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Cullman man indicted on attempted murder charge in domestic violence incident

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — A Cullman man has been indicted on charges of first-degree domestic violence and attempted murder.

According to court records, the indictments against Justin Matthew Hobbs, 44, are related to a June 13, 2025, domestic violence incident.

Court records allege Hobbs struck a » PAGE 6



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Cullman County Schools rolls out new STEM education bus



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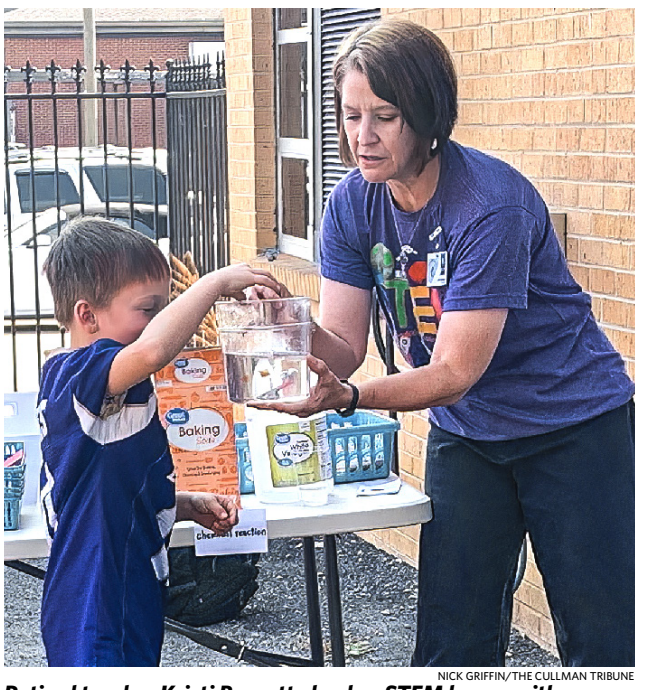
Hanceville Elementary School students conduct experiments on the CCBOE's new STEM Bus on Friday, Sept. 12, 2025.

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Cullman County Schools debuted one of its newest additions at Hanceville Elementary School last Friday morning. CCBOE's maintenance crew has been hard at work converting a school bus into a mobile STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education lab and Hanceville Elementary and Primary School students were the first of the county's students to climb aboard and test it out.

A pair of retired Cullman County Schools teachers, Jennifer Tucker and Kristi Barnette, are returning to run the lab and guide students through several hands-on projects and experiments. Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette was excited to break out the new addition Friday and wants to provide students with as many avenues for STEM education as possible.

"Just this past week we rolled out our new STEM bus. Not every school in our school system has a STEM lab and we know how important STEM education is for our students," Barnette said. "So, we've taken a bus that was going to be out of the rotation of our regular school buses, and our maintenance department has stripped it down and created a mobile STEM lab out of it and we've got two retired educators that are coming back to work part time. They'll » PAGE 6



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Retired teacher Kristi Barnette leads a STEM lesson with Hanceville Elementary students Friday morning, Sept. 12, 2025.

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Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce announces 2025 Burgermeister Ball – Sept. 25



CULLMAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to host the annual Burgermeister Ball on Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025, at 6 p.m. at the Abbey Byre at St. Bernard. » PAGE 6

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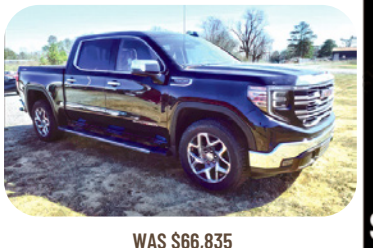
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 15

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 15, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY-SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Sept. 11

- assault; menacing; Edmondson Rd. NE
- domestic violence; CR 1193
- domestic violence; CR 1323
- interference with a domestic violence emergency call; CR 490
- harassment; CR 1303
- harassment; CR 1481
- disorderly conduct; resisting arrest; 2nd Ave. NW
- violation of protection order; 2nd Ave. NW
- trespassing; CR 222

Sept. 12

- trafficking drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 565
- domestic violence – harassing communications; Tennessee Ave. NE
- trespassing; CR 1043
- theft of property; CR 1025

Sept. 13

- domestic violence; Hwy. 69N
- harassment; US. 31
- domestic violence; CR 1772
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; I65NB MM 305
- burglary; Randall Shedd Ln.
- domestic violence; CR 544

Sept. 14

- theft of property; CR 1105
- theft of property; CR 1843
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 718
- domestic violence; CR 723
- domestic violence; interference with domestic violence emergency call; CR 1043
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Beech Ave. SE
- burglary; Arkadelphia Rd. NE
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 489
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; attempt to elude law enforcement officer; tampering with physical evidence; Hwy. 91

ARRESTS

Sept. 11-14

Agustin, Pedro; 20
- public intoxication

Alvarez Martinez, Anna W.; 23
- DUI

Atchley, Martin S.; 61
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Atkins, Anthony M.; 43
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Bagwell, Brooke R.; 38
- interference with a domestic violence emergency call
- FTA – DUI

Bagwell, Terry N.; 64
- criminal trespass

Baker, Lucas C.; 22
- discharging Firearm into unoccupied building, railroad, aircraft, automobile, truck, or watercraft
- family offense-domestic violence protection order enforcement act

Berryhill, Erica L.; 41
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- burglary-non-residence-force (2 counts)

Brown, James S.; 31
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- interference with a domestic violence emergency call

Duke, Jason P.; 39
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Esposito, Jan M.; 45
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Gregorio, Mario G.; 45
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Hanes, Kameron L.; 20
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Haynes, Jeremy A.; 37
- assault with bodily fluids

Hernandez, Cristopher; 28
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Jorsch, Denis D.; 57
- assault-harassment

Moore, Christina J.; 48
- stalking-2nd degree
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Moore, Mathais K.; 34
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Nugent, Allison R.; 18
- disorderly conduct/disturbing peace/affray
- resisting arrest

Reno, Mark D.; 63
- attempting to elude a police officer
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Richards, Summer N.; 33
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Thomas, Wendell E.; 66
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Thompson, Destiney K.; 27
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- tampering with physical evidence
- FTA – driving without drivers license

Uselton, Dana M. 36
- FTA – attempted identity theft
- FTA – retail theft-3rd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Villa, Jr., Antonio; 45
- criminal trespass

Wallace, Leslie B.; 36
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Wilkerson, Virgil J.; 42
- FTA – criminal trespass
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, less than $500

Wilkins, Toby A.; 51
- burglary-non-residence-force (2 counts)

Yates, Logan B.; 24
- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 8
- theft of property-4th degree; criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $44; Hwy. 157

Sept. 9
- organized retail theft; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $515; Hwy. 157

Sept. 10
- theft of service; person; $75

Sept. 12
- theft of property-1st degree; person; $40,000; '20 Ford Mustang; 4th St. SW

Sept. 13
- harassing communications; person
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $22; Olive St. SW

Sept. 14
- counterfeit $100; State of Alabama; Hwy. 278W
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $4; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

Sept. 12-14

Riggs, Joanie R.; 46
- public intoxication
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Yates, Logan B.; 24
- FTA – driving while suspended
- FTA – expired tag

Cofield, Jr., William A.; 44
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Brown, Linda J.; 63
- theft of property-4th degree

Lucas, Richard A.; 36
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Watts, Eric M.; 61
- FTA – public intoxication

Berryhill, Erica L.; 41
- FTA – expired tag

Thompson, Destiny K.; 27
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – criminal trespass-1st degree (2 counts)

Kinney, Louie G.; 64
- FTA – driving while suspended
- FTA – expired tag

Haynes, Kenneth M.; 61
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – driving while suspended

Stover, Patrick W.; 37
- burglary-3rd degree
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

Beasley, Janet R.; 48
- 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.

Les Dames of Cullman 4th Annual Witches Ride coming Oct. 19

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Dust off your brooms and round up your crew — the Witches Ride is back for its fourth enchanting year! Hosted by the Les Dames of Cullman, this spirited, family-friendly event has become one of Cullman's favorite fall traditions. On Sunday, Oct. 19, the Warehouse District will once again transform into a whimsical wonderland of cackles, costumes and community connection.

The festivities begin at 2 p.m., as witches and their teams begin staging and kids enjoy a magical carnival complete with face painting, games, food trucks and plenty of sweet treats. First Avenue comes alive with the Witches Ride Parade—a high-energy procession of moms, daughters, grandmothers and friends walking or pedaling through downtown in full witchy flair. Candy flies, kids cheer and the whole town celebrates together.

Team registration opens soon, and this year's ride will feature fun new awards, including:

- Best Team Theme
- Most Creative Costume

All proceeds benefit Les Dames of Cullman's mission to end period poverty for girls younger than 19 right here in our community.

Thanks to the incredible support of the community, Les Dames has already installed free organic feminine hygiene dispensers in every high school in Cullman County, and we are now working on our community's middle schools.

This year, the goal is to raise $65,000 to launch a digital education campaign — helping answer the big, awkward and often unspoken questions girls face about their bodies and their health.

So grab your pointy hats, rally your broommates and join us for a Sunday full of magic, memories and meaningful impact.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.LesDamesCullman.com/ride.



LES DAMES OF CULLMAN

The fourth annual Witches Ride will take place Sunday, Oct. 19, from 2-5 p.m. in Cullman's Warehouse District.

4D Farm hosting rodeo event this weekend

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County's own one-stop venue for all things fall and fun, 4D Farm, is hosting a rodeo on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 19-20, to kick off the Autumn season.

4D Farm Owner Beth Daniel said the first rodeo is The Alabama Stampede, a Professional Cowboys Association (PCA)-sanctioned rodeo.

"There will be rodeo-only and farm combo tickets available for the weekend," Daniel said. "The farm opens at 4 p.m. for the combo ticket holders and gates open at 6 p.m. for rodeo. Rides and farm activities will be for those with the farm/rodeo combo ticket."

She said the idea for the rodeo came her children's involvement and interest in rodeo. Daniel's oldest son, Lane, attends Pearl River in Poplarville, Mississippi, on a rodeo scholarship and rodeos in the Ozark region.

"We're going to miss him on our first rodeo as he will be in Missouri competing in his first rodeo of the season," Daniel said. "Brac and Colt both team rope in high school for Alabama High School (Rodeo) Association. We finally have a header and heeler in the same division, so it's fun getting to watch them as a team this year. Navi Jane, our only girl, started Alabama Junior High this year. She runs barrels and poles."

Daniel said all of their kids have been involved in rodeo for 4-5 years.

"The boys have qualified for nationals in Iowa for junior high and Wyoming in high school each year," Daniel said. "They've also competed in Shawnee Oklahoma at the IFYR (International Finals Youth Rodeo) and the Patriot Junior Rodeo in Fort Worth Texas. The younger boys also plan to run at the rodeo at 4D."

Daniel said Sept. 27-28, will be the fall festival opening weekend for the corn maze and pumpkin patch at 4D Farm.

"We will have a Latham magic show here and Hudd Music will be on-site as well," Daniel said. "We will have a full list of calendar events on our website. We cannot wait to see everyone."

Additional events include:



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4D Farm is located at 7066 County Road 703 in Cullman.

- Oct. 10-13- Diving Dog Show as well as Hudd Music
- Oct. 17-19- Diving Dog Show as well as Hudd Music
- Oct. 25-26 - Trick riding show as well as Hudd Music
- Closed Oct. 31; Open Nov. 1-2: All details and hours on the website

Tickets can be purchased online. The corn maze and pumpkin patch will not be open during rodeo weekend.

4D Farm is located at 7066 County Road 703 in Cullman.

For more information, or to see the full calendar, visit www.4Dfamilyfarm.com.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

It's Cheeseball Time Again!
Grace Episcopal Church Women are currently taking orders for their 37th annual Cheeseball Sale. Please go to www.gracecullman.org and place your order by Oct. 5, 2025. We have eight delicious flavors to choose from, and your order will be available for pick up on Thursday, Nov. 20, just in time for the holidays. Proceeds go to support local outreach projects including Committee on Church Cooperation, The Good Samaritan Health Clinic, The Pilot Light Home, Cullman Caring for Kids and Hope Horses.

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
- Wednesday, Sept. 17 – 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, Sept. 19 – 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, Sept. 20 – 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
- Sunday, Sept. 21 – 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
- 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.

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.

Cullman Education Retirees Association Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 18. Please note changes. The meeting will be in the Magnolia Room located in the Farmer's Table building at Stone Bridge restaurant. Go in the main gate and the building is immediately to the right. A sign should be on the building. As with everything else, the cost of the meals has increased and now they are $20 each. There is a very large buffet and a separate salad bar in an adjoining room. We hope to see all of you at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18. Jeanette Johnson is the hostess and the program is the WSCC WaLLi Program. Donations should be school supplies or monetary or a donation for the food bank. Looking forward to seeing you Sept. 18, 2025, at 11 a.m. Mary Ellen Pinion, president - Cullman Retired Educators

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
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PREP FOOTBALL

8 local teams collect region wins in week 4

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Week four was packed with another full slate of region matchups and nearly all of our local teams were able to add another mark in the win column. Meek dominated Phillips 60-6, Addison handled Cherokee 66-0, Cold Springs routed Cleveland 54-22, Holly Pond crushed Brindlee Mountain 60-12, Vinemont downed Midfield 37-16, Good Hope hammered Haleyville 42-0, West Point earned a 41-8 win at Lawrence County and Fairview cruised past Ardmore 42-7.

Fairview 42 – Ardmore 7

The Fairview Aggies were back home for another region matchup against Ardmore Friday night, and they put together another dominant performance. Fairview built a 21-0 lead in the first half and continue pulling away in the second half on the way to a 42-14 win.

The Aggies and Tigers exchanged punts throughout the first quarter but Fairview got on the board early in the second when Kolt Redding carried a QB keeper into the end zone from 2 yards to make it a 7-0 game. On the next Aggies possession, Jake Harper broke a big run down the home sideline to set up Fairview's offense inside the 5-yard line and two plays later, Harper plowed into the end zone from 2 yards out to extend the lead to 14-0 midway through the second quarter.

Harper's second touchdown run of the night came in the final two minutes of the second quarter and gave the Aggies a 21-0 lead at the halftime break.

Fairview recovered an onside kick to start the third quarter, and the Aggies quickly took advantage of the extra possession. Just a few plays later, Rex Chandler burst through the line for 27 yards and a touchdown, putting Fairview in front 28-0 with 10 minutes to play in the third quarter. The Aggies added to their lead on their next possession when Harper took a handoff 47 yards down the sideline for his third score of the night, stretching the lead to 35-0.

Later in the fourth quarter, Easton Filch ran one into the end zone from 12 yards out to make it a 42-0 game. The Tigers tacked on one touchdown in the final frame, but it was too little, too late and Fairview remained unbeaten with a 42-7 win over Ardmore.

The Aggies (4-0) will be back home for another region game against Lawrence County Friday.

West Point 41 – Lawrence County 8

The West Point Warriors hit the road for a big region battle at Lawrence County Friday night and they returned home with a big win. The Warriors built a 21-8 lead in the first half and tacked on three more scores in the second half to collect a comfortable, 41-8 win over the Red Devils.

West Point's first touchdown of the night was a little unconventional as Warriors fumble was scooped up by Cooper Howard who took it into end zone for an early touchdown and a 7-0 lead. West Point quarterback Ayden Ennis ran one into the end zone of the next possession to put the Warriors in front 14-0 but later in the second quarter, Lawrence County blocked a West Point punt and ran it into the end zone for a touchdown to trim the lead to 14-8. However, the Warriors responded with a scoring drive just before halftime, capped off by a touchdown pass from Ennis to Bryant Moon that gave West Point a 21-8 lead at the break.

A touchdown run by Ollie Howell extended the lead to 28-8 early in the third quarter and Howell's second touchdown run of the night made it 35-8 with a minute to play in the third. A Nolan Franklin interception gave West Point a short field on its next possession and Howell took advantage, punching in his third touchdown run of the game to put the Warriors ahead 41-8 with eight minutes remaining. Maddox Chapman intercepted a pass on the ensuing possession to wrap up a 41-8 region win for West Point.

The Warriors (2-2) will be off this week before hosting Hayden on Sept. 26.

Good Hope 42 – Haleyville 0

After dominating Fultondale on the road last week, the Good Hope Raiders were back home for another region game against Haleyville, and it was another fun night for the Raiders. Good Hope jumped out to a 42-0 lead before halftime and preserved the shutout with some younger players on the field in the second half.

Mason Drake scored on a 6-yard run to give the Raiders a quick, 7-0 lead in the first quarter and Good Hope recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff to give the offense a short field. A few plays later, quarterback Parker Johnson hit Carter Rutherford through the air for a touchdown to stretch the lead to 14-0.

Another touchdown pass from Johnson to Rutherford put the Raiders in front 21-0 on the next possession and midway through the second quarter, Drake punched one into the end zone from a yard out to give Good Hope a 28-0 advantage.

Drake got loose for a 75-yard touchdown run later in the second to make it a 35-0 game and Cody Stevens intercepted a Haleyville pass and returned it 50 yards for a Raider touchdown to give Good Hope a commanding, 42-0 lead at halftime.

The second half gave Good Hope's coaching staff a good opportunity to get a lot of younger players some valuable playing time but perhaps the most valuable experience of the night came when Conner Hastings hit the field with a raucous crowd at James W. Shabel Stadium behind him, putting the finishing touches on a 42-0 region win for the Raiders.

Good Hope (3-0) will be back home this week for another region matchup against Cordova.

Vinemont 37 – Midfield 16

A big night from Dalton Bryan and a strong performance from the defense propelled the Eagles to a huge, 37-16 region victory over the Midfield Patriots Friday night. Bryan racked up four touchdowns in the win to help lead the way for the Eagles.

The home team received the ball first and drove right down the field and with seven and a half minutes remaining in the opening quarter Caleb Slain gave the Eagles an 8-0 lead on an 8-yard run. Defensively the Eagles stood strong to force a three and out putting the ball back into the hands of the Eagles offense, a huge run set up the Eagles with a first and goal then two plays later Dalton Bryan plunged in from one yard out to give Vinemont a 15-0 lead with three and a half minutes left in the first quarter. Vinemont's defense forced three more punts and a turnover on downs to maintain the lead and send the Eagles to halftime up 15-0.

Midfield scored quickly in the third quarter to cut the lead down to 15-8. Josh Rhodes found Chase Blair for a huge gain on fourth down that set up the Eagles up first and goal, on the next play Dalton Bryan scored from 3 yards out to give the Eagles a 23-8 lead with just under eight minutes remaining in the third quarter. A fumble set up the Patriots with a short field and with 2:24 remaining in the third quarter Midfield cut the lead to 23-16.

Vinemont quickly responded in the fourth quarter when Bryan scored his third touchdown of the night from 15 yards out to put the Eagles ahead 31-16. Midfield drove down the field and was set up with first and goal, but Vinemont's defense stopped them on fourth and goal. On the first play of the next possession Bryan rumbled for gain of 93 yards to set the Eagles up with first and goal.

Two plays later Bryan capped off his big night with his fourth touchdown of the night on a 2-yard run to put the Eagles up 37-16 with a little over three minutes remaining in the game. Vinemont's defense forced a turnover on downs in four plays, and the offense needed a first down, then had to kneel down twice to secure the 37-16 win.

Vinemont (2-2) will travel to Carbon Hill Friday.

Holly Pond 60 – Brindlee Mountain 12

Holly Pond hit the road for a region game at Brindlee Mountain Friday night, and the Lions had their hands full with the Broncos in town. Holly Pond jumped out to a 47-6 lead in the first half and with the clock running in the second half, cruised to a 60-12 win over Brindlee Mountain.

Miguel Garcia put the Broncos on top 7-0 early by returning the game's opening kick 82 yards for a touchdown. An 80-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Boston Gibbs to Garcia extended the lead to 14-0 and Gibbs ran one into the end zone from 6 yards out on the next possession to make it 20-0.

Gibbs' second touchdown run of the night put Holly Pond ahead 27-0 with less than a minute to play in the first quarter but the Lions returned the ensuing kickoff back for a touchdown to get on the board and trim the lead to 27-6 going into the second. Gibbs ran in a 37-yard touchdown to make it 33-6 early in the second quarter and Jonathan Hamby sprinted into the end zone for a 20-yard touchdown to stretch the lead to 40-6. Gibbs returned a Brindlee Mountain punt 72 yards for another touchdown just before halftime to give Holly Pond a commanding, 47-6 advantage at the break.

A 22-yard touchdown pass from Gibbs to Asher Thrift made it a 53-6 game early in the third quarter, but the Lions scored on their next possession to trim the lead to 53-12. The final score of the night came later in the third quarter when Kort Freeman broke free for 57 yards and a touchdown, wrapping up a dominant, 60-12 win for the Broncos.

Holly Pond (3-1) will be back home to face Geraldine this week.

Cold Springs 54 – Cleveland 22

After falling in a shootout on the road last week, the Cold Springs Eagles were back home Friday night to host a region matchup against Cleveland. The Eagles maintained their offensive momentum they've built so far this season and lit up the scoreboard once again on their way to a 54-22 win over the Panthers.

A touchdown pass from quarterback Ayden Black to Eli Voce gave the Eagles an early, 8-0 lead and Cason Alexander added a rushing touchdown in the final minute of the first quarter to stretch the lead to 16-0. Another Alexander touchdown made it a 22-0 game with just under three minutes remaining in the second quarter and Cold Springs went into the locker room with a three-touchdown lead at halftime.



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Good Hope's Carter Rutherford sprints past a defender during the Raiders' 42-0 win over Haleyville on Friday.

Black scampered into the end zone from 50 yards out to extend the Eagles' lead to 30-0 early in the third quarter and Black found Breydon Hallmon through the air for another score later in the third to make it 38-0. Cleveland was able to get on the board and trim the lead to 38-6 but Cold Springs got the points back when Cooper Johnson scored on a 30-yard run and put the Eagles ahead 46-6. After another Panthers touchdown, Cooper Johnson punched one into the end zone to make it a 54-14 game and Cold Springs went on to win it 54-22.

The Eagles (2-2) will travel to Winston County on Friday.

Addison 66 – Cherokee 0

The seventh ranked Addison Bulldogs hosted region foe Cherokee at lovely A.G. Hicks Stadium on Friday night, and it was a very one-sided affair. Addison could have named its score in this one as they shut out the Indians 66-0. Addison played a lot of young players with the clock running in the second half.

Addison has a huge game Friday night as they travel to No.4 Hackleburg 3-0 (2-0 region) in a battle for region supremacy.

Meek 60 – Phillips 6

The Meek Tigers hosted Phillips Bear Creek for a region showdown Friday night, and this one was never in doubt. The Tigers led 22-0 at halftime but they created a lot more separation in the second half, pulling away to collect a 60-6 win over the Bears.

Meek (2-2) will be back home this week for another region game against Waterloo.



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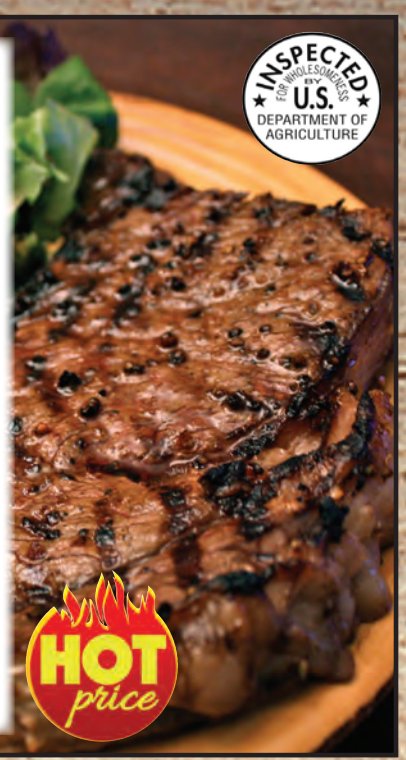
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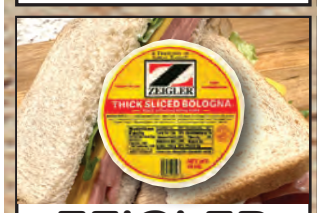
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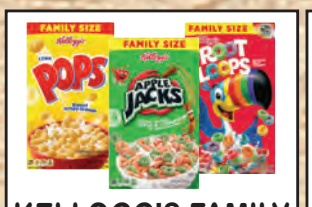
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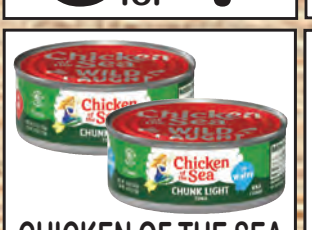
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Ad #38 FRONT

Good Samaritan Health Clinic breaks ground on new facility, hosts Health & Wellness Fun Day celebration

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Saturday, Sept. 13, marked a significant milestone for the Good Samaritan Health Clinic as the organization celebrated the groundbreaking of its future home alongside its first-ever Health & Wellness Fun Day.

"Seeing the groundbreaking for our new clinic was surreal," said Executive Director Jolanda Hutson. "Just a short time ago, this was only a vision and now it's becoming real, thanks to the incredible support of our community and beyond. It's a powerful reminder of what we can accomplish when we come together for a common purpose — to care for one another."

Construction officially began Monday, Sept. 15, with Badger Building, Inc. serving as general contractor. The 5,040-square-foot clinic is expected to be complete by late spring or early summer 2026. "The next step is for our contractor to mobilize and begin building," Hutson explained. "If all goes according to plan and the weather cooperates, we're hopeful of moving into our new home by mid-2026. It's an exciting chapter, and we're looking forward to watching progress unfold."

Once complete, the new clinic will give Good Samaritan the space and stability needed to expand its services and strengthen its long-term mission. "This permanent home allows us to grow intentionally, serve more patients with compassion and excellence and remain rooted in our community for generations to come," Hutson said.

She explained that the project is built on three key pillars: stability, prevention and access. "Owning our own facility ensures long-term stability — freeing us from the uncertainty of leased space," she said. "We're also expanding our focus beyond treating illness to promoting total health and well-being, while continuing to provide exceptional care for all uninsured residents. We believe that everyone deserves access to compassionate, high-quality care."

She added, "These pillars form the foundation for a healthier Cullman and this new facility is where that vision becomes reality."

While the groundbreaking was the morning's highlight, the celebration continued with the inaugural Health & Wellness Fun Day. The event brought together 13 nonprofit organizations, eight small businesses, seven stage sessions, four mobile health units, five food trucks and a full slate of family activities.

"With any first-time event, it's hard to predict exactly how many people will show up. While we had capacity for more attendees, the feedback was overwhelmingly positive," Hutson said. "The level of support from our partners was nothing short of amazing. Everyone showed up with incredible energy, generosity and a shared commitment to the health and well-being of our community, which made the day really special."

But for Hutson, the most meaningful part of the day was seeing so many groups working side by side. "My favorite part of the day was seeing nonprofits, businesses, health providers and volunteers all gathered in one place with a shared purpose," she shared. "That sense of unity was inspiring to see."

Looking ahead, Hutson said her hope is that the event left a lasting impact on those who attended. "I hope community members walked away with something practical they can use in their own lives to improve their health and well-being," she added. "Maybe they found a new resource, made a meaningful connection or even reconnected with an old friend. And most of all, I hope they had fun, because emotional well-being and human connection are just as essential to health as any service we provide."

As the groundbreaking marks the start of a new chapter, Hutson said the clinic's primary focus is on construction but hinted that another big celebration is on the horizon. "Our hope is that the next big community event will be an Open House to celebrate the opening of our new clinic," she said. "Who knows? We may even incorporate another Health & Wellness Fun Day into that celebration now that we'll have the space to host events like this on our own property moving forward."

Hutson offered thanks to the many individuals and organizations who helped bring both the groundbreaking and Fun Day to life. "This truly was a community event in every sense of the word — by the community, for the community," she said. "We absolutely could not have hosted an event of this magnitude without the incredible support of our sponsors, participants and volunteers."

Top sponsors included NEXTGen IT (Event Title Sponsor), Freedom Insurance – Gloria Williams (Small Business Row Sponsor), Desperation Church (Nonprofit Row Sponsor), Virgil B. Fowler Insurance (Food Truck Alley Sponsor), AJK, LLC (Mobile Health Units Sponsor), Jerry and Lora Raley (Fun Zone Sponsor) and an anonymous individual (Stage Sponsor).

For those who want to keep up with the new clinic's progress, learn about services or support its mission, visit www.goodsamaritancullman.com, email jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com or follow the clinic on Facebook at GoodSamaritanCullman and Instagram at GoodSamaritanClinicCullman.

Good Samaritan Health Clinic is currently located at 401 Arnold St. NE, Suite A, Cullman, in the basement of Folsom Center Long Term Care (the former Cullman Hospital ER). The new facility will be at 118 Veterans Dr. SW.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Good Samaritan Health Clinic officially broke ground Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025, on its new 5,040-square-foot facility, marking a major milestone in the organization's future.







Victim Services announces local events for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October

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CULLMAN, Ala. — October is nationally recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Victim Services of Cullman has announced a series of local events designed to honor victims, support survivors and raise awareness throughout the community.

"The number of survivors served in the past year has doubled, showing just how urgent this need is in our community," said Executive Director Jessica Atchley.

"Domestic Violence Awareness Month gives us an opportunity not only to remember and honor but also to call our community together to take action. Each event in October is a chance to stand with survivors and show them they are not alone."

The following is a list of events highlighted by Victim Services.

• **Oct. 1** – Local leaders will officially recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The City of Cullman proclamation signing will be held at 9 a.m. and Cullman County proclamation signing will be held at 6 p.m.

• **Oct. 7** – Chick-fil-A Cullman will host a Spirit Night from 4:30-7:30 p.m., donating a portion of sales to support Victim Services programs, including emergency shelter, counseling, advocacy and prevention efforts. Guests must order through the Chick-fil-A app for proceeds to be counted.

• **Oct. 12** – A candlelight vigil, Light the Path, will take place in front of the Cullman County Courthouse. The community is invited to gather in remembrance of lives lost to domestic violence and in support of survivors.

• **Oct. 23** – Community members are encouraged to take part in Wear Purple Day on Oct. 23, to show support for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Purple ribbons are available through the Victim Services office for individuals, teams or workplaces. Anyone interested can stop by the office or call to request ribbons.

• **Oct. 25** – The month will conclude with Boo Fest on Oct. 25, a family-friendly event supporting Render Aid Alabama and connecting families with local resources.

Additionally, throughout the month of October, awareness efforts will continue with educational information boards displayed at Cullman County DHR, WellStone, Cullman County Public Library and the Cullman County Health Department for those seeking more information on local resources.

For more information about October's events or to learn more about Victim Services of Cullman, Inc., call 256-775-2600 or visit www.victimservices.online.

4 local UA Early College students named to Summer 2025 Director's List

Stephanie Pettis
University of Alabama

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — For the summer semester 2025, 340 University of Alabama Early College students were on the Director's List obtaining a 3.6 or higher GPA for the term.

Local students include:

• Taylin Clemmons of Cullman attends Holly Pond High School

• Brooke Harding of Arab attends Arab High School

• Jace Olvey of Cullman attends Cullman High School

• Kairi Phillips of Cullman attends Holly Pond High School

Charge (from Front)

woman with an open vehicle door and threw her to the ground, causing a brain bleed and/or skull fractures.

According to the Cullman County District Attorney's Office, Hobbs was arrested in June for first-degree domestic violence, and Cullman County District Judge Rusty Turner ordered he be held without bail following an Aniah's Law hearing.

Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker said the Grand Jury reviewed the case and added the additional charge of attempted murder. The indictments came down on Aug. 7, 2025, but were not made public until they were served on Sept. 9, 2025.

Crocker said Hobbs' initial court appearance following the indictments was Sept. 10, 2025.

Ball (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to host the annual Burgermeister Ball on Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025, at 6 p.m. at the Abbey Byre at St. Bernard. Sponsored by HomTex, this elegant evening will celebrate community, Cullman's German heritage and the kickoff of Oktoberfest festivities.

The Burgermeister Ball is one of Cullman's most cherished traditions, bringing together the community for a night of fellowship, fine dining, live music and fun. Dinner will be provided by All Steak and Oktoberfest brews provided by Ethos Craft Brewing, Goat Island Brewing and Hofbräuhaus. The highlight of the evening will be the official presentation of the 2025 Burgermeister, Mayor Woody Jacobs. Guests are encouraged to wear traditional German garb such as lederhosen and dirndls.

"This event is a true celebration of Cullman's rich German roots and the people who make our community thrive," said Joey Orr, Chamber president. "The Burgermeister Ball not only honors tradition, but also brings us together in the spirit of unity, culture and community pride."

Tickets are $100 for Chamber members and $125 for non-members. Spots are limited to 150 people. To register, visit https://business.cullmanchamber.org/events/details/2025-burgermeister-ball-23242.

For more information, contact Katie Walker at 256-734-0454 or kwaler@cullmanchamber.org.

Bus (from Front)

be going around to each of our elementary schools and doing a mobile STEM lab with our students."

It's important to Barnette and the CCBOE that students are informed about a wide variety of career paths and he believes the mobile STEM lab will only help with that process.

"This was a dream that started about four years ago and our local maintenance guys have done most of the work on this and it's taken a while, so we're tickled to death to finally get it out there to visit schools. One of the components that we're going to tie into this is career exploration," Barnette said. "We want them to know about all the different STEM careers that are out there, and we want to start that process young. Any time you have to use your hands and create stuff and build stuff, it just raises that questioning and those critical thinking skills."

LEGALS

TOWN OF BAILEYTON, ALABAMA

INVITATION TO BID

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT – ROOFING, SIDING AND EXTERIOR WALLS REPAIRS AND/OR REPLACEMENTS (HAIL DAMAGE)

Bid Number: 2025-2
Release Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2025
Sealed Bid Deadline: Friday, October 3, 2025 | 12:00 p.m.
Bid Opening: Monday, October 6, 2025 | 7:00 p.m. | Baileyton Town Hall | 55 Fire Station Road | Baileyton, Alabama 35019

1. NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Pursuant to Title 39, Code of Alabama (1975), as amended, the Town of Baileyton invites sealed bids for the repair and replacement of hail-damaged roofs, siding, exterior walls, gutters, downspouts and lighting fixtures on multiple municipal buildings and park structures.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

Work is not limited to repairs and replacements of roofs, siding and exterior walls, but shall include:

- Removal and lawful disposal of damaged materials of roofing, siding and exterior walls.
- Installation of new roofing, siding and exterior wall systems, underlayment, flashing, ridge caps, vents, soffit, fascia, windows, window screens, window reglazing/repairs, a/c condenser fins, exterior light fixtures, and accessories per manufacturer's specifications and local building codes.
- Repair or replacement of gutters and downspouts as necessary for proper roof function.
- Site cleanup and final inspection.

Facilities Included:

A. Town Park – All pavilions, bathroom buildings, dugouts, maintenance buildings, T-ball concession stand, main concession stand, Bargain Days building, storage buildings, stage, bleachers, and gazebo.

B. Town Buildings – Town Hall, detached storage building at Town Hall, Old Town Hall, Medical Clinic, Baileyton Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD), Cullman County Sheriff's Office – Baileyton Annex.

3. CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

- Must hold a current Alabama General Contractor's License with classification for roofing and building construction.
- Must provide proof of general liability insurance and workers' compensation insurance.
- Must have successfully completed at least three (3) comparable public or commercial roofing and exterior construction projects.

4. BID SECURITY & BONDS

- **Bid Bond or Certified Check:** 5% of the bid (maximum $10,000).
- **Performance Bond:** 100% of contract price.
- **Payment Bond:** 50% of contract price.

5. BID SUBMISSION

- **Labeling:**
  Sealed envelope should be clearly marked:
  "SEALED BID – PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING REPAIRS"
- **Mailing Address:**
  Office of the Town Clerk | Baileyton Town Hall
  P. O. Box 116 | Baileyton, Alabama 35019
- **Delivery Address:**
  Office of the Town Clerk | Baileyton Town Hall
  55 Fire Station Road | Baileyton, Alabama 35019
- **Deadline:** Friday, October 3, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. Late bids will not be accepted.

6. BID OPENING & AWARD

- Bids will be opened publicly at Baileyton Town Hall on Monday, October 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at the Regular Meeting of the Baileyton Town Council.
- Award will be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, subject to compliance with Title 39 requirements and approval by the Baileyton Town Council.
- The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive informalities.

7. PRE-BID MEETING

A non-mandatory pre-bid walkthrough meeting will begin at Baileyton Town Hall on Friday, September 26, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Contractors are encouraged to attend.

8. ADVERTISING INSTRUCTIONS

In compliance with the Alabama Competitive Bid Law for Public Works (§39-2-2):

- This Invitation to Bid shall be published one (1) time each week for three (3) consecutive weeks in The Cullman Tribune and The Arab Tribune.
- The first publication date shall be at least 14 days before the scheduled bid opening.
- A copy of this advertisement shall also be posted at Baileyton Town Hall and on the Town of Baileyton's Facebook page, https://facebook.com/thetownofbaileyton, for the duration of the advertisement period.

9. INQUIRIES

- Improvement specifications and estimated repair costs for each building and structure are on file for examination at Baileyton Town Hall, the Office of the Town Clerk.
- All questions must be submitted in writing to:
  Office of the Town Clerk – Town of Baileyton, Alabama
  Email: town.clerk35019@gmail.com
  Phone: (256) 796-6447

BID FORM TEMPLATE (To Be Completed and Submitted by Bidder)

TOWN OF BAILEYTON – PUBLIC WORKS BID FORM
ROOF, SIDING, EXTERIOR WALLS REPAIR/REPLACEMENT – HAIL DAMAGE

1. **Bidder Information**
   - Company Name: _____
   - Address: _____
   - Phone: _____
   - Email: _____
   - Federal EIN/Tax ID: _____
   - Alabama General Contractor's License No.: _____
2. **Pricing Proposal** *(attach additional sheets if necessary)*

Structure/Facility	Roof Type / Material	Lump Sum Price ($)	Estimated Days to Complete
Town Hall			
Old Town Hall			
Detached Storage @ Town Hall			
BVFD			
CCSO – Baileyton Annex			
Baileyton Medical Clinic			
Town Park Pavilions (total)			
Bathroom Building			
Dugouts			
Maintenance Buildings			
T-ball Concession Stand			
Main Concession Stand			
Bargain Days Building			
Storage Building			
Stage			
Bleachers			
Gazebo			

3. **Bid Security**
   - Bid Bond or Certified Check (5%): [ ] Enclosed
4. **Required Attachments**
   - Proof of Liability Insurance [ ]
   - Proof of Workers' Compensation Coverage [ ]
   - Three (3) References of Similar Projects [ ]
5. **Acknowledgement**
   The undersigned certifies that they have examined the bid documents, inspected the work sites, and agree to complete the project in compliance with all applicable laws and specifications.
   - Authorized Representative: _____
   - Signature: _____ Date: _____

Issued by Order of the Baileyton Town Council
Dated this 15th Day of September, 2025.

Windell Calloway
Windell Calloway, Mayor

Summer D. Bixler
Summer D. Bixler, Town Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing before the Cullman County Commission, Cullman County Commission Office, Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama, September 23, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. to receive comment on closing a portion of County Road 1536, more particularly described as being all of County Road 1536, beginning at its southern end at County Road 1534 and ending at its northern end at County Road 1534, which abutting property owners wish to vacate and abandon.

Cullman County Commission
Jeff Clemons, Chairman

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF)
PAMELA COCHRAN,) CASE NO.: PC-2025-228
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY AND PROBATE OF WILL
(Self-Proving Will)

TO: AMANDA HALLMARK and ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a *Petition for Letters Testamentary and for Probate of Will (Self-Proving Will)* has been filed by Donald G. Cochran, Petitioner, through Attorney, Seth B. Thompson. A hearing has been scheduled **for the 12th day of November, 2025, at 11:00 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 12th day of September, 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Seth B. Thompson
The Thompson Law Firm, LLC
Attorney for Petitioner
201 Second Avenue Southeast
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL JEFF EVANS, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC 2024-150**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to KIMBERLY ELAINE EVANS STEWART on the 5th day of September, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County.

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.

Kimberly Elaine Evans Stewart
Personal Representative

Michael J. Baggett
Attorney for Personal Representative
206 Ninth Street Southwest, Suite 102
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LINDA PERSALL, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC2025-322**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to DAVID A. CORNELIUS as Personal Representative of the Estate of LINDA PERSALL, deceased, on the 2nd 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.

David A. Cornelius
Personal Representative

Atty for Petitioner:
Michael J. Baggett
BAGGETT & WILSON, LLC.
206 Nineth St. SW, Suite 102
Cullman, AL 35055

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

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF:)
MILDRED VIRGINIA GORDON,) CASE NO. PC-2025-33
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY of said deceased having been granted to **ANTHONY W. GORDON** on the 5th day of September, 2025 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Court Judge of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within six months after the grant of Letters or within five months from the first publication of this notice, whichever is the latter to occur or the same will be barred.

/s/ANTHONY W. GORDON
Anthony W. Gordon, Personal Representative of the Estate of Mildred Virginia Gordon

Seth B. Thompson, Attorney for Petitioner
Anthony W. Gordon

Of Counsel:

The Thompson Law Firm, LLC
201 Second Avenue Southeast
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Phone: 256.734.4591
Fax: 866.826.4785

TO THE PUBLISHER OF THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Recap (from Front)

Nick Griffin
nick@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Another week of youth football matchups is in the books and we had exciting games happening all over the county on Saturday. The Cold Springs Eagles battled the Eagles of Vinemont, Holly Pond took on West Morgan, Hanceville squared off against Danville, West Point clashed with Good Hope and the Cullman Bearcats clashed with the Fairview Aggies.

COLD SPRINGS V. VINEMONT

- Fireplug: Vinemont 20 – Cold Springs 0
- Wee-Wee: Vinemont 44 – Cold Springs 0
- Pee-Wee: Cold Springs 22 – Vinemont 6

HOLLY POND V. WEST MORGAN

- Fireplug: West Morgan 24 – Holly Pond 0
- Wee-Wee: West Morgan 24 – Holly Pond 0
- Pee-Wee: West Morgan 38 – Holly Pond 7

HANCEVILLE V. DANVILLE

- Fireplug: Hanceville 40 – Danville 0
- Wee-Wee: Danville 6 – Hanceville 0
- Pee-Wee: Danville 12 – Hanceville 0

WEST POINT V. GOOD HOPE

- Fireplug: West Point 33 – Good Hope 7
- Wee-Wee: Good Hope 21 – West Point 0
- Pee-Wee: West Point 27 – Good Hope 0

FAIRVIEW V. CULLMAN

- Fireplug: Fairview 28 – Cullman 0
- Wee-Wee: Cullman 28 – Fairview 25
- Pee-Wee: Fairview 25 – Cullman 0

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Cullman, AL 35057
256-734-5249

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Obituary Announcements: Sept. 13-15

Preston Mark Thompson, 57

Preston Mark Thompson, 57, of Cullman Alabama, passed away on September 12, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. Preston was born on October 1, 1967, to Mark and Ruth Thompson. He spent his younger years in the Cold Springs community where he was a proud Eagle in the marching band. He was a devoted husband, father, son, brother and proud grandfather. He is survived by his loving wife, Amanda Thompson; his daughter Shae (Dale) Calahan whom he was so proud of; his father, L. Mark Thompson; sisters, Brenda (Paul) Miller & Tobi (Mark) Wilson and a host of grandchildren, family and friends. He left behind many nieces and nephews who looked up to him, a daughter who loved him deeply, and an amazing wife whom he adored and who supported and loved him with all her heart, their marriage is a true testimony to love and devotion. His sisters always knew they could count on their brother when life got rough. He was preceded in death by his mother (Ruth), brother (Jeff), and grandparents (Connie and Harlan Duncan) and (Preston and Cassie Thompson). A man of deep faith, he lived his life dedicated to God and to serving and supporting his family. He was known for his big heart, joyful spirit, and tireless work ethic. He was proud to hold the titles of husband, father, grandfather, brother, son and friend. He was always ready with a laugh, helping hand and words of encouragement. He will be remembered for his infectious laugh, unwavering faith and gift for making others feel loved and included. He was a protector, a partner in crime and a constant source of strength to those he loved. His devotion to God and family was evident in everything he did. He will be deeply missed but forever remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Funeral services will be held on Monday, September 15, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, visitation at 1 p.m. and funeral to follow at 2 p.m. "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." – John 14:1-3

Phillip William Marks, 69

Memorial Service for Phillip William Marks, age 69 of Logan, will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Marks passed away on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at Cullman Regional. He was born, June 8, 1956 to Hugh Lee Marks and Arvie Lee Marks. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Larry and Roger Marks. Survivors include his children, Erica (Anthony) Ball, Alisha Coates, Justin (Jillian) Marks, Jordan Marks, and Gracie (Zach) Drinkwine; grandchildren, Jacob, Isaac, Hannah, Savanna, Drew, Olivia, Jon Luke, Ben, Alex, Ryker, and Ada; great grandchildren, Callen, Stetson, Blakely Ann and Koa; sister, Kathy Caudle; brothers, Michael and Marty Marks; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Mary Etta Hyde Rutledge, 87

On Saturday, August 30, 2025, Mary Etta Hyde Rutledge, a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family into the arms of her Heavenly Father. Born on August 19, 1938, in Corona, Alabama, to Burrell Louis Hyde and Cora Jones Hyde, Mary Etta lived a life defined by fierce strength, relentless hard work, and boundless love for her family. At the age of 87, she left an enduring legacy that will forever shine in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. Mary Etta was the heart and soul of her family, raising six children—with unwavering dedication. Her proudest accomplishment was her children, pouring her love and energy into giving them a better life. She was a great mother, making Christmas magical for her children with a simple fresh cut cedar tree from the family farm. She completed the Christmas magic with hand-me-down gifts, colorful tree lights, and silver icicles. Those colorful lights on the tree still glow in each of our memories. She was a master at keeping the house tidy with simple, heartfelt touches, Mary Etta's sense of style and care made every moment special. We are all grateful for a mama who provided so much love. Her tireless work ethic was most evident on the family dairy farm, where her all-encompassing roles included those of a manager, veterinarian, plumber, electrician, and bookkeeper— she did it all. No task was too big or too hard for her determined spirit. Whether milking cows in the quiet of the morning with her children, sharing coffee and laughter, or wearing her two handmade skirts to ensure her children had more, Mary Etta's sacrifices shaped her family's values and inspired them to be better humans. Her many jobs also included working at South Central Bell and Lureen B Wallace Development Center, but it was her role as a homemaker and farm matriarch that she'll be best remembered for. Mary Etta's life was a tapestry of love, hard work, and resilience. Her children will always remember the warmth of her laughter, wisdom, selfless love, and the family she created. She leaves behind a family forever grateful for her sacrifices and the example she set. Mary Etta's love extended to her 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren, who brought her immense joy. Her legacy lives on in them, a testament to the deep adoration her family held for her. Even as she faced hardships throughout her life, her strength and love remained steadfast, though the burdens she carried were evident to those who loved her. Her family stood by her, cherishing every moment, from visits to quiet memories of her spirit. Thank you, Mama, for your love, your memories, and the home you built for us all. You'll be loved and cherished always. Mary Etta was predeceased by her parents, Burrell Louis Hyde and Cora Jones Hyde Anderson; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, John James and Lula Plunkett Rutledge; her son, Tim Rutledge; her grandchildren, Cassandra Hunter and April Fouse; and her siblings, Billie Hyde, Dorothy Benton, Burline Bowman, Bobbie Butler, Louis Hyde, and William L "Junior" Utley. She is survived by her five children and their spouses; Karen (Mike) Hunter, Sherell (Al) Dolney, Glenna (Hal) Ledbetter, Leanne (Jeffrey) Hunter, and Susan (Ted) Fitzgibbon; daughter-in-law, Helen Rutledge; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; and one sister, Sue Utley Gann. A private family gathering will be held to celebrate her life.

Joseph Don McBrayer, 57

Joseph "Don" McBrayer age 57 of Cullman, Alabama passed away September 12, 2025. He was born August 26, 1968, in Cullman, Alabama to Joseph Rex and Oma Allene McBrayer. Don is preceded in death by his parents and sister Martha Lee McBrayer. He is survived by his sisters Jolene (John) Luna and Linda Bray, brother Scottie McBrayer, nieces Serena Latorre and Marsha Wallace, and nephews Brian Thornton, Stephen Bray, Corey Bray and Joseph "Billy Jo" Luna. Bill Bell, Brad Thornton, Stephen Bray, Corey Bray, Joseph Luna and Jacob Latorre will serve as pallbearers. Don loved Alabama football and was a longtime employee at McDonalds here in town. Everyone there thought the world of him and frequently paid visits during his time at the hospital. Don will be missed by all that knew him. A visitation will be held on Tuesday evening, September 16, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. A graveside service will follow on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem West Cemetery, located off Alabama Highway 157. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Billy Raye Roberts, 70

A celebration of life potluck supper for the family and friends of Billy Raye Roberts, 70, of Warrior, will be at 5 p.m., Saturday, September 20, 2025, at his residence. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Roberts was born December 1, 1954, to John A. and Ruby Emogene Turner Roberts. Billy retired from University of Montevallo after 25 years; he was a Baptist preacher and missionary for the past 30 years. He loved his family dearly and he will be greatly missed. Mr. Roberts was preceded in death by his parents; wife of 50 years, Deborah Shree Roberts; sisters, Nancy Joyce Roberts and Rebecca Roberts Mullins; brother, Roger E. Roberts. Survivors include his children, Johnny Roberts, Sarena (Doug) Moore, Keith (Andrea) Roberts; grandchildren, Jacob (Brianna) Roberts, Vanessa (John) Tidwell, Kayla (Owen) Harper, Aubree Roberts, Adalyn Roberts, Anslee Roberts; great-grandchildren, Bentley Roberts, Marlee Tidwell, Ryleigh Tidwell, Asher Roberts, Allie Sharpton, Brier Tidwell, Colt Roberts; sister, Penny (Tom) Miller; brother, Philip Roberts; and a host of family and friends.

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ATHELIA GIBBS

Dripping Springs DAR and Arkadelphia CAR together with guests ring bells to celebrate the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

DAR (from Front)

Athelia Gibbs
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. - The Dripping Springs Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) met last Sunday for their first meeting of the new year. The program about Signers of the Constitution was presented by the Arkadelphia Society of the Children of the American Revolution as they celebrated the 40th birthday of the society. Rhonda Van Zandt was presented a gift in appreciation of her longtime work with the CAR.

The ringing of bells accompanied the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787, so to mark the anniversary of the signing, bells are rung every year to mark the occasion. After the program, chapter members and guests were given bells and everyone rang the bells together.

Our United States Constitution is a remarkable document. At 4,543 words, it is the shortest and oldest existing constitution in the world. It begins with a Preamble which states the purpose of the Constitution. The Constitution itself has seven articles that establish the 3 branches of government and the powers of each. There are 27 amendments to the Constitution, of which the Bill of Rights is contained in the first 10 amendments.

In 1955, DAR began a project to promote the observance of the U.S. Constitution with a memorial week beginning on the anniversary of the signing of this document Sept. 17. Constitution Week was officially declared by President Eisenhower on Aug. 2, 1956.

The aims of the Constitution Week celebration are to:

- Emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution
- Inform people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life
- Encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787



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