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Berlin Town Council closes out 2025 fiscal year, plans park progress

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BERLIN, Ala. — Mayor Patrick Bates opened the monthly session of the Berlin Town Council on Monday, Sept.15.

The meeting commenced with an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Donald Gunter.

The meeting began with the council wrapping up 2025 fiscal year » PAGE 5



KATIE SPICER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Berlin Farmers Market and park site

Taylor crowned Miss Wallace State; Shadeck Miss North Alabama's Teen



WALLACE STATE

Participants in the 2026 Miss Wallace State program included, from left, Dianna Boatright, Beautiful Heart Scholarship winner; Anna Kate Taylor, 2026 Miss Wallace State and talent winner; Kylee Denney, first runner-up; and Avery Gerstman.

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College crowned a new Miss Wallace State recently, naming Anna Kate Taylor Miss Wallace State 2026. Taylor, of West Point, is a freshman at Wallace State in the pre-nursing track. She was also named the talent winner, earning an additional $100 scholarship to add to a $500 cash scholarship and a one-year renewable tuition and fees scholarship to Wallace State.

Kylee Denney of Cullman was named first runner-up. Also a pre-nursing student, Denney received a $250 cash scholarship. Dianna Boatright, an Entrepreneurship major from Locust Fork, received the Beautiful Heart Scholarship, a $100 prize presented by Yolanda and Bob Long in honor of their daughter, former Miss Wallace State Rebecca Long Hayes.

Taylor will go on to represent Wallace State in the Miss Alabama program, which is a preliminary to the Miss America competition.

Shadeck crowned Miss North Alabama's Teen

The winner of the Miss North Alabama's Teen competition was also crowned, with Lily Shadeck of » PAGE 2



WALLACE STATE

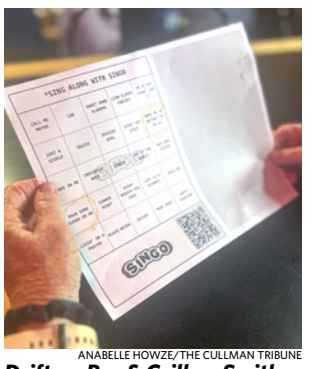
Lily Shadeck, center, was crowned Miss North Alabama's Teen, with Anna Beth Bratcher, left, named first runner-up and Brooklyn Grant, right, named second runner-up.

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Local students shine at FCCLA All-County Beef Cook-off » PAGE 8

Laps for Lincoln this Sunday at The 40 Acre Wood » PAGE 5

Enjoy Singo Bingo at Drifters



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Drifters Bar & Grill on Smith Lake is located at 173 County Road 312. Hosted every Monday at 6:45 p.m., Singo Bingo swaps numbers for song titles. » PAGE 7

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PET OF THE WEEK

Loki is pure love



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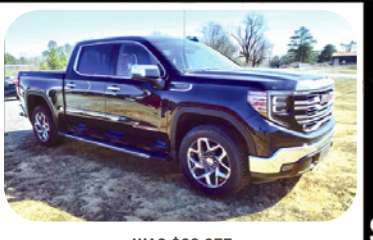
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 17

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 17, 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. 15

• harassing communications; person

ARRESTS

Sept. 15-16

Uselton, Dana M.; 36

• theft of property-4th degree

Gamble, William A.; 44

• domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

Westbrook, Leah D.; 34

• public intoxication

Martin, Jacob L.; 29

• FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Hanvey, David J.; 47

• public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Taylor (from Front)

Cullman earning the title for 2026. She was also named the winner of the talent portion. Her winnings include a one-year renewable tuition and fees scholarship to Wallace State and $400 in cash scholarships. Anna Beth Bratcher of Dothan was named first runner-up, winning a $200 cash scholarship. Brooklyn Grant of Warrior was named second runner-up and the winner of the Beautiful Heart Scholarship, earning $200 in cash scholarships.

Shadeck will go on to compete in the Miss Alabama's Teen competition, a preliminary to the Miss America's Teen program.

Loki (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Loki, a 6-8-month-old gray domestic shorthair kitty, is as handsome as he is loving. He's The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week.

He has a luxuriously thick, soft coat, and his outgoing, playful spirit makes every moment brighter. Whether he's joining in on your adventures or simply soaking up affection, Loki delights in being reminded he's a "good boy."

With his joyful personality, Loki is the perfect candidate for a companion, therapy or even a reading cat. His adoption fee is $100, which covers neutering, 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 Loki has already found his forever family, be sure to visit his friends at the shelter who are also ready and waiting to find a loving home.

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

United Way (from Front)

Gauge Day
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The United Way of Cullman County is hosting the Cullman Community Cookout on Friday, Sept. 19, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at R.E. Garrison Trucking. For $15 per plate, attendees will receive a hamburger, hotdog, chips, cookie and a drink, with every dollar going towards the VOAD Crisis Relief Trailer Fund. Plates may be reserved ahead of time through the QR code provided on the event flyer, but walk-ups are welcome.

The VOAD Crisis Relief Trailer Fund supports an initiative designed to ensure Cullman County has fully stocked emergency relief trailers ready to deploy when disaster strikes. These trailers will carry essentials such as food, water, generators, cots and other supplies, allowing local response teams to provide immediate help without waiting for outside resources.

"Cullman County has seen its share of tornadoes, floods and other disasters," said Taylor Johnson, research development and outreach manager for United Way of Cullman County. "Having fully stocked emergency trailers means VOAD can deploy immediately. These trailers can mean the difference between families waiting days for help and getting relief within hours."

The first trailer has already been funded thanks to a $15,000 sponsorship from Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, and Rep. Tim Wadsworth, R-Arley, with remaining funds beginning the process of outfitting a second. Johnson said this progress reflects the strength of community partnerships. "This is what true community partnership looks like: leaders, neighbors and local businesses coming together to protect and serve our community when it matters most."

The effort has also been made possible through the support of Annette Munger and Taylor Foshee with R.E. Garrison Trucking, Inc., as well as Garrison Gives Hope.

"All funds raised at the cookout will go directly toward stocking and outfitting the trailers," Johnson stated. "With the first trailer already funded thanks to major sponsorships, this event helps build momentum toward a second trailer, ensuring VOAD has the resources to respond anywhere in the county."

With high expectations for what comes next, Johnson stressed the importance of the community's role in making it all possible. "While sponsorships get the project started, it is the continued involvement of everyday citizens that sustains it. By buying a plate, spreading the word or simply showing up, you are helping make sure Cullman County is not only prepared for the next disaster but ready to bounce back stronger."

For more information about the cookout or the fund, contact Annette Munger at 256-347-5238 or Taylor Foshee at 256-736-0053. For more information on United Way's work in Cullman County, visit www.uwaycc.org.

R.E. Garrison Trucking is located at 9170 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058.





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.

The Poetry of Recovery: Recovery Support Group
Every Saturday at 10 a.m. at 514 Cleveland Ave. SW in Cullman. Facebook/The Poetry of Recovery. Contact Jeff at 727-542-6413 or John at 256-636-0612.

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. 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 date:
• 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.

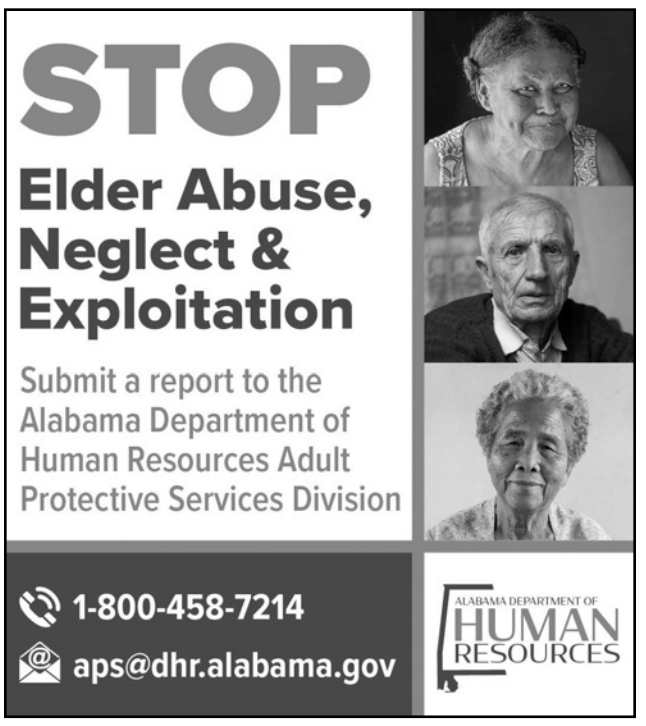
Gottesdienst (Divine Service)
As part of Cullman's annual Oktoberfest celebrations, St. Paul's Lutheran Church will offer a special Gottesdienst (Divine Service) conducted entirely in German on Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. The service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 513 Fourth Ave. SE, and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

Sacred Heart Oktoberfest Dinner
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 SWIMMING

Cullman sweeps Bearcat Sprint Invitational

Cullman City Schools
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman High School swim team recently turned in a dominant performance at the 2025 Bearcat Sprint Invitational on Thursday, September 11, winning both the boys' and girls' divisions and capturing the overall team title.

Facing off against strong competition from Westminster Christian Academy and Athens Swim Team, Cullman swimmers delivered from the opening relays to the final freestyle sprints, compiling a meet-high 238 points to clinch the combined team championship.

The Cullman girls' team scored 123 points, while the boys added 115, securing first place in both divisions.

Early Relay Wins Set the Tone

Cullman started strong with back-to-back victories in the 200-yard medley relays. The girls' A relay (Kyleigh Huffman, Edie Hudson, Mika Lackey, Preslie Basch) took first in 2:05.75. The boys' A relay (Briar Lackey, Magnus Mann, Camp Smith, Mason Fuller) followed with a winning time of 1:53.13.

The momentum carried into the final events, where Cullman's girls' 200 free relay team (Lackey, Hudson, Basch, and Ellie Gleaton) clocked a winning time of 1:59.01. The boys' relay capped the day with a second-place finish in 1:39.61.

Individual Standouts Lead the Charge

Cullman was powered by a strong core of swimmers who consistently finished at the top of their events:

- Mika Lackey claimed gold in the 100-yard individual medley (1:07.51), placed second in the 50 fly (30.59), and second in the 50 back (32.02).
- Edie Hudson took first in both the 50 free (29.00) and the 50 breast (34.93), and earned second place in the 100 IM (1:10.43).
- On the boys' side, Camp Smith won the 50 fly, finished second in the 100 IM (1:01.17), and second in the 50 back (28.81).
- Magnus Mann brought home gold in the 50 breast (30.39) and bronze in the 100 IM (1:03.86).
- Mason Fuller secured second in the 50 free (25.48) and fourth-place finishes in the 50 fly and 50 breast.
- Dallas Hammons placed second in the 100 free (58.82) and third in the 200 free (2:10.56).

Team Effort Secures Title

Cullman's depth proved to be a deciding factor, with valuable contributions from Abigail Wamsley, Preslie Basch, Ellie Gleaton, Ginny Voss, Briar Lackey, Tate Tysinger, and Griffin Cole. Even Cullman's B relay squads turned in competitive times in exhibition heats, showing off the team's bench strength.

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

Combined Team Scores

1. Cullman High School – 238
2. Westminster Christian Academy – 199
3. Athens Swim Team – 181

Girls' Team Scores

1. Cullman – 123
2. Westminster – 90
3. Athens – 89

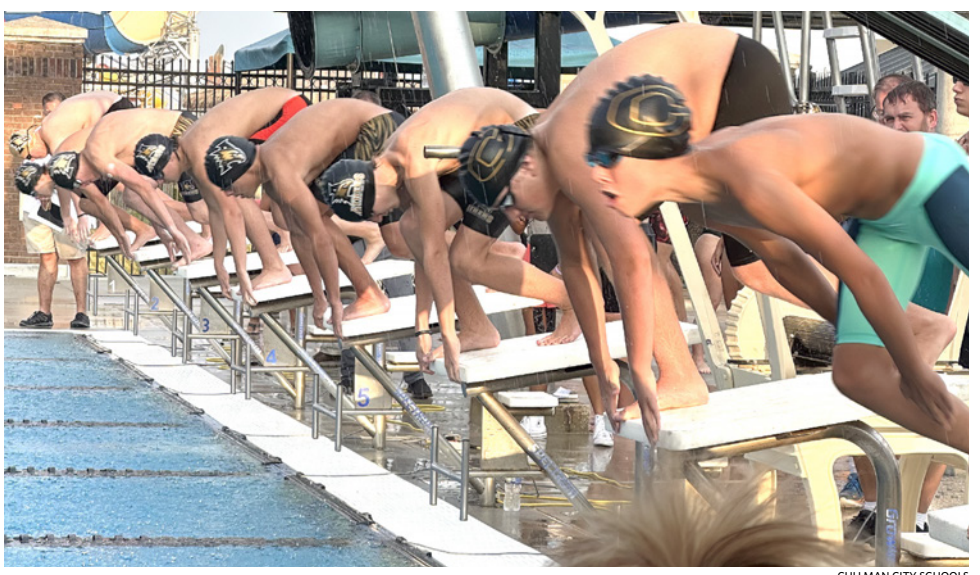
Boys' Team Scores

1. Cullman – 115
2. Westminster – 109
3. Athens – 92

Cullman's strong showing at the Bearcat Sprint Invitational sets the stage for what looks to be a promising 2025 season.



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS



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Cullman High School's Swim Team put together a dominant performance at the Bearcat Sprint Invitational on Thursday, Sept. 11.

WSCC FLAG FOOTBALL

Wallace State opens flag football era with dominant sweep of Snead State

Wallace State Sports Information

CULLMAN, Ala. – Wallace State women's flag football made history on Sunday afternoon, and they did it in emphatic fashion. The Lions, playing their first-ever games in program history, rolled to a pair of shutout wins over Snead State at Cullman High School's Woodard Stadium, winning 49-0 in the opener and 24-0 in the second game.

Game One: Defense Sets the Tone

The Lions' defense wasted no time showing they would be the story of the inaugural game. Wallace State forced three interceptions, three turnovers on downs, and three punts while holding Snead State to just 43 total yards. Ma'Kyla Williams and Carly Paschal each recorded sacks, with Paschal's coming in the end zone for a safety.

Quarterback Emma Kile led a high-powered offense that compiled 281 yards. The freshman finished 21-of-28 for 256 yards, tossing six touchdown passes while overcoming a single interception. Wallace's explosive attack quickly put the game out of reach as the defense continued to dominate.

Game Two: Same Result, Different Tempo

Snead State slowed the pace in the second game in an effort to limit Wallace State's possessions. Still, the Lions found ways to control the game on both sides of the ball. Kile once again led the offense, going 19-of-27 for 178 yards and three touchdowns as Wallace finished with 207 total yards.

Defensively, Wallace State continued its shutout streak, holding the Parsons to 100 yards of total offense. Williams added two more sacks, while the Lions' secondary contributed with a pick-six in the first half to keep momentum firmly on their side.

A Historic Beginning

Head coach Daniel Howard praised his team's effort and embraced the moment.

"This was a historic moment for Wallace State," Howard said. "Starting off with two wins to open the program feels amazing. We are going to celebrate this special occasion but get back to work tomorrow. We have some things that we need to work on, but I am pleased by the team's performance and effort today."

With the sweep, Wallace State not only introduced a new program to the Alabama Community College Conference but also set a high standard for the future—two games, two shutouts, and a pair of convincing wins to begin a new era of Lions athletics.



WALLACE STATE

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

WSCC SOCCER

Wong leads Wallace State to 3-1 win over Calhoun

Wallace State Sports Information

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State men's soccer picked up a key 3-1 victory over Calhoun on Sunday, powered by a pair of goals from sophomore forward Elijah Wong.

The Lions wasted little time setting the tone. Less than two minutes into the match, Javier Miranda found the back of the net to put Wallace State ahead. Just over three minutes later, Wong doubled the lead with his first goal of the afternoon, giving the Lions a quick 2-0 cushion.

Calhoun clawed back early in the second half when a defensive miscue saw the ball deflect off a Wallace defender and into the net. But Wong put the game out of reach less than 10 minutes later, winning a long ball against two defenders and slotting it past the keeper for the decisive goal.

"He was an absolute monster, chasing every ball down and challenging the two center backs," head coach James Fee said of Wong's performance.



WALLACE STATE

Wallace State's Elijah Wong

While the attack made headlines, the Lions' defense played a crucial role down the stretch. Calhoun kept the pressure on throughout the final third of the match, forcing Wallace to defend a barrage of direct balls into the box.

"Defense held firm after one bad moment," Fee added. "Incredibly proud of the defenders to stand strong and handle too many direct balls into their box."

With the win, Wallace State continues to build momentum in its season, combining early offensive firepower with resilience on the back line.



Laps for Lincoln this Sunday at The 40 Acre Wood

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WENDY SMITHSON

Lincoln Kallas

CULLMAN, Ala. — On Sunday, Sept. 21, the Forty Acre Wood will open its trails to support a local family facing the ongoing challenges of pediatric cancer. "Laps for Lincoln" invites community members to hike a marked trail through the woods in honor of Lincoln Kallas, a recent graduate of Brewer High School who has been battling T-cell leukemia for the past three years.

Although Lincoln is currently in remission, his fight has been ongoing. He has endured two hip replacements, has another surgery on the horizon, and continues to face lingering complications from his treatment.

"People don't realize that even though St. Jude covers much of the medical cost, there's still a lot of out-of-pocket expenses — travel, lodging, meals and medications," said Forty Acre Wood Owner Wendy Smithson. "We just want to help relieve some of that burden."

The hike features a 1.2-mile marked trail through the woods, outlined with bright orange arrows to symbolize leukemia awareness. Participants are encouraged to complete the lap at their own pace, enjoying the outdoors while keeping Lincoln and his family in their thoughts, and reflecting on the importance of giving. Participants can arrive anytime between noon-6 p.m. and entry is $10 per person, but Smithson emphasized that no one will be turned away for financial reasons.

Laps for Lincoln is the latest in a series of cancer fundraisers hosted by the Smithson family. In 2022, their son was diagnosed with leukemia, and just two months later, Wendy's husband was diagnosed with stage 4 kidney cancer.

"Since then, our family has truly realized how important it is to support families walking through something like this," Smithson said. "We do this because we've lived it. We know how overwhelming it is, and the last thing a family needs is to worry about money when they're already carrying the weight of cancer. We want this to be a simple, meaningful way to give. Bring your kids. Tell them Lincoln's story. Teach them compassion."

The Forty Acre Wood is located at 195 Seven Bark Dr. NW, Cullman, AL 35057. Get more info at www.thefortyacrewood.com.

City school board approves budget, declares emergency project for CHS baseball field

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Board of Education held its monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 11, when it discussed the budget, and emergency project, personnel changes and districtwide planning initiatives for the school year.

The board was presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget, which was approved, along with the updated Capital Plan. (Look for a separate story soon.)

Additional approvals included an emergency drainage system project at Cullman High School's baseball field.

According to Chief School Finance & Operations Officer James Brumley, "The Cullman High School baseball field will be off limits until repairs to its drainage system can be completed after the Cullman City School Board declared the project an emergency situation during its meeting on Thursday, Sept. 11. Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said a sinkhole was identified near the first-base dugout sometime during the previous year's baseball season. After spending nearly $10,000 during the summer, he said the cause had recently been identified as what he described as 'sub-standard work' that was performed when the current astroturf was installed on the field between 2018 and 2019. Kallhoff said workers had used the wrong type of connection to connect a vertical drainage pipe to the city of Cullman's horizontal drainage line around 16 feet below the field's surface. He said that the connection had failed, but was no longer covered under warranty. Declaring the project an emergency will allow the board to bypass the typical bidding process, which could have potentially postponed work from starting until January, according to Kallhoff."

"We declared it an emergency so we can get right to accepting quotes to get that fixed," Kallhoff said.

Brumley continued, "Kallhoff said Latham Architects had already begun seeking quotes for the project who estimated the cost of repairs to be in the neighborhood of $200,000."

The board awarded Bid 25-09 to Coca-Cola Bottling Company UNITED, Inc. for beverage services.

Several new and updated job descriptions were approved, including positions for a support services coordinator and a Pre-K education manager specialist. The board also adopted the 2025-2026 Consolidated Plan, which includes the district's EL, McKinney-Vento Homeless, Foster Care, Transition, and Parent and Family Engagement plans. An updated Career Technical Handbook and Federal Programs Procedural Manual were also approved. New curriculum and oversight additions included the off-list AAA curriculum enCore and the appointment of the 2025-2026 Textbook Committee.

The board approved various contracts, including mentoring services through Principal Matters, LLC, and a one-year athletic training contract with Encore Rehabilitation, Inc.

The board accepted several upcoming retirements, transfers, conditional hires and contract assignments, including supplemental coaching roles and special education support.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025, at 5 p.m. at the Cullman City Board of Education central office.





Berlin (from Front)

paperwork. Bates stated that the only budget adjustment needed was to allot $12,000 into engineering costs to wrap up farmers market construction. He suggested taking the money from the Town's excess revenue funds. The council agreed unanimously.

Bates noted that the only change made to the proposed 2026 budget was to merge "road resurfacing" and "road mowing" into a single "road maintenance" line item.

Councilman Keith Hardman asked about how future park expenses would factor into the budget. Bates said the entirety of the Town's state capital improvement funds would be dedicated to the park. This funding totals $5,000.

The council continued talking about future park plans and expenses.

"I've had several younger teenage boys asking for a basketball court. It doesn't even have to be a two-goal court... If you don't do something for the teenagers around here it will hurt them," stated Hardman.

Bates suggested looking into a park planning company to assist the Town in determining how much room they have to work with and how many projects they can complete.

He stated, "I have received a verbal commitment from Sean Butler, a top ALDOT man for this area, to permit a walking trail in the easement by the park. All it will cost us is a permit fee... but in order to submit it, we need a plan."

Bates also suggested getting input about Berlin residents' top priorities for a park. Ideas suggested thus far included a walking trail, basketball court and pickleball court. Currently, the Town has funded a playground as the first park resource.

The next meeting of the Berlin Town Council is scheduled for Oct. 20, 2025, at 7 p.m. Berlin Town Hall is located at 461 County Road 1615, Cullman, AL 35058.





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

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

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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

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Tammy Brown
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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.

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC
as holder of said 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

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Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Eddie M Forster, and spouse and Glenda A Forster to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for AHL Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns dated August 14, 2007; said mortgage being recorded on September 7, 2007 in Deed Book 1536, Page 419, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust by assignment recorded in Deed Book 377, Page 290, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust, 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 July 10, 2025 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 10 South, Range 1 West, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a found 1-1/2 inch pipe marking the Northeast Corner of said Section 23; thence South 0 degrees 32 minutes 11 seconds West a distance of 2014.18 feet to a found iron at the Southeast Corner of Lot 9 of Richmond Estates Subdivision (Plat Book B, Page 323 A); thence South 1 degree 37 minutes 21 seconds West along the accepted east line of said forty a distance of 347.32 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron and the true point of beginning of the property herein described; thence from said true point of beginning, continue South 1 degree 37 minutes 21 seconds West along said accepted east line a distance of 313.01 feet to a found 5/8 inch rebar iron marking the accepted Southeast Corner of the above described forty; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 36 seconds West the accepted south line of said forty a distance of 153.55 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron; thence North 1 degree 37 minutes 10 seconds East a distance of 313.95 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron; thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 153.55 feet to the true point of beginning.

Said property is commonly known as **741 County Road 695, Holly Pond, AL 35083**.

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.

US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST
as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
505 20th Street N, Suite 1775
Birmingham, AL 35203
Telephone: (205) 216-4238
FT21@mccalla.com
File No. 23-04683AL
www.foreclosurehotline.net

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AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until August 21, 2025, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

Cullman Tribune, August 5, 2025

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until October 2, 2025, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

Cullman Tribune, September 18, 2025

23-04683AL

Enjoy Singo Bingo at Drifters

Anabelle Howze
anabelle@cullmantribune.com



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Drifters Bar & Grill on Smith Lake is located at 173 County Road 312. Hosted every Monday at 6:45 p.m., Singo Bingo swaps numbers for song titles.

CULLMAN, Ala. — Drifters Bar & Grill on Smith Lake is hosting weekly Singo Bingo nights. Hosted every Monday at 6:45 p.m., Singo Bingo swaps numbers for song titles. A DJ plays 30-second clips of songs while players mark off titles on their bingo cards, aiming for a single line, two lines or full-card blackout to win.

"It's free to play and really just something fun for the community. We wanted a way to bring people together whether it's coworkers, families or teams to eat, laugh and enjoy themselves," said Co-owner Tanya Vares, who runs the restaurant with her husband Jason.

Each game night features a rotating theme with genres ranging from golden oldies and country to classic rock and movie soundtracks. With over 200 music categories to choose from, the Vares family makes sure no two game nights are the same. Drifters has seen strong turnouts week after week, with regulars like the Good Hope softball team bringing energy and excitement. "It's a fun, vibrant atmosphere," said Tanya Vares. "Sometimes we even have dance-offs when there's a tie."

Prizes can vary from cash and gift cards to themed gift baskets and even larger items like a brand-new cooler giveaway sponsored by Vans. To complement the lively indoor experience, Drifters recently expanded its outdoor seating along the water and has updated its hours to Friday through Monday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Drifters Bar & Grill on Smith Lake is located at 173 County Road 312. Find them on Facebook at Drifters Bar & Grill Smith Lake.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Veep Electric Service, Inc. hereby gives notice of completion of contract with Wallace-Hanceville Community College and the Alabama Community College System for project number 2022 086 WSCC, Winston County Community Learning Center located at 360 Helicon Road, Arley AL. It is requested that all persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should notify Chambless King Architects, LLC. at 12 W. Jefferson St., Ste 300 Montgomery, AL 36104 by October 2, 2025.

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 26th 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*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

Sherry H. Barrett
SMITH & SMITH, LLP
Attorneys for Petitioners
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
256-734-4721

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:
Amanda Schafner
5000 Grantswood Road, Suite 120
Birmingham, AL 35210

C. Blake West
412 4th Avenue SW Suite 270
Cullman, AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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:
Nelson C. Johnson
Wilmer & Lee, P.A.
725 North Brindlee Mountain Parkway
Arab, Alabama 35016

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

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

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
(256) 734-4721

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
FRANKLIN J. SELF, * CASE NO.: PC2025-202
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to RICK BROWN and GLENN R. WELCH, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of FRANKLIN J. SELF, deceased, on the 16th day of September, 2025, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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.

RICK BROWN
GLENN R. WELCH
Personal Representatives

Todd McLeroy
Attorney for Personal Representatives
McLEROY LAW FIRM, LLC
1626 First Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TIMES

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

DONE this 16th day of September, 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on September 13, 2024 by Phillip Scott Patterson, Spouse of Amy L. Patterson and Amy L. Patterson, Spouse of Phillip Scott Patterson, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 2096, Page 735 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on October 10, 2025:

Beginning at the Northwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 1 West; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 00 seconds East 661.03 feet to an iron ½ inch capped rebar set; thence South 1 degree 27 minutes 00 seconds West 461.51 feet to an existing capped iron; thence South 89 degrees 13 minutes 22 seconds West 279.96 feet to an existing capped iron; thence South 0 degrees 27 minutes 11 seconds West 157.52 feet to an existing capped iron on the North right of way of County Road No. 1728; thence North 86 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds West 173.95 feet to an iron ½ inch capped rebar set on said right of way; thence North 19 degrees 02 minutes 40 seconds East 60.00 feet to an iron ½ inch capped rebar se; thence North 88 degrees 44 minutes 50 seconds West 210.00 feet to an iron ½ inch capped rebar set on the North right of way of County Road 1728; thence North 0 degrees 26 minutes 23 seconds West 550.15 feet to an existing 2" pipe, back to the point of beginning. Said land lying in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 1 West, Cullman County, Alabama.
Description according to Survey of James W. Baldy, AL. Lic. No. 11845, dated February 20, 2014.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Thomas W. Russell
Attorney for Mortgagee
2915 Clairmont Ave. S
Birmingham, Alabama 35205
The Cullman Tribune-September 18, 25, October 2, 2025

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

Deceased.

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:
Michael J. Baggett
BAGGETT & WILSON, LLC.
206 Nineth Street Southwest, Suite 102
Cullman, Al. 35055

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

RESOLUTION NO. 030-2025
RESOLUTION CANVASSING RESULTS OF AUGUST 26, 2025 GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, the General Election for the City of Good Hope, Alabama, was duly and legally held on August 26, 2025, as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the municipal governing body of the City of Good Hope met on this the **2nd day of September, 2025 at 11:00 am,** as advertised, a quorum thereof being present, and canvassed the returns and has ascertained and determined the number of votes received by each candidate; and

WHEREAS, the municipal governing body has ascertained and determined the result of said election as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Good Hope as follows:

CANDIDATE/MAYOR	ABSENTEE	PROVISIONAL	COUNTED BALLOTS	TOTAL VOTE
Jerry Bartlett	1	1	216	218
Larry Creel	3	2	133	138
CANDIDATE/PLACE 1	**ABSENTEE**	**PROVISIONAL**	**COUNTED BALLOTS**	**TOTAL VOTE**
Billy Brown	1	3	174	178
Renee Lee	1		165	166
CANDIDATE/PLACE 3	**ABSENTEE**	**PROVISIONAL**	**COUNTED BALLOTS**	**TOTAL VOTE**
Susan Eller	0	2	203	205
Preston Prewett	4	1	144	149

1. That Jerry Bartlett received a majority of the votes cast for the office of Mayor and **JERRY BARTLETT** is declared duly elected to said office for the term of office beginning on the first Monday in November, 2025.

That the Mayor of the City of Good Hope is hereby directed to issue a Certificate of Election to JERRY BARTLETT for the office of MAYOR for such term pursuant to the provisions of §11-46-55, of the Code of Alabama, (1975, as amended).

2. That Billy Brown received a majority of the votes cast for the office of COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE ONE and **BILLY BROWN** is declared duly elected to said office for the term of office beginning on the first Monday in November, 2025.
That the Mayor of the City of Good Hope is hereby directed to issue a Certificate of Election to BILLY BROWN for the office of COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE ONE for such term pursuant to the provisions of §11-46-55, of the Code of Alabama, (1975, as amended).

3. That Susan Eller received a majority of the votes cast for the office of COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE THREE and **SUSAN ELLER** is declared duly elected to said office for the term of office beginning on the first Monday in November, 2025.

That the Mayor of the City of Good Hope is hereby directed to issue a Certificate of Election to Susan Eller for the office of COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE THREE for such term pursuant to the provisions of §11-46-55, of the Code of Alabama, (1975, as amended).

4. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized, directed, and empowered to cause a copy of this resolution to be published one (1) time in the newspaper in and of general circulation in the City of Good Hope, Cullman County, Alabama.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 2nd day of September, 2025.

Jerry Bartlett
Jerry Bartlett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christie Chamblee
City Clerk



STEPHANIE BLAIR

Pictured are winners Devyn Heald, Reese Guthrie, Katie Holmes, Fuller Williams and Jose Lopez.

Students (from Front)

Stephanie Blair
Contributor



STEPHANIE BLAIR

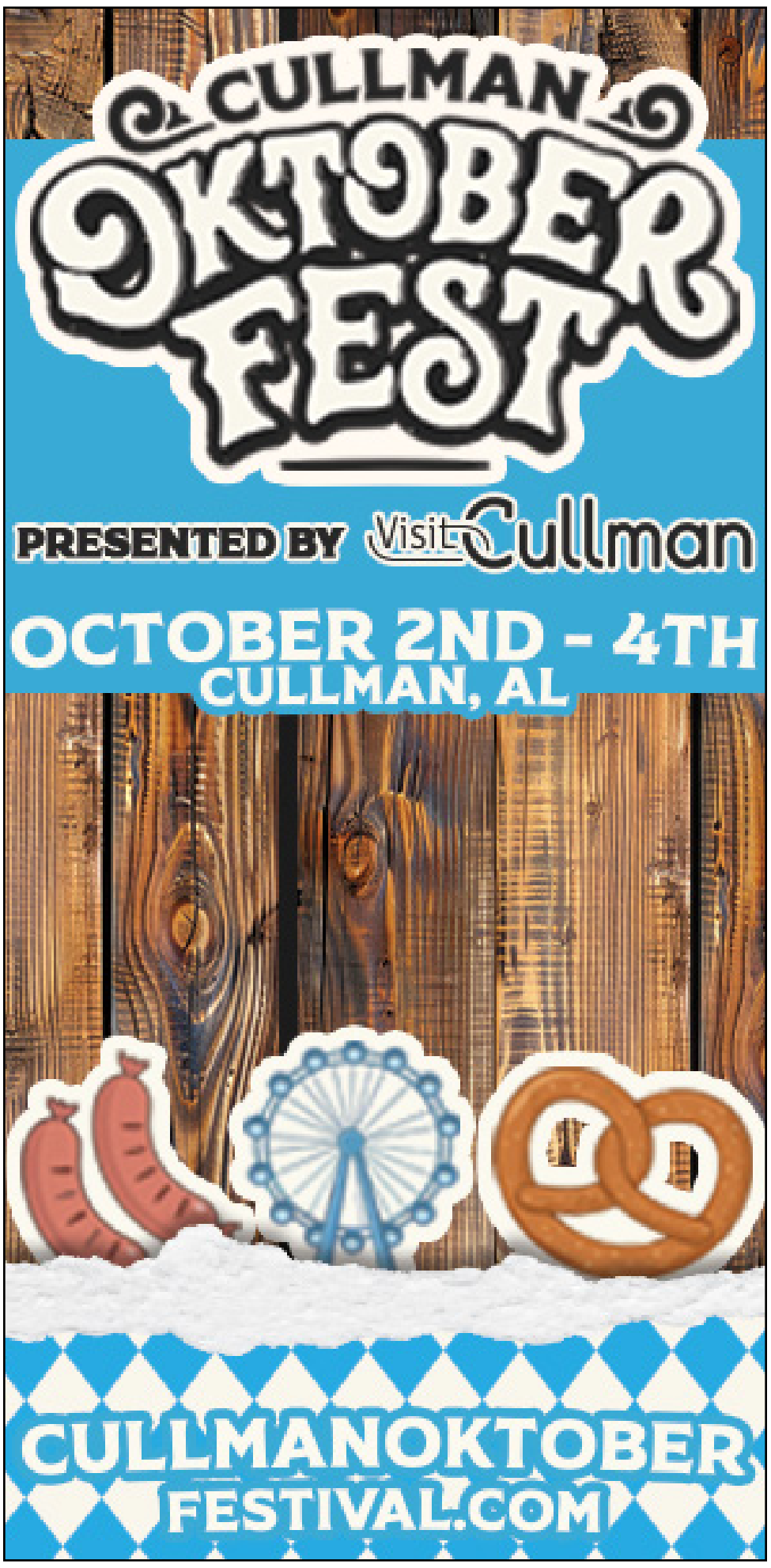
Advisor Whitney Haynes with Most Outstanding FCCLA Member in Cullman County (second place) Baylee Dye and Most Outstanding FCCLA Member in Cullman County (winner) Macie Garmon.

CULLMAN, Ala. — The aroma of sizzling beef and the excitement of competition filled Cotton Creek Venue in Cullman on Sept. 16, 2025, as Cullman County FCCLA students gathered for the annual All-County Beef Cook-off. Sponsored by the Cullman County Cattlewomen's Association and Alabama Farm Credit, the event highlighted both culinary talent and leadership among area students.

Taking top honors was Devyn Heald of Vinemont High School, who claimed first place and earned a spot at the State Beef Cook-off in April. Other standout winners included Resse Guthrie of West Point (second), Katie Holmes of Vinemont (third), Fuller Williams of Good Hope (fourth) and Jose Lopez of Good Hope (fifth).

The celebration didn't stop with cooking. Macie Garmon of the Cullman Area Technology Academy was named Most Outstanding FCCLA Member in Cullman County, with Baylee Dye of Cold Springs earning second place. Garmon will be formally recognized at the Farm-City Banquet in November.

The event was made possible by the dedication of FCCLA advisers across the county: Stephanie Blair (Cold Springs), Amie Veal (Cullman Area Technology Academy), Whitney Haynes (Fairview), Amanda Williams (Good Hope), Amy Chambers (Hanceville), Renee Lee (West Point) and Madison Sapp (Vinemont).



Obituary Announcements: Sept. 16-17

Deborah Jane Rice Mann, 68
Deborah Jane Rice Mann, age 68, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Sunday, September, 14, 2025. Deborah was born in Alabama and spent her life dedicated to her family, faith, and community. A devoted mother and grandmother, Deborah was known for her unwavering selflessness and kind spirit. She was a longtime and faithful member of Calvary Baptist Church, where her presence and service touched many lives. Deborah also served for many years as an educator in the Cullman City School System, leaving a lasting impact on generations of students and colleagues alike. She is survived by her loving children, Ryan (Wayne) Gilmore, Jesse Mann, and Jacob (Alyssa) Mann; her cherished grandchildren, Kasey Mann, Jackson Mann, Callie Gilmore, Abbie Gilmore, Willow Mann, and Lily Mann; her sister, Myra Richardson; her brother, Chuck Rice; and her beloved aunt, Louise Rice. Deborah was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Jane Rice, and her precious grandson, Waylon Charles Gilmore. Deborah's legacy of love, faith, and service will live on in the hearts of all who knew her. A celebration of life graveside service for Deborah will be held Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 10 a.m. at Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church Cemetery. To leave condolences for the Mann family visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Sandra F. Hayes, 75
Sandra F. Hayes of Cullman passed away on September 13, 2025, at the age of 75. Sandra was born in Cullman on December 13, 1949, to Theron Pete and Bertice Racine Johnson Givens. A Celebration of Life Graveside Service will be held on Thursday September 18, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation for Sandra will be on Thursday, September 18, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Sandra is survived by: Son: Scott (Trina) Hayes, Daughter: Jodi (Lance) Pentecost, Sisters: Carolyn (Charles) Nail, Stacy Powell, Brothers: Ricky (Cindy) Givens, Greg (Diane) Givens, Granddaughter: Peyton Hayes, several nieces and nephews. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Ricky Wayne Lee, 71
Ricky Lee, 71, of Vinemont passed away Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at his residence. He was born April 5, 1954, to Theron Hollis and Minnie Frances Parker Lee. Ricky was the previous owner of L & L Laundry in Cullman for many years. He loved his nieces, nephews and all his family. He loved Alabama football, and he grew up playing golf. Ricky served his country in the Air Force. He will be missed. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Linda Wynn; brothers, Ronnie Lee, Mike Lee; brother-in-law, Tommy Durden. Survivors include his sister, Sandy Durden; brother, Hal (Connie) Lee; sister-in-law, Deborah James Lee; nieces, nephews, family and friends. No services are planned at this time. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Tanya Lynn Johnson, 49
Tanya Lynn Johnson passed away at Jackson Hospital on September 15, 2025. She was 49 years old. She was a resident of Cullman, Alabama. She is survived by her parents, Emma Hughey and Jerry Johnson; her brother, Thomas Johnson; her fiancé of 7 years, Chris Sterling; her two daughters, Angel Johnson and Autumn Hines (Tyler); her son, Heath Aaron King; her grandchildren, Dalton Freeman, Kaitlyn Freeman, Aubrey Hines and Rhett King; and a host of nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her grandson Colton Freeman. Her kids were everything to her and she will be greatly missed.

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