paisley Caldwell (1:16.12); 3. Clara Peek (1:24.03)

9-10 Girls Relays
- 200 Medley Relay - 1. Clara Peek, Lauren Hughes, Hannah Thigpen, Paisley Caldwell (2:33.86); 2. Emma Grace Tidwell, Linley Bagwell, Jesslyn Davis, NoraBelle Miller (3:08.86)
- 200 Free Relay - 1. Paisley Caldwell, Clara Peek, Hannah Thigpen, Lauren Hughes (2:19.63); 2. Jesslyn Davis, NoraBelle Miller, Linley Bagwell, Emma Grace Tidwell (2:47.84)

Boys 9-10
- 100 IM - 1. Abram Lackey (1:14.49); 3. Ezra Basch (1:36.11)
- 50 Free - 2. Guy Caffey V (31.59); 3. Will Amuso (40.90)
- 50 Breast - 1. Abram Lackey (40.22); 2. Guy Caffey V (41.80); 3. James Hilb (50.27)
- 50 Back - 2. Ezra Basch (42.49); 3. Rhodes Bentley (45.19)
- 50 Fly - 1. Abram Lackey (34.22); 3. Will Amuso (49.34)
- 100 Free - 1. Guy Caffey V (1:10.96)



EMILY PRICE/CULLMAN SWIM TEAM

The Cullman Swim Team dominated its meet against Boaz 506-199 on Tuesday, June 24.

9-10 Boys Relays
- 200 Medley Relay - 1. Ezra Basch, Guy Caffey V, Abram Lackey, James Hilb (2:41.08)
- 200 Free Relay - 2. Guy Caffey V, Ezra Basch, James Hilb, Abram Lackey (2:22.20); 3. Collin Hodges, Lincoln LaRue, Stephen Hagewood, Will Amuso (3:11.53)

Girls 11-12
- 100 IM - 1. Georgia Dowdy (1:13.45); 2. Catherine Hughes (1:20.42); 3. Gemma Swidecki (1:24.94)
- 50 Free - 1. Georgia Dowdy (29.63)
- 50 Breast - 1. Catherine Hughes (37.89); 3. Faith Peek (45.68)
- 50 Back - 1. Kyleigh Huffman (39.44); 2. Oakley Tuner (41.78)
- 50 Fly - 1. Georgia Dowdy (33.04); 3. Ellie Forester (37.55)
- 100 Free - 1. Catherine Hughes (1:13.56); 2. Ellie Forester (1:16.44)

11-12 Girls Relays
- 200 Medley Relay - 1. Catherine Hughes, Gemma Swidecki, Georgia Dowdy, Faith Peek (2:28.20)
- 200 Free Relay - 1. Catherine Hughes, Faith Peek, Ellie Forester, Georgia Dowdy (2:09.03); 3. Oakley Turner, Kyleigh Huffman, Lili Garcia, Gemma Swidecki (2:28.02)

Boys 11-12
- 100 IM - 2. Jaxon Curry (1:21.05); 3. Nolan Ferrara (1:30.48)
- 50 Free - 1. Luke Forester (34.34); Case McAlpin (36.65); 3. Nolan Ferrara (38.53)
- 50 Breast - 2. Jaxon Curry (42.66); 3. Luke Forester (46.06)
- 50 Back - 1. Griffin Berryhill (32.99); 2. Jaxon Curry (36.74)
- 50 Fly - 1. Griffin Berryhill (33.06)
- 100 Freestyle - 2. Griffin Berryhill (1:06.28); 3. Luke Forester (1:16.29)

11-12 Boys Relays
- 200 Medley Relay - 1. Luke Forester, Nolan Ferrara, Griffin Berryhill, Jaxon Curry (2:28.11)
- 200 Free Relay - 1. Jaxon Curry, Luke Forester, Cade McAlpin, Griffin Berryhill (2:15.36)

Girls 13-14
- 100 IM - 2. Edie Hudson (1:09.85); 2. Elizabeth Hughes (1:19.92)
- 50 Free - 2. Ashton Gray (30.03); 3. Preslie Basch (33.18)
- 50 Breast - 1. Edie Hudson (34.01); 2. *tie Elizabeth Hughes (38.61)
- 50 Back - 2. Elizabeth Hughes (36.08)
- 50 Fly - 2. Reese Swidecki (32.57); 3. Ashton Gray (34.98)
- 100 Free - 1. Edie Hudson (1:05.85); 3. Reese Swidecki (1:09.13)

13-14 Girls Relays
- 200 Medley Relay - 1. Elizabeth Hughes, Edie Hudson, Reese Swidecki, Preslie Basch (2:16.81)
- 200 Free Relay - 1. Reese Swidecki, Ashton Gray, Elizabeth Hughes, Edie Hudson (2:00.89)

Boys 13-14
- 100 IM - 2. Karson Corliss (1:11.24); 3. Tate Tysinger (1:14.01)
- 50 Free - 2. Karson Corliss (26.83); 3. Griffin Cole (29.99)
- 50 Breast - 1. Briar Lackey (33.85); 2. Tate Tysinger (36.73); 3. Tytus Stracener (46.93)
- 50 Back - 1. Emmet Tucker (36.03)
- 50 Fly - 1. Karson Corliss (28.74); 3. Briar Lackey (29.75)
- 100 Free - 1. Briar Lackey (58.72); 2. Griffin Cole (1:05.77)

13-14 Boys Relays
- 200 Medley Relay - 1. Griffin Cole, Briar Lackey, Karson Corliss, Tate Tysinger (2:05.12)
- 200 Free Relay - 1. Karson Corliss, Tate Tysinger, Emmet Tucker, Briar Lackey (1:51.16)

Girls 15-18
- 100 IM - 1. Mika Lucky (1:06.05); 2. Morgan Fuller (1:11.50)
- 50 Free - 1. Madeline Dowdy (27.59); 2. Sofi Velez (28.80); 3. Morgan Fuller (29.47)
- 50 Breast - 1. Mika Lackey (34.13); 2. Sofi Velez (36.10)
- 50 Back - 1. Mika Lackey (30.63); 2. Sofi Velez (33.49)
- 50 Fly - 1. Madeline Dowdy (30.35); 2. Morgan Fuller (31.25)
- 100 Free - 1. Madeline Dowdy (1:00.77)

15-18 Girls Relays
- 200 Medley Relay - 1. Morgan Fuller, Mika Lackey, Sofi Velez, Madeline Dowdy (2:05.40)
- 200 Free Relay - 1. Mika Lackey, Morgan Fuller, Sofi Velez, Madeline Dowdy (1:50.33)

Boys 15-18
- 100 IM - 3. Camp Smith (1:07.27)
- 50 Free - 1. Grayson Randall (23.62)
- 50 Breast - 1. Grayson Randall (29.77)
- 50 Back - 2. Gunner Stracener (29.59)
- 50 Fly - 3. Camp Smith (26.07)
- 100 Free - 2. Grayson Randall (52.89)

15-18 Boys Relays
- 200 Medley Relay - 2.Gunner Stracener, Grayson Randall, Camp Smith, Hilson Cole (1:53.48)
- 200 Free Relay - 2. Hison Cole, Camp Smith, Rhett Tysinger, Grayson Randall (1:43.11)

Auburn's Johni Broome drafted by Philadelphia 76ers

Marlene Navor
AU Athletics

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — Auburn's Johni Broome, a unanimous first team All-American and the SEC Player of the Year, was selected by the Philadelphia 76ers with the fifth pick of the second round of the 2025 NBA Draft Thursday. The 35th overall pick of the two-day draft, Broome became the first Auburn player drafted by Philadelphia since Hall of Famer Charles Barkley was selected fifth overall in the 1984 draft.

"I'm a winner. I get things done offensively and defensively," Broome said on the ESPN broadcast. "The 76ers got a good one."

Broome becomes the seventh draft pick in the last seven years for head coach Bruce Pearl, joining Chuma Okeke (2019, No. 16 overall to Orlando), Isaac Okoro (2020, No. 5 overall to Cleveland), Sharife Cooper (2021, No. 48 overall to Atlanta), J.T. Thor (2021, No. 37 overall to Charlotte), Walker Kessler (2022, No. 22 overall to Utah) and Jabari Walker (2022, No. 3 overall to Houston). He is the 36th player in program history to have his name called in the draft.

"Johni could have been the steal of the second round. At every level, he has exceeded expectations," Auburn head coach Bruce Pearl said.

"He wasn't supposed to be good enough to play at a high major and was the SEC Player of the Year and second for national player of the year. He's an elite competitor, coachable and as Charles Barkley said, he might be the best player in Auburn history based on what he accomplished for the program and university. Philadelphia made a great decision in drafting Johni."

The two-time senior All-American from Plant City, Fla., was honored as the SEC Player of the Year, joining Charles Barkley (1984) and Chris Porter (1999) as the only Tigers to earn this award from The Associated Press. Broome is the only player in NCAA Division I men's basketball history to record 2,500 points, 1,500 rebounds and 400 blocks in his career.

"He started his career at Morehead State where he was Player of the Year in his league when he transferred and went to Auburn. Bruce Pearl said, 'We'll see if these numbers translate to the SEC,' and it did," ESPN analyst Jay Bilas said on the ESPN broadcast.

"He was dominant in the Southeastern Conference. In fact, he was the Player of the Year and led Auburn to the Final Four last season.

"He shoots 66 percent at the rim, he's excellent on post-ups, and he's fantastic on the offensive glass – just under four offensive rebounds a game.

"He might not be an above-the-rim big guy, but he carves out space and he gets things done. He's a really productive player that has been overlooked before and has come through."

A Naismith Trophy award finalist, Broome led the Tigers in scoring (18.6 per game), rebounds (10.8 per game) and was second in assists (2.8 per game). The South Regional MVP averaged 17.3 points on 50.0 percent shooting and 13.3 rebounds, including two double-doubles in Auburn's four wins.

His five career double-doubles in the NCAA Tournament are tied with Kentucky's Dan Issell, Shaquille O'Neal of LSU and Auburn's Jeff Moore for the most in SEC history.

Broome and former No. 1 overall pick Hakeem Olajuwon in 1984 are the only players to score at least 25 points on 75 percent shooting and grab at least 10 rebounds in the Elite Eight in the last 50 seasons.



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Auburn's Johni Broome (4).

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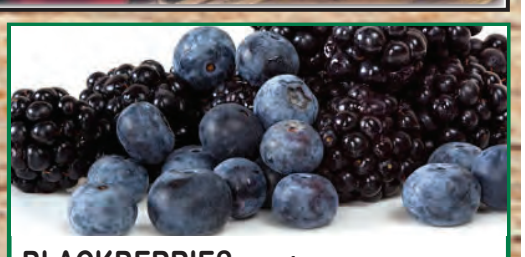
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‘The World Needs the Wonder You See’

The Awakening Wonder Homeschool group met on Thursday, June 26, at Randall Shedd Community Park’s Veterans Pavilion in Fairview for a book reading event. Stephanie Sprouse and her daughter, Samantha, work at Branch Bookstore in Cullman and hosted the book reading and outdoor activity. The group read “The World Needs the Wonder You See” by Joanna Gaines and completed nature canvas paintings. Those interesting in participating in future events should email Suzy_chapman@yahoo.com.

Photos courtesy Lauren Estes/The Cullman Tribune, Stephanie Sprouse





Summer Garden Club

The Summer Garden Club enjoyed a second meeting with greatly improved weather at the East Elementary Outdoor Classroom on Tuesday, June 24, 2025. The children watered the flowers, corn and strawberry plants. They also planted new seeds. They learned about the wind indicator, which tells the wind’s direction and speed, and pollinators that help the plants. Meetings for the Summer Garden Club are held every Tuesday until July 29 for grades 3-5 at 8 a.m.

Photos courtesy Camille Gibbs/The Cullman Tribune





Vinemont (from Front)

Gauge Day
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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Town of South Vinemont and Vinemont Baptist Church will host the fourth annual 4th of July Celebration on Sunday, July 6, at the Vinemont Sports Complex. Gates open at 7 p.m. with the fireworks show scheduled to begin at 9. The event is free for all attendees.

“Four years in, our event stands as a testament to progress,” shared Kayecea Sasser, clerk for the Town of South Vinemont. “Each iteration has not only expanded our horizons but has also deepened our commitment to our community. We have made adjustments each year even with our budget and timing. We hope that each year we grow and can offer more things in the future.”

This year’s event will include free hot dogs, chips and drinks provided by the Town, as well as shaved ice available for purchase from Fro’z Shaved Ice. Additionally, there will be an outdoor play zone featuring giant yard games, such as Connect Four and Toss Across as well as other activities for kids to enjoy.

The fireworks display, organized by Vinemont Baptist Church, will serve as the main attraction of the evening. The church also contributes fresh produce from its community garden, which will be given away for free during the event.

“We are very thankful for a local church to be so involved in the community,” Sasser added.

When asked why families should consider attending, Sasser said, “This event is free (except for the shaved ice) and it also offers a great way for loved ones to gather this Independence Day and witness the magic of community, as we celebrate not just our nation’s freedom, but the joy of togetherness that defines us — Vinemont.”

For more details or updates, follow the Town of South Vinemont’s Facebook page. The Vinemont Sports Complex is located at 266 Park Drive, Cullman, AL 35058.



Smith Lake (from Front)

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Parks and Recreation will host the Smith Lake Park 4th of July Festival on Friday, July 4, from 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Cullman County Parks and Recreation Director Kenneth Cornelius said this is a cash-only event to enter and is $5 per person or $20 per vehicle.

"The Smith Lake Park Fireworks Festival has been a family tradition for generations of Cullman County residents and others all over north Alabama," Cornelius said. "The festival brings 10,000-plus to enjoy one of Cullman County best assets – Smith Lake Park."

He said the event has many things to offer, from swimming to camping to listening to a great lineup of bands to shopping with local vendors – and, of course, fireworks.

"Anytime you can bring people from all over north Alabama to come together and enjoy the outdoors and one of the biggest fireworks shows in Alabama right here at home in Cullman County," Cornelius said. "It takes all of our great park staff working hard to make the festival events come together for weeks before and after. The Cullman County Commission has really made a great investment into Smith Lake Park with festivals like this; our two new cabins on the lake and our new bathroom that was just completed."

Cornelius also expressed gratitude to the Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

"They make us all feel safe while they work hard hours in the heat doing a great job getting everyone into and out of the park safe," he said. "Thanks to everyone for supporting Cullman County Parks. With our citizens' help and support, we can make Cullman County Parks better each day. When you come to the park, please be patient and have a great time and enjoy celebrating the 4th of July with us."

Live music starts at noon with Michael Warren followed by Daniel Bowden at 2:30 p.m., Crooked Creek at 4:30 and Brooke Lee at 7. The fireworks show will begin at 9.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/SmithLakePark.

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VBS (from Front)

Gauge Day
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CULLMAN, Ala. — June has come and gone. Are you still looking for a Vacation Bible School (VBS) for your kids to participate in this summer? Look no further! The Cullman Tribune has you covered. Below you will find a list of VBS dates from churches all over Cullman and surrounding areas for the month of July. The list is sorted by date for ease of use. If your church is not listed and you would like for it to be, contact The Cullman Tribune via Facebook or email and we will get it added for future updates.

Additionally, a list has been provided by the West Cullman Baptist Association and can be found at the end.

Center Hill Baptist Church
- When: July 6-10, from 6-8:30 p.m.
- Where: 13108 County Road 747 Hanceville, AL 35077
- Theme: Narnia

Smith Lake Baptist Church
- When: July 7-11, from 9 a.m.–noon
- Where: 18585 County Road 222, Crane Hill, AL
- Theme: Wonder Junction – Marvel at Jesus, Live for His Glory

First Baptist Church of Fairview
- When: July 7-11, from 6-9 p.m.
- Where: 1022 Welcome Road Cullman, AL 35058
- Theme: Magnified! Discovering the Bigness of God in the Smallest of Things

Renovation Church
- When: Friday, July 11, from 5:30-8 p.m. – Saturday, July 12, from 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Where: 14142 Alabama Highway 157, Vinemont, AL 35179
- Theme: G.L.O.W. – Go Light Our World
- Info: Ages 4-12

Simcoe Baptist Church
- When: July 13-16, from 6-8:30 p.m.
- Where: 4545 Alabama Highway 69, Cullman, AL 35058
- Theme: Magnified! Discovering the Bigness of God in the Smallest of Things

First United Methodist Church Cullman
- When: July 15-18, starting at 5 p.m. daily
- Where: 320 Third St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
- Theme: True North

Ryans Creek Baptist Church
- When: July 16-18, from 5:30–8:30 p.m.

Where: 24849 County Road 222, Bremen, AL 35033
- Theme: Magnified! Discovering the Bigness of God in the Smallest of Things

West Cullman Baptist Association listing
- Mt. Pleasant - July 7-10, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Smith Lake - July 7-11, 9 a.m.-noon
- Ryans Creek - July 16-18, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Corinth West - July 26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (9:30 a.m. registration)
- Sardis - July 21-25
- Sulphur Springs - July 12

LEGALS

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
K.J.D., * **CASE NO.: JU 23-640.02**
a minor, DOB: 10-04-2023 *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

The unknown father of the above child born to Savannah Brooke Haney Armstrong on October 4, 2023, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources by the 5th day of August, 2025, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 20 day of June 2025.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
P. O. Box 990
1220 St. Joseph Street NW
Cullman, AL 35056

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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

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Cullman, AL 35055
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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
Co-Alternate Executors of the Estate

Betsy M. Harrison
Attorney for Petitioners
PO Box 339
Double Springs, Alabama 35553

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.

STEVEN C. SMITH,
SPECIAL JUDGE OF PROBATE,
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
RAYMOND DONALD MILLWOOD, * CASE NO.: PC2024-422
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to Cynthia Renea Standridge & Kimberly M. Akers as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Raymond Donald Millwood, deceased, on the 30th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, 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.

Cynthia Renea Standridge & Kimberly M. Akers
Personal Representative(s)

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Petitioner
PALMER LAW FIRM, LLC
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055
Telephone: (256) 246-9600

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, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

INSOLVENT TAX NOTICE

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Under and by virtue of the requirements of Title 40-5-23 of the Code of Alabama 1975 requiring Tax Collectors to publish twice during the month of July a list of unpaid taxes turned in as "insolvent" and allowed by the County Board of Commissioners as a credit of Final Settlement for the 2024 taxes:

INSOLVENTS

Name	Tax
Alpha Nutrition	$ 76.42
Blessed Burgers, LLC	$ 93.09
PC Quality Team – Cullman Primary Care PC	$ 42.87
Cullman Primary Care PC	$ 265.43
Cullman Primary Care PC	$3,272.21
Cullman Primary Care PC – Lab	$ 640.67
Cullman Primary Care PC – Neurology	$ 754.37
Gaige B X Hair Studio	$ 132.83
Heart in Home Senior Care	$ 132.14
Let's Play Playground	$1,500.06
Jan's Fitness Club, LLC	$ 668.27
Marcela's Salon	$ 87.46
Redline Leather Workz	$ 64.34
Key King Mobile Locksmith	$ 74.31
Star2Star Communications, LLC	$ 10.41
Thompson Accountants CPA, PC	$ 44.32
Timeless Formals	$ 52.66

Barry Willingham
Revenue Commissioner
Cullman County

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.

PUBLICATION DATES: June 17, June 24, and July 1, 2025
NEWSPAPER: The Cullman Tribune

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Plan (from Front)

tegic plan, we made a commitment to our stakeholders that it wouldn't sit on a shelf," Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said. "Today, I can say with confidence: commitments made have become commitments delivered. I thank our Board of Education, our principals and all department leaders for keeping our focus on what matters most — student success and community trust."

Below is the update, provided by the school system.

Student Support and Safety

Concerning Student Support and Safety initiatives, Cullman City Schools has seen chronic absenteeism reduced from 14.51% in 2018 to 8.33% in 2024.

More than $200,000 has been invested annually in School Resource Officers across all five campuses, in addition to $764,000 invested in campus security upgrades, including cameras and door access systems. All campuses and the central office are now equipped with electronic door access control. Cullman City Primary School was honored as a 2024 recipient of the Alabama Attorney General's Safe Schools Award.

Technology

Staying on the cutting-edge of technology has been a longtime priority at Cullman City Schools, and those initiatives have only grown as part of the ongoing strategic plan. The system continues to see ongoing support of the 1:1 student-to-device ratio with a three-year Chromebook refresh cycle ($335,000 per cycle), along with sustained access to reliable and modern technology in all classrooms.

Curriculum and Assessment

Initiatives driving Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) remain a key focus, and school leaders have implemented a districtwide STEM pipeline (K–12) through Exploratory, Exposure, and Application phases. Career Technical Education (CTE) has also expanded to include Cybersecurity, Computer Science, Engineering, Health Sciences, Animal Science, Marketing and Educators in Training.

The district has also seen myriad gains in student achievement, earning all A's on the Alabama State Report Card for two consecutive years, with exemplary 2024 Scores at West Elementary (96), CCPS (96), East Elementary (99) and systemwide (95). The ACT Composite Score also climbed to 20 in 2024, rebounding from a 2022 dip. Student achievement in AP programs also increased, with the% of AP students scoring 3+ increasing from 52.32% in 2021 to 79.65% in 2024. Students taking advantage of dual-enrollment also increased from 346 in 2022 to 401 in 2025.

Cullman City Schools was also named a 2022 Alabama Science of Reading Spotlight School System, while East Elementary was honored as a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School.

Employees

In the area of supporting employees, the district has used recent years to implement a competitive 2022 compensation package, while also growing the amount of National Board Certified Teachers working in the system. The system has also enhanced onboarding and mentoring programs launched in 2023, and promoted leaders from within, with three principal and four assistant principal roles filled internally.

The central office was also restructured to increase efficiency while keeping administrative costs at 2.65% of the budget (for context, the state average is 4%). Staffing for Cullman City Schools expanded from 359 to 386 full-time employees, with strategic budgeting to maintain many intervention positions funded with limited COVID funds.

Finances and Resources

Finances and resources have also been a key focus, with eight extracurricular/student activity buses replaced, with one more planned in 2026. That is part of a total transportation investment of $985,000.

The district has also maintained a healthy three-month reserve fund annually (well above the state-required minimum of one month). Per-pupil spending has also increased from $10,684 to $12,429.

Facilities (Safety and Growth Plan)

Cullman City Primary School has seen a $15 million investment, including a new second-grade wing with a storm shelter; upgrades to the cafeteria, gym/multipurpose space, playground and media center; and fire alarm and roof improvements.

Cullman Middle School has seen an overall $27 million investment, led by a new 16-18 classroom building with tornado shelter, and performing arts, library, agriscience and administrative areas. Interior renovations are also underway in regard to windows and restrooms. With construction well underway, sixth grade students are set to transition to Cullman Middle School by the end of 2025.

The new Cullman Intermediate School, which will be at the current West Elementary School campus, is seeing a $27 million investment. Work is underway to add a two-story wing and new multipurpose building/storm shelter, along with expanded classrooms for grades 3–5, special education, and fine arts. The concourse is also being enclosed and the cafeteria expanded. The campus' old gym is also being converted into a modern STEM lab.

Cullman High School is also seeing upgrades with a total $12 million investment led by a Career Tech/STEM Wing, with dedicated manufacturing lab and STEM spaces. The work includes a multi-level, state-of-the-art facility for Cybersecurity, Engineering, Computer Science, Health Science, Marketing and Education Training. There will also be additional classroom capacity created throughout campus, along with increased student parking of over 100 spaces.

For ongoing updates and more details on the strategic plan, visit www.cullmancats.net.

Obituary Announcements: June 28–30

Donald Hugh Davis, Jr., 74

Graveside services for Donald Hugh Davis Jr., 74, of Center Point, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at Cullman City Cemetery, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Davis was born on Sept. 8, 1950, to parents, Donald and Winifred Ulbricht Davis Sr. Donald loved easy listening and jazz music and watching westerns. He loved working with the restaurant and playing golf, but his family was always number 1 in his life. Mr. Davis was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Sue Davis. Survivors include his sons, Robert Douglas (Liz) Willingham and Christopher Hugh (Melanie) Davis; sister, Nancy Susan (Richard) Riedel; grandchildren, Landon, Liam Lilly and A.J.; and a host of family and friends. Pallbearers will be Robert Willingham, Christopher Davis, Dennis Spencer, Jeremiah Wooten, Landon Davis and T.J. Coker.

Paul David Talley, 62

Paul David Talley passed away June 26, 2025. He was born May 17, 1963. Paul was preceded in death by his mother, Syble Talley. He is survived by his wife, Maria Talley, daughters Sandy Gorden (Zack) and Katty Hadley. (Seth), grandchildren Jude Hadley, Sunny Gordon, and Simon Hadley. As well as his father. David Talley, siblings Rita Talley, Glenn Talley, Lynn Talley, and Annette Cluxton; and many nieces and nephews. Paul was full of joy and always knew how to make others laugh. He never met a stranger and was loved by everyone who crossed his path. He was a kind and caring father, a devoted husband, and a proud Poppy to his three grandchildren. He will be deeply missed. A service will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 1 p.m. at Zion Grove Baptist Church. 1001 County Road 1742, Holly Pond, AL 35087. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. and service will begin at 2 p.m. Paul had a passion for horses and loved helping others, especially children, so the family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Hope Horses Inc. in Cullman, Alabama. www.hopehorsesinc.com/donate. "Square your shoulders to the world, be not the kind to quit. It's not the load that weighs you down, but the way you carry it."

Wilma Hern Briscoe, 73

Funeral service is incomplete at this time for Wilma Hern Briscoe, 73, of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Wilma passed away June 27, 2025, at Cullman Regional Hospital. She was born October 21, 1951. She was a very sweet and caring person. Her grandson remembers her as a wonderful grandmother and for her taking care of her grandsons and buying for them as she was able. She loved her tv shows. She will be missed. Wilma was preceded in death by her parents; her daughters, Kelly Mazy, Keri Briscoe; husband, Darrell Briscoe. She is survived by her grandsons, Braiden Aris, Max Briscoe, Asa McCollum; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Terry Clark Duncan, 79

A Graveside Service with military honors for Terry Clark Duncan, age 79 of Cullman, was held on Monday, June 30, 2025, at Mt. Carmel Cemetery at Berlin with Bro. Randy Makemson officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Mr. Duncan passed away on Friday, June 27, 2025, at his residence. He was born Sept. 6, 1945, to Mike and Cecilia Duncan. He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Duncan; parents; brothers, Jerry Duncan, Neil Duncan, and Bobby Duncan; and sister, Barbara Hyche. Survivors include his daughter, Teresa (Owen) Graham; grandson, Zachary (Krista) Floyd; and great grandchildren, Kyleigh Floyd, Eli Floyd, Amelia Grace Floyd, and Sawyer Floyd.

Ruby Nell Ralph, 80

Funeral service for Ruby Nell Ralph, age 80, of Cullman, will be Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, with Pastor Trent Gandy officiating. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. prior to the service. The burial will be at Flint Creek Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ruby was born on Jan. 6, 1945, to John Wesley Garrett and Sarah Caroline Moore Garrett. She passed away on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at Folsom Rehab and Healthcare Center. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert Lindsey "R.L." Ralph, Jr.; her life partner, Glenn Quinn; four siblings, Donnie, Luther, Lavada, and Elizabeth. She is survived by her sons, Donald Ralph, Eugene Ralph, and John Ralph; daughter, Anita Dean; grandchildren, Stephen Ralph, Brittany Johnson (Christian); great-grandchildren, Christopher, Kortni, Bowen, and baby on the way; one sister, Patricia Ann; a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, and family and friends.

Perry Van Dial, 76

Funeral services for Perry Van Dial, 76, of Hanceville will be 12 p.m., Wednesday July 2nd at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Mulberry cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Dial was born Nov. 5, 1948, in Cullman County, Alabama. He passed away June 28, 2025, in Cullman County, Alabama. Perry Dial, a proud Vietnam veteran of the United States Army, passed away leaving behind a legacy of service, laughter, and a heart that quietly touched many lives. Though he may have come across as grumpy at times, those who knew him best understood it was all part of his charm—beneath the gruff exterior was a deeply caring soul, always willing to lend a helping hand. Perry had a unique sense of humor and a wit that could light up a room. He was known for being particular—some would say OCD—with a strong belief that things should be done his way and no one else's. But that same determination made him incredibly reliable, whether in matters big or small. A man of strong faith, Perry dedicated over a decade to leading Sunday School devotions at the Hanceville Nursing Home, offering spiritual guidance and comfort to countless residents. His heart for service extended far beyond his local community, as he devoted time and energy to mission trips in Haiti and Honduras, demonstrating his commitment to helping those in need. In his free time, Perry enjoyed the outdoors and was an avid hunter. He found peace and joy in nature, always eager for the next adventure. Perry Dial will be remembered for his dedication to others, his undeniable sense of humor, and the strength of character that made him truly one of a kind. His impact will be felt for years to come by the many lives he touched with his compassion, faith, and fearless honesty. Mr. Dial is survived by his wife, Carolin Dial; children, Sonya Stephens (Chris), Cindy Mickle (Jeffrey); 4 grandchildren; siblings, Bruce Dial (Glenda), Cathy Whatley (Charles); and a host of nieces, and nephews. Mr. Dial was preceded in death by his parents, Milas & Maudie Dial; siblings, Fulton, W.H., Hardy, Larry, Betty, and Jacqueline. Serving as pallbearers will be, Layne Dial, Max Dial, Jackson Mickle, Zyler Hollingsworth, Kai Hooten, Chad Dial, Drake Farmer, and Ashton Fuller. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Dial family.

Ramona Maddox Swindall, 71

Ramona "Mona" Swindall went to the other side of living shortly after her 71st birthday. She was born in Birmingham, Alabama, and was the second daughter of Dorothy Grimes Lytle and Talmadge M., She is preceded in death by her brother, Jerry M., and her husband, Larry "Fuzz" Swindall. She is survived by her children Lisa Barnes (David), Beau Hayes (Amanda) and three grandsons, (Jamison, Dalton, and Spencer), her sister Karen, brother Jeff (Sherry), sister Fancy (Mark), and a host of nieces and nephews that she loved dearly. We cannot forget her beloved fur babies, Chewi and Buddy, also known as Bud. She embraced creativity and technology to enhance her social connections and foster meaningful relationships with others. Mona was the type of person who never met a stranger, either in-person or in the virtual realm, but her kind words and thoughtful nature touched countless lives. She was an avid writer, with many published and unpublished works that she never took credit. She loved nature, the outdoors, Brindley Mountain, and the true heritage of Cullman County, which included the lineage of the Brindley Family. Mona was an American Patriot and a free spirit, who loved to tell people that she was from the great State of Alabama, and she meant every word. She will be sorely missed by all. Celebration of Life for Ramona will be on Tuesday, July 01, 2025. Welcome Baptist Church, 3017 County Road 1564, Baileyton, Alabama 35019 Lunch for Family at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall Receiving Friends and Family at 12 p.m. Celebration of Life at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to your local fire department or to the Cullman County Animal Shelter in Ms. Swindall's memory. Both organizations were dear to Mona's heart and your donations on her behalf would have brought her joy. Obituary provided by the Swindall family. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Swindall family.

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ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Left to right are Jayden Stewart, Brady Muldoon, Jackson Cleek, Graham Cooley, Whitney James, Tessa Cooley, Belinda Hyatt and Madison Bogert.

CPRST holds pickleball camp

Anabelle Howze
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Pickleball is a trend that has swept the nation, and Cullman is no exception. Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism began a new youth pickleball camp designed to introduce kids to the fast-growing sport in a fun and accessible way.

The camp ran June 23-26 at the pickleball courts at the Donald E. Green Active Adult Center. It was open to participants aged 8 to 16 and offered instruction tailored to both beginners and intermediate players.

"Pickleball is one of the fastest-growing sports in the country, and we wanted to offer something for kids who are curious or just getting started," said Jamie Kirk, programs coordinator at CPRST. "Whether they've never picked up a paddle or they've played a few times, this camp helps them build a foundation and get game ready."

Campers received one-on-one guidance while learning everything from the rules and equipment to scoring and strategy. By the end of the session, even beginners were able to play a complete game.

"Pickleball is easy to learn, and it's a sport that anyone can play — young kids, teens, even senior citizens. That's part of what makes it so appealing," explained Kirk.

While this was the first time CPRST offered a pickleball-specific camp, Kirk said there's already interest in bringing it back next year. The department also hosts music, tennis, art and theater camps for various age groups, as well as a two-week STEM camp in partnership with Cullman City Schools.

Families can find details and registration information for all programs (except the STEM camp, which goes through Cullman City Schools) at www.cullmanrecreation.org. Updates and announcements are also shared regularly on the department's social media platforms.

Pickleball is a fun and engaging way to stay active and engaged this summer. CPRST encourages everyone to give it a try.

"We're always looking for new ways to get people active and engaged in the community," said Kirk. "Pickleball is just one of many ways we're doing that this summer."

The Link partners with American Connection Corps to host service position

Gauge Day
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Link of Cullman County will soon expand its efforts to combat food insecurity through a new partnership with AmeriCorps VISTA and the American Connection Corps (ACC). The Link will serve as a placement site for an ACC member for 2025-2026 — an opportunity that will support its growing community outreach and food distribution programs.

With more Cullman families facing food insecurity than ever before, the need for support has never been greater. In the last quarter alone, The Pantry at The Link — a neighbor's choice pantry model — has served over 1,875 households.

"The Pantry at The Link is an incredible resource for our community," said Cayla Grace Murphy-Carnes, marketing coordinator for The Link. "The way we operate really helps to restore a sense of dignity and autonomy in a situation where many people feel shame in needing help — either just for a month or two between jobs, or for our older neighbors on fixed income who will need this help long term."

As The Pantry continues to serve a growing number of families in Cullman, the addition of an American Connection Corps member will further support and expand these efforts.

"We are very excited about the opportunity to have an American Connection Corps member join our team here at The Link!" said Jonathan Creekmore, supportive services manager at The Link. "This person would help us to further and more effectively reach out to local farmers and other food sources in our community to bring more food into our area and distribute it to needy families and other organizations in Cullman County and beyond. This member will also alleviate some of our volunteer demand as we move into the busiest time of the year here at The Link."

Said Creekmore, "If you or someone you know would be interested in an amazing opportunity like this, I would love to work with you!"

The American Connection Corps places full-time members in rural communities across the country with the goal of strengthening economic development, expanding social networks and opening new career pathways. Open to individuals at all life stages, from recent graduates to retirees, the program offers hands-on experience and job training while making a real impact in the communities they serve.

Each full-time ACC member receives a $33,000 stipend, a $7,395 education award through AmeriCorps, access to childcare benefits, health care reimbursement (if applicable) and fully funded travel and training throughout the year. Members also qualify for student loan forbearance during their term of service.

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