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Cullman City Council recognizes city wastewater treatment plant for achieving top rank in state

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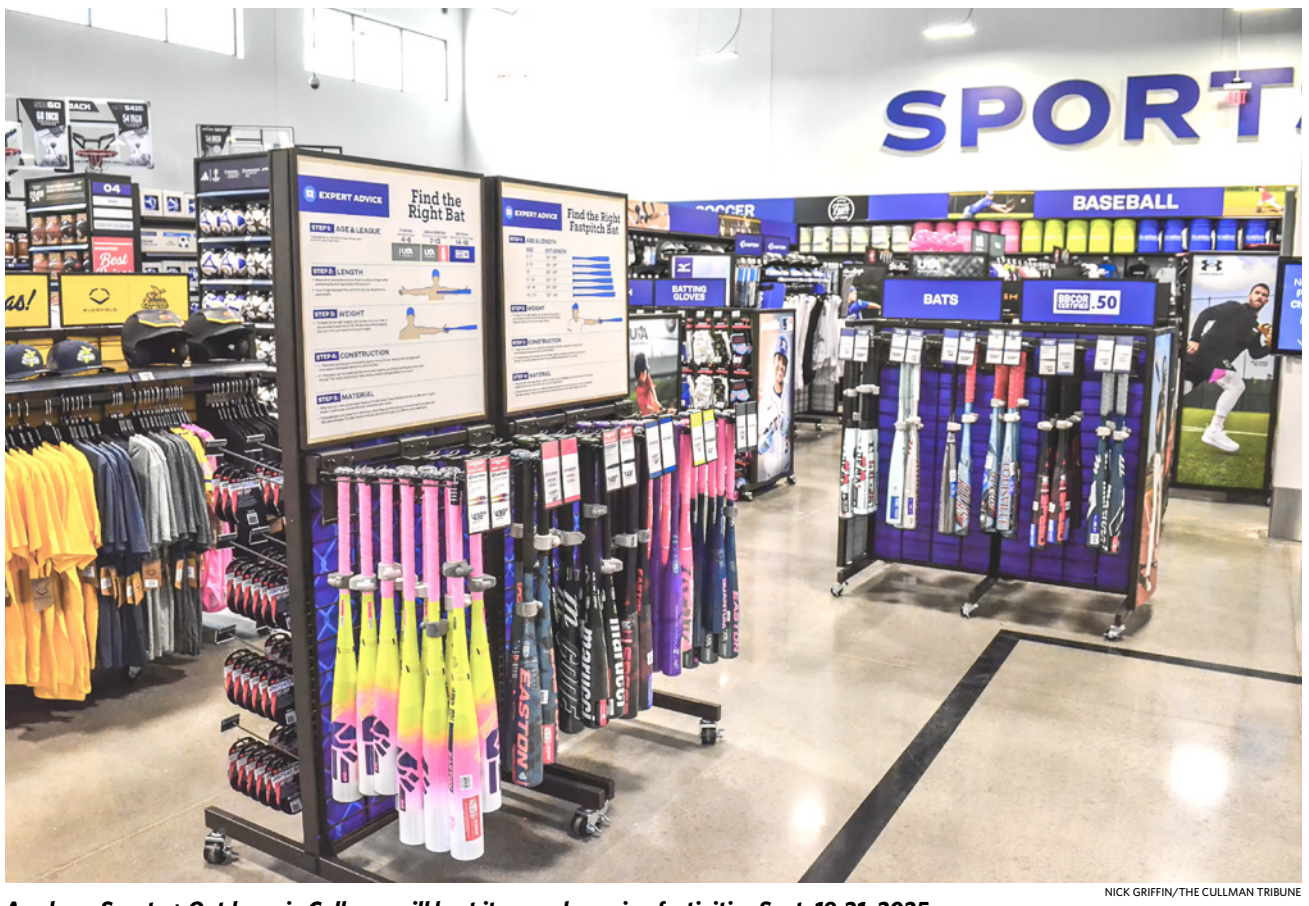
CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday evening recognized the Cullman Wastewater Treatment Plant for achieving top ranking in the state among facilities using bio-filter/trickling filter systems. Councilman and Utilities Committee Chairman David Moss presented the Alabama Water and Pollution Control Association's 2025 "Best Operated Plant Award" plaque to Plant Superin- » PAGE 5



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

At the Monday, Sept. 8, 2025, meeting of the Cullman City Council, Councilman and Utilities Committee Chairman David Moss (right) congratulates Cullman Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Jake Calloway on a job well done. »

Academy Sports + Outdoors excited for grand opening event Sept. 19-21



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Academy Sports + Outdoors in Cullman will host its grand opening festivities Sept. 19-21, 2025.

Nick Griffin
nick@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — The new Academy Sports + Outdoors in Cullman is preparing to officially open its doors soon, and on Wednesday, local media was offered a sneak peek at the store. Academy's grand opening festivities will kick off on Friday, Sept. 19, and continue through Sunday, Sept. 21.

Store Manager Tim Wester said he is particularly excited about opening the new store in a location closer to home that he's already familiar with. Wester lives in Oneonta and has spent a lot of time in Cullman over the years so when the opportunity for him to work in the city presented itself, he jumped on it.

"I can't even explain how I excited I am. I hadn't been in Tuscaloosa for 10 months when I saw that we were building this and I immediately put my name on the list," Wester said. "It makes sense. This store is 28 miles from my house, and I was driving an hour and a half every morning and every night to Tuscaloosa and back. I think this store is going to have a lot more volume than they anticipate."

Academy Sports Public Relations Specialist Brooke Murski is looking forward to the grand opening and believes the products they offer will be a great fit for the community's interests.

"We know the community here has a huge » PAGE 5



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USPS Job Fair Sept. 12 in Cullman

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Judges share self-awareness series with area freshmen



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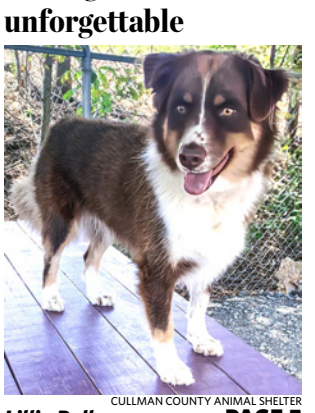
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Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 10

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 10, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 3

• domestic violence-2nd degree; person; Lincoln Ave. SW

Sept. 5

• leaving the scene of an accident; person; damage to '22 Ford Explorer; $1,000; 2nd Ave. NW

Sept. 8

• unlawful breaking and entering a motor vehicle; person; damage to '10 Acura, wallet & contents; Hwy. 31 N
• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $105; Olive St. SW

Sept. 9

• criminal trespass-3rd degree; Publix; Cullman Shopping Center
• criminal trespass-2nd degree; Pine Grove Apts.; Oak Manor Dr. SW

ARRESTS

Sept. 8-9

Engel, Jr., Alfred F.; 73
• theft of property-4th degree
• criminal trespass

Rodriguez, Valerie S.; 19
• theft of property-4th degree

Lucas, Elizabeth C.; 18
• theft of property-4th degree

Mecklenburg, Rachel E.; 19
• theft of property-4th degree

Stewart, David R.; 51
• FTA – insurance violation

Beam, Clayel D.; 33
• FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA – theft of property-4th degree
• FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Hobbs, Justin M.; 44
• GJ – domestic violence-1st degree
• GJ – attempted murder

Dye, Sandra R.; 63
• theft of property-4th degree

Baker, Frank R.; 50
• public intoxication
• criminal trespass-3rd degree

McKenzie, Mathew A.; 53
• obstructing governmental operations
• resisting arrest
• criminal trespass-2nd degree

Scoggins, Kevin C.; 44
• DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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Registration cards and ballots submitted by mail must be received by Sept. 11, 2025.
Members can register and vote in person at the annual meeting from 9am to 11am.
*Winners do not have to be present at time of drawing. Bill credit prizes will be five $100, four $250, and one $500. Members can register and vote by mail or at the meeting on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025 from 9am until 11am.
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Cullman County Historical Society Meetings
We meet the fourth Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. at the Cullman County Museum. Each meeting features a specific program or speaker. Join us!

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
• Friday, Sept. 12 – 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, Sept. 14 – 9 a.m. Van runs in 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. 5 p.m. healing service.

Shirley Burden Public Library – Hanceville
• Families are invited to join us for fun at the library! Library is open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5p.m., closed from noon-1 p.m. Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on Facebook for weekly event details.
• Snead's Farmhouse will be here three Wednesdays in a row. A favorite education experience, with interaction, it's magical and unforgettable! Come join us for a little science, a lot of fun and maybe a peep or two. Remaining dates:
• Wednesday, Sept. 17, from 10-11 a.m. Snead's Farmhouse: We'll dive deeper into development and farm fun with hands-on learning!
• Wednesday, Sept. 24, from 10-11 a.m. Snead's Farmhouse: If all goes well, the BIG moment arrives – baby chicks hatching right before your eyes!
• Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 10 a.m. Book club
• Friday, Sept. 26, from 6-7 p.m. Poetry Night. You are invited to share your favorite poem with us, or sing a favorite song. This is a free event and open to the public.

North Alabama Agriplex Programs
• www.agriplex.org
• Thursday, Sept. 11, 6 p.m., Military Veteran & Beginning Farmer - Beekeeping for Beginners. This introduction to beekeeping will feature an Alabama Extension Agent and local, experienced beekeepers who will discuss the basics of keeping bees for both fun and profit with Allyson Shabel. At the Extension office.
• Tues, Sept. 30, 6 p.m., Living Landscapes - Raising Backyard Poultry: Keeping chickens, ducks, quail, guineas, and turkeys. Interested in raising chickens or other backyard poultry? Learn which bird is for you and the best practices for keeping these animals for eggs, meat, or bug control. $15/person.
• Wed, Oct. 1, noon-1 p.m., Lunch and Learn - Exploring Alabama's Wild Places...Enjoy—Value—Protect. Meet Heather Tucker, the new E.D. for Wild Alabama. She will guide us through the conservation history of this organization, while giving us tips on exploring the Bankhead and Talladega National Forests.
• Thursday, Oct. 2, 9-11 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Elementary — History of Food. Explore the traditional foodways of the Cherokee, their sustainable growing practices and how food connects to their identity and community. $15 fee. $30 Max per family.
• Thursday, Oct. 2, noon-2 p.m., Heritage Homeschool Secondary — All the Ologies - Entomology. Welcome to the world of insects! Gain a deeper understanding of these fascinating creatures and their importance to the environment. $15 fee. $30 max per family.
• Friday, Oct. 3, 10-11 a.m., Little Farmers — The Turnip. Jan Brett is a renowned author illustrator whose books have been loved by many for decades. Each month, we will center our storytime, stations, craft and snack around a different Jan Brett book. $8 per child, max $16 per family.
• Saturday, Oct. 4, 9-10:30 a.m., Farm Kids Club — Creepy Crawlies. First you'll squirm, then you'll smile. Come see all the cool, creepy creatures that help our Ecosystems. Fees: $15 per child, Max $30 per family.
• Monday, Oct. 6, 6-8 p.m., Heritage Skills - Sewing. If you couldn't attend the previous classes, it's not too late! Join us to learn valuable tips, tricks and insights from seasoned sewers. Each class will provide skill instruction and feature a project to apply those skills. Participants must bring a full-size sewing machine. Youth, ages 10 & up must register and be accompanied with a paid registered adult. $20 fee.
• Tuesday, Oct. 14, 6-8 p.m., Living Landscapes - Family Pumpkin Glow. Bring your family for fall treats, pumpkin carving and tales around the bonfire. $30 family fee, includes one pumpkin. $10 per additional pumpkins.
• Thursday, Oct. 16, 6 p.m., Military Veteran & Beginning Farmer — Farm Demo Day. Visit one of our local farmers to see best ag practices with Brandon and Amy Hines.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, 13110 St. Joesph Dr. Cullman, AL 35055.

Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center Yard Sale
Saturday, Sept. 13, from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. 17645 U.S. Highway 31, Cullman, AL 35058. Vendor spots are $20 each and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Sept. 2. Payment must be made in person at the ag center office between 7 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday. All payments are cash only.

Men's Breakfast at Seventh Street Baptist
Saturday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 a.m. at Seventh Street Baptist Church, 708 Seventh St. SE in Cullman. Men of Cullman, join us for a hearty breakfast and an inspiring message from Mike Ward, founder of Hope Road Ministries. With over 36 years of ministry experience, Mike brings encouragement and powerful insight from God's Word. Come hungry — for breakfast and for the Word of God!

Good Samaritan Health Clinic Caring for Cullman Health & Wellness Fun Day
Saturday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE Health & Wellness Fun Day Event. Join us at 118 Veterans Dr. SW, Cullman to hear live stage sessions featuring local health and wellness experts, family friendly fun zone, food trucks, local vendors and wellness resources, free health assessments from on-site mobile units, door prizes and more! Bring a lawn chair and get inspired to live your healthiest life.

Cullman County Commission on Aging Annual Senior Health Fair
Thursday, Sept. 18, from 9:30 a.m.-noon at the Donald E. Green Active Adult Center. The free event is open to adults 55 and older and will feature health services, resources and plenty of opportunities to show off their groovy 70's dance moves. The event will also feature barbecue sandwiches for lunch from The Butcher's Chuckwagon, along with shaved ice from Cha Cha's Shaved Ice. For more information about the Senior Health Fair, contact Scott Sarich at the Cullman County Commission on Aging at 256-734-1241. The Active Adult Center is located at 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

Sportsman Lake Park Fall Yard Sale
Saturday, Sept. 20, from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW, Cullman, AL 35055. Admission to the park is free, and the sale will go on rain or shine. For those interested in renting a space, the park offers both grass sites and pavilion spaces. All reservations must be made in person.

Pilot Club of Cullman Fall Vendor Market
Saturday, Sept. 20, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center, with free admission.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Sunday, Sept. 21, at 5 p.m. featuring The Pylant Family. 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.

CPR Certification Class at Holly Pond Volunteer Fire Department
Saturday, Sept 27, at 8 a.m. Community members are encouraged to attend and learn this lifesaving skill. For more information or to register, contact Ann Harrison at 256-339-8502.

Gottesdienst (Divine Service)
As part of Cullman's annual Oktoberfest celebrations, St. Paul's Lutheran Church will offer a special Gottesdienst (Divine Service) conducted entirely in German on Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. The service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 513 Fourth Ave. SE, and is open to the public.

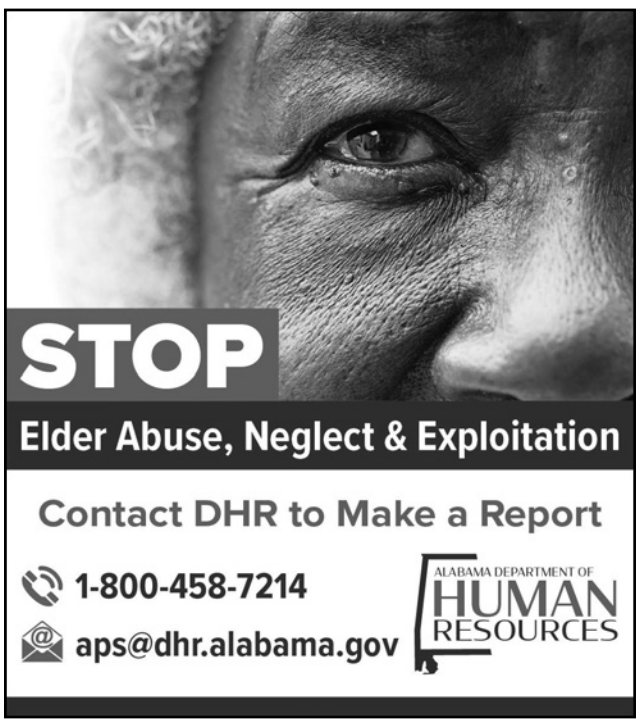
Sacred Heart Oktoberfest Dinner
The Annual Oktoberfest German Dinner, featuring traditional German cuisine, will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 1, from 4-7 p.m. in the Family Life Center at Sacred Heart Church in Cullman. Plates are $15 each and are available for dine in or drive thru/take out. The church is located at 205 Third Ave. SE in Cullman.

28th Annual Falkville Fall Festival
Saturday, Oct. 11, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. in downtown Falkville. Color Me Downtown 5K run and walk, arts and crafts vendors, food trucks, kids' activities, pancake breakfast, live entertainment, tractor show/parade. For more information, go to www.Falkville.org.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School Community Fall Festival
Sunday, Oct. 12, from 2-5 p.m. at 510 Third Ave. SE, in Cullman. This family-friendly event will feature delicious food trucks with something for everyone, a lively dunk tank, a festive Trunk or Treat for kids of all ages and much more fun and fellowship! For more information, contact St. Paul's Lutheran School at 256-734-6580.







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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Cullman falls to Muscle Shoals in five-set thriller

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman was back home for a varsity match against Muscle Shoals Tuesday night, and these teams needed all five sets to decide a winner. The Bearcats took the first two sets to jump out to a 2-0 lead but the Trojans rallied to win the next three, coming from behind to win the match 3-2.

Cullman 2 – Muscle Shoals 3 (25-21, 25-21, 18-25, 23-25, 10-15)

The Trojans jumped out to a 4-2 lead early in the first set but the Bearcats put together a run to pull ahead 11-8. Muscle Shoals moved back in front 16-14 as the set went on and led 20-19 at one point but Cullman rallied to score six of the next seven points and win the opening set 25-21.

Cullman held a slim, 8-7 lead early in the second set and the Trojans were able to tie things up at 12 as the set continued. The Bearcats pulled ahead 16-12 and extended the lead to 21-15 at one point before closing things out and taking the second set 25-18.

Muscle Shoals bounced back in the third set, leading the way 6-3 early on and maintaining an 11-8 advantage as the set went on. The Bearcats were able to tie the score at 14 at one point but they couldn't keep pace with the Trojans down the stretch and dropped the third set 25-18.

The fourth set was defined by big scoring runs from both teams. Cullman jumped out to an early, 4-1 lead but the Trojans rallied to tie things up at 9 apiece. The Bearcats pulled back ahead 15-11 at one point but a 9-1 run from Muscle Shoals gave the Trojans a 20-16 lead. Muscle Shoals held off a late push from Cullman to take the set 25-23 and force a tiebreaker.

The Bearcats got off to another fast start in the fifth and final set, leading 3-0 early on. However, a 7-1 run from the Trojans put Muscle Shoals in front 7-4 midway through the set. The Trojans stretched their lead to 10-5 at one point and finished strong, winning the tiebreaker set 15-10 and taking the match over Cullman 3-2.

The Bearcats will be back on the court this weekend at the Fort Payne Invitational.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman fell to Muscle Shoals at home 3-2 Tuesday night.

WSCC VOLLEYBALL

Wallace State sweeps Lawson State in conference home opener

Wallace State Sports Information

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State volleyball team delivered a commanding performance in its first home conference match of the season, defeating Lawson State 3-0 (25-12, 25-16, 25-14) on Tuesday night.

Rachel Mecklenberg led the Lions' balanced attack with 13 kills and an impressive .478 hitting percentage. Sofiia Sobol was close behind with 11 kills, hitting at a .526 clip. On the defensive side, Abby McDonald anchored the back row with eight digs, while Ali Price added seven and Valerie Rodriguez chipped in six.

Price also fueled the offense with 19 assists, while Mecklenberg contributed 12, showcasing Wallace State's depth and efficiency.

Head coach Randy Daniel praised his team's execution, especially at the service line.

"First home game vs a conference team, and winning is always a good experience.

"Our serving was the key to the win, and we felt we kept them out of the system a lot, which helped us. We were balanced on offense and just need to keep working on ball control to improve as we keep playing."

With the sweep, Wallace State continued its strong start to conference play. The Lions return to the court on Wednesday with another ACCC matchup, hosting Bevill State.



WALLACE STATE

Wallace State's Rachel Mecklenberg goes for a kill in a match earlier this season.

Wallace State secures 2-0 victory over Itawamba

Wallace State Sports Information

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State men's soccer team earned a hard-fought 2-0 win over Itawamba Community College on Tuesday, riding a strong second-half performance and a stellar defensive effort to notch the home victory.

After a scoreless opening half, the Lions came out of the break with intensity. In the 47th minute, Sammy Schofield broke through with the first goal of the match, finishing cleanly off an assist from Elias Meinhardt. The early strike shifted momentum firmly in Wallace State's favor as they controlled much of the second-half action.

The Lions added insurance in the 79th minute when Elijah Wong found the back of the net, assisted by Austin Holley, capping off the scoring.

Defensively, Wallace State stood tall behind goalkeeper Emrik Senécal, who recorded his first career shutout. Senécal made eight saves, turning away multiple dangerous Itawamba chances to preserve the clean sheet. While the visitors controlled possession for much of the first half, the Lions' defense held firm, and Wallace State's offensive pressure began to mount with five near-misses before the halftime whistle.

Head coach James Fee praised his squad's complete effort after the match.



WSCC ATHLETICS

Wallace State's Elijah Wong fights for possession of the ball in the second half of the Lions' 2-0 win over Itawamba.

"Great team performance all around! Juan Gazga was fantastic both in possession and defensively.

"Emrik Senécal was fantastic in goal for us and bailed us out multiple times!" Fee said.

With the win, Wallace State showcased its resilience, striking at key moments and locking down defensively to secure the shutout.

The Lions continue their homestand on Saturday with a conference match against Calhoun starting at 3:00 pm.



Free electric vehicle showcases coming soon in Cullman and Huntsville

Staff Reports
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DRIVE ELECTRIC ALABAMA

The first free EV showcase is set for Cullman Electric Cooperative as part of its annual meeting on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 9 a.m.-noon. The second free event is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., near the Tesla Superchargers at MidCity in Huntsville.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A variety of electric vehicles will be on display and EV owners will be on hand to talk one on one with anyone interested in learning more about EVs at two upcoming events in north Alabama.

The first free EV showcase is set for Cullman Electric Cooperative as part of its annual meeting on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 9 a.m.-noon. The second free event is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., near the Tesla Superchargers at MidCity in Huntsville.

"The fact is that EVs have become so politicized by the headlines that the facts get lost. Our EV showcases are designed to allow anyone who's interested in learning more about EVs to check out a variety of vehicles that often perform better, are cheaper to maintain, and have longer ranges than today's gas cars.," said Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition President Michael Staley, who drives an all-electric, full-sized Chevy pick-up truck. "You can find all-electric sedans, SUVs, pick-up trucks and performance cars on the road today. We know people who are getting some amazing deals on purchases and leases of new and used EVs, so we encourage even critics to come out and ask all their questions to get to the bottom line."

In Cullman, the EV showcase will join other vendors outside the annual meeting of the Cullman Electric Cooperative. Both upcoming EV showcases are sponsored by Drive Electric Alabama and the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition (ACFC).

Many auto manufacturers are working to make sure potential EV owners understand that the federal tax credits for new and used EVs end Sept. 30. EV owners who are Alabama Power customers can access additional savings, including a discounted rate on all electricity during overnight hours and a $500 rebate for the installation of an in-home charger.

"There are so many myths about EVs, and the best way to separate fact from fiction is to talk to people who are driving an EV every day," Staley said. "EV owners love to share their personal experience about the cost savings and performance of these vehicles. We hope to see plenty of people come out and check out the showcases this month in north Alabama."

THE DETAILS:

- **WHAT:** Cullman Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting Showcase
- **WHEN:** Saturday, Sept. 13, from 9 a.m.-noon
- **WHERE:** Cullman Electric Cooperative, 1749 Eva Road NE, Cullman, AL 35055
- **COST:** Free

- **WHAT:** North Alabama EV Showcase
- **WHEN:** Saturday, Sept. 20, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Tesla Superchargers at MidCity, located at 5909 University Dr., Huntsville, AL 35806
- **COST:** Free

Lillie Belle (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Meet Lillie Belle, a 1.5-year-old Australian Shepherd with a heart as bright as her spirit. Medium energy and full of enthusiasm for life, The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week is the kind of dog who will keep you company whether you're on the trail or relaxing at home.

One of Lillie Belle's most endearing qualities is her adorable underbite! Sit on the floor with her, and she'll happily roll over onto her back, waiting patiently while you finish brushing her beautiful coat.

Smart, affectionate and eager to please, Lillie Belle would make the perfect companion, therapy dog or hiking partner.

"Such a perfect soul who has grabbed a hold of my heart!" her caregiver shared.

Lillie Belle's adoption fee has been reduced to $35, as she is already spayed, though her true worth is beyond measure. That fee covers vaccines, microchip, wormer and a general vet exam.

Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If Lillie Belle has already found her forever home, we encourage you to visit the shelter and meet the many other pets still waiting for someone to love.

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

Shelter praise report: Pets of the Week Dixie, Tess and Q-Tip were adopted to the most perfect families! All brought grateful tears to our eyes!

Event (from Front)

sports and outdoors focus so we're excited to bring more products. We've got some private label products that we can offer at a really great value, so you won't just be stuck with national brands, and we're excited to bring that to the community," Murski said. "We also have some Academy-specific products across all categories like apparel, footwear, team sports, outdoors, really anything you need."

Murski is also excited for a special event they have coming up on Sept. 18. Twenty local kids selected by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism will be allowed in the store and given $200 apiece for a shopping spree. Murski believes giving back to the communities they are part of is important and said Academy will have similar events from time to time throughout the year.

"We do community giving throughout the year, so for grand openings we always try to bring people so we're bringing in 20 kids with Cullman Parks & Rec. They'll have $200 each to shop and find anything they need," Murski said. "We turn them loose and it's like Christmas; they are so excited. We also have a partnership that's longstanding with St. Jude. It's more focused around Christmastime, but we've already got the apparel out so anyone who purchases a shirt or a pair of pajama pants from St. Jude, a portion of that goes back to them. Last year we were able to raise $500,000 for St. Jude and we're almost at $3 million in total donations to them."

Academy Sports + Outdoors in Cullman will officially open its doors on Friday, Sept. 19. The store is located at 1667 Second Ave. SW.

Fairview (from Front)

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Mayor Keith Henry commenced the monthly session of the Fairview Town Council on Sept. 9, 2025. The meeting opened with an invocation led by Julie Grimes and the Pledge of Allegiance led by the mayor.

The meeting began with an update on the new Jack's Family Restaurant location. Significant progress has been made over the past month, with work on sewer lines being done and sign installation beginning.

Henry stated, "Their target date is still Dec. 1, but if everything works out, they're hoping to get it opened before Thanksgiving 2025."

Next up, three Fairview residents were nominated to hold Governmental Utility Services Corporation (GUS) board positions on behalf of the Town of Fairview.

Henry explained, "The GUS board is a vehicle for the Town to use to lease the sewer system to Living Waters.

"Once we get this locked down, it will keep the Town out of the sewer business... They don't have any authority after allowing the leasing of the sewer to Living Waters."

Nominees for the GUS board include Josh Driver, Caleb Garrison and Eddie McParlin. Mayor-Elect Clint Hayes stated, "The way it has been presented to me is that those personnel are to be appointed personnel, in a non-paid position to basically vote and allow Living Waters to manage and process the sewer system."

The council made a motion to table the discussion for further research on the topic and resolved to make a decision at the next council meeting.

In other business:

- A bus driver made a complaint about a tree on Academic Drive hitting the top of a school bus, and the council decided to employ a tree trimming company to handle the issue

- The council made a motion to award Gary Minor the bid to demolish the former trailer park for $20,000

The next Fairview Town Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Oct. 6, 2025, at Fairview Town Hall located at 7525 Alabama Highway 69.

Good Hope (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Good Hope City Council held its first September council meeting at Good Hope City Hall Monday night and they approved a resolution to accept and execute a grant from Alabama's Mountains, Rivers & Valley Resources Conservation and Development Council.

The grant will provide $5,000 in funds for signage at Corey Harbison Park in Good Hope.

The Good Hope City Council will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting Monday, Sept. 22, at 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall.

USPS (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The United States Postal Service will hold a job fair in Cullman on Friday, Sept. 12, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

USPS personnel will be on-hand to assist with benefit, qualification and application questions.

Cullman Post Office
500 Main Ave. SW
Cullman, AL 35055

Rural Carrier Associate (RCA) – At $20.38 per hour, an RCA will have a continuous, part-time job. This on-call position could be ideal if one is retired, self-employed, an at-home parent, an educator, night student, or if employed on an evening shift schedule. An RCA serves families and businesses in rural and suburban areas. This employee is responsible for the delivery and collection of mail, working part-time when regular carriers have scheduled days off or vacation days. An RCA also sells stamps, supplies, and money orders. An applicant must have a valid state driver's license and demonstrate and maintain a safe driving record. A personal vehicle may be required. Becoming an RCA is the first step to becoming a full-time, regular rural carrier with full benefits.

Assistant Rural Carrier (ARC) – At $20.38 per hour, ARCs are non-career employees who provide customers along a rural route service which includes delivering and collecting mail. Desirable candidates may be required to have a vehicle suitable for use and live within easy commuting distance of the facility location. A personal vehicle suitable for use may be required for this position. Work is performed indoors and outdoors in all types of weather. Carriers may be required to load and unload trays and containers of mail and parcels weighing as much as 70 pounds.

Applications are accepted online only at www.usps.com/careers. Additional information regarding how to apply for a Postal Service job can be found at https://usps-blog.com/applying-for-a-job.

Applicants must be 18 years of age and be able to pass a criminal background investigation. Applicants must be available to work weekends and holidays. See the job posting for full details for duties, responsibilities, requirements and benefits information. Job postings are updated frequently, so check back often for additional opportunities.

From the USPS:
"The United States Postal Service is consistently named one of the most trusted brands in America. We have, for 250 years, delivered information, connected families and friends, and powered the engines of commerce and industry. Right now, we are looking for committed and motivated individuals to join us in our mission of service to your local community.
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Cullman (from Front)

tendent Jake Calloway.

Moss told the audience, "This isn't something that's taken lightly. They crunch a lot of data, they measure a lot of everything that's measurable, and we rated the top in the state, so (it's) something we should all be very proud of."

After the meeting, Calloway told The Tribune that inspectors looked at "almost every aspect of the plant: lab results, how well we stay in line with ADEM requirements, the condition of our equipment, how effective our treatment processes are, cleanliness and maintenance of the plant, odor, safety and organization."

Said Calloway, "The inspectors who came seemed to be impressed by pretty much everything. The main thing that they kept repeating was how clean and maintained the plant was."

This is the second consecutive year for Cullman's plant to receive the award.

Other council business
The council approved a 10-year tax abatement for an unnamed local automotive parts manufacturer for an upcoming $8 million facility expansion that should create 25 new jobs. Such abatements have become common practice across the country in relations between manufacturers and local governments, and still require the company to pay all applicable taxes designated for local education.

The council also approved a special event permit for street preacher Glenn Hurley to preach at the intersection of Third Street Southwest (U.S. Highway 278) and Second Avenue Southwest (U.S. Highway 31) from 2:45-5:15 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10, 2025.

The Cullman City Council meets on the second and fourth Mondays of every month, at 7 p.m. in the city hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.





LEGALS

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
L.J.P., * **CASE NO. JU 23-557.02**
a minor, DOB: 07-17-2023. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

JOHN ETHAN GOREE, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources in regards to a minor child born on July 17, 2023, to Brittany Cheyenne Loyd aka Brittany Cheyenne Goree aka Brittany Cheyenne Pope by the 2nd day of October, 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 20th day of August, 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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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
LAYLA MARIE LYNCH aka,
LAYLA MARIE TAYLOR,
Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC 2025-161

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to JARRETT T. LYNCH as Personal Representative of the Estate of LAYLA MARIE LYNCH aka LAYLA MARIE TAYLOR deceased, on the 10th day of September, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Jarrett T. Lynch
Personal Representative

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Suite 200
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

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

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
PATTI SCOTT HOUSCH, * **CASE NO.: PC2025-334**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to JENNIFER SUSAN YEAGER as Personal Representative of the Estate of PATTI SCOTT HOUSCH, deceased, on the 9th day of September, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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.

Jennifer Suan Yeager
Personal Representative

Atty for Petitioner:
Steven C. Smith
Smith & Smith, LLP
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, Al 35056-0398
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Primary Water Transmission Pipeline Replacement Project

Monday, September 29, 2025
5:00 p.m.

The City of Cullman, Alabama will hold a public meeting concerning a proposed domestic water distribution system improvements project, identified in the 2022 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan Application.

The project is intended for replacement of the existing transmission pipeline from the water treatment plant property to 1st Avenue SE in downtown Cullman. Completion of this project will enable the City to continue to provide reliable and quality water service to its distribution system in accordance with their NPDES permit.

Documents related to the project will be available for review in the Cullman City Hall, located at 204 2nd Avenue Northeast. Representatives of the City will be present at the meeting to explain the intent of the project and answer questions regarding the proposed system improvements.

The meeting will be held at the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium, City Hall, 204 2nd Avenue Northeast, at 5:00 PM, Monday, September 29, 2025. Project plans and specifications will be submitted for review by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

All persons affected by the project are invited to attend the meeting to obtain information and to express their concerns. Written statements may be submitted prior to the meeting to Mr. Wesley Moore, City Clerk, City of Cullman, P.O. Box 278, Cullman, Alabama 35056.

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Charles Overby to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, FKA Quicken Loans, LLC, its successors and assigns dated October 16, 2021; said mortgage being recorded on November 2, 2021 in Deed Book 1988, Page 185, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2118, Page 590, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on October 2, 2025 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

PARCEL I: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST; THENCE SOUTH 01°00'00" WEST 1,046.66 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON; THENCE NORTH 82°56'40" EAST 20.69 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 82°56'40" EAST 210.00 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON; THENCE NORTH 15°18'15" EAST 210.00 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON; THENCE SOUTH 83°00'11" WEST 216.85 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON; THENCE SOUTH 23°29'46" WEST 88.43 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON; THENCE SOUTH 06°18'20" WEST 121.57 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID LAND LYING IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

PARCEL II: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST; THENCE NORTH 89°09'06" WEST 1276.09 FEET TO AN IRON 1/4" CAPPED REBAR SET ON THE EAST R.O.W. OF A PAVED COUNTY ROAD; THENCE NORTH 5°10'14" WEST 287.51 FEET TO AN EXISTING IRON ON SAID R.O.W.; THENCE NORTH 81°42'38" EAST 210.00 FEET TO AN EXISTING IRON; THENCE NORTH 14°04'13" EAST 210.13 FEET TO AN EXISTING IRON AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 87°36'39" WEST, 263.39 FEET TO AN EXISTING IRON; THENCE NORTH 37°49'50" EAST 222.78 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 83°06'37" EAST, 155.2 FEET TO AN EXISTING IRON; THENCE SOUTHWEST 170 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID LAND LYING IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

PARCEL I & II ARE BETTER DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST; THENCE RUN NORTH 89°09'06" WEST 1276.09 FEET TO AN IRON 1/2" CAPPED REBAR SET ON THE EAST R.O.W. OF A PAVED COUNTY ROAD; THENCE RUN NORTH 5°10'14" WEST 287.51 FEET TO AN EXISTING IRON ON SAID R.O.W. AND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN NORTH 81°42'38" EAST 210.00 FEET TO AN EXISTING IRON; THENCE RUN NORTH 14°04'13" EAST 210.13 FEET TO AN EXISTING IRON; THENCE RUN IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION 170 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO AN EXISTING IRON; THENCE RUN NORTH 83°06'37" WEST 155.2 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT IN A PAVED COUNTY ROAD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 37°49'50" WEST 222.78 FEET TO AN EXISTING IRON; THENCE RUN IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION SAID PAVED COUNTY ROAD BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID LAND LYING IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA. LESS & EXCEPT THAT PORTION OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY WHICH LIES WITHIN COUNTY ROAD 1117.

Said property is commonly known as **2676 County Road 1117, Vinemont, AL 35179**.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
K.F.N., * **CASE NO.: JU 23-108.05**
a minor, DOB: 04-02-2013. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

The unknown father of the above child born to Bethany Ellen Rigney aka Bethany Ellen Screws on April 2, 2013, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources by the 9th day of October, 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 27th day of August 2025.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
P. O. Box 990
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Cullman, AL 35056

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
GARY DUEL WALDREP, II.,
Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC2025-319

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to GARY DUEL WALDREP, SR., as Personal Representative of the Estate of GARY DUEL WALDREP, II., deceased, on the 29th day of August, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Gary Duel Waldrep, Sr.
Personal Representative

Atty for Petitioner:
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2025-026

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF JASSON ANDREW THOMAS and BRANDY MARCELLA THOMAS.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: UNKNOWN FATHER of M.C.M., DOB 01/23/2017

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of M.C.M., a minor child born January 23, 2017, to Olivia Martin was filed on the 20th day of August, 2025, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioners Jasson Andrew Thomas and Brandy Marcella Thomas. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said Petitioners, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this 29th day of August, 2025.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2025-024

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF MATTHEW BRIAN BAILEY and NATASHA NICOLE BAILEY.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: UNKNOWN FATHER of E.B., DOB 11/01/2024

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of E.B., a minor child born November 1, 2024, to Tiffany Renee Blackerby was filed on the 14th day of August, 2025, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioners Matthew Brian Bailey and Natasha Nicole Bailey. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said Petitioners, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this 19th day of August, 2025.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
SARA JANE TIELKING,
Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC2025-333

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to SHEILA DAWN MCANEAR, as Personal Representative of the Estate of SARA JANE TIELKING deceased, on the 8th day of September, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

SHEILA DAWN MCANEAR
Personal Representative

Atty for Petitioner:
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Times**

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

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

Baileyton (from Front)

Katie Spicer
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BAILEYTON, Ala. — Mayor Windell Calloway commenced the monthly session of the Baileyton Town Council on Sept. 8, 2025. The meeting opened with an invocation led by Councilman Dewayne Sumner.

The meeting began with discussion of the upcoming Founder's Day Festival. As of the meeting, there are nine food trucks and 65 total vendors scheduled to be in attendance. There will be a kids' area set up with activities and inflatables, a car show, live entertainment and more.

Mayor Calloway stated, "Make sure to tell everybody that wants to come out it costs nothing to get in... It looks like it's going to be a good one." The fifth annual Founder's Day Festival will take place at Baileyton Town Park, 600 Fire Station Road, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20.

Parkside School Principal Caleb Elrod addressed the council with his "State of the Panthers" address. Elrod shared his excitement about several achievements that the school has attained. Among those achievements, Elrod shared that Parkside was awarded a Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama Be Healthy School Grant. Parkside intends to use the money to build a pickleball court that will benefit both students and the community.

Elrod stated, "Not only will it be available to the students during the school day, but also for the community of Baileyton to use in the evenings and on the weekends."

The projected location of the courts will be on the right side of the playground between the school and park.

In other business:

- The Town netted a $7,200 profit from September Bargain Days

- Hail damage repair at the Baileyton Senior Center was set to begin Sept. 9

- Cullman Caring for Kids will be set up at Baileyton Town Hall on Sept. 17, at 9 a.m. for those in need

The next town council meeting will be Monday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. at Baileyton Town Hall, located at 95 Fire Station Road.

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2025-332

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARY SUE RHODES, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Tammy Rhodes Harbison on the 9th day of September, 2025, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Tammy Rhodes Harbison
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
MARY ROSE BARTIMUS * PC2025-276
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY AND TO PROBATE WILL

TO: AUSTIN BLAKE BEARD, ALLISON R. BEARD AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES.

Please take notice that a *Petition for Letters of Testamentary and to Probate Will* has been received the 24th day of July, 2025, made Court record the 28th day of July, 2025, by Pamela Day Beard Rutherford, Petitioner, by and through Attorney C. Blake West. A hearing on said *Petition for Letters Testamentary and to Probate Will* has been scheduled for the **12th day of November, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear, and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 8th day of September, 2025.

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

Petitioner's Attorneys:
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Birmingham, AL 35210

C. Blake West
412 4th Avenue SW Suite 270
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Obituary Announcements: Sept. 9-10

Jimmy Wayne White, 74
Jimmy Wayne White passed away on Sept. 8, 2025. Mr. White was born in Cullman County, Alabama, on Sept. 16, 1950. He is preceded in death by his parents Argle White and Noveline Kelsoe White. Survivors include a brother, Danny (Tammy) White; two sons, Kevin White, and Brian (Tracie) White; and two grandchildren, Jessey Morton and Brylea Morton. Mr. White's obituary was provided by his family. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the White family.

Joan Stewart, 76
Funeral services for Joan Stewart, 76, of Cullman will be 2 p.m. Wednesday September 10th at Hanceville Funeral Home chapel. Burial will follow the service at Duck River cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Stewart was born Jan. 30, 1949, in Cullman, Alabama. She entered into the presence of her Lord and Savior surrounded by loved ones on Sept. 8, 2025. Joan was a very loving and godly woman whose faith was evident in every part of her life. She faithfully served at Walter Baptist Church, where she led the Young Ladies Group, joyfully worked in and poured her heart into mission work. She took part in mission trips to both Guatemala and Jamaica, where she served in Bible School. She also gave her time and love to the ministries at Jessie's Place. Joan was especially passionate about filling shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse, knowing that each small gift could carry the love of Christ across the world. She cherished her family deeply, as well as her church family and coworkers, all of whom were touched by her kindness, encouragement, and servant's heart. Joan's life was a testimony of her faith, her love for people, and her desire to serve the Lord in every way possible. She will be greatly missed, but her legacy of faith and love will live on in the many lives she touched. Mrs. Stewart is survived by her husband of 56 years, Joe Stewart; her children, Regina Butler, and Tracey Stewart; grandchildren, Joseph Tyler Stewart, Kennedy Leigh Ann Butler, Daniel Andrew Butler, Makai Zane Butler; great grandson, Jaylen Malik Stewart; aunt, Virginia Faye Harris; and a host of nieces and nephews. Mrs. Stewart was preceded in death by her parents, Ervie & Inez Burns; and her brothers, E.C. Burns, James Burns, Charles Burns, and Darrell Burns. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Stewart family.

Emma Sue Wenzel, 87
Emma Sue Wenzel, age 87 of Cullman, passed away on Friday, Sept. 5, 2025. She was born on Oct. 4, 1937, in Birmingham to Edward C. and Lela Belle Wenzel. Emma Sue worked at Compass Bank Cullman in various positions for 38 years. A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel, with John Lampi and Brent Wren officiating. The family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m. before the service. Interment will follow in Cullman City Cemetery. Survivors include her twin sister, Betty W. Cole; her cousin and caregiver, Jeanette Wren; special friends, John and Shirley Lampi; and cousins, friends, and caregivers. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.mossservice.com.

Margaret Annette Hurst, 66
Margaret Annette Hurst, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away on Sept. 7, 2025, at the age of 66. Ms. Hurst was born in Cullman County, Alabama on June 26, 1959, to the late Jack Theodore Davenport and the late Ruth Othel Harper Moore. Margaret was a homemaker who strived to provide a loving home for her children. Her outgoing personality and love for people made her a friend to many, and she was always willing to help her family and friends in any way possible. Margaret was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, and friend and her memory will be cherished by all who knew her. Ms. Hurst is preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her children, Brandon Leipert, and Lesley Hurst (Jason Harbin); siblings, Doug Davenport (Sharon), Linda Starnes, Tammy Milligan (Phillip); and granddaughters, Samantha Giles and Madalyn Giles. The Hurst family will celebrate the life of Ms. Margaret at a later time. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hurst family.

Sara Frances Phillips, 91
Sara Frances Anderton Phillips, of Warrior, Alabama, passed away on Sept. 6, 2025, at the age of 91. Ms. Phillips was born to John and Velma Hunter Anderton on Jan. 18, 1934, in Cullman County, Alabama. Sara was a Fairview High School alumnus who went on to succeed in various endeavors throughout her ninety-one years. She attended college where she took an interest in several fields of study, including interior decorating, English and math. Along the way, she worked as a veterinary technician with a tremendous love of animals, a bookkeeper in the construction industry, a seamstress in the garment industry, and she even found time to work, alongside close friends, at her local Jack's restaurant for a time. Later, she helped found and operate a successful family business in the field of welding inspection alongside her husband, son, and grandson. Sara and her husband were devoted members of Duck Creek Missionary Baptist Church, where they enjoyed worshipping with their family and friends. They enjoyed ballroom dancing in their free time and were active members in their community. Sara's adventurous spirit led her all over the United States and beyond: she loved to pack up the car and go, and she spent years driving her husband and family on countless work and school trips that took them nearly everywhere the car could drive, from mountains to deserts to beaches, from New York City to the Grand Canyon, and to more states than anyone ever remembered to tally. She was happy behind the wheel and earned her longtime family nickname, "Hot Rod Granny." She took up water skiing in her 50's (a skill that came naturally to her and led her all over Smith Lake), and she had a passion for mowing her lawn that few could rival. Her playful spirit was a gift—she was always up for a competitive game night, and she loved to laugh no matter what the occasion. And in the mornings, when it was time to get up, she would always be up too, waiting to greet you with a smile—and with a nice hot cup of coffee. Sara loved her family fiercely and without reserve. She was a loving and devoted daughter, sister, wife and mother, as well as a nurturing and adoring grandmother and great-grandmother. She stood by her family through the best times and the hardest ones, and she believed in each and every one of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren with all her heart. As her health began to fail her, she knew the love of her family as they cared for her, and she loved them with the same adoration that she had always bestowed upon them. Even in her darkest days, the promise of seeing her great-grandchildren was enough to put a smile on her face. She was able to find strength with the hope of seeing her loved ones in mind. Sara is preceded in death by her parents; beloved husband, Robert Duane Phillips; daughter, Paula Joy Fields; and siblings, Imogen Arbin, Hoyt Bernard "Bonn" Anderton, Mary Helen Kelsoe, William Seburn "Shorty" Anderton, James Marvin Anderton, and Velma Joan Shauger. Those left to cherish Sara's memory include her son, John Robert Phillips, and his wife, Sandra Lynn Phillips; grandchildren, Gary Shane Fields, Shannon Joy Fields; great-grandchildren, Garrett Shane Fields, Sara Jewell Fields, Cahaba Duane "Little Bob" Fields; sister, Hilda Ann Peigler; dear friends, Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Shin and family; a host of nieces and nephews; and her little dog, Boo-Boo. Friends are invited to join the family for a time of visitation on Friday, Sept. 12, 2025, at Sara's beloved church home, Duck Creek Missionary Baptist Church. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. with funeral services following at 2 p.m., David Wisener officiating. Ms. Phillips will be laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery following services where friends and family will serve as pallbearers. Sara's legacy of love and dedication for those she cherished will be remembered for generations to come. Ms. Phillip's obituary was written with love by her granddaughter, Shannon. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Phillips family.

Carolyn Jean Stone, 72
Memorial service is incomplete at this time for Carolyn Jean Stone, 72, of Hanceville. Ms. Stone passed away Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2025, at her residence. She was born Aug. 28, 1953, to Andrew Jackson Ballinger and Opal Lee Hight Ballinger. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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Judges (from Front)

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County judges set out to share a self-awareness program with local ninth-grade students nearly 12 years ago — and the program continues today.

Most recently, Cullman County District Court Judge Chad Floyd announced that he, Cullman County District Court Judge Rusty Turner, Cullman County Circuit Court Judge Emily Johnston and Cullman County Circuit Court Judge Greg Nicholas, will visit all freshmen classes in Cullman County to share a program that began over a decade ago regarding self-awareness, prevention of sexual abuse and building responsibility as a student.

"Judge Nicholas and Turner started this program approximately 12 years ago with the goal that every year in the fall, the judges visit all seven county high schools and share about Erin's Law," Floyd said.

"A brief explanation of Erin's Law is that age-appropriate information be provided to public school students concerning the issue of sexual abuse awareness and education — which is not an easy subject to discuss, but something that is necessary.

"We also take advantage of our time together to discuss how decisions that freshmen students make on a daily basis can have a lasting and lifelong impact."

Floyd said the public school talks last about 45 minutes and multiple judges have taken part in helping prepare students for the future with this annual commitment.

"We cover sexual abuse and prevention, but we also discuss responsibility once you're on the road, texting and driving, online/social media responsibility and more," Floyd said.

Floyd said he and Johnston visited West Point, and that he and Turner visited Holly Pond.

The judges have five schools remaining on the schedule.

Of course, many of the students really enjoy visiting with Brooksie, the court facility dog. Brooksie resides with Johnston and is an invaluable member of the team in the Cullman County Court system.

Remaining school schedule: Sept. 12 – Vinemont, Sept. 19 - Cold Springs, Sept. 26 – Fairview, Oct. 3 – Hanceville and Oct. 17 - Good Hope.

According to the Alabama State Department of Education: "Alabama's Erin's Law mandates public schools to implement a child sexual abuse prevention program for students in pre-K through 12th grade, covering age-appropriate education on topics like 'good touch/bad touch,' identifying trusted adults, and understanding how to seek help.

"The program aims to prevent sexual abuse by providing children with the knowledge and resources to recognize and report potential abuse."



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Good Samaritan Health Clinic Health and Wellness Fun Day, Part 2 – all the details!

Gauge Day
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Good Samaritan Health Clinic will host its Caring for Cullman Health and Wellness Fun Day on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 118 Veterans Drive, beginning with a ceremonial groundbreaking at 10 for the clinic's new 5,040-square-foot facility.

"The excitement is building — literally," said Jolanda Hutson, executive director of the Good Samaritan Health Clinic. "Thanks to overwhelming support from the local community and beyond, the new facility campaign has made incredible progress. The clinic is proud to announce a partnership with Badger Building Inc., who will serve as the general contractor for the project."

The ceremonial groundbreaking will be held at the "Future Home" site at 118 Veterans Drive, where the new Good Samaritan Clinic aims to serve the community with quality care and expanded health and wellness support for years to come.

Following the groundbreaking, the celebration will continue with an afternoon filled with health resources, interactive stage sessions, food trucks, giveaways and family activities. Admission is free with the event designed to offer something for every age.

Throughout the day, health and wellness sessions will cover topics ranging from exercise and diabetes to heart disease, healthy cooking and financial planning. Counselors from Haven Counseling Services will also lead a panel titled, "Breaking the Stigma on Mental Health."

"Local counselors and mental health professionals from Haven Counseling Services are coming together for a powerful panel discussion," said Mandy Wilhite, LICSW-S, PIP. "This panel will offer practical tools, compassionate insight and hope for individuals, families and faith communities."

A working list of stage sessions:

- Exercise 101: From zero to movement – Dr. Jeremy Stidham, Cullman Internal Medicine and medical director, Good Samaritan Health Clinic
- Type 2 Diabetes: The Problem and the Solution – Dr. Wes Hoskyns of Cullman Internal Medicine
- Breaking the Stigma on Mental Health – Haven Counseling Services of Cullman
- Strengthening Your Diaphragm through Song – Heirlooms Fine and Performing Arts
- Matters of the Heart: What Everyone Should Know about Heart Disease – Dr. Jeremy Stidham, Cullman Internal Medicine and medical director, Good Samaritan Health Clinic
- Healthy Cooking on a Dime – North Alabama Agriplex and Cullman County-Alabama Extension
- Planning for the Expected and Unexpected of Life – Edward Jones, Devin Allen and Maddie Shugarts

Local radio personality and community supporter Tommy Warhurst will serve as stage host for the Health and Wellness Fun Day. Known as the voice of 95.5 and a member of the Good Samaritan Health Clinic Board of Directors, Warhurst will introduce speakers, recognize sponsors and announce door prize giveaways throughout the event.

"With his deep roots in Cullman and a heart for service, Tommy is the perfect host to help make this year's Health and Wellness Fun Day a meaningful and memorable experience for all," shared Hutson.

A variety of community organizations will be on-site to share resources and services with attendees. Cullman Regional will provide BMI and stroke assessments, while Good Samaritan staff will offer blood pressure and glucose checks. Other nonprofits will highlight programs ranging from housing to senior care, while mobile health units from LifeSouth, Cullman Regional EMS, WellStone, and others will also be available for tours and information.

Alongside these organizations, local small businesses will showcase wellness-focused services such as massage therapy, counseling and health products. "This is a wonderful opportunity to dispel the common stigma associated with 'massage' and to share the many health benefits of therapeutic massage," said Bess Wood of Quality Therapeutic Massage of Cullman. "Some of those benefits include pain management, recovery support, stress relief and care for common ailments."

A full list of participants is provided below:

Nonprofit row participants

- Good Samaritan Health Clinic (providing blood pressure and glucose screenings)
- North Alabama Agriplex
- Cullman County-Alabama Extension
- United Way of Cullman County
- The Link of Cullman County
- Victim Services
- Brooks' Place Child Advocacy Center
- Cullman County Commission on Aging
- Cullman Regional (providing BMI and stroke assessment)
- Pilot Club of Cullman
- Cullman Housing Authority
- Desperation Church

Mobile health units

- LifeSouth
- Cullman Regional EMS
- WellStone and Heads Up Prevention Program
- Cullman County Library Bookmobile
- First Source for Women

Small business row

- Cox, Stansberry & Kinsley
- Haven Counseling Services
- Quality Therapeutics
- Aurora IV and Wellness
- PTP Lab
- NEXTGen IT
- Sound Mind Therapy
- OmniPlex

Dr. Kira Sims, director of the Cullman County Extension, said her team looks forward to participating and bringing their unique flavor of hands-on learning to the event. "As a stage session, we will team up with the North Alabama Agriplex to showcase 'Healthy Cooking on a Dime,' demonstrating a few easy and healthy recipes. Tastings and recipe cards will be available for participants," Sims said. "We will also have a booth set up with information on the services we offer, including soil sample kits, gardening publications, diabetes resources, youth programs, healthy cooking information and more!"

Families will also find plenty to enjoy at the Fun Zone, which will feature princess story times and photo opportunities, therapy pony Gnomeo from Therapy Partners, cornhole provided by the VFW Auxiliary, and face painting and balloon animals provided by CATA Health Science and CHS Medical Academy students.

"Heirlooms Fine and Performing Arts is thrilled to be able to provide family-friendly entertainment for Good Samaritan Health Clinic," said Paige Clabo, artistic director. "We will have very special princesses visiting us and will be teaching breathing exercises which help the use of the diaphragm. Our princesses will sing songs with their new friends and read stories throughout the day. Don't miss it!"

The day will also include a variety of food trucks offering everything from seafood and hot dogs to gourmet popsicles and coffee. Door prize giveaways, many tied to health and wellness, will be announced from the main stage. Attendees can expect items like fitness passes, massage certificates and more.

The current lineup of food trucks:

- Papa Sam's Hot Dogs
- The Lunch Wagon
- Bryant's Mobile Seafood
- Frios Gourmet Pops
- Sno Biz
- La Pasadita
- Holder Beans Coffee

When asked what she would say to community members considering attending, Hutson replied, "Come with an open mind and a spirit of curiosity."

"We encourage everyone to set aside any preconceived ideas they may have about health fairs," she said. "Instead, expect to be surprised by the wealth of resources available right here in Cullman County. From medical services and mental health support to fitness, nutrition, and preventive care, there's something for every age and every stage of life."

She added, "Our hope is that attendees will discover new tools, make meaningful connections and leave feeling inspired to take steps toward a healthier, more informed lifestyle. Whether it's your first time engaging with these resources or you've been connected for years, this event is designed to meet you where you are — and help you move forward."

The Health and Wellness Fun Day is made possible through the generosity of numerous sponsors, listed below.

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- OmniPlex
- Sound Mind TMS

For more information about the Good Samaritan Health Clinic or the event, contact Jolanda Hutson at jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com or 256-255-5964.

