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Wallace State Future Foundation sets new funding record

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College Future Foundation raised a record-setting $416,161 at its annual Student Investment Luncheon, a celebration of community, generosity and the transformative power of education.

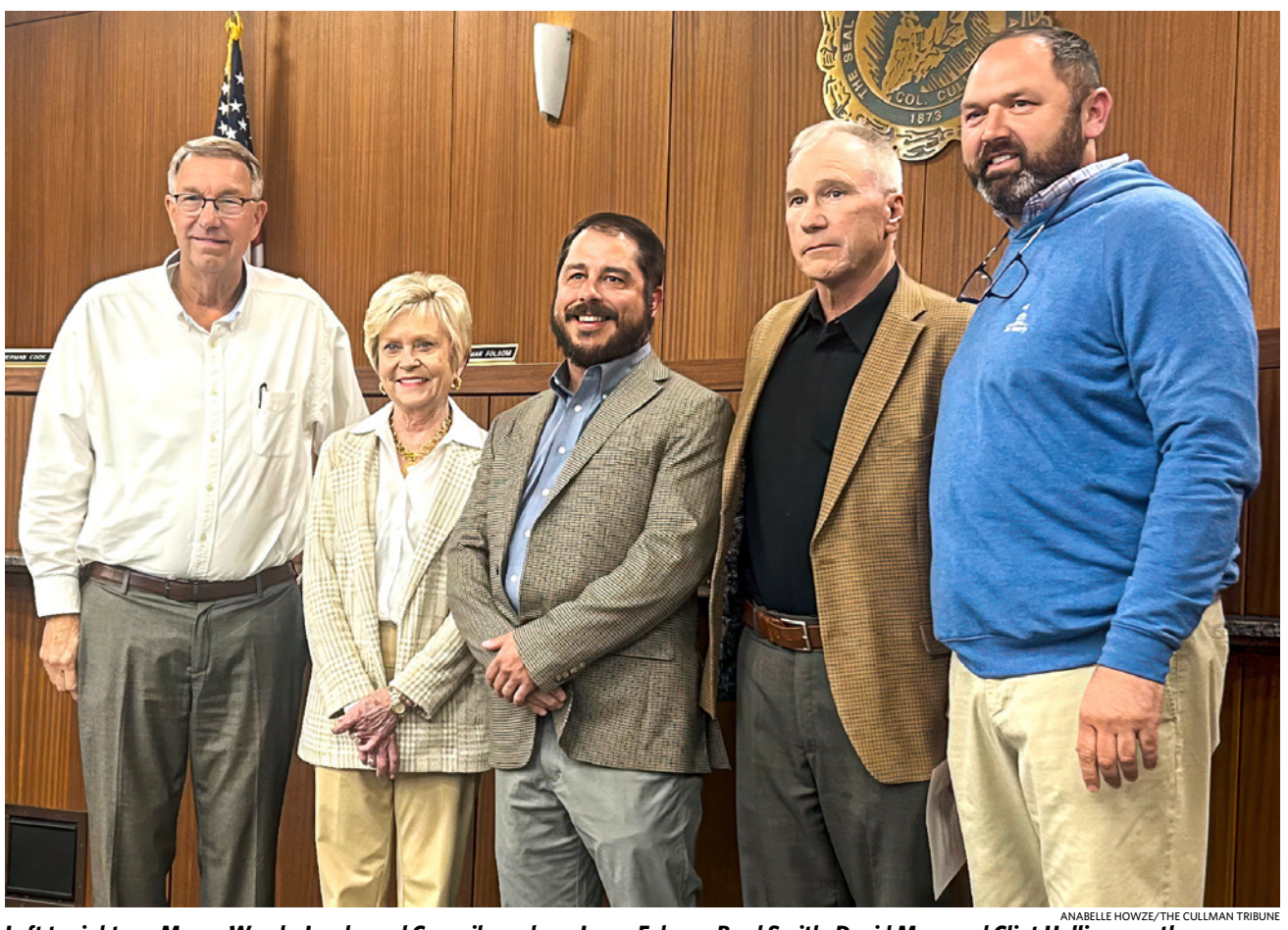
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WSCC

Wallace State students cheer for supporters during the live auction held at the Wallace State Future Foundation Student Investment Luncheon.

Cullman City Council recognizes outgoing members



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Left to right are Mayor Woody Jacobs and Councilmembers Jenny Folsom, Brad Smith, David Moss and Clint Hollingsworth.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council met Thursday, Oct. 30, for its final session before newly elected members take office Nov. 3. The council recognized the years of dedication and service from all outgoing members, with words of gratitude for the contributions they have made to the city.

Mayor Woody Jacobs thanked the council for its leadership and guidance, saying, "You guys are responsible for casting that vision and sending direction to the mayor on where to steer the ship."

Outgoing members shared appreciation for the opportunity to serve.

Council President Jenny Folsom and Councilman Clint Hollingsworth each thanked residents for their support and reflected on their time in office.

Council President Pro Tempore Johnny Cook was unable to attend the meeting as he is currently on a mission trip in Greece. Cook was recognized at the Oct. 13 council meeting.

Councilman Brad Smith spoke about the upcoming lake clean-up days, scheduled for Nov. 4 at Lake Catoma and Nov. 5 at Duck River. He strongly encouraged community participation to help keep the county clean.

Councilman David Moss reported progress on the City's wastewater project, noting rain delays but stating that the first tank is expected to be completed soon, which will help reduce odor issues in certain areas.

Moss also thanked his fellow council members for their contributions and reflected on the city's growth since 2008.

The council approved special event requests for the Warehouse District Christmas Open House (Nov. 8), Cullman Christkindlmarkt (Nov. 20–Dec. 23) and the Christkindlmarkt Parade & Tree Lighting (Nov. 21).

Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff reported strong academic performance and progress on school construction projects, with a middle school open house planned for January.

The council also honored City Attorney Roy W. Williams Jr. for 25 years of service. His daughter, Marie, accepted the recognition on his behalf.

The meeting concluded with a final expression of appreciation for the outgoing council's service. The new council will be seated Monday, Nov. 3, at 6 p.m. at Cullman City Hall. Mayor Woody Jacobs and Councilmembers Kim Hall, David Moss, Jason Willoughby, Paul Schaffer and Chuck Shikle will be sworn in.

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West Elementary to host Veterans Day program Nov. 5, 7



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West Elementary School held its annual Veterans Day Program Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022. » PAGE 8

Wallace State Cares offers food pantry, more for students in need



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Wallace State Cares Director Christine Wiggins » PAGE 2

Jacobs proclaims Wreaths Across America Day in Cullman



LEANNE WEST

Left to right are Cathy Shallal, Cullman Mayor Jacobs, Athelia Gibbs and Anita Winslow. » PAGE 8



CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 31

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 31, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Oct. 27

- possession of controlled substance; possession of dangerous drugs; CR 1807
- theft of property; CR 1742
- domestic violence; CR 321
- menacing; College Dr. NE

Oct. 28

- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 38
- domestic violence – strangulation; obstructing governmental operations; CR 1776
- theft of property; CR 68
- domestic violence; CR 1564
- assault; CR 1776
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- harassing communications; CR 1436

Oct. 29

- domestic violence; criminal mischief; CR 813
- domestic violence; Hwy. 31
- harassment; CR 1669
- theft of property; CR 1082
- domestic violence; obstructing police; theft of property; CR 569

ARRESTS

Oct. 27-29

Armstrong, Robert M.; 45
- obstructing justice using a false identity-fictitious person

Campbell, Terry D.; 61
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Davidson, John H.; 63
- sex offense-adult sex offender-violation of travel restrictions

Harris, Onis S.; 33
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Holcomb, Matthew S.; 45
- domestic violence-1st degree – burglary
- retail theft-1st degree

Hood, Dustin M.; 38
- assault-domestic violence-strangulation or suffocation
- obstruction-governmental operations

Jordan, Devynn E.; 30
- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer
- FTA – resisting arrest
- FTA – obstruction-governmental operations
- FTA – public intoxication

Lawson, Christopher L.; 44
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Martin, Billy J.; 51
- DUI (alcohol)

Mooney, Cheranda R.; 40
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family

Myrick, Cain S.; 25
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- menacing-aggravated assault

Price, Tammy F.; 38
- permitting dogs to run at large

Sandlin, Benjamin C.; 40
- FTA – negotiating worthless instrument

Shader, Raechel N.; 40
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Adam R.; 40
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of dangerous drugs

Vinzant, David J.; 55
- possession of dangerous drugs

Wilks, Jonathan; 71
- assault-simple assault

Wren, Mahalla N.; 45
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – unlawful distribution of controlled substances
- FTA – possession of a concealed weapon without a permit

Youngstrom, Sarah R.; 44
- public intoxication

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Oct. 26
- criminal mischief; person; damaged tires; $998; Cherokee Ave. SW

Oct. 29
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; miscellaneous; $15; Olive St. SW
- harassment; person

Oct. 30
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $37; Olive St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; food; $6; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

Oct. 29-30

Edwards, Terry E.; 41
- unlawful distribution of controlled substances
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- theft of property-4th degree

Cason, Joseph W.; 25
- assault-3rd degree

Trivette, Angela W.; 44
- DUI

Miles, Christopher R.; 31
- theft of property-4th degree

Griffin, Ashley L.; 38
- FTA – public intoxication
- FTA – expired tag

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

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Pantry (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Cares is helping bridge the gap for students in need.

Wallace State Cares Director Christine Wiggins said the efforts are funded by a five-year Department of Education Title III grant received in 2021 designed to provide holistic support to students.

"Efforts to support students in this way at WSCC have a long history and have existed in pockets across campus for years," Wiggins said. "Additionally, in 2020 the college decided to focus support efforts and became a designated Caring Campus through the Institute for Evidence-based Change who provides training and support for our employees to 'ensure that faculty and staff are equipped with strategies and principles that cultivate a community where all students feel valued and seen, increasing success for students across all demographics.'"

Wiggins said Wallace State Cares supports any and all enrolled students.

"Under the umbrella of WSCC Cares, the college is able to provide students with dedicated staff and resources to address the challenges that come with being a college student AND living life," Wiggins said.

"Whatever that challenge may be — transportation, healthcare, food insecurity, mental or physical health needs — the Wallace State Cares staff works with the student to brainstorm solutions and access resources on campus or within their community in an effort to meet basic needs, reduce stress and make being in class and learning more likely."

In addition to free mental health counseling, a work wardrobe, a laptop loan program, a mother's lounge and a Veterans' Corner, the most popular Cares resource is Lions' Kitchen, the student food pantry.

"It officially launched in 2018. Lions' Kitchen came under my direction as part of the WSCC Cares initiative in 2022," Wiggins said. "Since then it has undergone some changes, including the establishment of regular hours for consistency, dedicated staff and the utilization of a pantry software to track traffic, inventory and donations. Lions' Kitchen went from 50 visits a year in 2018 to 235 just since the start of this semester (eight weeks). We attribute the yearly increase to the unwavering support of our instructors and staff who regularly refer students to the pantry, the rising cost of groceries, marketing the pantry as 'for everyone' and it being a client-choice pantry, plus the dedicated pantry manager who makes every student feel valued and known."

Wallace State Cares staff can often be found supporting the students at their sporting events and performances, at pinnings/graduation and following up regularly to see how they can be of support, Wiggins shared.

"We know that statistically if a student has one need they likely have at least three more, so building relationships wherever we encounter students is integral to them feeling comfortable in telling us what's going on in their lives," Wiggins said.

"Lions' Kitchen is located in the Gudger Student Center. If a student is in need outside of these hours, we are happy to meet them at the pantry to serve them. The Lions' Kitchen exists because the community is involved. We currently receive an annual financial donation from the Lions Club of Hanceville; we get regular food donations from several local churches and individuals; many of our employees at WSCC use payroll deduction to give monthly; campus clubs and organizations host food drives and have fundraising events for the pantry; and we have giving boxes located around campus."

Wiggins shared that the Lions' Kitchen is a United Way partner agency, so it receives a monthly allocation from the United Way, and the Lions' Kitchen regularly partners with Cullman Caring for Kids, another United Way partner agency, which brings its mobile pantry to campus once a month to serve students.

"In 2024, we received a grant from Auburn University's Hunger Solutions Institute (HSI) that has been a tremendous help in allowing us to expand our services beyond the physical pantry," Wiggins said. "We utilize those funds to stock snack baskets in the Freshman Seminar classroom, pack to-go boxes for the library, which has extended hours and thereby may be serving students who can't make it to the pantry, as well as a weekend meal kit initiative we've just launched for our dorm residents. And while we are thankful for these resources and generous donors, we are ever aware of the increasing need and prevalence of food insecurity amongst our rural college students. A survey conducted by HSI for WSCC from 2023 indicated that 47% of the respondents were food insecure as defined by USDA."

The group is always appreciative of donations and Wiggins said a Lions' Kitchen shopping cart is kept in the lobby of the James Bailey Center for anyone to drop off food donations.

"Our most popular items are canned pasta (ravioli, SpaghettiOs), tuna pouches, ramen noodles, spaghetti noodles/sauce, soups, Pop-Tarts, granola bars and snack crackers," Wiggins said.

"We are always happy to come and pick up donations collected by groups or organizations who host food drives/collections. Of course we accept monetary donations as well. We operate through the WSCC Future Foundation, which has a giving site where donors can choose Lions' Kitchen as the recipient. We are grateful for our partnership with the Food Bank of North Alabama, where we can use those donated dollars to get food at a greatly reduced price."

For more information, contact Christine Wiggins at 256-352-8462 or christine.wiggins@wallacestate.edu.

"I've worked in various roles at WSCC for over 15 years," Wiggins said.

"Helping students see beyond the immediate challenge or crisis, and to let them know that they aren't in it alone in making a plan to meet that challenge AND stay in school — that they belong here and they matter — is the most important work I've done at this school. Asking for help takes courage and I love to be the one that gets to tell them they are brave and worthy of assistance."

Record (from Front)

lace State Community College, opened the luncheon with heartfelt remarks, expressing gratitude for the unwavering support of the community.

"Your presence is a powerful reminder of the strength and heart of our community," she told the crowd of more than 600.

Ben Harrison, president of the Wallace State Future Foundation Board of Directors, echoed that sentiment.

"Today is about more than a meal," he said. "It's about investing in the future of Wallace State students and helping them achieve their goals, whether they're pursuing academic degrees, workforce training or dual enrollment pathways."

He added, "Every dollar raised today goes directly to scholarships awarded by the Future Foundation, supporting students across all programs and helping them overcome financial barriers to success."

During her remarks, Karolewics honored the memory and contributions of Betty Leeth Haynes, Richard Stewart and Rick Shoults — individuals whose generosity and leadership have left a lasting mark on the Foundation and the college community.

Additionally, she announced two new endowed scholarships recognizing the impact of longtime Wallace State faculty.

The Deborah "Pepper" Hoover Endowed Scholarship will support future nurses committed to compassionate care and service, and the Coach Randy Putman Endowed Scholarship honors a legendary Wallace State coach whose influence extends far beyond athletics.

Including the scholarships for Hoover and Putman, Suzanne Harbin, vice president for advancement and innovation, listed 16 new scholarships endowed at $25,000 or more that will be awarded in perpetuity.

New endowed scholarships announced:

- Deborah "Pepper" Hoover Endowed Scholarship
- Coach Randy Putman Endowed Scholarship
- Aspen Rising Star Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Betty Leeth Haynes Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- CATA Health Science Academy Alumni Scholarship
- Dr. James Speeker and Donna Speeker Endowed Scholarship
- Dream Maker Endowed Scholarship
- FAME Student Support Scholarship
- Jay Lloyd and Corinne Tuthill Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Mark E. Sandlin Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Miles C. Humphries Endowed Scholarship
- Representative Corey Harbison Endowed Scholarship
- Representative Tim Wadsworth Endowed Scholarship
- Restore Therapy Endowed Scholarship
- Stephanie Lara Legacy Scholarship, Presented by YKTA
- The SOS Foundation Scholarship, Regions Bank

Harbin also expressed appreciation to business and industries who participate in Wallace State's Powerful Partnership program, offered through the Center for Career and Workforce Development.

"Wallace State's Powerful Partnerships program is a no-cost initiative that connects businesses with the college in meaningful, mutually beneficial ways," Harbin explained.

"Through perks like tuition discounts for employees and their families, complimentary evaluations of prior learning, and access to meeting spaces, partners gain real value.

"In return, they help shape our workforce by engaging in training, curriculum development and career events — building a stronger future for both their teams and our students."

For more information about the Wallace State Future Foundation or support scholarships, visit www.wsccfuturefoundation.org.

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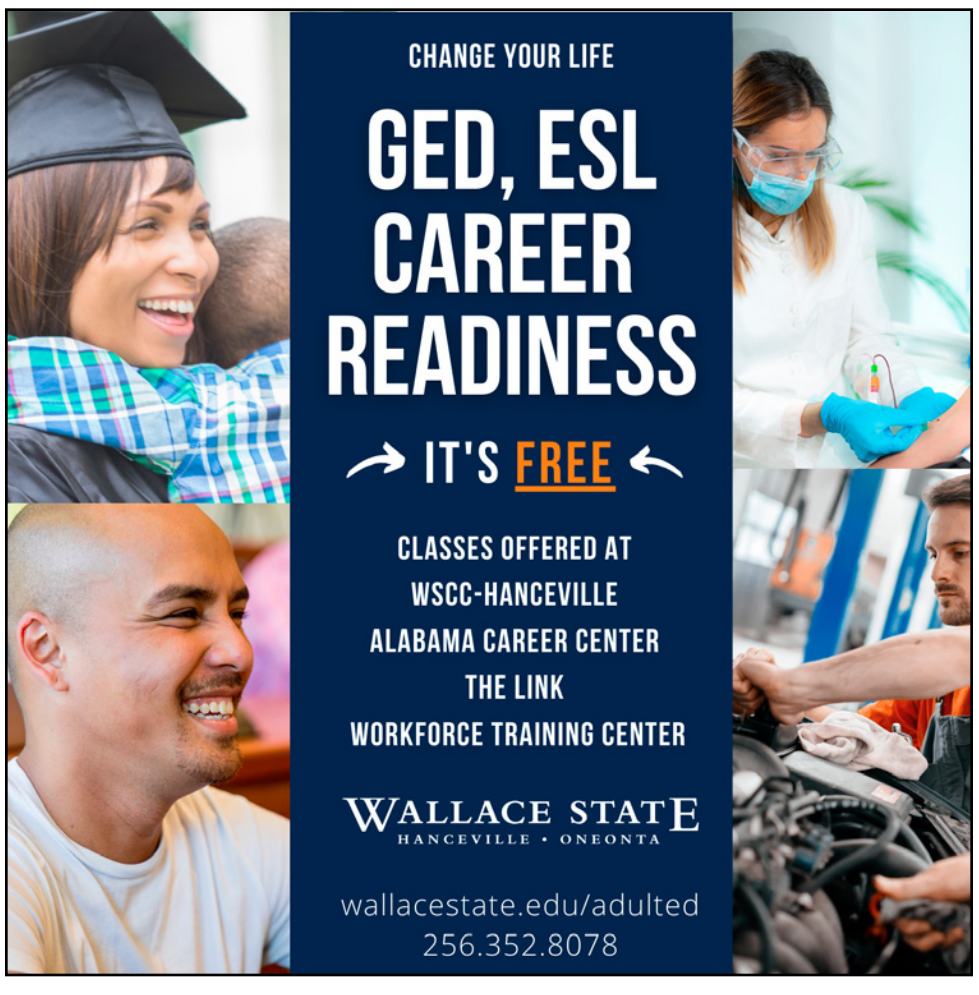
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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.

Grief Support: Lost a Loved One Recently? Thinking about the coming holidays?
Come to a six-session support group once a week through Nov. 16, 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
• Saturday, Nov. 1- 8 a.m. Mens breakfast; 11 a.m. Foundry Farm outreach
• Sunday, Nov. 2 – 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. Prayer service at 2 p.m.

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.
• Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 10 a.m. Storytime read by Lashae Vogelpohl
• Saturday Nov. 8, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mystery Book Sale for Mud Creek Festival
• Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 10 a.m. Storytime read by Briana Taylor
• Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Dinner everyone to bring a covered dish
• Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 10 a.m. Storytime with Melissa Porter
• Wednesday, Nov. 26: Open. No storytime
• Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 10 a.m. "Let it Shine Puppets" presents a song and dance Christmas presentation
• Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m. Agriplex-the sweet smells of Christmas, an evergreen program
• Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m. Christmas Dinner everyone to bring a food dish
• Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 10 a.m. Mrs. Santa & author Dorenda Doyle "The kid and the dog" take your picture with Mrs. Santa
• Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 10 a.m. New Year's theme storytime

North Alabama Agriplex Programs
• www.agriplex.org
• Thursday, Nov. 6, 9-11 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Elementary – Meteorology with James Spann. Introduction to the science of weather. Learn all about forecasting, thunderstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes, snow and more from a local legend. $15 fee. $30 Max per family.
• Thursday, Nov. 6, 9-11 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Secondary – Meteorology with James Spann. Introduction to the science of weather. Learn all about forecasting, thunderstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes, snow and more from a local legend. $15 fee. $30 Max per family.
• Thursday, Nov. 6, 6-8 p.m., Heritage Skills – Make and Take Christmas Ornaments. Let's get a jump on Christmas decorations! This is a make and take class where we will use a variety of mediums to make Christmas ornaments. Youth, ages 12 to15 must register and be accompanied with a paid registered adult. $30 fee
• Friday, Nov. 14, 10-11 a.m., Little Farmers – Fritz and the Beautiful Horse. 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, Nov. 15, 9-10:30 a.m., Farm Kids Club – Agriplex Barn Dance. Grab your partner and head to the pavilion for a family friendly lesson in this fun, traditional dancing style. All ages welcome! Fees: $15 per child, Max $30 per family.
• Tuesday, Nov. 18, 6-8 p.m., Living Landscapes – Natural Parenting Class- Farmhouse Midwifery. Join us as we learn a holistic approach to parenting. We will cover baby wearing, making your own baby food, cloth diapering, natural remedies for common illnesses, the importance of sunlight and bare feet and more. Max $15 per family.

Cullman Veterans Day Celebration
Saturday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Cullman Regional Airport. Free admission and parking. cullmanveteransday.com.

Chambers Family Annual Reunion
Sunday, Nov. 2, at 11 a.m. at the Berlin Community Center, with dinner starting at noon. The address is 3309 U.S. Highway 278 East, Cullman (same location as many previous years). Plan to attend and invite others and share in good family/friend fellowship. Bring several favorite food dishes along with photos, stories, family research and information to share. If you can assist with setup, arrive at 10. For further information, contact Rodger Walling at 256-734-8235 (message), 256-347-2092 (text) or Rodger's Facebook page.

Cullman Eagle Forum Meeting
Thursday, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m. at the Vinemont Fire Department, 60 Ridgeway St.. Bob Retsch and Susan Chipman will discuss election integrity efforts in Alabama. All are invited to attend.

Mt. Zion Church Bazaar
Friday, Nov. 7, beginning at 8 a.m. at the church, next to the Cullman Area Technology Academy on U.S. Highway 31 in Vinemont. Open at 8 for baked goods. Lunch begins at 10. Carry outs available. More info: 256-338-1959.

39th Annual HO! HO! HO! Christmas Show
Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Cullman Caring for Kids, 402 Arnold St. NE, #W-1 in Cullman. See classic cars, trucks, motorcycles and all things in between. All proceeds go directly to Cullman Caring for Kids, a child abuse prevention and advocacy organization best known for its very busy food pantry in downtown Cullman. To enter the show, participants can pay $20 or donate a toy valued at $20. Awards will be presented. www.Facebook.com/hohohochristmasshow.

15th Annual Mud Creek Arts & Crafts Festival
Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in historic downtown Hanceville at 106 Commercial St. NE. The day-long street festival is free and will feature dozens of arts and crafts vendors, kids' activities and plenty of food from both food trucks and local eateries. Shoppers can expect a wide variety of handmade goods and gift items, including everything from woodwork, jewelry and seasonal décor to frozen candy treats, 3D-printed pieces and unique trinkets – along with family activities throughout the day.

Cullman Elks Annual Craft & Vendor Expo
Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Handmade crafts, Christmas decor, jewelry and more. Benefits Elks local charity, 1525 Brantley Avenue NW, Cullman. With entry fee you are entered for door prizes.

Cullman Chapter of The National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting
Monday, Nov. 10, at Freddie Day Catering. (1628 Second Ave. NW). Members and guests will assemble to eat Dutch lunch ($15) at 11 a.m. The guest speakers will be Senator Garlan Gudger and our Federal Blue Cross Representative Mr. Chris Alexander. Our program will begin at 11:30.

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 FOOTBALL

5 local teams wrap up regular season on Thursday

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CULLMAN, Ala. — With the postseason set to kick off next week, several local teams finished up their regular season slates on Thursday night. West Point dropped a tight game with Brewer 24-17, Meek handled Carbon Hill 34-6, Hanceville wrapped up its season with a 70-15 loss at Oak Grove and in the biggest matchup of the night, Fairview came from behind to win a nailbiter over Good Hope 14-7.

Fairview 14 – Good Hope 7

The Good Hope Raiders made the trip down SR-69 to Dafford Smith Stadium in Fairview on a wet, chilly Thursday night to take on the unbeaten Aggies and this was a hard-fought, physical clash between the county rivals. Good Hope got on the board early and went into the locker room with a 7-0 lead at halftime, but Fairview responded in the second half. The Aggies scored midway through the third quarter to tie things up at 7 and later in the fourth, Fairview quarterback Kolt Redding ran one into the end zone with less than two minutes on the clock to complete the comeback and seal a 14-7 win for the Aggies. Fairview finishes the regular season undefeated for the second straight year.

The Aggies faced a third and 11 early in the first quarter and quarterback Kolt Redding's pass was picked off by Good Hope's Carter Rutherford, giving the Raiders the ball near midfield. Good Hope took advantage of the field position and a big run by quarterback Parker Johnson moved the Raiders down to the 16-yard line. Two plays later, Johnson flipped one out to Rutherford for a 9-yard touchdown to give Good Hope the early lead. Chase Prewett split the uprights with the extra point, and the Raiders were up 7-0 with 4:39 to play in the first quarter.

Good Hope's momentum carried over to the ensuing kickoff when Rutherford recovered a Fairview fumble and gave the ball back to the Raider offense. However, Good Hope was forced to punt it away a few plays later and Fairview regained possession with three minutes remaining in the opening period. Both defenses controlled the rest of the first half. The Aggies and Raiders exchanged punts until late in the second quarter when a tipped ball was intercepted by Fairview's Conner Scott at Good Hope's 33-yard line. However, the slick ball got the best of the Aggies two plays later when a fumble was recovered by Mason Drake and the Raiders took over possession with four minutes to play in the first half. Neither team gained another first down in the remaining time and we went to halftime with Good Hope on top 7-0.

The Raiders were forced to punt on their first possession of the third quarter. Fairview kept the chains moving with tough runs from Jake Harper, Rex Chandler and Redding, eventually driving down to Good Hope's 6-yard line. That's when Redding punched in his first score of the night from 6 yards and then tacked on the extra point to tie the game at 7 with five minutes remaining in the third. A big return by Karson Hollis on the ensuing kickoff gave the Raiders great field position but Redding's big second half continued a few plays later when he made a leaping interception at the 13-yard line to give the ball back to the Aggie offense.

Runs by Harper and Redding moved the ball out near midfield, but Fairview was eventually forced to punt and Good Hope regained possession at the start of the fourth quarter. Both teams exchanged punts early in the fourth, but the Aggies got the ball back with around five minutes to play. Facing third and 18 with just under four minutes on the clock, Redding hit Jace Stevens down the seam for 40 yards and a first down to put Fairview in field goal range. After a run from Harper got the ball down to the 11, Redding made a field goal attempt unnecessary by running it into the end zone himself for an 11-yard touchdown, putting the Aggies on top 14-7 with two minutes on the clock.

Good Hope got the ball back with one more chance to tie it up but a sack by Joseph Harbison on third down put the Raiders way behind the chains. Good Hope heaved one downfield on fourth and long to try and come up with some yardage, but Scott came down with his second interception of the night to seal a 14-7 win for Fairview and cap the second straight undefeated regular season for the Aggies.

Fairview (10-0) will now turn its attention to a first-round playoff matchup against Arab next week and Good Hope (8-2) will return home to host Cherokee County in the first round.

Brewer 24 – West Point 17

After clinching a playoff spot last week against Ardmore, the West Point Warriors looked to carry that momentum over into their home game against the Brewer Patriots on Thursday night. It was a tightly contested game but Brewer's kickoff return for a score in the fourth quarter was the deciding factor in their 24-17 win over West Point.

West Point started the game out on offense, and behind the duo of Ollie Howell and Titan Thornton, they quickly moved the ball down to the 31. Their offense stalled after that, though, and they ended up turning the ball over on downs. The defense forced Brewer to punt on their opening defensive series, and a short run by Howell gave the Warriors a first down at the 41. After going backwards on their next two plays, a 62-yard touchdown pass by Ayden Ennis gave the Warriors a 7-0 lead late in the first quarter.

Brewer went on a long, methodical drive on their next series, and they ended up scoring on a three-yard run to tie things up at seven early in the second period. The early fireworks were only starting for both teams. A long kickoff return put West Point in excellent field position at the nine, and Ennis found Bryant Moon in the end zone on the first play to break the tie and give them a 14-7 lead. The Patriots struck gold on the first play of their next series, as a 75-yard touchdown pass tied it up at 14. After getting an early first down on a Howell run, the Warrior offense couldn't get anything going after that, and their fake punt attempt was unsuccessful.

Another Brewer punt gave the ball back to West Point, and a big run by Howell, later followed by a 36-yard pass from Ennis to Moon, had them within striking distance of breaking the tie before the half. Three plays later, though, Ennis's pass got picked off, but one last stand by the Warrior defense kept the game tied up at 14 at the half.

Penalties by both teams put them behind the chains on their opening possessions of the second half, and a punt, followed by a turnover-on-downs by West Point, gave the ball to the Patriots. Brewer picked up three huge first downs, including a pair of first downs on third down, and the Patriots ended up hitting a field goal to take a 17-14 lead. West Point was forced to punt on its next possession, but a muffed punt by Brewer allowed Chance Aldridge to recover the ball at the 40. A 27-yard run by Howell put the Warriors at the 13, but they quickly got behind the chains again, and Julio Fuentes nailed his field goal attempt to tie it up at 17.



MIKE WITCHER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview's Kolt Redding (15) scored two rushing TDs in the second half to help lead the Aggies to a 14-7 win over Good Hope Thursday night.

Brewer, though, didn't waste any time breaking the tie, as they returned the kickoff 77 yards for the score to take a 24-17 lead.

The Warriors stuck to their ground game on their next possession, as some tough runs by Howell, Thornton, and Ennis helped them get to the 40. Back-to-back big runs by Howell quickly put West Point at 42, but Ennis threw an interception on the next play. A big run by Brewer on fourth down not only kept their series alive, but it helped burn some more time off the clock, and the Patriots ended up knocking off West Point 24-17.

Ennis finished 5/12 for 107 yards, two touchdowns, and two interceptions. Howell posted 103 yards on the ground on 20 carries.

West Point (5-5) will travel to Scottsboro for their first-round playoff matchup next Friday night.

Meek 34 – Carbon Hill 6

Meek made the trip to Carbon Hill for its regular season finale Thursday night, and the Tigers took control of this one early. Meek went into the locker room with a 22-0 advantage at halftime and maintained a comfortable lead throughout the second half on its way to a 34-6 win.

Parker Ferguson picked off a Carbon Hill pass early in the first quarter to set up the first Tigers' possession and they capped a scoring drive with a 12-yard touchdown pass from Evan McCay to Brady Baxter. Aiden Benson punched in the two-point conversion to make it 8-0 with just over three minutes to play in the opening period. A 10-yard touchdown run by Benson added to the Tiger lead midway through the second quarter and McCay hit Ethan Miles for the two-point conversion to extend the lead to 16-0.

McCay hurt the Bulldogs with his legs later in the second quarter, running one into the end zone from 12 yards out to put Meek in front 22-0 going into the locker room at halftime.

Hunter Wyatt punched one in from a yard out later in the third quarter to make it a 28-0 game, but Carbon Hill responded with a scoring drive to trim the lead to 28-6 going into the fourth. Wyatt's second touchdown run of the night stretched the lead to 28 midway through the fourth quarter and the Tigers cruised to a 34-6 win to finish the regular season 7-3.

Meek (7-3) will travel to Woodville for the first round of the state playoffs next week.

Oak Grove 70 – Hanceville 15

The Hanceville Bulldogs hit the road to wrap up their season at Oak Grove Thursday night and they had their hands full with the Tigers. Oak Grove jumped out to a 57-15 lead in the first half and with the clock running, cruised through the second half on its way to a 70-15 win.

The Tigers led 28-7 at the end of the first quarter and erupted for 29 more points in the second quarter to take a 57-15 lead into the locker room at halftime. Both teams played with a hot clock in the second half and Oak Grove found the end zone two more times to wrap up a 70-15 win over the Bulldogs, bringing Hanceville's season to an end at 0-10.

Bulldogs quarterback Hunter Black threw a pair of touchdown passes to Drake Bentley in the loss.

No. 20 Auburn beats Memphis 100-71 in exhibition finale

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

ATLANTA — A preseason tune-up? More like midseason form.

No. 20 Auburn raced to a 25-point halftime lead and cruised to a 100-71 exhibition victory over Memphis Thursday at State Farm Arena.

"Credit to our guys for really locking into the scouting report and executing," Auburn coach Steven Pearl said. "Our guys had a great response. A hundred points against a really good Memphis team. I thought our guys did a really good job."

Elyjah Freeman made four of Auburn's 10 first-half steals, part of 17 Memphis turnovers in the first 20 minutes, helping Auburn amass a 25-0 advantage in points off turnovers. Memphis finished with 23 turnovers.

"We started out in our zone defense and I think it really threw them off guard," Pearl said. "We were constantly changing defenses from man to zone. There were a lot of possessions were they were running zone offense against our man-to-man because we did such a good job of being in gaps early in the game."

Keyshawn Hall led Auburn with 20 points. Freshman point guard Kaden Magwood was 4-for-5 from the field and 2-for-2 from 3-point range, scoring 15 points. Filip Jovic and Tahaad Pettiford each added 11 points. Freeman led the Tigers with six rebounds and Pettiford had a game-high five assists.

Eleven Tigers played double-digit minutes. Abul Bashir made 3 of 5 3-pointers and scored nine points, as did freshman forward Sebastian Williams-Adams, who was 3-for-4 from the floor.

Leading 52-27 at the half, Auburn scored the first seven points of the second half in less than a minute on dunks from Filip Jovic and Hall, followed by Hall's 3-pointer, leading to a Memphis timeout and a 32-point Auburn lead.

"It was about coming out, punching them in the mouth and not relaxing," Hall said. "We locked in because we didn't want that sour taste of the Oklahoma State game in our mouth."



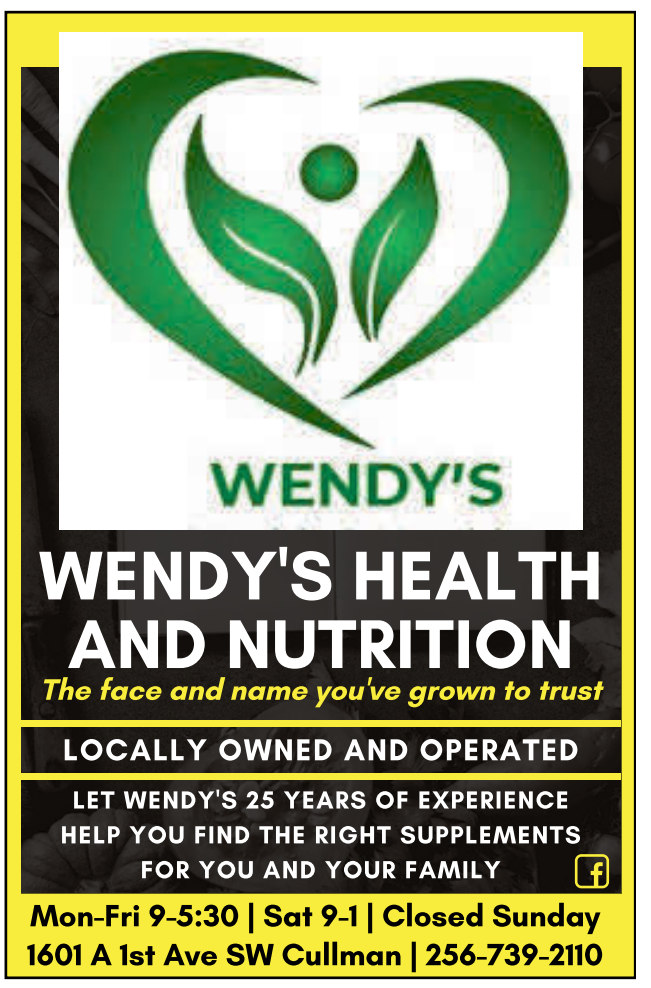
ZACH BLAND/AU ATHLETICS

Auburn defeated Memphis in its final preseason game 100-71 Thursday night.

Abdul Bashir 's 3-pointer pushed the run to 10-0, giving Auburn a 62-27 lead.

Magwood hit a free throw in the final minute to help Auburn reach the century mark.

The Steven Pearl era officially begins Monday when the Tigers welcome Bethune-Cookman to Neville Arena for Tipoff on The Plains at 7 p.m.





Wallace State hosts annual Tools of the Trade

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — More than 1,600 students and teachers from five area school systems visited Wallace State Community College on Thursday, Oct. 23, to participate in the annual Tools of the Trade expo.

The event is hosted each year for eighth graders to explore potential career opportunities by immersing themselves in hands-on experiences ranging from removing sutures, performing CPR, hammering nails and cutting hair as they visited with programs offered at Wallace State.

Area businesses, industries and community organizations also participated, giving students the chance to see prospective jobs and careers available to them and even learn life skills, such as how to write a check.

Co-sponsors of the event include the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, Blount County Economic Development, Cullman Economic Development Agency, Cullman County Economic Development and area legislators Sen. Garlan Gudger, Rep. Health Allbright, Rep. David Standridge and Rep. Tim Wadsworth.

"It was a great day," said Suzanne Harbin, director of advancement and innovation at Wallace State. "It was an awesome feeling of teamwork and community coming together to show these students the limitless opportunities for careers in the future."

View more photos from the event at https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjCynbg.



WSCC

Nicholas Jenkins, director and chief flight instructor for Wallace State Community College's Flight Technology program, talks about being a pilot after landing a helicopter during the Tools of the Trade event held Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025, at the college.

CMS students get sneak peek at workplace options at career fair

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Middle School students recently had an opportunity for some hands-on experience with some of the potential career options they could pursue at Wallace State Community College (WSCC) after graduation.

The annual Tools of the Trade Career Fair, coordinated by the Cullman Economic Development Agency and WSCC, offered eighth-grade students from Cullman City Schools and surrounding districts and schools the chance to explore a wide range of career options through interactive, hands-on experiences.

Students had the opportunity to learn more about careers in health science, welding technology, HVAC, building science, geospatial informatics, machine tool technology, robotics, equipment operations, the entertainment industry and salon and spa management.

"Events like Tools of the Trade give middle school students an early look at potential career pathways, helping them connect their interests with real-world skills," Cullman City Schools Career Coach Paula Graham explained. "By engaging with local employers and educators, students gain insight into the training and education needed for different professions — preparing them to make informed choices about high school coursework, technical programs and future career goals."

Graham noted students loved getting a chance to experience how these careers work in a hands-on approach, as opposed to just hearing and learning about them from a book of presentation.

"They enjoyed using real tools, practicing CPR, trying out robotics, styling hair on a mannequin or adding to an art project," Graham said. "Many eighth graders do not realize how many jobs exist beyond the ones they see every day, so this career fair plays an important role in building career awareness and introducing them to new and exciting job possibilities."



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Cullman Middle School students recently had an opportunity for some hands-on experience with potential career options at Wallace State's annual Tools of the Trade Career Fair.



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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Completion of Public Works Projects (Over $50,000)
Pursuant to Ala. Code §39-1-1 (1975), notice is hereby given that REV Construction, Inc. has completed its contract with Hanceville Water Works & Sewer Board, for the Phase I,II,III Sewer Rehabilitations CWSRF Project No.. CS010390-07; GMC Project No. CHUN230005(1). Any person(s) having a claim against the project should notify, Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC, 117 Jefferson Street North Huntsville, AL 35801. All claims should be filed within 30 days of the first publication of this notice.

Legal Notice
Surplus property of Wallace State Community College (Hanceville Campus) will be offered for sale on the website www.govdeals.com Various sales will occur on this website, please check the www.govdeals.com website weekly to see any current sales. This is a government auction website and you MUST be registered on the website to bid on any items. You may view the surplus property to be sold without registration. The govdeals.com website will contain detailed information including descriptions and photos. Items may be inspected by APPOINTMENT ONLY: Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact Wesley Sams at inventory@wallacestate.edu to schedule any appointments. All items listed are to be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS". Wallace State Community College reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO.: PC2025-384
GEORGE ALLIN WHITE, *
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to GREG HOWSE, as Personal Representative of the Estate of GEORGE ALLIN WHITE deceased, on the 29th day of October 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.

Greg Howse
Personal Representative

Atty for Personal Representative:
Pamela E. Nail
200 Second Avenue S.W.
Cullman, Al. 35055
Telephone: (256) 734-3342

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

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
FRED M. HALE * PC2025-300
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO PROBATE WILL AND FOR LETTERS OF TESTAMENTARY

TO: ANTHONY W. HALE, SARA KING AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES.

Please take notice that a *Petition to Probate Will and for Letters of Testamentary* has been filed by Clara M. Leverich, Petitioner, by and through Attorney Amanda Schafner. A hearing on said *Petition to Probate Will and for Letters of Testamentary* has been scheduled for the **12th day of November, 2025, at 10:30 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 Attorney:
Amanda Schafner
5000 Grantswood Road, Suite 120
Birmingham, AL 35210

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
MARY YOUNG, * PC2025-385
An alleged incapacitated person. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR

TO: HALEY LEE, BETH HILTON, ALLIYAH LUDWIG and all known and unknown heirs of the estate of MARY YOUNG, an alleged incapacitated person.

Please take notice that a hearing in regard to the *Petition for Appointment of Conservator* to appoint Ellen Pratt as Conservator for MARY YOUNG, an alleged incapacitated person, has been scheduled for the **14th 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 24th day of October, 2025.

Tammy Brown per TB/WSC
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Petitioner's Attorneys:
Ryan deGraffenried, III
Attorney for Petitioner
2620 Gary Fitts Street
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
CHRISTINE E. BALLEW, * CASE NO.: PC2025-349
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to CHARLES T. BALLEW, as Personal Representative of the Estate of CHRISTINE E. BALLEW, deceased, on the 23rd day of October, 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.

CHARLES T. BALLEW
Personal Representative

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 517
Cullman, Alabama 35056

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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 23rd day of October, 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
)
DOLLIE EUGENIA WHITE, also known) CASE NO. PC-2025-381
as DOLLY EUGENIA WHITE)
)
DECEASED.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Kevin William White, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Dollie Eugenia White, also known as Dolly Eugenia White, deceased, on the 17th day of October, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Kevin William White
Kevin William White
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Dollie Eugenia White, also known as
Dolly Eugenia White, deceased

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

Beverly Paschal Poston (PAS001)
Attorney for the Estate of
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Cullman, Alabama, 35055
bposton@beverlypaschalposton.com
(256) 739-3970

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF *
JUDY FRANCIS INGRAM, * CASE NO.: PC-2025-379
An alleged incapacitated person.

PUBLICATION FOR HEARING ON
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP

TO: RICHARD T. INGRAM
LESIA SEXTON
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a *Petition for Letters of Guardianship*, filed by Tonya C. Palmer, Attorney for Petitioner, Richard L. Ingram. A hearing on said *Petition for Letters of Guardianship*, has been **SET FOR THE 14th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025, AT 10:30 A.M.** Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 24th day of October, 2025.

Tammy Brown per TB/WSC
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Petitioner
Palmer Law Firm, LLC
1939 Main Avenue SW
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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-6

AN AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 510 INCLUDING THE ZONING MAP BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The public health, safety, morals, and general welfare requiring it under authority granted by Article 4, Sections 11-52-70 through 11-52-79, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hanceville, Alabama Ordinance No. 510, adopted the 1st day of May 2006, as amended, and more particularly the Hanceville, Alabama zoning map as a part thereof, is hereby amended, changed, and modified as follows:

   (a) That the real estate being the property of Keith Blackwood, John T. Blackwood and Donna Heptinstall zoned B-1 Local Shopping, located in Hanceville, Cullman County, Alabama, Parcel #2305210041004000/PIN #41902 and Parcel #2305210041002000/PIN #41888 be rezoned to R-1 Low Density Residential, described as follows, to-wit:

   Lots Numbered 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 of Block 13 of T. A. Williams Addition to Gilmore (n Hanceville) Alabama, recorded in the Office of thee Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama in Plat Book No. 1, Page 15.

   Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Block 5 in the townsite of Gilmore, Alabama (Nov Hanceville, Alabama) as the same appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

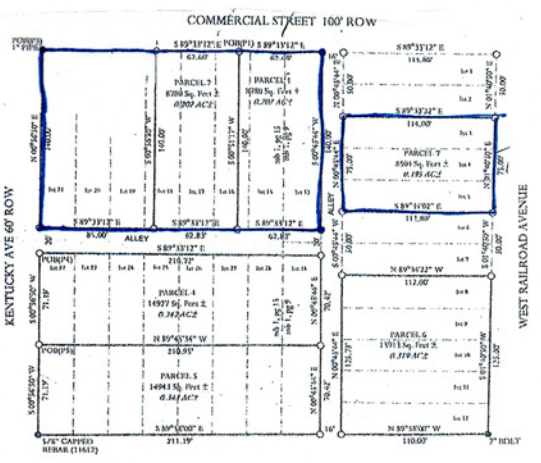
   TRACT ONE: All of Block Four (4) as shown by Plat of Gilmore Land Company, said Plat being recorded in Plat Book One (1) in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. (Being Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 of Gilmore (now Hanceville), Alabama.

   TRACT TWO: One acre in the NE corner of the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 21, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, being Block Four (4) of Williams Addition as same is recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. (Being Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of T. A. Williams Addition to Gilmore, Alabama).

2. That this Ordinance has been published once each week for two (2) successive weeks with the second being at least 15 days prior to passage, within the City of Hanceville, Alabama, and the publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim.
3. That a public hearing has been held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 23rd day October, 2025, at 5:00 PM, at which time interested parties and citizens had opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.
4. That all notices as required by law were given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing.
5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans, and any other documents of the City of Hanceville, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance be and are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.
5. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this ordinance.
6. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the above-described property is now zoned R-1 Low Density Residential and that appropriate action be taken to change and modify the City Zoning Map to reflect said land as such.
7. This ordinance adopted this the 23rd day of October 2025, shall take effect after its publication as required by law, including notice and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

Mayor Jim Sawyer

ATTEST: Tania C. Wilcox
Tania C. Wilcox, City Clerk



Obituary Announcements: Oct. 30-31

Barbara Boatright Brown, 78
Barbara Boatright Brown, 78, passed away Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at Princeton Hospital. She was born March 9, 1947, to Bud and Alene Boatright. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Brian Brown; husband, Eugene Brown; brothers, Billy, Junior and Charles Boatright; sisters, Margaret Myrick and Dean Barnett. Survivors include her daughter, Brigitte (Craig) Johnson; grandson, Craig E. Johnson; granddaughter, Caitlin (Maxwell) Chandler; three great-grandchildren, Raylan, Reagan and Renlee Chandler; family and friends. A Celebration of life will be at a later date.

Donald Roger Allen, 82
Donald Roger Allen, 82, of Cullman passed away Thursday, October 30, 2025 at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab. The memorial celebration of life service will be at 3 p.m., Sunday, November 2, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. There will be a family and friends gathering from 2-3 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Don was born July 28, 1943, to Buford Clinton & Bonnie Louise Schubert Allen in Wayne County, Tennessee. Traveling was his passion. He worked at Daubert Coated Products for over 41 years. Don loved sports, especially Alabama football and the Atlanta Braves and he also loved coaching ball. He was a member of Cullman Church of the Nazarene. He was preceded in death by his parents; his mother and father-in-law, George & Nell Dillard; brother, Eddie Allen; sister, Patti Cantrell. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Linda Dillard Allen; daughters, Cindy (Shan) Pearson, Jennifer (Darrin) Smith; sister, Linda Cowart; grandchildren, Austin Smith, Katie (Austin) Lenn, Anna Grace (Costa) Marinakis, Leah Bailey, Clay Pearson, Cole (Clair) Pearson; great-grandchildren, Ava McCurry, Aiden McCurry, Charlie Marinakis, Truett Williams, Emerson Lenn; a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to Cullman Church of the Nazarene Building Program. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

John Bernard Thomas, 97
A funeral mass for John Bernard Thomas, 97, of Cullman will be 10 a.m. Tuesday November 4th at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. Burial will follow the service at Sacred Heart cemetery. Visitation will be Monday November 3rd from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Thomas was born April 28, 1928, in Hanceville, Alabama. He passed away October, 28, 2025, in Cullman, Alabama.

Rev. Odis L. Minnitt, 78
Funeral services for Rev. Odis Minnitt, 78, of Colony, Alabama will be 2 p.m. Sunday, November 2nd at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church. Burial will follow the service at Colony Cemetery. The family will welcome friends for visitation on Saturday, November 1st at Hanceville Funeral Home from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. He will also lie-in-state at the church on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Rev. Minnitt was born on January 12, 1947, in Cullman County, Alabama. He passed away on October 29, 2025, in Birmingham, Alabama. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Minnitt Family.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Return to Mayberry

Bill King
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Contributor



Mayberry, North Carolina, does not exist...or so they say. Actually, Mayberry is not real, but it really does exist. I have been there, in my mind, more times than I could begin to number. Opie and I are about the same age, and we grew up together.

Mayberry has existed on our television sets since Oct. 3, 1960. It originally aired each Monday evening, at 8:30 Central Time, and did so for the next eight years. The first five years were in black and white and included Don Knotts as Barney. Barney may have stolen the show! Those were my favorite episodes.

I don't remember when I first visited Mayberry by watching the show, but I also can't remember a time in my life when I couldn't. It has run in syndication ever since the original 249 episodes ended. I have watched every episode, most of them numerous times, as well as the pilot which aired on "The Danny Thomas Show."

The show was loosely based on Andy Griffith's hometown of Mt. Airy, NC. I have visited Mt. Airy twice, including a trip 20 years ago and a return visit last week. Eighteen years after the show's production ceased, they made a movie called "Return to Mayberry." Most of the original cast members were part of the "reunion" movie. My visits to Mt. Airy, especially the most recent one, felt like a return to Mayberry for me.

Mt. Airy is located in the mountainous northwestern part of North Carolina, not far from Virginia. I said to our bunch, "You know what would be a good idee? If we all went up town and got us a bottle of pop." So, we did. Reminders and memorabilia of Andy Griffith and the television show are everywhere you look in the small town.

We began our day with a stroll down main street. I thought I might stop into Weaver's Department Store and tell ole nasty Ben Weaver to lighten up a little, but I couldn't find it. I did, however, find Floyd's Barber Shop, but Floyd wasn't in. We had hoped to have lunch at Snappy Lunch, but we went too late. We couldn't find the diner either, but Barney has a café now, so we gladly settled for having lunch there.

Even though we went on a Monday, the place was packed, and we had to wait to be seated. I was disappointed that Barney was not there, but pictures of him and many other cast members line the walls. I had a meatloaf sandwich and some great onion rings and, of course, a bottle of pop. Later on, down beside Wally's Filling Station, I got some ice cream, too. We did not, however, ever find the band concert.

We spent quite a bit of time in the Andy Griffith Museum. Life-size statues of Andy and Opie, with their fishing poles in hand, greeted us on the front lawn. We joined the ranks of Floyd, Otis, Gomber and old Jud, when we were deputized in order to enter the museum. We were even given our very own badge stickers. Fortunately, we did not get hit in the chest with a tomato! Inside, in multiple rooms, we viewed the largest collection of Andy Griffith memorabilia in the world.

We finished our visit with a short ride down to Wally's station. Inside we found a replica of the courthouse and the two jail cells. I'm not sure what we did wrong, but a couple of us ended up on the wrong side of the bars.

There were no more peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches, but all-n-all, "It was a good day, it was a real good day!"

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: Nov. 1, 1934

From the files of Nov. 1, 1934

VINEMONT NEWS
Vinemont, R. 2 Oct. 30—Digging potatoes and going to school is the order of the day.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Ida Holmes is still confined to her room with a cold.

A large crowd attended the boxsupper at Enon Saturday night, the proceeds were splendid.

Almer Merrill called on Miss Ludy Holmes Sunday afternoon.

Miss Lorene Holmes has returned home after spending several weeks with her grandmother and uncle, R. Burks of Birmingham.

Gurtis Hall spent last Sunday with Jewel Colley.

Gomer and Fritz Holmes made a business trip to Birmingham last Monday.

Alvin Ergle, Robert and Donald Holmes and other attended the singing at Flint Sunday afternoon and reported a good singing.

Mary Brown was the Sunday dinner guest of Lorene Holmes.

Mrs. Flora Holmes and Mrs. Oaka Holmes and little daughter visited Mrs. Walker Holmes Sunday afternoon.

The social entertainment at J. R. Holmes Friday night was enjoyed by quite a crowd.

Miss Loren Clemons visited Miss Leva Holmes Sunday afternoon.

Sorry to report Bertis Holmes on the sick list at this writing.

J. R. Holmes made a business trip to Cullman last Tuesday.

Oscar Holmes and Robert Holmes attended the Baptist Association at Good Hope last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Brown, Miss Clara Pollard and Fritz Holmes attended the show in Cullman Friday night.

Mrs. Alta Brown and family visited friends and relatives at Eva Sunday.

SIMCOE NEWS
Cullman, R. 8 Oct. 31—The home coming at the Baptist church Sunday was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Miss Velma Hendrix of Birmingham, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hendrix.

Miss Ruby Nix of Cullman, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Nix.

Mrs. Marjon Hill left Wednesday for Akron, Ohio, where she will visit her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Oaks returned to their home in Akron, Ohio, after spending a few days with their parents, Mrs. Mildred Oaks and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sherill.

Mrs. Dewey Hill and little daughter, Melba, visited Mrs. Ida Mae Hill Friday.

Mrs. Ross Sellers is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Holman Green are the proud parents of a little daughter, born Oct. 26.

Mildred Bright, mother and Charlie Smith of Eva, called on Misses Velma Nix and Velda Dell Bright Saturday night.

Miss Velma Hendrix visited her parents last week end.

The party given at Mrs. Nixs Saturday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Marjon Hill was enjoyed by a large crowd.

HOLLY POND NEWS
HOLLY POND, Oct. 31—Our boys played a good game of ball against Joe Bradley last Saturday, but were defeated 6-0. They expect to play Hayden there next week.

Mrs. Clara Nunnelly visited the school last Tuesday in interest of the anti-tuberculosis association.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb spent last Tuesday at school in the interest of a curtain for the new auditorium.

Wednesday Mr. Laminack state supervisor of vocational agriculture, Miss Katherine Forney, state supervisor of vocational home economics, Mr. R. E. Moore and Mr. J. W. Walton visited the school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hall and children spent Saturday night and Sunday in Fairview.

Allen Hyatt and Earney Shaw attended the game in Birmingham Saturday.

Miss Bess Callahan spent Saturday in Birmingham shopping.



POET'S CORNER

The Prodigal | By: Randy C. Hale

I would love to hear from you if you enjoy Poet's Corner. randyhale62@yahoo.com

You have left the nest to find
adventure, treasure, some
unidentified quest.
And when you hold this new
novelty in your hands, it may
suffice your curiosity awhile.

Children often play with
something different, a crooked
stick, a piece of string, a spool
of colored thread.
Cardboard boxes hold mystery
and imagination.

I will be here when you return
with your bags of gold
or your socks with holes.
Your trophies or your banged
up knees. Your head held high
or sinking beneath.

The kitchen will be open,
clean clothes laid out for change.
There'll be plenty of warm food
and your room is still the same.
And I, have been planning a party
for you ever since you left.



CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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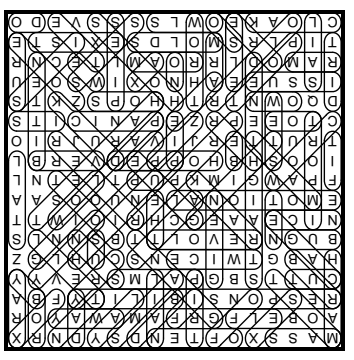
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Cullman Housing Authority celebrates 2nd community garden

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CULLMAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Cullman Housing Authority's second community garden is located at the Hilltop Community Center, 1545 Vine Circle in Cullman.

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Housing Authority's second local community garden, this on Vine Circle, is coming to life for residents.

Cullman Housing Authority Executive Director Marquisha Griffin said this is the second community garden, following the success of the first garden on Logan Street.

"Our second community garden planting launched this summer at the Cullman Housing Authority's Hilltop Community Center, located at 1545 Vine Circle in Cullman," Griffin said.

"The first garden was such a positive experience; it brought residents together, encouraged healthy eating and created a sense of pride and ownership in the community.

"Because of that success, we wanted to expand the opportunity for more residents to enjoy gardening, learn new skills, and connect with their neighbors."

Griffin shared that the garden goes far beyond planting vegetables; it's about growing community.

"Residents work together, share recipes, teach one another and take home fresh produce they helped cultivate," Griffin said.

"It also provides an outlet for youth to learn about nutrition, teamwork and sustainability.

"It's amazing to see how something as simple as a garden can help strengthen relationships, promote wellness and beautify our neighborhoods."

The CHA is proud to partner with Lowe's, Cullman County Master Gardeners and volunteers who have helped bring this project to life.

"Our goal is to continue expanding these efforts and creating more spaces that empower residents to take part in shaping their community," Griffin said.

"We welcome volunteers, community partners and local organizations who want to lend a hand, whether that's donating supplies, offering gardening tips or simply coming out to plant alongside residents."

The CHA posted on social media: "Exciting things are growing at Cullman Housing Authority! Our second community garden, led by Sonya Nail and several dedicated residents, is coming to life. Together, they're creating a space that not only provides fresh vegetables and herbs but also strengthens community connections and promotes healthy living. We can't wait to watch this garden, and our residents continue to flourish!"

Anyone interested can contact the CHA office at 256-734-6171 to learn more about future garden events and volunteer opportunities.



Library board meeting notes: Oct. 30

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Public Library Board met on Thursday, Oct. 30, to discuss a busy month of outreach, events and upcoming projects.

Members reported a significant amount of outreach throughout October, including the Picnic with a Purpose event, which raised about $1,000; the Storybook 5K, which raised around $6,000 with 122 participants; as well as local literacy nights, field trips and festivals.

The board also discussed ongoing collaboration between the main library branch and local branches, noting progress in staff communication and the implementation of shared training sessions.

Cullman County Public Library System Director Amber Thornton's report included updates on a grant application for a laptop cart, plans to construct an awning for the bookmobile and continued fundraising efforts for a restroom renovation project, which will enhance accessibility and bring facilities up to ADA code.

The board approved officer appointments for Fiscal Year 2026, reviewed budget adjustments that reflect higher insurance and utility costs, as well as increased funding for staff training and professional development.

The meeting concluded with appreciation and an expression of ongoing support from City and County leaders, as well as optimism for continued growth and partnerships in the near future.

The board will meet next on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 11 a.m. at the main branch of the CCPLS, 200 Clark St. NE in Cullman.

Program (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — West Elementary School will host its annual Veterans Day program for the community on Friday, Nov. 7, in the school gymnasium. There will also be a program on Wednesday, Nov. 5, at the OmniPlex.

Alabama Army National Guard Field Artillery Sergeant and fifth-grade teacher Keenan Hollingsworth said the program at West Elementary was started in the 1980s and has grown bigger and better every year.

"West Elementary proudly invites students, parents, friends and relatives to join us as we honor the brave men and women who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces of the United States of America," Hollingsworth said.

"West's talented fifth-grade students will perform in both programs, helping lead this meaningful tribute through song, narration and presentation."

There will be two program times at West Elementary on Nov. 7: 8:45 a.m. for third-grade students and families and 1:15 p.m. for fourth-sixth-grade students and families.

A special Veterans Reception will be held at noon in the gym, offering an opportunity to personally thank veterans for their service and sacrifice.

The program at the OmniPlex will be Nov. 5, at 1 p.m.

"West invites the entire community to come together in celebration of our nation's veterans," Hollingsworth said. "We want to remember, reflect and to show our heartfelt gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy because of their courage."

West Elementary is located at 303 Rosemont Ave. SW in Cullman.

The OmniPlex is located at 1634 Field of Miracles Dr. SW, Cullman.

DAR (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor



ATHELIA GIBBS

Pictured are several members of the Cullman Police Department along with DAR members.

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Dripping Springs Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recognized several groups in Cullman on National First Responders Day, which was Oct. 28.

Snack baskets were presented to the Cullman Police Department, Cullman Fire Rescue, Cullman County Sheriff's Office and Cullman County dispatchers, in honor of their care and protection of our community, by DAR members Athelia Gibbs, Anita Winslow and Chapter Regent Cathy Shallal.

Said the DAR, National First Responders Day is a day set aside to honor the courage, sacrifice and service of our nation's firefighters, law enforcement officers, dispatchers, paramedics and emergency medical personnel. They are the first on the scene in emergencies. They run toward danger, not away from it. They are the backbone of public safety.

Wallace State releases 2025-2026 performing arts schedule

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College's Fine and Performing Arts program recently announced its schedule for the 2025-2026 season, which includes favorite annual performances and new shows — two of which celebrate the nation's 250th birthday.

'PUFFS'
The season kicks off on Nov. 7, with Wallace State Theatre's production of "PUFFS." Described as hilarious and heartwarming, "PUFFS" tells the story of a group of magical students who aren't exactly heroes. The parody-filled adventure follows the trip of unlikely friends as they navigate seven increasingly dangerous years at a certain wizarding school.

"PUFFS" will be staged on Nov. 7, and Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. and on Nov. 9, at 2 p.m. Shows will be held in the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre at the Garlan E. Gudger Student Center. Admission is a $10 donation for adults and $5 for students and children younger than 12.

Salute to United States Veterans
The Wallace State Jazz Band and Concert Band will take the stage on Nov. 10, to honor the nation's military during the annual Salute to United States Veterans concert. The event will feature a variety of patriotic tunes and the hymns of each branch of service.

Salute to United States Veterans will be held at 7 p.m. at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. Admission is free.

'The Nutcracker'
"The Nutcracker" will kick off the holiday season Nov. 22-23. The performance by Ballet South will be held in the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre on Nov. 22, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Nov. 23, at 2 p.m. Admission is $22 for adults and $15 for children.

Christmas Spectacular
The holiday vibes continue Dec. 11, when the annual Christmas Spectacular will be staged, featuring performances by the Wallace State Jazz Band, Concert Band, Wallace State Singers, Concert Choir, Pride Line dance team, Wallace State Theatre and the Percussion Ensemble.

The Christmas Spectacular will be held at 7 p.m., at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. Admission is free.

'Xanadu'
Wallace State Theatre will kick off spring 2026 events with its production of "Xanadu." Based on the cult classic film of the same name, the Tony-Award nominated play is described as a hilarious, roller skating, musical adventure.

"Xanadu" will be staged March 13-14, at 7 p.m., and March 15, at 2 p.m., in the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. Admission is a $10 donation for adults and $5 for students and children younger than 12.

The Great American Road Trip
The Wallace State Singers will take you on a Great American Road Trip March 27-29, to celebrate the country's 250th birthday. The production will feature a lineup of songs that pay tribute to the places, people and music that are quintessentially American.

The Great American Road Trip will be performed March 27-28, at 7 p.m., and March 29, at 2 p.m., in the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. Admission is a $10 donation for adults and $5 for students and children younger than 12.

Solo & Chamber Ensemble Recital
A Solo & Chamber Ensemble Recital will be held on April 9, at 7 p.m., in the Burrow Center Recital Hall. The concert will feature private lesson students and the Wallace State Percussion Ensemble. Admission is free.

Big Band Dance
Wallace State's Jazz Band will host its annual Big Band Dance on April 17, at the Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts, featuring the greatest Big Band hits of the 20s, 30s and 40s. Admission is a $10 donation for adults and $5 for students and children younger than 12.

Spring Under the Stars and Stripes
The annual outdoor concert Spring Under the Stars will be updated to Spring Under the Stars and Stripes in honor of the country's 250th birthday. The April 23 production will feature performances by the Concert Band, Jazz Band, Singers, Concert Choir, Percussion Ensemble and Pride Lide dance team. Admission is free and food trucks will be on hand for refreshments. Attendees should bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m. outside of the Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts.

Broadway Night
Broadway Night will be held on April 30, at 7 p.m. at the Burrow Center Recital Hall. Wallace State Performing Arts students will present the program featuring hits they've selected from Broadway shows. Admission is a $10 donation.

I Am a Pilgrim
The finale of the season will be I Am a Pilgrim, presented by the Wallace State vocal programs. The concert will trace the roots of American gospel music from the plantations, through the Appalachian Mountains to the churches, radio and television.

I Am a Pilgrim will be held July 23-25, at 7 p.m., at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. Admission is a $10 donation for adults and $5 for students and children younger than 12.

For more information about Wallace State's Fine and Performing Arts programs, visit www.wallacestate.edu/fpa, call 256-352-8277 or email amy.seymore@wallacestate.edu. Scholarship auditions for current and incoming students will be held Feb. 6 and March 6.

Day (from Front)

Leanne West
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Mayor Woody Jacobs on Oct. 29, officially proclaimed Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025, as Wreaths Across America Day in the city of Cullman, joining cities and towns across the nation in honoring America's fallen heroes and recognizing the service and sacrifice of all who have worn the uniform of the United States.

The proclamation supports the national Wreaths Across America mission to "Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom." Each December, millions of volunteers across the country lay evergreen wreaths on veterans' graves at Arlington National Cemetery and more than 4,000 participating locations — including right here in Cullman County.

Members of the local Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter were on hand at Cullman City Hall on Oct. 29, 2025, to accept the proclamation from Jacobs.

"Cullman has always stood behind our veterans," said Jacobs. "This is one small way to say thank you and to make sure we don't forget what they've done for us."

Local volunteers, families and organizations will take part in wreath-laying ceremonies at area cemeteries as part of this nationwide tribute. The event not only honors those who have served, but also helps teach younger generations the importance of remembrance, patriotism and service.

Wreaths Across America began in 1992 when Maine wreath maker Morrill Worcester donated surplus wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery. Since then, the program has grown into a national movement of remembrance and gratitude.

For more information about Wreaths Across America, or to sponsor a wreath for a local veteran's grave, visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org.