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City of Good Hope passes $6.8 million budget

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Good Hope City Council held its final September meeting at Good Hope City Hall Monday night and approved a $6.8 million budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Some of the notable inclusions in the budget » PAGE 7



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Good Hope's City Council approved a $6.8 million budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year at its meeting on Monday, Sept. 22.

Jacobs proclaims October Domestic Violence Awareness Month



CPD COMMUNITY RELATIONS

L-R: Jeff Lawson (CPD Community Relations), District Attorney Champ Crocker, Police Chief Joey Duncan, Mayor Jacobs, Jessica Atchley (VSOC Executive Director), Lacey Lemley (VSOC Child & Family Services Coordinator), Sabrina Garrison (VSOC Associate Director), Lindsey Smith (VSOC Client Services Coordinator), Assistant Police Chief Brandon Patterson and Adam Clark

Leanne West
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — On Wednesday, September 24, 2025, Mayor Woody Jacobs recently proclaimed the month of October 2025 Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) in the City of Cullman. Several agencies were represented at the proclamation presentation at City Hall including Victim Services of Cullman, Inc., (VSOC), the Cullman County District Attorney's Office, and the Cullman Police Department (CPD).

Domestic violence is a national health problem affecting more than 12 million people in the United States each year with an average of 24 people per minute being victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner. But domestic violence can be prevented! Prevention requires the collective voice and power of individuals, families, institutions, and systems – each able to add a valuable and powerful component to transforming our communities.

"I am proud to once again proclaim October 'Domestic Violence Awareness Month' in Cullman," said Mayor Jacobs. "It is important to educate the public on how to recognize and prevent domestic violence and to support organizations that assist those affected by domestic violence in our community."

The #DVAM2025 theme is: With Survivors, Always | Con sobrevivientes. Siempre.

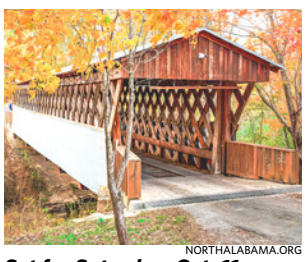
This theme emphasizes that survivors need:

- **Safety:** Survivors deserve physical, emotional, spiritual, and financial safety. They have a right to live in homes, workplaces, neighborhoods, and institutions that are free of violence.
- **Support:** Living through and healing from trauma can be a lifelong journey. Survivors are deserving of support and care at all stages of their lives.
- **Solidarity:** Nobody should have to stand alone in the face of hardship. Community connectedness is critical to effective advocacy.

In the U.S., domestic violence is a serious and widespread problem. Victims of domestic violence often need things like emergency shelter, housing, counseling, transportation, childcare, legal representation and more. Victim Services of Cullman, Inc., (VSOC) was established in 1991 to help victims of domestic violence. Over the years, the agency has expanded to provide comprehensive services (including shelter, crisis response, education, and advocacy) for those impacted by domestic and sexual violence in » PAGE 5

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Covered Bridge Festival coming Oct. 11



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Set for Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025, the Covered Bridge Festival offers plenty of family fun including arts and crafts, a car cruise-in, live music, great food, tours to the covered bridges and more. The festival is sponsored by the Blount-Oneonta Chamber of Commerce. » PAGE 8

Every holiday together: Holiday Haus set for Oct. 17-18



CULLMAN PARKS, RECREATION & SPORTS TOURISM

The Holiday Haus shopping event will take place at the OmniPlex Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17-18, from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. » PAGE 7

PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Buck, a gentleman terrier



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Buck » PAGE 2



CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 24

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 24, 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. 19

- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '16 Chev. Cruze; $200; 4th St. SW
- retail theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $114; Hwy. 157
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; $200; damaged windshield
- theft of property-3rd degree; Cullman Eyes; general merchandise; $1,200; Cullman Shopping Center
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; person; Ashland Dr. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $66; Olive St. SW

Sept. 20

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $144; Olive St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $29; Olive St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $439; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $53; Hwy. 157

Sept. 22

- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person damage to '16 Nissan Maxima; $500; 3rd St. SW

Sept. 23

- identity theft; forgery-3rd degree; theft of property-1st degree; person; forged checks
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; 3rd St. SW
- criminal mischief; Northside Baptist Church; damaged property; $1,500; Katherine St. NW

Sept. 24

- theft of property-1st degree; person; '08 Cadillac; $5,000; Logan St. SW

ARRESTS

Sept. 19-23

Sears, Bridget N.; 39
- FTA – disorderly conduct
- FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree
- FTA – resisting arrest
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Wisniske, David V.; 61
- FTA – criminal trespass-1st degree

Kight, Kelsey R.; 31
- retail theft of property-3rd degree

Vickery, Patrick B.; 53
- theft of property-4th degree

Gober, Chelsea A.; 29
- FTA – run stop sign

Byess, Dawn C.; 46
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (3 counts)
- FTA – driving while suspended

Whitehead, II, Larry W.; 49
- FTA – driving without license

Nash, Angela M.; 31
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Miller, Jennifer L.; 51
- theft of property-4th degree

Lee, Nicholas W.; 25
- theft of property-4th degree

Lay, Rachel L.; 34
- FTA – criminal trespass-2nd degree
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – public intoxication (2 counts)

Burns, Shawn L.; 45
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Sansing, Ashley D.; 37
- FTA – driving while suspended
- FTA – fail to register vehicle

Thomson, Ashton M.; 23
- harassing communications

Sterling, Angel N.; 36
- FTA – expired tag

Agricola, Benjamin A.; 18
- theft of property-4th degree

Fitzgerald, Shanna M.; 38
- FTA – public intoxication

Haynes, Jeremy A.; 37
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – driving without license

Pike, Justin K.; 35
- theft of property-4th degree

Perez, Feliciana E.; 23
- public intoxication
- obstructing governmental operations

Burns, Tina R.; 46
- FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree

Jenkins, Michaila M.; 27
- FTA – driving without license

Acton, Christopher J.; 23
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree

Jackson, Michael L.; 66
- public lewdness

Demastus, Joseph R.; 32
- FTA – insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA – driving without license

Lay, Zachary J.; 37
- FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (4 counts)
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA – disorderly conduct
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – dog running at large

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Buck (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Meet Buck, The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week, a 5-year-old Cairn Terrier mix with a heart as steady as his pace. With his low energy and calm demeanor, Buck is the kind of companion who makes every day a little brighter without ever demanding the spotlight.

Shelter staff said Buck is a happy, unassuming fellow who takes life in stride. Even with the chorus of barking dogs around him, Buck stays calm and collected. He is content to walk politely on his leash, gentleman-like in every way.

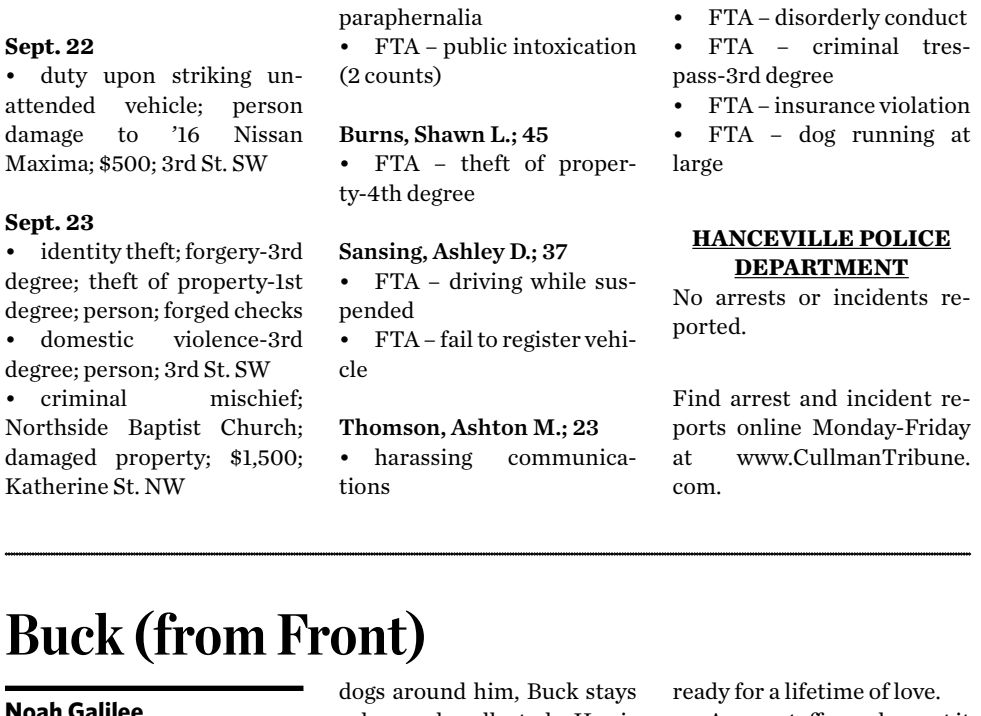
His respectful nature and easygoing personality make him the quintessential companion, therapy or even reading dog, perfect for someone who values quiet loyalty and gentle presence.

Buck's adoption fee is $130, which covers neutering, vaccines, microchip, wormer and a general vet exam. This helps ensure he goes to his new home healthy, safe, and ready for a lifetime of love.

As one staff member put it simply: "I just love this guy!"

Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If Buck has already found his forever family, be sure to stop by and meet his friends at the shelter as all of them are waiting patiently for their chance at a loving home.

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





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

NOTICE: Holly Pond Cemetery Clean-up Day
The Holly Pond Homemakers will be doing their fall cemetery cleanup on Oct. 15. If there are flowers or memorials you would like to keep, please pick up before the 15th. Reminder: Only one flower or decoration should be on the ground for each grave. For questions or concerns, call 256-385-2851 or 256-708-3202.

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.

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. 26 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
- Sunday, Sept. 28 – 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.

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.
- 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
- Tuesday, 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.
- Wednesday, 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.

Goatoberfest
There will be live music Friday, Sept. 26, starting at 7 p.m., then a full day of fun Saturday, Sept. 27, from 11 a.m.-11 p.m. at Goat Island Brewing.

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.

Holiday Haus
Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism will host a Holiday Haus shopping event at the OmniPlex Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17-18, from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. The event will feature a wide variety of vendors showcasing goods and crafts inspired by every season and celebration. The cost to enter will be $5, and kids 5 and younger get in free. 1634 Field of Miracles Dr. SW, Cullman.

Small Business Christmas Market
The Small Business Christmas Market will welcome dozens of vendors and will take place at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. $3 entry and free parking available. The first 60 shoppers in line will receive a free gift. For more information, contact Shayla Waldner at 256-595-8133 or Shayladenney2018@gmail.com. Get more details at Facebook/Small Business Christmas/Easter Market.







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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Cold Springs collects 3-1 area win over Falkville

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BREMEN, Ala. — Cold Springs was back home to host an area match against Falkville Tuesday night, and the Eagles celebrated senior night with a 3-1 win over the Blue Devils. After getting off to a slow start and dropping the opening set, Cold Springs battled back to win the next three sets and secure the win.

Cold Springs 3 - Falkville 1 (16-25, 25-16, 25-21, 25-17)
In the first set, Falkville got out to a quick 9-0 lead. Cold Springs got on the scoreboard on a point by Cheyenne Bishop, but the Lady Blue Devils stretched their lead to 12-2 and held a 14-5 lead later in the set.

That's when the Lady Eagles clawed their way back into the set, as a point by Hagen Ellis was followed by an ace by Kotie Calvert, and that helped them cut it to 14-10.

Falkville pushed their lead to 19-12, but Kelsy Wilson collected a kill to trim the deficit to six at 19-13. The Lady Blue Devils, though, went on a 6-3 run to end things, as they ended up winning the first set, 25-16.

It was Cold Springs that started out strong in the second set. Wilson started things out with a point, then Ellis collected a pair of aces and Bishop picked up back-to-back kills, as they jumped out to a quick 8-1 lead. Falkville, though, came back with a run of their own, as their 7-1 run cut it to 9-8.

The Lady Eagles held a slim 13-12 lead late in the set, but Wilson collected a kill and Allie Light followed that up with an ace, as that helped them push their lead to 16-12.

They quickly pulled away from the Lady Blue Devils after that, outscoring them, 9-4, as Kayleigh Light's ace helped seal the 25-16 win for Cold Springs in the second set.

Falkville got out to an early 2-1 lead in the third set, but the Lady Eagles quickly got the lead and then some, as a trio of aces by Wilson and a point by Calvert, helped them grab a 7-2 lead.

The Lady Blue Devils, though, rallied to tie things up at nine

The third set stayed close after that, with neither team getting more than a four-point lead on the other.

Falkville collected back-to-back points to take a 17-15 lead late in the third set. Bishop and Calvert each collected a point, and Joli Williams added an ace to help Cold Springs take a 19-17 lead.

An ace by Allie Light gave the Lady Eagles a 22-19 lead. The Lady Blue Devils cut it to 22-21, but Cold Springs got the final three points of the set, as Ellis' game-winning ace gave them the 25-21 win in the third set.

The Lady Blue Devils grabbed an early 5-1 lead in the fourth set and held an 11-7 lead.

The Lady Eagles went on another big run, as Allie Light (ace), Calvert (kill), Wilson (two kills, point, ace), Ellis (point) and Bishop (point) helped them take a 19-13 lead. Falkville trimmed the deficit to 20-17, but Cold Springs kept them at arm's length the rest of the way. Joli Williams collected an ace to give them a 22-17 lead, and she later collected the game-winning ace, as the Lady Eagles ended up knocking off the Lady Blue Devils, 25-17 and ended up taking the match 3-1.



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The Cold Springs Eagles defeated Falkville 3-1 Tuesday night.

WSCC VOLLEYBALL

Wallace State shines at Fall Bash with 4-0 weekend

Wallace State Sports Information

CULLMAN, Ala. — Wallace State volleyball turned in a dominant showing at its annual Fall Bash, winning all four matches across two days at the Cullman Omniplex. The Lions defeated Bevill State and Vincennes (IN) on Friday before taking down Itawamba (MS) and Walters State (TN) on Saturday, improving to 20-2 overall on the season.

Friday recap
The Lions opened the tournament with a 3-1 (25-18, 25-16, 20-25, 25-22) win over Bevill State. Sofiia Sobol and Makenzie Noles powered the attack with 12 kills apiece. Abby McDonald paced the defense with 15 digs, while setter Ali Price dished out 34 assists.

In their second match of the day, Wallace State avenged a loss from two weeks ago with a convincing sweep of Vincennes (26-24, 25-10, 25-20). Rachel Mecklenburg and Noles tallied 11 kills each, with Sobol adding 10. McDonald collected 11 digs, Sobol chipped in 10, and Price directed the offense with 22 assists, while Mecklenburg contributed 17.

Coach Randy Daniel on Day 1:
"We played well enough to win vs. Bevill. Kenzie Wilson and Kenzie Noles both played very well. The Vincennes match was a collective win, as the team as a whole played very well. Rachel and Kenzie Wilson both did a great job. Sofiia and Kenzie Noles were much more consistent in passing and attacking."

Saturday recap
Wallace State carried the momentum into Saturday, defeating Itawamba 3-1 (25-16, 19-25, 25-16, 25-21). Mecklenburg turned in a standout performance with 21 kills and 16 digs. Noles added 12 kills and 13 digs, while Price recorded a double-double with 35 assists and 16 digs. Darcy Alford chipped in 10 digs.

The Lions capped the weekend with a sweep of Walters State (25-19, 25-12, 25-15).

Mecklenburg again led the way with 20 kills and 11 digs. McDonald anchored the back row with 19 digs, while Price handed out 38 assists to go along with 13 digs.

Coach Daniel on Day 2:
"It was a battle all weekend, and I'm really proud of my team's perseverance. I felt we just kept fighting and finding ways to win a match. I felt Kenzie Wilson and Rachel Mecklenburg were very good again today for us. Darcy stepped in for Sofiia and played well.

"I'm very proud of my team's 20-2 start, need to keep our focus because we have no time to relax with the games we have next week."



WALLACE STATE

Rachel Mecklenburg, Wallace State Volleyball

WSCC FLAG FOOTBALL

Wallace State remains perfect with 50-6 win over Bishop State

Wallace State Sports Information

MILLBROOK, Ala. — Wallace State women's flag football continued its dominant start to the season on Sunday, rolling past Bishop State 50-6 at 17 Springs in Millbrook. The Lions (4-0) showcased a balanced attack, fueled by quarterback Emma Kile's precision passing and a stifling defense that forced five interceptions.

First-half explosion
Wallace State struck first midway through the opening quarter after Jayla Rudolph's second interception of the day set up a 10-yard touchdown pass from Kile to Taylor Kindred.The duo connected again late in the first on a 4-yard score to build a 13-0 advantage.

The Lions took full control in the second quarter. Kile connected with Mariah Ragland for a 7-yard touchdown just three plays into the period, stretching the lead to 18-0. Bishop State answered with a 66-yard touchdown strike, but Wallace quickly countered with a 34-yard Kile-to-Ragland score, pushing the margin to 27-6 after a two-point conversion.

From there, the Lions poured it on. Rudolph's third interception led to another Ragland touchdown, this time from 16 yards out, and Carley Paschal's interception set up a 1-yard scoring toss from Kile to Ma'Kyla Williams. By halftime, Wallace had put up 30 points in the second quarter alone and led 43-6.

Sealing the victory
The Lions capped their scoring midway through the third quarter when Kile found Telicia Ransom for an 18-yard touchdown, securing the 50-6 win.

By the numbers
Wallace State's offense finished with 225 total yards, while the defense limited Bishop State to 131 yards—66 of which came on their lone touchdown play.

- Kile: 17-of-29 passing, 217 yards, 7 touchdowns
- Ragland: 8 receptions, 119 yards, 3 touchdowns
- Ransom: 2 catches, 50 yards, 1 touchdown
- Kindred: 4 catches, 30 yards, 2 touchdowns
- Williams: 3 catches, 18 yards, 1 touchdown

On defense, Rudolph collected four interceptions and Kindred and Williams each recorded a sack.

Paschal added another interception to the total.

Next up
Wallace State (4-0) travels to Decatur on Sunday for a marquee doubleheader matchup with Calhoun (4-0) at the Jack Allen Soccer Complex.





The 40 Acre Wood hosting fall scavenger hunts in October

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Forty Acre Wood is inviting the community to participate in family friendly fall scavenger hunts, held every Sunday in October from noon-6 p.m.

The scavenger hunts are designed as self-guided walks through a 1.2-mile path of forest trails. They are geared toward children aged 3-10, but Forty Acre Wood Owner Wendy Smithson said they'll be fun for all ages.

"We've had couples come out and do it together, parents carrying babies in pouches and lots of families just spending time outdoors," she said. "It's definitely designed with children in mind, but there's something for everyone."

For just $5 per person, families can visit The Forty Acre Wood and participate in a scavenger hunt. Upon arrival, guests will receive a list of fall-themed and Halloween-inspired items to find along the trail.

Maps are available for an additional $1, or participants can scan a QR code for a digital version. Most of the clues and items are placed along the same 1.2-mile path used during the recent Laps for Lincoln event, making navigation easy for everyone.

Playful spooky surprises are set up throughout the woods, including a mysterious figure near the old homeplace.

While no prizes are offered for completing in the scavenger hunts, Smithson explained it's all about fun and spending time together as a family. Most families take around 30 to 45 minutes to complete the loop. In addition to the scavenger hunt, The Forty Acre Wood offers amenities that invite families to spend a whole afternoon on-site.

The trail ends near the property's rustic playground, giving kids time to burn off energy after the hunt. Several picnic areas are also available for those who want to pack a lunch.

Guests can drop in any time between noon and 6 p.m., enjoy the scavenger hunt at their own pace and leave when they're ready.

"This is just something fun and simple to do with your kids — a way to enjoy the season, enjoy nature and make memories together," said Smithson.

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

Small Business Christmas Market coming to Ag Center Nov. 22

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Small Business Christmas Market will welcome dozens of vendors and will take place at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Small Business Market Owner Shayla Waldner said there will be a $3 entry for the event and free parking available.

"We will have food trucks, 65-80 vendors, Santa available and train rides," Waldner said. "Each year we have a line wrapped around the building of early-bird shoppers waiting to shop all the local and surrounding area vendors. The vendors will have home decor, kids' clothing, boutique clothing, baked goods, Christmas gifts, kids' toys, jewelry and more."

Waldner said the first 60 shoppers in line will receive a free gift.

"Santa has his own photographer; with the small purchase of one of several packages, you can snag the cutest picture of your kids with Santa — or feel free to visit him without the picture package," Waldner said. "Santa always has a line of kids waiting to tell (him) what they are wanting for Christmas. The coffee truck out front always has to restock to keep the customers warm with some hot coffee."

Waldner said the Small Business Market has become a locally loved event with proud returning vendors for each market. There's a Christmas Market in November and an Easter Market in the spring.

"We have developed a close relationship, with family oriented values, with each of our vendors before it's over with," Waldner said. "It is a widespread growing market and I'm happy to say it is locally owned and operated right here in Cullman, Alabama."

For more information, contact Shayla Waldner at 256-595-8133 or Shayladenney2018@gmail.com. Get more details at Facebook/Small Business Christmas/Easter Market.

Month (from Front)

Cullman and Winston Counties.

"Their stated goal is "to empower survivors and help them rebuild their lives, free from violence and fear."

"The City appreciates all of those in our community – Victim Services personnel, law enforcement and court officials, and countless others – who educate our community about domestic violence and provide services for survivors," said Mayor Jacobs.

In 1989, Congress declared the month of October to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Each October across the United States, organizations and individuals unite to help uplift the needs, voices, and experiences of domestic violence survivors and to spread awareness about what everyone can do to help end domestic violence.

As part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) each year, people are also encouraged to mourn the loss of those lives ended by domestic violence, celebrate the tremendous progress victim advocates have made over the years, and connect with one another with a true sense of unity to end domestic violence.

To find out more about Victim Services of Cullman, Inc. (VSOC), visit www.victimservices.online or call the administrative office at 256-775-2600.

To learn more about the Domestic Violence Awareness Project, visit www.dvawareness.org.

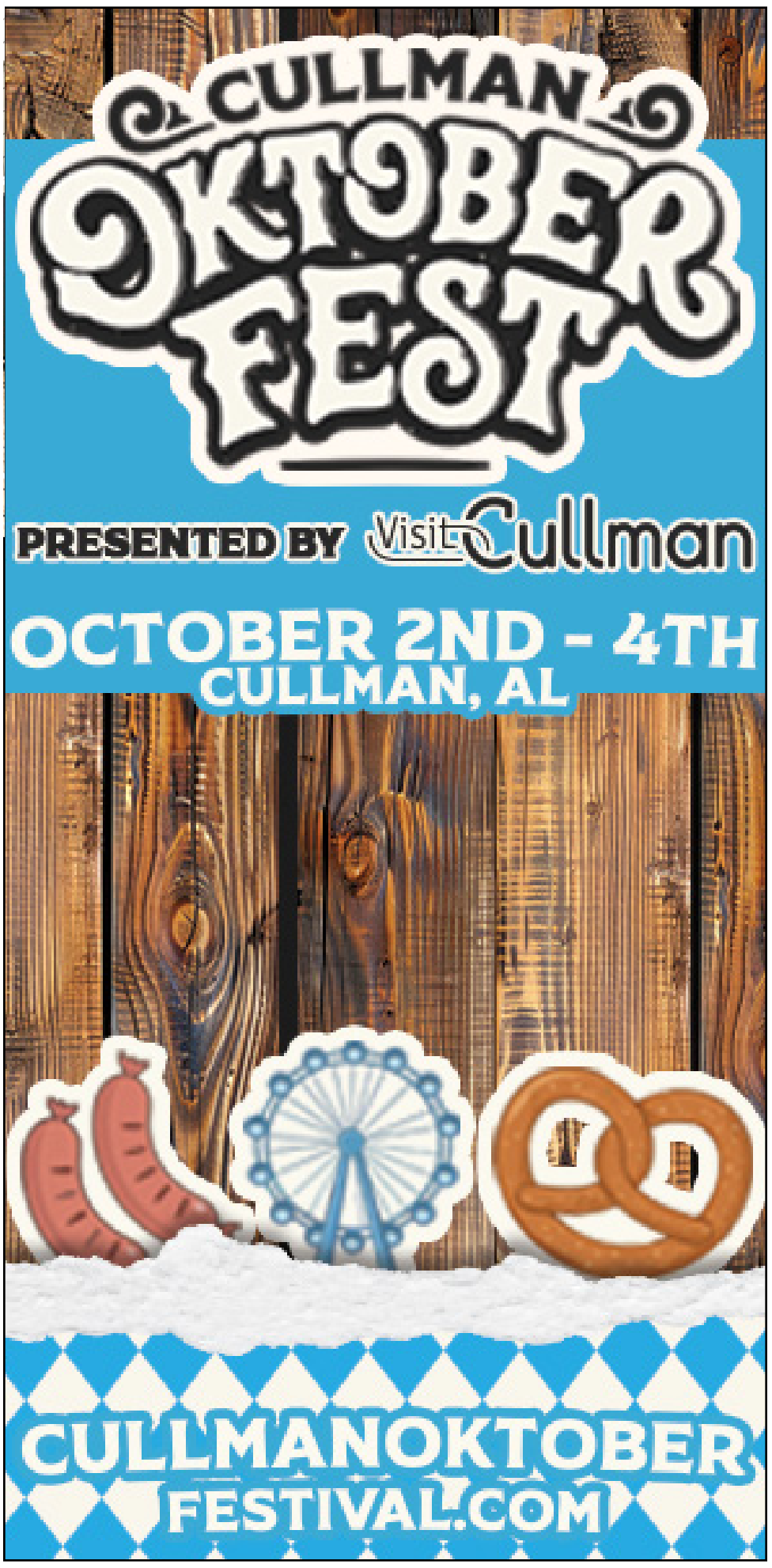
For those curently in a domestic violence situation:

Call Victim Services of Cullman's 24-Hour Crisis Line at 256-734-6100.

Contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline:

- By calling 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) [TTY 1-800-787-3224]; or
- By texting START to 88788; or,
- By using the online chat feature at thehotline.org.
- Contact your local law enforcement agency.





LEGALS

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

The unknown father of the above child born to Bethany Ellen Rigney aka Bethany Ellen Screws on April 2, 2013, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources by the 9th day of October, 2025, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 27th day of August 2025.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
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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:
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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

Marcus A. Jones, III
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Birmingham, Alabama 35203

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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

Jennifer Suan Yeager
Personal Representative

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Tammy Brown
JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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.

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80, as per Legislative Act 2015-470:

2007 Dodge Charger VIN: 2B3KA43G07H863779

2018 Ram 1500 VIN: 3C6RR7LT5JG171584

2002 GMC Envoy XL VIN:1GKES16S026107715

2006 Land Rover Range Rover Sport (Black) VIN:SALSF25416A947090

2009 Toyota Yaris (Blue) VIN: JTDBT903094056458

2002 Honda Accord VIN:1HGCG56472A048156

2000 GMC Sonoma (Red) VIN: 1GTCS1947Y8184062

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2007 Dodge Charger (Gray) VIN:2B3KA43G07H863779

2007 Nissan Sentra (Brown) VIN:3N1AB61E87L617433

2007 Nissan Sentra VIN:3N1AB61E67L718289

2008 Toyota Tacoma (Gray) VIN:5TEJU62N48Z554822

2011 Honda CR-V VIN:5J6RE3H74BL040525

These vehicles will be sold on October 30, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. for towing/storage fees if not claimed. Located at Hammock Auto Sales, 17 County Road 406, Cullman, Alabama 35057, 256-775-3754.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
BARBARA JOAN JAMES, * **CASE NO.: PC2025-342**
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION

Notice is hereby given that *Alabama Petition for Summary Distribution* made court record the 15th day of September, 2025, by Tamela Auletti, Petitioner, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Tamela Auletti
Petitioner

Atty: Gaynor St. John

TO PUBLISHER: ***The Cullman Tribune***

Please publish the above notice **ONE TIME** in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

DONE this the 22nd day of September, 2025.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

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

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of M.C.M., a minor child born January 23, 2017, to Olivia Martin was filed on the 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
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY AND TO PROBATE WILL

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

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

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

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

Done this the 8th day of September, 2025.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Petitioner's Attorneys:
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5000 Grantswood Road, Suite 120
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C. Blake West
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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:
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725 North Brindlee Mountain Parkway
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Times**

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE ESTATE OF
JENNIFER LEIGH MEAD, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2025-326

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF JENNIFER LEIGH MEAD, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Carol Sue Mead on the 25th 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 said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Carol Sue Mead, Personal Representative (Administrator),

TO: Publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*:

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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

Tammy Rhodes Harbison
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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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 10th 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
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DONE this 10th day of September, 2025.

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
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EDITORIAL

Fear has its place, but cannot rule us

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Fear is a curious thing. It is both a gift and a burden, a spark that keeps us alive and a shadow that can keep us from truly living.

At its best, fear warns us. It sharpens the senses, tells us to take cover in the storm, to pause before stepping into the street, to look twice before making a move. In that way, fear is not the enemy, instead it is an instinct such as a natural guardrail.

But fear also has a darker side. It can grow louder than reason, heavier than truth. It can twist itself into something it was never meant to be: a leash that keeps us from standing up, from moving forward, from doing the things that must be done.

Too often, communities and individuals become prisoners of fear that is unwarranted, fear rooted in assumption or rumor rather than fact.

We've all seen it. Fear of speaking out. Fear of change. Fear of one another.

Left unchallenged, it becomes corrosive, stalling progress and silencing voices that need to be heard.

Worse, it spreads. Fear is contagious when it goes unchecked. It can turn neighbors into strangers, leaders into followers and opportunity into paralysis.

The truth is, fear should never be left alone. It must be confronted. Not ignored as that only lets it grow in the dark. Not indulged as that gives it more power than it deserves.

Confronted. Dragged into the light and measured against reality. When fear is justified, it drives preparation and action. When it is not, it must be dismantled piece by piece until its hold is broken.

That is the challenge before us as individuals and as a community. To ask, every time fear shows up: Is this protecting me, or is it preventing me?

That single question draws the line between wisdom and weakness, between courage and complacency.

Cullman, and any place that hopes to thrive, cannot be ruled by unwarranted fear. We cannot build stronger schools, safer neighborhoods or a healthier future if we let shadows make our choices for us.

Fear may always stand at the door, but courage must have the final word.

Every day is a new opportunity to learn from our past and face the next challenge striving for a better tomorrow.

Because when fear rules, we lose. When courage leads, we win together.

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Holiday Haus (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism will host a Holiday Haus shopping event at the OmniPlex Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17-18, from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

CPRST Special Events Director Daniel Wyatt said the department has hosted similar events before, but this one brings every holiday together under one roof, giving it a fresh twist.

"The idea grew from having such a great venue at the OmniPlex to showcase the talented and creative vendors in our area," Wyatt said.

"We also wanted to provide a shopping experience that keeps people here in Cullman, instead of having to drive an hour north or south. Once visitors see how the space can be transformed — and how it can draw people from across north Alabama to experience what Cullman has to offer — the possibilities are endless."

Holiday Haus will feature a wide variety of vendors showcasing goods and crafts inspired by every season and celebration.

"Shoppers can expect booths filled with festive décor, handmade gifts, seasonal apparel, jewelry and specialty items designed for holidays ranging from Valentine's Day and Easter to Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas," Wyatt said.

"The Holiday Haus is a unique way to celebrate the joy of every holiday, all in one place. Whether visitors are hunting for a special keepsake, home décor or just looking to get a head start on the next celebration, the event promises something for everyone."

The cost to enter will be $5, and kids 5 and younger get in free.

For info about being vendor, visit https://tinyurl.com/HolidayHaus2025 or email specialevents@cullmanrecreation.com.

Good Hope (from Front)

are a 5% wage increase for all city employees in addition to a one-time bonus payment during the upcoming holiday season. One of the biggest expenses listed in the city's budget is a $1.08 million project to install additional lighting at the 305 interstate exit. The project will be funded through the city's Economic Development Fund and grant funding. Bidding for the project is expected to begin soon.

Another project included in the budget is the new $1.3 million multi-use community center and storm shelter that broke ground in August. The facility will be located between County Road 437, Daystar Drive and Beech Grove Road in Good Hope.

The Council budgeted for contributions to several local organizations as well. The money for the following contributions will come from the City's alcohol sales fund.

- American Legion Post #4 - $500
- School Grant Project - $15,000
- Good Hope Primary School - $5,000
- Good Hope Elementary School - $5,000
- Good Hope Middle School - $5,000
- Good Hope High School - $14,000
- Good Hope Fire & Rescue - $17,500
- Air Med Evac - $9,500
- Good Samaritan Health Clinic - $1,500
- Margaret Jean Jones Center - $1,000
- Wellstone/Mental Health Co - $3,000
- Cullman Caring for Kids - $2,500
- Cullman Soil & Water - $1,500
- North Alabama Agriplex - $2,500
- Cullman EMA - $ 1,500

The Good Hope City Council will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, Oct. 13 at Good Hope City Hall at 6:30 p.m.

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Obituary Announcements: Sept. 23-24

Ernest Malon Boone, 77
A graveside service for Ernest Malon Boone, 77, of Hanceville will be 2 p.m. Friday, September 26, 2025, at Cullman Memory Gardens. Mr. Boone was born November 7, 1947, in Cullman, Alabama. He passed away September 22, 2025, in Hanceville, Alabama. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Hanceville Funeral Home to help cover funeral expenses. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Boone family.

Jodie Renea Smith, 52
Jodie, beloved wife, daughter, mother, and Nana, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 21, 2025, at 10:18 a.m., just two days shy of her 53rd birthday. Her passing leaves an irreplaceable void in the hearts of her family and all who knew her. Born in Hollywood, Florida, on September 23, 1972, Jodie devoted her life to caring for others. She was a proud and loving mother, and nothing brought her more joy than being a Nana—her grandchildren were the light of her life. Jodie and her husband, Shane Smith, were high school sweethearts who built a life full of love and devotion. Married for 33 years, they raised two children and shared the joy of three beautiful grandchildren. Her love for family was unwavering, and her nurturing spirit extended beyond her home. Jodie dedicated many years to serving the children of her community through her work in the cafeteria at Fairview School, where she was a familiar and comforting presence to countless students. Jodie is survived by her loving husband, Shane Smith; daughter, Morgan Shirley; son, Colton (Kennedy) Smith; mother, June McGriff; sister, Jacqueline Martin; and her cherished grandchildren: Carson Shane Smith, Ashlynn Shirley, and Brynlee Shirley. She is also survived by her in-laws: Vick (Wendy) Smith and Sheila (Steve) Cahela, as well as a host of extended family and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Bobby McGriff; brother, Anthony McGriff; grandparents: Walter (Dimple) McGriff, Hubert (Inez) Reynolds, and Momma Mae Rodgers. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, followed by a Celebration of Life service. Graveside committal will take place at Flint Creek Cemetery, 3048 County Road 1354, Vinemont, AL 35179. Serving as Pallbearers; Colton Smith, Isaac Moody, Kaden Graham, Steve Cahela, Whit Smith, and Austin McGriff. To leave condolences for the Smith family, please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Janet Eva Winfrey, 65
Janet Eva Livingston Winfrey, known to most as Jan, passed away on September 22, 2025, at the age of 65. Jan was born in Blount County, Alabama, on September 18, 1960, to the late John Cleveland Livingston and the late Janice Campbell Livingston. From an early age, Jan faced many trials with her health, but even in her difficult days, Jan remained upbeat and full of joy. Ms. Winfrey was a caring person, and she was an immense help to her parents and sisters over the years as she channeled her abundance of energy into helping them, often times that included cleaning their homes. Jan was a loving mother and grandmother. She also adored her little dogs, Diamond and Little Man. Jan's loving and caring personality brought joy to many people, and she will be remembered for generations to come. Ms. Winfrey is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Roman Winfrey; and brother-in-law, David McArthur. Those left to cherish Jan's memory includes her daughters, Jana Kay Winfrey (Vester Twitty), Leigha Shay Winfrey; sisters, Pamela Gaddy (Ricky), Brenda McArthur; grandchildren, Destiny Musgrove, Alexis McAlpine, Riker Callaway, Pheonix Callaway, Xander Callaway, Grayson Callaway; great-grandson, Waylen Cash Wakefield; special nephews, Michael Phares, Ronnie Phares; and a host of nieces and nephews. Friends are invited to join the family on Thursday evening, September 25, 2025, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. for a time of visitation. Funeral services for Ms. Winfrey will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, September 26, 2025, Jason Williams officiating. Both visitation and funeral services will be held at Livingston Tabernacle in Hanceville, Alabama. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Winfrey family.

David Wayne "Schoolboy" Cordes, 67
David Wayne "Schoolboy" Cordes age 67 of Cullman, Alabama passed away September 22, 2025. He was born November 14, 1957. David was a truck driver for over 30 years at American Protein. He loved fishing, and he will be remembered as a loving grandfather and great grandfather. David is preceded in death by his parents Faye Parrish and Oscar Cordes, wife Margie Cordes, sons Doug, Michael, Wesley and Andy Cordes, sister Sandra Cordes, and brother Jim Bo Cordes. He is survived by his daughters Kelly Stewart, Crystal (Jason) Jones and Misty Cordes, sister Laura Burks, brother Kenneth Cordes, grandchildren Zack, Kenzie and Kaci Cordes, Tiffany Collum, Cassandra Stewart, Austin Mooney, Brandon Jones, Anna Minor, and D.J. Minor, and great grandchildren Waylon Stewart, Zayden Collum, Zayleigh Collum, Avyrie Cordes, Tatum Moore, and Cyrus Green. The family will receive friends for a visitation Thursday September 25, 2025, in the Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel from 5-9 p.m. The funeral service will follow Friday September 26, 2025, at 2 p.m. in the Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with burial at Livingston Tabernacle in Hanceville.

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Festival (from Front)

Staff Reports
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ONEONTA, Ala. – With three covered bridges still in existence, Blount County carries the title of Covered Bridge Capital of Alabama, and as a tribute to its roots, a one-day festival is held every year in downtown Oneonta. Set for Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025, the Covered Bridge Festival offers plenty of family fun including arts and crafts, a car cruise-in, live music, great food, tours to the covered bridges and more. The festival is sponsored by the Blount-Oneonta Chamber of Commerce.

The centerpiece of the Covered Bridge Festival is the arts and crafts show in downtown Oneonta's entertainment district. Throughout the day, festivalgoers can browse vendor booths filled with homemade treasures, from handcrafted jewelry and artwork to wood creations and unique décor.

Beyond shopping, visitors can admire a wide array of cars, trucks and antique farm tractors during the Cruise-In.

The festival stage will showcase nonstop local entertainment with performances by Pine Mountain Bluegrass, the Clog Wild Cloggers, students from Neely School of Music and Arts, Aidan Wade, Viva Dancers "La Munecas," Isaiah Moore, Small Town Charm and Brother Bob's Sirens and Saints.

Families will especially enjoy the free Kids Zone, featuring inflatables, cornhole games and face painting, while food lovers can indulge in a variety of flavors at the food court on Railroad Avenue, where food trucks and local vendors will be serving up crowd-pleasing favorites.

The Blount-Oneonta Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring bus tours to two of the three covered bridges (Horton Mill and Easley) along with a stop at Palisades Park for the Quilt Show (admission to Quilt Show is $10).

Tours depart at 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. from the Public Library and reservations are required by contacting the Blount-Oneonta Chamber office at ramona@blountoneontachamber.org.

The Quilt Show, sponsored by the Blount County Quilters Guild, will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Quilters Guild Cottage at Palisades Park located at 1225 Palisades Parkway in Oneonta.

Festival goers can enjoy the exhibit during the free bus tour or visit at their leisure on Oct. 11, or on the day of the Covered Bridge Festival.

Admission is $10. For more information, visit www.blountcountyquilters.com.

Before heading to the festival Saturday morning, festivalgoers are invited to stop by the pancake breakfast at Lester Memorial Methodist Church from 7-10 a.m. to fuel up.

Tickets are $10 per person for eight years old and up and $5 for seven years old and younger and benefits the Blount County Children's Center.

Festival hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information on the Covered Bridge Festival, visit the Chamber's website or Facebook page or call 205-274-2153.

No visit to Blount County would be complete without a stop at one or all of the covered bridges. Constructed in 1934, Horton Mill is the tallest historic covered bridge in the United States standing 70 feet above the water.

The 220-foot-long bridge crosses the Calvert Prong of the Little Warrior River about 5 miles north of Oneonta off Highway 75. Easley Covered Bridge was constructed in 1927 and is the smallest of Blount's remaining bridges. At just 95 feet long it crosses the Dub Branch, Calvert Prong of the Little Warrior River.

It is located off 231 North in Rosa. Constructed in 1933, Swann Covered Bridge is the longest of Blount's bridges. Located in Cleveland, it spans 324 feet across the Locust Fork of the Black Warrior River.



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