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Cullman County tourism generates more than $325M in economic impact in 2025, outpacing state

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Tourism continues to be a major economic driver for Cullman County, generating more than $325.5 million in visitor spending and supporting 3,468 jobs in 2025, according to the newly released Alabama Tourism Department Economic Impact Report.

The report shows Cullman County experienced one of the strongest years on record, with visitor spending increasing 16.3% over the previous year — more than four times Alabama's statewide tourism growth rate of 4%.

"Cullman County's tourism industry continues to reach new heights, creating meaningful economic opportunities for our communities, businesses and residents," said Harmony Heard, executive director of Visit Cullman.

"Tourism is creating jobs, supporting local businesses, generating tax revenue and improving quality of life for our residents." » PAGE 4

'Shrek the Musical Kids' a sold-out hit



EMILY MCMUNN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Heirlooms Fine & Performing Arts staged "Shrek the Musical Kids" June 26-27 at Wallace State Community College's Burrow Center.

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Heirlooms Fine & Performing Arts staged "Shrek the Musical Kids" June 26-27 at Wallace State Community College's Burrow Center. Founder Paige Clabo said her students decided the musical was the perfect choice for them, and the audience couldn't have agreed more as they roared with laughter.

Dexter White (Shrek) and Jaxon Dupre (Donkey) brought joy and excitement to the stage with their hysterical emotion, while Veronica (Ve) Harding (Princess Fiona) had the dramatic flair that all true princesses need. And one cannot forget the calm yet eccentric Abe Warren (Pinocchio).

Clabo said she hoped that by choosing this musical her students would learn a valuable lesson about kindness, unity and acceptance, saying, "Kind is the most important thing that you can be in the world."

Clabo stated that allowing the students to choose the musical was important to her. "I love giving them choices because I feel like as a young actor I never felt like I had a choice. So, I want to give them a different opportunity than I had." She said she wants to create a safe place for kids who do theater, and welcomes all ages to join in on the creative experience.

The students let their talent shine as it only took them nine days to learn and perfect this musical. Older students acted as mentors and examples for younger actors. Said Clabo, "Luckily, theater is such a collaborative effort that my older students have been such a great example to my younger students, and really strive to be like them. Many of the children that you saw tonight, this is their first show ever. So, the fact that they did that in nine days is crazy."

It took two hours for the students to prepare for the show on Friday night. White's makeup and prosthetics alone took an hour and a half to complete. Clabo said she likes to make each actor feel special and the attention to detail is even more important because the young actors deserve to feel as if this show is their big moment.

At the end of the show we were able to talk with a few members of the cast to ask some entertaining questions. We spoke with Dexter White, Jaxon Dupre, Abe Warren and Veronica (Ve) Harding.

We first asked White, "If you could transform into any fairytale creature from Duloc in real life, who would it be and why?" "The Big Bad Wolf," stated White. "He's the funniest in the movie."

Dupre seemed to be happy being exactly who he was "Donkey is funny, hilarious even, and just has a fun time."

Warren, interestingly enough, agreed that the role he had in the play is the role he'd take in real life. "There's something about having a nose that grows that really pulls me in."

Hearding stated, "I'd probably be the » PAGE 8

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Cullman Amateur Radio Club holds Field Day



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 29

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 29, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

June 25
- harassment; Main St. NW Hanceville
- burglary; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence; CR 1564
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69S
- violation of protection order; CR 1101
- domestic violence; CR 222
- domestic violence-theft of property; CR 437
- domestic violence-criminal mischief; CR 1101

June 26
- attempt to elude law enforcement officer; trespassing; CR 1196
- domestic violence; CR 578
- criminal mischief; Main St. NW Hanceville
- harassing communications; CR 617

June 27
- criminal mischief; CR 1727
- domestic violence; CR 1162
- domestic violence; CR 1755
- domestic violence-criminal mischief; CR 1196
- trafficking drugs; possession of controlled substance; I65NB MM 299

June 28
- domestic violence; CR 601
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; I65NB MM 299
- harassment; CR 671
- domestic violence; CR 1490

ARRESTS

June 25-28

Abel, Patrick D.; 61
- FTA – permitting dogs to run at large

Aldridge, Dena J.; 46
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Bell, Leslie H.; 50
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft-shoplifting, less than $500
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft-miscellaneous

Blue, Linda K.; 66
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Braswell, Ryan D.; 43
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree – criminal mischief-3rd degree

Cart, William R.; 32
- assault-child abuse-aggravated-family
- assault-torture/willful abuse of child-family

Charles, Seth C.; 35
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – DUI (alcohol)

Cole, Clay E.; 46
- drug trafficking
- possession of methamphetamine

Crosby, Derrick D.; 36
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family

Dean, Joshua A.; 40
- public intoxication

Fuqua, Tommy D.; 63
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA – possession of a concealed weapon without a permit

Green, Christian B.; 34
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Hancock, Terry L.; 70
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Harland, James B.; 60
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous

Jackson, Clark A.; 37
- FTA – public intoxication

Keys, Alizay M.; 26
- FTA – possessing forged instrument
- FTA – retail theft-3rd degree

Minor, Henry O.; 46
- PROBATION VIOLATION – assault-domestic-harassment-family
- PROBATION VIOLATION – burglary-residence-no force

Owens, Erica T.; 36
- FTA – attempt controlled substance-class C felony
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possessing forged instrument

Philyaw, Dereck D.; 38
- FTA – assault-aggravated assault-menacing-other weapon
- attempting to elude a police officer
- criminal trespass

Piper, Amanda M.; 28
- GJ – assault-child abuse-aggravated-family
- GJ – assault-torture/willful abuse of a child-family

Richards, James H.; 39
- FTA – burglary-non-residence-no force
- FTA – burglar-residence-no force
- FTA – buying/receiving stolen property

Shearin, Amanda N.; 35
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Stanfield, Rebekah D.; 38
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Weems, Matthew K.; 29
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

June 25
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; damaged mailbox; $100; Ridge St. NW
- harassment; person; Hwy. 31 S

June 27
- theft of property-4th degree; person; wallet & contents; 2nd Ave. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Denson Ave. NW

ARRESTS

June 25

Belcher, Cody L.; 18
- DUI
- reckless endangerment

Aldridge, Dena J.; 46
- FTA – driving without license
- FTA – fail to register vehicle
- FTA – improper tires

Richards, James H.; 39
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – driving while suspended

Fuller, Kagun D.; 30
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (3 counts)
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA – insurance violation (5 counts)
- FTA – expired tag
- FTA – driving without license (2 counts)
- FTA – fail to register vehicle
- FTA – improper lights
- FTA – driving while suspended
- FTA – no tag

Philyaw, Dereck D.; 38
- FTA – public intoxication

Terry, Larry T.; 22
- DUI

Shearin, Amanda N.; 35
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – driving while suspended
- FTA – expired tag
- FTA – driving without license

Monfort, Bryson A.; 24
- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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







Party (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The 4th of July Jeep Invasion – America's Block Party will be held July 3-4 at JG's Campen Life RV Campground. Hosted by Alabama Jeep Outfitters, JG's Campen Life RV Campground and Twisted Terrain Off-Road, the event will feature live music, fireworks, family activities and fundraising efforts benefiting Cullman Caring for Kids.

"This event is especially unique in that it is Cullman's only official America's Block Party event, one of only six officially recognized America's Block Party celebrations in Alabama and the only one located within approximately an hour of Cullman," said Alabama Jeep Outfitters Co-founder Brittany Sides. "As America begins celebrating the road to our nation's 250th birthday, we are honored to help bring that celebration to North Alabama."

The kick-off celebration begins Friday, July 3, with what organizers are calling a "Jump Start to the 4th of July Celebration." The Friday activities are for those staying at JG's Campen Life RV Campground and will include patriotic rock painting at 2 p.m., foam playtime at 4 and a family movie night at 8.

The main celebration continues Saturday, July 4, featuring patriotic-themed Jeep displays, vendors, contests, live music from Brad Thomas Project and Brett Carlisle and The Mason Jar Prophets, family activities and a fireworks show at dusk. The event is open to the public, with free admission for campers and $5 admission for all other attendees.

One of the event's featured attractions will be a charity rubber duck race benefiting Cullman Caring for Kids as part of the national Giving Fourth initiative, which encourages communities to celebrate Independence Day through service and generosity.

"As part of that effort, proceeds from our Rubber Duck Charity Race will benefit Cullman Caring for Kids, helping support local children and families right here in our community," Sides said.

The event will also give attendees the opportunity to purchase commemorative military tribute flags in honor of or in memory of veterans who have served in the United States military. For $25, families can purchase a tribute flag featuring a loved one's photo, last name and military branch. Those interested can scan the QR code on the event flyer to submit their tribute.

"Independence Day is about more than fireworks and celebrations," Sides shared. "It's also about remembering the sacrifices that have helped preserve the freedoms we enjoy today. We hope these flags provide a meaningful way for families to recognize veterans, active-duty service members and loved ones who have worn our nation's uniform."

"As an organization, Alabama Jeep Outfitters was founded on the idea of bringing people together, supporting local communities and creating opportunities to give back," she added.

"This event embodies all of those values while providing a fun, family-friendly way to celebrate our nation's independence."

For more information, contact JG's Campen Life RV Campground at 256-930-3060 or visit www.jgscampenlife.com. A full schedule is available on the attached flyer or on the official Alabama Jeep Outfitters Facebook page.

JG's Campen Life RV Campground is located at 2060 County Road 438, Cullman, AL 35057.

Day (from Front)

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CULLMAN Ala. — The Cullman Amateur Radio Club held its Field Day June 27-28 at Veterans Memorial Pavilion at Sportsman Lake Park.

Chris Chaffin, call sign KY4HV, spoke with The Tribune about the event, club's history and amateur radio's role in emergencies.

Amateur (ham) radio started in 1933 a few years before World War II. It was put on hold for some time as the war continued. "It started with old men with two radios out in the middle of a park using surplus tents from the Army," Chaffin explained. He said it was dangerous for civilians to continue using a radio during the war. But after the war, things changed for the future of amateur radio.

There are about 732,636 active amateur radio licenses in the United States, including all classes and both individual and group/military licenses. And with amateur radio field days available to the public, Chaffin said, he hopes to see that number grow.

Ham radio operators are casual, but they don't always have to be, he said. Some even participate in emergency broadcasting such as delivering weather updates and real-time alerts via NOAA and Skywarn networks, coordinating logistics for search and rescue operations in remote areas and even relaying health and welfare messages during hurricanes.

Chaffin said it's a great hobby and a good skill to have under your belt. "It encompasses so many different things," he said. "We even work with our local EMA office. We assist them during times of disaster. We have what's known as RACES which is Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service."

But some people are just in it for the social aspects and the wonders that keep them curious. Chaffin said what he enjoys most is getting outside the house and introducing people to ham radio. He says field day is about going out and being a part of the community.

"It's the fellowship of the club being together but also just getting to be able to make contacts and meeting with other people." That includes people who aren't at field day – people who are across the globe. The radio club was proud to say that on June 27, they were able to talk to some as far away as Belize.

Chaffin said that as the day shifted into night and the sun moved they would start to get communications from further out.

He said he has personally spoken with a gentleman in Saudi Arabia. "Myself, the furthest I have ever talked was with a man named Omar. He was out in the middle of the Saudi Arabian desert. And I was talking from my house using 100 watts. And we had a good five-minute conversation."

Chaffin says the hardest place to reach is Antarctica but it's not impossible. "It's a great hobby and really makes you learn geography."

He said testing is open to anyone unlicensed or licensed. And that any student or graduate interested in STEM would greatly benefit from obtaining a license. Club dues are $20 a year, and there are no age restrictions for who can obtain a license. The club offers testing on the first Thursday or the second Thursday night of each month, and club meetings are the third Tuesday night of each month at 7p.m. at the Cullman Senior Center at Sportsman Lake.

The Cullman Amateur Radio Club welcomes everyone, Chaffin said, saying the group is just "a bunch of people who like playing radio."

Find out more at www.facebook.com/CullmanARC.

CHS Class of 1996 reunion set for Aug. 29

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Members of the Cullman High Class of 1996 are invited to attend the 30-year class reunion Saturday, Aug. 29, at 6 p.m.

The event will take place at Ethos Craft Brewing, located at 1849 County Road 222, Cullman, AL 35057.

The reunion is free to attend; food and beverages can be purchased at the establishment.

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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.

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
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• 256-739-3326
• spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
• FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
• Wednesday, July 1 – 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area 5:15-5:30. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup.
• Friday, July 3 – 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. Special guest – The Lovelady Center
• Sunday, July 5 – 8:15 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 in Hanceville
The library is open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed from noon-1 p.m.) and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on Facebook for weekly details or please feel free to call us at 256-352-0685. Follow Facebook/Hanceville Public Library for event details.
• July 1 BREAK
• Wednesday, July 8, 10 a.m. "My feathered friends" with Cullman Soil and Water – Millie Keel
• Wednesday, July 8, 1 p.m. Crochet class
• Wednesday, July 15, 10 a.m. "Raptor Outreach" by Cullman Extension 4-H Kerri Roberts
• Wednesday, July 15, 1 p.m. Crochet class
• Saturday, July 18, 10 a.m. Adult book club
• Saturday, July 18, 11 a.m. Teen Club
• Wednesday, July 22, 10 a.m. "Lasting Impressions- Fossils-artifacts" by Chris & Jake, AL State Museum, Montgomery
• Wednesday, July 29, 10 a.m. "Quest to the Core" McWane Science Center
• Friday, July 31, 6 p.m. Poetry Night
• Wednesday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m. Children's author Ernie Swindle (bringing Matilda the Donkey for petting, located in the back parking lot)
• Friday, Aug. 7, 10 a.m. "Larry the Magician" a happy, interactive program full of laughter. This is his last season performing; he is retiring after this summer.
• Wednesday, Aug. 12, 10 a.m. Storytime Cullman Extension 4-H Kerri Roberts
• Saturday, Aug. 15, 10 a.m. Adult book club
• Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m., Crochet class

Guy Hunt Library Summer Reading Program
• Make plans to join us at Guy Hunt Library in Holly Pond on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. for the Summer Reading Program!
• June 30, Snead's Farmhouse
• Drinks and snacks will be provided. For more information contact the Guy Hunt Library at 256-796-5226, or guyhuntlibrary@gmail.com.

Dripping Springs DAR Celebrates America 250 – Dedication of DAR Revolutionary War Monument
Friday, July 3, at 10 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park at Sportsman Lake Park, 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW, Cullman. Questions? Contact Dr. Nancy C. Horton at 256-309-1936.

Smith Lake Park 4th of July Fireworks Festival
Saturday, July 4, from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Fireworks at 9 p.m. There will be a full lineup of live music, including More Cowbell, The Connection, Albert Simpson and Taylor Hicks. There will also be food vendors and arts and crafts vendors all day, plus games and golf cart parade Admission is $5 per person or $20 per vehicle.

Vinemont 4th of July Celebration
Sunday, July 5, at the Vinemont Sports Complex. Gates open at 6 p.m. Fireworks show starts at 9. Celebration of America 250 and 65 years of incorporation for the Town of South Vinemont. Food, kids' play zone and fireworks. Presented by the Town of South Vinemont and Vinemont Baptist Church.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Summer Revival
Sunday, July 5, at 5 p.m. Singing with Refined as our guest. Services will run day and night, Monday, July 6, through Friday, July 10. Morning services at 10:30 and evening services at 7 with preachers from our church preaching. Lunch will be served each day after the morning service and we will have a prayer room at 6:45 before each evening service. All are invited. If you can't come, please pray for us. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 East approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-339-1862 or 256-590-1501.

America 250 Genealogy Workshop
Thursday, July 9, 1-3 p.m., Thursday, July 9, at the Traditions Bank Annex, 109 Second Ave. NW. Open to the public. Bring your laptop if you wish. Sponsored by Dripping Springs Chapter DAR.

Annual David Speegle Family Reunion
Sunday, July 12, 2026, at the Speegle Family Point (334 County Rd 321, Crane Hill, AL 35053) beginning around 10:30 a.m. Please join us and bring a covered dish for lunch at noon. Contact Judy Shannon (256-338-0676) or Terry Phillips (256-656-3327) if you need additional information. Come eat and enjoy the day with us at the beautiful Speegle Family Point.

Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District Quarterly Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center, 501 Fourth St. SW, Cullman.

Little Pink Dress Benefit
Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 6-9 p.m. at The Venue at Stone Bridge Farms. Tickets on sale now! www.cullmanbosombuddies.com/service/little-pink-dress-event



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Cullman duo aiming to build community with kickstart semi-pro football team, the Cullman Coyotes

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CULLMAN, Ala. — At his apartment in Huntsville, Cullman native Shaun Smith would hear the roar of the crowd, the music and the fans from games of the Huntsville Rockets, a semi-professional football team, and think to himself, "why doesn't Cullman have this?"

So, after returning to the area this spring, he got together with friend and now-business partner, Dakota Bailey, to work on bringing the city its own team, one they've dubbed the Cullman Coyotes.

Only two months removed from the creation of their Facebook page, the Coyotes' slate is clean. Outside of Smith, the founder, and Bailey, team president, the roster is in early stages of building, and they're in need of coaches, equipment, a field and fanbase.

The project may be barebones, but the vision is clear: Smith and Bailey want to create not just a team, but a piece of Cullman.

"The goal is a championship, in whatever league it is that we find ourselves in, but success to me, it's building a brotherhood.

"At the end of the day, if the win-loss column skews our way, fantastic, but this is more about building fellowship and relationships within our community than it is anything else," Smith said.

He added, "any chance that we have for our guys to serve this community, I want us to be there and I want us to do that."

Aiming to play their first game in spring of 2027, the Coyotes' management have begun meeting with league commissioners and owners of other semi-pro teams in the southeast, like the Quad City Flames of Florence and the Panama City Panthers. While they're finding future opponents, they're also meeting with the owners to get advice on getting the team up and running.

As far as a future home field goes, it's up in the air. For regular season home games, West Elementary was named as a potential field, with Smith noting instead of concessions, he wanted to host local food trucks for fans to enjoy.

For potential playoff matchups, however, the duo hopes to one day be able to host them at Oliver Woodard Stadium, the home of the Cullman High Bearcats.

Both opponents and players have come naturally, though. The Coyotes have already received interest from former college players who want another opportunity to get on the gridiron.

Bailey, a Fairview grad with a background in sports broadcasting, cited the iconic "Field of Dreams" line, saying "If you build it, they will come," in reference to the roster.

For many, being part of a team and playing the sport they love will be enough. But for some, it will be an opportunity to potentially play the sport at collegiate level again.

With NCAA rule changes regarding eligibility and the games being filmed, athletes who previously had to quit due to injury could have another chance.



ARIEL LAMPKIN

Cullman Coyotes president Dakota Bailey (left) and founder Shaun Smith (right) at their monthly meeting on June 26

As the roster continues to fill out, the Coyotes' main concern is in finding coaches. Smith said they don't just want "Xs and Os guys," either. They're looking for leaders that will prioritize building player character just as much as the on-field product.

With their focus on helping strengthen Cullman's community, the Coyotes will continue trying to rally support in the coming months. Their Facebook page has continued to gain traction, and Smith and Bailey have held monthly meetings to inform people of their mission and try to find additional members to become involved.

"There's no shortage of ways for people to get involved with us," Smith said, adding, "We're not here trying to get rich, what we're trying to do is build a ramp to help people build something better for themselves."

Around the world of sports: June 30, 2026

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USMNT

Team USA practicing ahead of their Round of 32 match with Bosnia & Herzegovina on Wednesday

- In their first knockout stage game the USMNT will take on Bosnia & Herzegovina Wednesday night at 8 p.m. in the Round of 32 at the World Cup. The broadcast will be on FOX.
- Legendary Tennessee Titans running back Chris Johnson, known as "CJ2K," announced his ALS diagnosis on Monday morning in an interview with Good Morning America.
- Former Alabama cornerback Terrion Arnold, now a member of the Detroit Lions, had his bond set at $1,000,000 dollars following an arrest for allegedly setting up the kidnapping and armed robbery of three men in Florida. The acts were allegedly in retaliation for belongings stolen from Arnold previously.

Tourism (from Front)

According to the report, tourism generated:

- $325.5 million in visitor spending
- 3,468 tourism-supported jobs
- $93.2 million in tourism-generated earnings
- 15.1% growth in tourism employment
- 16.1% growth in tourism-generated earnings

The report also ranked Cullman County 14th in Alabama for total tourism-supported employment.

Tourism impacts nearly every sector of the local economy, including hotels, restaurants, retail businesses, attractions, entertainment venues, outdoor recreation providers and transportation services.

Visitor spending helps support small businesses throughout the county while generating tax revenues that benefit residents and local governments.

"Tourism is about far more than attracting visitors — it is about creating opportunities for our residents, supporting local businesses and strengthening the places we call home," Heard said.

"These results reflect what can happen when communities work together toward a shared vision. We are grateful to our municipal partners, city councils, county commission, attractions, hotels, restaurants, event organizers and business community whose commitment helps make Cullman County a destination people choose to visit, invest in and experience."

Statewide, Alabama welcomed more than 29.2 million visitors in 2025, generating a record-setting $24.9 billion in travel expenditures and supporting 255,780 jobs.

For more information about tourism in Cullman County, visit www.VisitCullman.com.





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88¢ EA.

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or Velveeta Shells & Cheese
10-14 Oz. Selected Varieties
2 for $5

KRAFT SALAD DRESSING
15-16 Oz.
All Varieties
2 for $5

DALE'S STEAK SEASONING
16 Oz. Original or
Reduced Sodium
$2.99 EA.

KINGSFORD LIGHTER FLUID
32 Oz.
$2.99

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16 Lb. Selected Varieties
or 12 Lb. Match Light
$8.99 EA.

PIT BOSS PELLETS
20 Lb.
Selected Varieties
$6.99 EA.

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24 Pk.
16.9 Oz. Bottles
3 for $10

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5-8 Oz.
Selected Varieties
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Gallon
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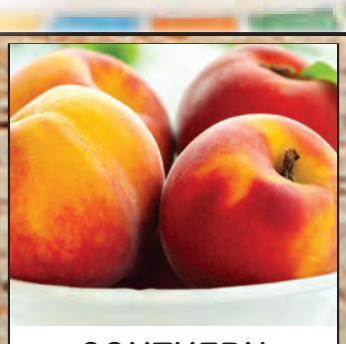






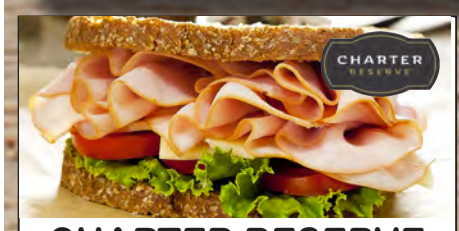




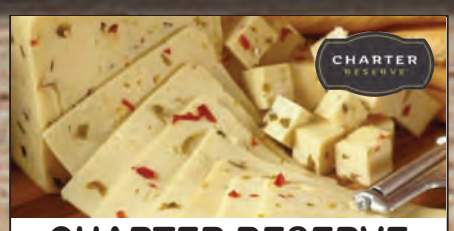




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$3.99



COOL WHIP TOPPING
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2 for $4



FARM RICH APPETIZERS
10-22 Oz.
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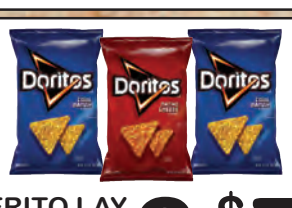


COCA-COLA, SPRITE OR MELLO YELLO
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12 Oz. Bottles
2 for $10



COCA-COLA, SPRITE OR MELLO YELLO
12 Pk.
12 Oz. Cans
2 for $11





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Selected Varieties
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Selected Varieties
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12-16 Oz.
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8 Oz. Family Size
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99¢ EA.



HORMEL CHILI NO BEANS

15 Oz.
Selected Varieties

2 for $6



FOOD CLUB VEGETABLE OIL

40 Oz.

2 for $6



ZATARAIN'S BREADING MIX

9-12 Oz.
Selected Varieties

2 for $3



ZATARAIN'S RICE MIX

7-8 Oz.
Selected Varieties

$1.99 EA.



MORTON ICE CREAM SALT

4 Lb. Box

2 for $4



TAMPICO PUNCH

Gallon
Selected Varieties

2 for $4



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24 Ct.
Family Size Quart

2 for $4



DOLE PINEAPPLE

8 Oz. In Juice or Syrup
Selected Varieties

5 for $5



DOLE 100% PINEAPPLE JUICE

46 Oz.

$3.99 EA.



SIMPLY DONE PARTY CUPS

100 Ct.
Red Plastic

$6.99 EA.



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130 Ct.

$3.99 EA.



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Skateboarding (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism held its first Skateboard Camp last week at Skate Depot Park downtown, giving children a chance to learn skateboard basics.

Snack breaks under nearby shade trees were frequent due to the summer heat, but participants were eager to continue learning.

Instructor Montgomery Miller, after day one, wrote, "Every kid learned something new today. Every kid left eager to learn more. Every kid decided they think skateboarding is fun. One kid even told me he loved me and hugged me periodically throughout the 4 hour session."

On Friday, June 26, when asked about plans for a future camp, Miller stated, "It'll probably be one-on-one sessions unless I'm asked to do the camp again."

He explained that with a large group of children, you work with different skillsets as these sessions allow for better training. He advised that the first step of the camp was ensuring everyone could balance on their boards.

"Half of them couldn't even stand on a skateboard the first day and now they're all skating down hills now," he smiled. "I just guide them to do what they want. I get as many into a group as I can of similar skillsets and teach them from there."

He said that to adjust his teaching style for each child he asked them what tricks they thought were cool and what they could see themselves learning. This provided insight into their confidence levels and determination.

Miller assigned each child a trick to try that was within their skill level and, if the children attempted the trick, they were awarded a Tech Deck mini skateboard.

"If they achieved it while holding my hands they still got a Tech Deck, but they picked theirs after the children that did it without," he said.

As far as safety, Miller advised helmets are most important. Knee pads are the most important pads to have, though he suggested for those who are still learning to maintain balance and are accident prone – all pads are great!

"When my daughter started I made her wear elbow pads, knee pads, wrist guards and a helmet the entire time we were at a skate park," he said.

Those interested in one-on-one sessions can contact Montgomery Miller at www.facebook.com/montgomery.miller.9.



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Callum Posey at Skate Depot Park in Cullman



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Guide (from Front)

Noah Galilee, Chasady Woods

CULLMAN, Ala. — As we approach the Fourth of July we often think of hotdogs, hamburgers, swimming, fireworks and anything red, white and blue. Though this year is special! Saturday, July 4, 2026, marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Many of the usual Fourth of July celebrations will include America 250 themes.

The Cullman Tribune has compiled a guide to Fourth of July and America 250 events planned across Cullman County and the surrounding area.

Details are based on public event information, flyers and organizer announcements available at the time of publication.

Some events did not list specific rules for coolers, pets, alcohol, outside fireworks or age restrictions, so guests are encouraged to confirm those details with organizers before attending.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

Mary Carter Store Stars and Stripes Customer Appreciation Celebration
Mary Carter Store will celebrate 62 years in the community with its Stars and Stripes Customer Appreciation Celebration on Wednesday, July 1, from 4:30-6 p.m. at the store, 104 Fourth St. SE in Cullman.

The celebration will honor the history of the store and the country. Guests will be served hot dogs, drinks and snacks, and longtime customers and community members are invited to share their fondest Mary Carter memories.

FRIDAY, JULY 3

Minute Man Statue Dedication
Cullman250 will host a Minute Man Statue Dedication on Friday, July 3, at 10 a.m. at Sportsman Lake Park in Cullman.

The public event will dedicate the Minute Man statue at the park as part of Cullman's America 250 observances.

3Sixty Jeep Club Red, White & Cruise
Red, White & Cruise will be held Friday, July 3, beginning at 4 p.m. at Cornerstone Revival Center, 3151 Alabama Highway 69 N in Cullman.

The event will include family fun, food, a cruise-in and fireworks. The event is listed as free.

Faith, Family & Freedom Fest
Southside Baptist Church will host Faith, Family & Freedom Fest on Friday, July 3, from 6-9 p.m. at the church, 2003 Main Ave. SW in Cullman.

The event will celebrate 250 years of freedom and will include fireworks, free food and inflatables.

Good Hope Faith, Family, Freedom & Fireworks
Good Hope will host Faith, Family, Freedom & Fireworks on Friday, July 3, at 135 Municipal Drive in Cullman.

The event begins at 7 p.m. with horse flag presentations, followed by fireworks at 9.

Families are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

Fairview Freedom Celebration
The annual Fairview Freedom Celebration will be held Friday, July 3, at Fairview Community Park.

The event will include singing at 8 p.m. and fireworks at 9. Admission is free, and guests are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket.

The event is sponsored by local businesses and churches.

SATURDAY, JULY 4

Smith Lake Park Fourth of July Fireworks Festival
Smith Lake Park will host its Fourth of July Fireworks Festival on Saturday, July 4, from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. at Smith Lake Park, 403 County Road 386 in Cullman.

Admission is $5 per person or $20 per car, cash only. The day will include live music, vendors, food and family activities. Camping and swimming are also available.

The schedule includes More Cowbell from 2:30-3:30 p.m., a golf cart parade at 3:30, The Connection from 4-5, a water balloon toss at 5, Albert Simpson from 5:30-7:15, Taylor Hicks from 7:45-9 and fireworks at 9.

Guests should bring cash for admission and confirm park-specific rules before bringing coolers, pets or personal fireworks.

4th of July Jeep Invasion / America's Block Party
JG's Campen Life will host its 4th of July Jeep Invasion and America's Block Party on Saturday, July 4, beginning at 2 p.m. at 2060 County Road 438 in Cullman.

Admission is free for campground guests and $5 for general admission. The schedule includes Jeep contest lineup at 2 p.m., a Rubber Duck Charity Race benefiting Cullman Caring for Kids at 3, Jeep judging and awards at 4:30, live music from Brett Carlisle & The Moonshine Profits at 6 and fireworks at dusk.

Guests are allowed to bring lawn chairs, blankets and coolers. The event also says guests may bring their own fireworks, but fireworks will be safely launched by staff, meaning guests should not plan to set them off on their own. No age restrictions were listed.

SUNDAY, JULY 5

South Vinemont Annual Fourth of July Celebration
The Town of South Vinemont and Vinemont Baptist Church will host the annual Fourth of July Celebration on Sunday, July 5, at the Vinemont Sports Complex, 266 Park Drive in Cullman.

Gates open at 6 p.m., and the fireworks show starts at 9. The celebration will mark America's 250th birthday and 65 years since South Vinemont's incorporation.

Planned activities include food, a kids' play zone, fireworks and Touch-a-Truck with public safety vehicles.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

2nd Fridays Cullman: America 250
The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce will continue its 2nd Fridays Cullman summer series Friday, July 10, with an America 250-themed event in downtown Cullman.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Depot Park and Warehouse District and is sponsored by Visit Cullman. 2nd Fridays Cullman brings the community downtown for local food, live entertainment, late shopping and a family-friendly atmosphere.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Celebrate America's 250th with AFP-AL: Cullman
Americans for Prosperity-Alabama will host Celebrate America's 250th with AFP-AL: Cullman on Sunday, July 12, at AMC Marktplatz 10, 1950 Marktplatz Center SW in Cullman.

The event begins at 2 p.m., with check-in beginning at 1. Attendees will view the matinee showing of "Young Washington," a film about George Washington before he became the Father of the Nation.

The event listing says a free movie ticket, popcorn and drink are included, but seats are limited and advanced registration is required. The film is rated PG-13.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

Hanceville America 250 Community Celebration
Hanceville will host its America 250 Community Celebration on Saturday, July 25, from noon-9 p.m. at C.W. Day Park on Park Road in Hanceville.

Admission is free. The event will include food trucks, vendors, live music, Touch-A-Truck, a kids' zone, games, free pool access and fireworks at 8:45.

Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and the whole family.

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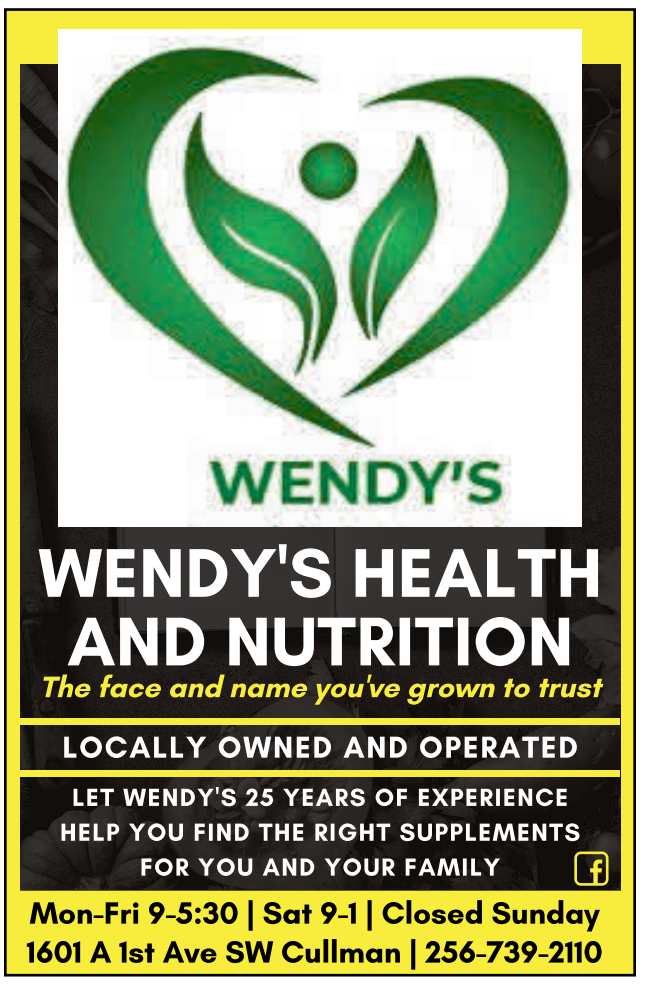
Blountsville America 250 Celebration
The Blountsville America 250 Celebration will be held Friday, July 3, at Blountsville Town Park.

Activities begin at 2:50 p.m. and continue through the fireworks finale. The event includes $2.50 pool entry, a classic car and tractor show, watermelon eating contest, cannonball contest, patriotic hairdo contest, free popcorn and fireworks.

Guests may bring coolers, chairs and picnic blankets. Alcohol is not allowed. Contest participants must register on site and sign a waiver. Participation may be limited due to available space.

MORE
The Cullman Tribune will continue updating this guide as additional Independence Day, Fourth of July and America 250 events are announced.

Organizers with events taking place within Cullman County are encouraged to post details on The Cullman Tribune's social media pages or email event information, flyers, rules and updates to news@cullmantribune.com for possible inclusion.



ALEA announces holiday enforcement and safety efforts ahead of historic 250th Independence Day celebration

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — As Alabamians prepare to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of America's independence, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) is urging all travelers to prioritize safety on both roadways and waterways during what is expected to be one of the busiest Fourth of July holiday periods in history.

This year's celebration carries added significance as communities across the nation honor America's 250th birthday. With increased travel, gatherings and recreational activity expected statewide, ALEA Troopers and Special Agents will be highly visible and actively engaged in enforcement and public safety operations throughout the holiday period.

"Independence Day is one of the most meaningful celebrations of our nation's history, and this year's 250th anniversary makes it even more special," said ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor. "As families come together across Alabama to celebrate, we want everyone to enjoy the holiday safely and responsibly. One poor decision, whether behind the wheel or behind the helm, can quickly turn a celebration into tragedy. Our message is simple: celebrate freedom but do so responsibly."

ALEA will participate in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" enforcement campaign, with Troopers focusing on dangerous and deadly driving behaviors, including impaired driving, speeding, distracted driving, aggressive driving and seat belt violations. Increased patrols will be deployed statewide to help ensure safe travel during peak holiday periods.

In addition to roadway enforcement, ALEA's Marine Patrol Division will partner with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) to promote boating safety and conduct heightened waterway enforcement as part of Operation Dry Water, the national campaign aimed at preventing boating under the influence (BUI).

"Alabama's lakes, rivers and coastal waters will see heavy traffic during the Fourth of July holiday, especially as we celebrate this historic milestone for our nation," said Colonel Jonathan Archer, director of ALEA's Department of Public Safety (DPS).

"ALEA Troopers will be out in full force working alongside our partners to enforce BUI laws, educate the public and ensure everyone can safely enjoy Alabama's waterways."

ALEA encourages all Alabamians and visitors to follow these critical safety guidelines throughout the holiday:

Roadway safety tips

- Never drive impaired, do not get behind the wheel if you have consumed alcohol or drugs
- Always designate a sober driver or arrange alternate transportation
- Buckle up every trip, every time
- Obey posted speed limits and traffic laws
- Avoid distractions and stay focused on the roadway
- Expect increased traffic and plan travel accordingly

Boating safety tips

- Never operate a vessel while impaired
- Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket
- Ensure required safety equipment is onboard and functional
- File a float plan and share your itinerary
- Monitor weather conditions and adjust plans as needed
- Maintain a proper lookout and operate at safe speeds

As the nation marks 250 years of independence, ALEA is reminding everyone that the safest way to honor the holiday is by making responsible decisions that protect lives.

"Safe Roads. Safe Waters. Safe Fourth." is more than a message, it is a commitment to ensuring that every celebration ends the same way it begins: safely, responsibly and at home with family and friends.

Local students named to Ole Miss spring 2026 Chancellor's, Dean's Honor Rolls

Jacob Batte
Contributor

UNIVERSITY, Miss. — The University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) announced students named to the Spring 2026 Honor Roll lists, including Chancellor's Honor Roll and the Dean's Honor Roll.

To be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on academic probation during the semester. The Chancellor's Honor Roll is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00. The Dean's Honor Roll is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74.

Local students include:

• Anna Hulsey, of Cullman, in the B.S.L.S. in Law Studies program, was named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll

• Patrick Wessel, of Crane Hill, in the B.Accy. in Accountancy program, was named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll

• Eli Keel, of Falkville, in the B.A. in Public Policy Leadership program, was named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll

• Peyton Arnold, of Cullman, in the B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences program, was named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll

• Abbott Green, of Cullman, in the B.A.J. in Journalism program, was named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll

"These students have achieved at the highest academic level, and we are proud to recognize them on the Chancellor's Honor Roll," Chancellor Glenn Boyce said. "They are exceptional scholars, and their dedication and achievement is reflected in this designation."

• Addison McPhillips, of Cullman, in the B.S. in Integrated Mktg. Communications program, was named to the Dean's Honor Roll

LEGALS

Notice of Sale

The contents of storage unit A2-Timothy Williams will be sold at 10:00 A.M. on August 1, 2026. West Point Mini Storage , 5677 Co.Rd. 1114, Vinemont, Alabama, 35179, 256-338-1759.

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-251

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF KENNETH RAFIE HOLLINS, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

WJC

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Cynthia Hall on the 17th day of June, 2026, 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.

Cynthia Hall
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Sherry H. Barrett
Smith & Smith Attorneys, LLC
Attorneys for Personal Representative
328 1st Avenue SE
Cullman, AL 35055
(256) 734-4721

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO PC 2026-091
GEORGE CARROLL COLE, *
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
VERIFIED MOTION TO SELL PERSONAL PROPERTY and
MOTION FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: AMANDA COLE, BROOKELYN COLE and ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES OF GEORGE CARROLL COLE

Verified Motion to Sell Personal Property, filed by Deborah Kay Cole Busby, Administratrix, through Attorney Shay Persall, and *Motion for Service by Publication* filed by Shay Persall, Attorney, has been scheduled for the **22nd day of September, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**, before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, 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 26th day of June, 2026.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: *
LINDAN JEROME HILL, * CASE NO. PC2025-263
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted ASHLEY HILL, as Administrator of the Estate of LINDAN JEROME HILL, deceased, on the 26th day of June, 2026, 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.

DONE this the 26th day of June, 2026.

Ashley Hill
Administrator

Dean R. Smith
Smith & Kilgo Law, LLC
421 Third Avenue SE
Post Office Box 156
Cullman, AL 35056

TO: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

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

. FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given

that LED SOLUTIONS, LLC (*Contractor Company Name*)
Contractor, has completed the Contract for ☐(Construction) ☐(Renovation) ☐(Alteration) ☐(Equipment) ☒(Improvement) of (*Name of Project*):
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at WEST POINT HIGH SCHOOL (*Insert location data in County or City*)
for the State of Alabama and the (County) (City) of CULLMAN COUNTY,
Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify
CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS
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~~CULLMAN, AL 35055~~
ATTN: WESLEY LANEY (*Architect / Engineer*)

LED SOLUTIONS, LLC
(Contractor)

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PELHAM, AL 35124
(Business Address)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF)
THE ADOPTION PETITION OF:) CASE NUMBER: AD2025-046
JARED LEE CURL &)
JAMIE ANN CURL)

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PETITION

TO: PAUL A. JOHNSON, ALLEDGED FATHER AND ANY OTHER UNKNOWN FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD J.G.V.J., BORN JULY 25, 2020 TO TIFFANY DANIELLE WOODFIN
TIFFANY DANIELLE WOODFIN, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OF A MINOR CHILD J.G.V.J., BORN JULY 25, 2020

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Jared Lee Curl and Jamie Ann Curl, Petitioners. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 200 2nd Avenue S.W., Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE this 26th day of June 2026.

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

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Petitioner
1939 Main Avenue Southwest
Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-246-9600

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
SUSAN CLUXTON RIX,) CASE NO PC 2026-081
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO STAY PROCEEDINGS UNTIL HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH WILL ANNEXED

TO: JASON MURPHREE, JACKIE MURPHREE COUCH, NIKKI DALE WILBOURN and all known and unknown heirs of the estate of SUSAN CLUXTON RIX, deceased.

The Petition of Robert Cluxton to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Susan Cluxton Rix, deceased, has been set for hearing on the **22nd day of July, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, Judge of Probate Office, Room 101.

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

Done this the 22nd day of June, 2026.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune
Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper and send an affidavit of publication to the Judge of Probate.

Seth B. Thompson
Attorney for Petitioner
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Cullman, AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
BILLY JAMES SMITH, CASE NO.: PC 2025-377
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to ASHLEY MARIE FULENWIDER SMITH as Personal Representative of the Estate of BILLY JAMES SMITH, deceased, on the 29th day of June, 2026, 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.

Ashley Marie Fulenwider Smith
Personal Representative

Andrew M. Herren
Attorney for Petitioner
Lowry, Herren & Cline
409 First Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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)
FLOYD DYER,) CASE NO.: PC2025-446
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL and OBJECTION TO THE ESTATE BY PAMELA DYER PIERCE

TO: SCOTT DYER and all Known and Unknown Heirs of the estate of FLOYD DYER, deceased.

The Petition of Pamela Dyer Pierce to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Floyd Dyer, deceased, has been set for hearing on **24th day of September, 2026, at 10:00a.m.** before Tammy Brown Judge of Probate, Room 101.

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

DONE this 22nd day of June, 2026.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune
Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper and send an affidavit of publication to the Judge of Probate.

Thomas E. Drake, II
Attorney for the Petitioner
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

ADCNR opens Wild Turkey Brood Survey to public

Emma Greene
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — For the first time, the public is being asked to participate in the Wild Turkey Brood Survey. With this tool, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources collects valuable data about annual nesting success, brood survival and distribution and abundance of wild turkeys.

While the survey is conducted annually, previous submissions were solicited from a more limited group. Norm Haley, a forestry, wildlife and natural resources agent with Alabama Extension at Auburn University, said he hopes people will take advantage of this new opportunity.

"This is really the first chance that the public has had to participate," Haley said. "Their information is valued and very important."

Survey details

The survey is currently open and will close Aug. 31. People from all regions of Alabama, including rural and developed areas, can submit information.

Caleb Blake, the upland game bird coordinator with Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, said the data collected from private citizens is essential to obtaining the best geographic coverage.

"By expanding participation beyond agency personnel and cooperators, we can collect more observations," Blake said. "That data from across the state will improve our understanding of wild turkey reproduction and productivity."

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is interested in observations of hens with and without poults and male birds, both jakes and gobblers.

Learning opportunities

For more reliable data, Haley suggested brushing up on how to accurately identify turkeys and their age class.

"With a little bit of research to make sure that you can accurately identify turkeys, we can be excited about the data," Haley said. "The collected data is only as good as what is put in."

Additionally, the department encourages people to look carefully when reporting numbers of poults.

They may be difficult to see in tall vegetation. Studying up on turkeys at different ages, particularly jakes versus toms and the age class of poults, is also helpful. Alabama Extension offers numerous resources to help people learn more about turkeys. The archives of the Natural Resources Webinar series includes the presentation, "From Spring Gobblers to Summer Broods: Tracking Alabama's Wild Turkeys." People can also receive guidance on turkey identification by contacting their local forestry, wildlife and natural resources Extension agent.



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Ways to participate

There are numerous options to submit reports, including mobile app, online entry or mail-in, printable survey form. Blake said that the easiest way to report turkey observations is through the mobile Survey123 field app. He said participants should record all turkey observations, even if the bird's age or sex is unknown.

Find more information, including the printable survey sheet, at outdooralabama.com/WildTurkeyBroodSurvey. Participants can access the online wild turkey brood survey through this link: https://arcg.is/1Tq4Wv1.

Obituary Announcements: June 26-29

Eva Phillips, 102

Funeral service for Eva Phillips, age 102 of Cullman, was Monday, June 29, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, with Bro. Caleb Elrod officiating. Visitation was held from noon-2 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home and burial will be at Duck River Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Phillips was born on Jan. 22, 1924, to Robert Glenn and Banie Tankersley Glenn. She passed away on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, William Otis Phillips; son and daughter-in law, Kenny and Sheila Phillips; granddaughter, April Mims; nine brothers and sisters. She is survived by two sons, Robert Phillips (Earlene), and Melvin Phillips (Johness); grandchildren, Leslie Taylor (Michael), LaDeana Phillips; five great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; sister, Patricia Abercrombie; a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Robbie Rene Baggett, 61

Robbie Rene Baggett, age 61, of Cullman, passed away on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She was born on Oct. 17, 1964, to Jack Greene and Betty Ruth Vaughn. Robbie was a beloved daughter, caring sister, devoted wife, loving mother, proud Nana, and Great-Nana, whose greatest joy in life was her family. She loved Jesus and had a generous Christian spirit. Her family rejoices in the knowledge that she is waiting for them in Heaven. Spending time with her family was one of her favorite pastimes. She always made sure there was plenty of food, fun games, and even a practical joke or two. She enjoyed spending time at the beach. She loved the sound of the waves, the warmth of the sunshine, and the calm that came from being near the water. It was her favorite place to relax, reflect, and simply enjoy life's beauty. She was a devoted Alabama football fan who never missed a chance to cheer on her beloved Crimson Tide. Saturdays in the fall were filled with excitement, team spirit, good food, and you could always hear her yelling, "Roll Tide!" She enjoyed shopping, finding delight in discovering thoughtful gifts for others or something special for herself. More than anything, she treasured shopping trips with family and friends and the memories they made together. Survivors include her husband, Jeremy Baggett; daughter, Christi (Wesley) Yarbrough; sons, Joey (Joy) Duncan, Zack Duncan, and Hunter (Chloe) Herfurth; stepdaughters, Katheryn Baggett and Hannah Baggett; grandchildren, Luke, Owen, and Cylas Yarbrough, Chase Duncan, and Brynlee Herfurth; great-granddaughter, Evelyn Yarbrough; sisters, Sheree Tubbs, Roxanne (Fred) McCay, Malinda (Claude) Ray, Jackie Sheppard, and Debbie (Chris) Brinson; along with a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. She was met in Heaven by her parents; her son, Dalton Herfurth; and her brother, David Greene. Though she will be deeply missed, her memory will live on in every family gathering, every shared meal, every day spent at the beach, and every Alabama football game watched with pride. Her love continues to surround those she leaves behind, and memories of her will remain in their hearts forever. Visitation was at The Refuge Church of God, 1115 Highway 278 E, Cullman, AL 35055, on June 28, 2026, at 4 p.m., followed by a Celebration of her Life at 5 p.m.

Bobby Story, 81

Bobby Milvord Story of Summerdale, Alabama, passed away June 24, 2026, quietly at the age of 81. Mr. Story was a native of Holly Pond (Cullman), Alabama. He was preceded in death by his parents, Emmett and Ruby Story, his sister Betty White, his brothers Bill and Rick Story, and his daughter Tammy Story Johnson. He is survived by his Sister Sandra Wright; his daughter Kelly Sue (Thomas) Copeland; his son Samuel (Breanna) Story; his grandchildren, Kimberly (Haley) Johnson, Christopher (Lisa) Johnson, Donovan (Jeana) Copeland, Haley Grace Copeland and Lynleigh Story. Mr. Story also has two great grandsons Chris and Braxton; two great granddaughters Courtney and Charlee; and a host of nieces and nephews. Bobby was an outdoors man, he loved to hunt and fish. His later years were spent on the golf course with his best friend George Hicks. Bobby retired early from Bell South and became a realtor serving the greater Gulf Coast. As a pilot he traveled the airways of our fine southern states, he loved his life and he loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Joan Margaret Mitchell, 80

Funeral Services for Joan Margaret Mitchell, age 80 of Vinemont, will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1, in the Moss-Service Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Livingston Chapel Cemetery, with Pastor DA Slinkard officiating Moss-Service Funeral Home of Cullman is directing. Margaret was born May 27, 1946, in Cullman to the late Leon Pruett and Hazel Hall. She passed away in her home on June 25, 2026. Margaret was a mother, a Nanna and great-nanna and most of all, a woman who loved the Lord. She enjoyed reading, gardening, thrifting and just spending time with her babies. Margaret was preceded in death by her parents: Leon Pruett and Hazel Hall, her brother Wayne Pruett, her husband HP Mitchell JR. and her son Mark Anthony Pruett Dickinson, great grandchild Fehr Bazil Poulos She is survived by–two 2 – Daughters – Robin McCulloch of Trinity and Nancy Mitchell of Cullman Grandchildren six 6 Russell (Tina) Dickinson; Ryan McCulloch, Brittany Dickinson Young, Feribah Mitchell, Nate Merrill and Auston-Claire (Dwight) Poulos; and six 6– Great-Grandchildren – Ryland , Addi, Presley, India Rose, Sophia Iris and one Ronen Callahan arriving soon, a Host of Nieces, Nephews, and other Family & friends also survive. The family will receive friends for a visitation on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Please share a memory with the family on-line at www.mossservicefh.com . In lieu of flowers you may make a donation to Trinity Baptist Church 1701 Child haven Road NE, Cullman, AL 35055.

Helen Margaret Clay, 94

Memorial services are incomplete at this time for Helen Margaret Clay, 94, of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Ms. Clay passed away June 28, 2026, at her residence. She was born July 22,1931. She is survived by her children, Richard (Louise) Harris, Beverly Keller, Janet Sowards; nine grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and great-great-great grandchildren; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Frank Walker, 80

Funeral Service for Frank Walker, age 80, of Cullman, will be at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home on Thursday, July 2, 2026, at 10 a.m.; burial at Berlin Cemetery at Mt. Carmel. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Walker passed away on Sunday, June 28, 2026, at his residence. He was born, Sept. 28, 1945 to W.I. "Lidy" Walker and Marie Walker. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, George Walker. Survivors include his children, Kenneth (Trina) Walker, April (Darren) Haramija; grandchildren, Lance (Jessica) Walker, Braden (Jada) Walker, Landen Walker, Dylan Love Haramija; great grandchildren, Kai Walker, Tate Walker, Wyatt Walker, Owen Walker; brother, Joe (Joan) Walker; sister, Tootie (James) Sanford; sister, Brenda (Mike) Smith; sister-in-law, Doris Walker and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

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Dripping Springs Chapter of the DAR hosting Genealogy Workshop July 9

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Dripping Springs Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will host a Genealogy Workshop Thursday, July 9, 2026, from 1-3 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Traditions Bank Annex, 109 Second Ave. NW, Cullman.

Alice Jones, state registrar of the Alabama Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, will speak.

The title of her talk is "Unearth a Story: Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestors."

She will report on how to get started, DAR and SAR resources, how to complete a DAR application and specialty research.

After the presentation, there will be time for questions and individual help. Please bring your laptop for specific assistance.

The workshop is open to everyone – whether you want to join a lineage society or you just want to know more about your ancestors.

For more information, please contact Athelia Gibbs at awgibbs65@gmail.com or Anita Winslow at awinslow1115@gmail.com. Pre-registration is not mandatory, but it would help the chapter to have the correct number of handouts and other resources.

THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISERS!



Shrek (from Front)

Wicked Witch." Suspiciously enough she didn't elaborate on that. Though the three boys seemed to side eye her with caution.

We then moved on to the next question, "What is you absolute favorite song you sing or dance to in the show?" Harding said she really liked "I'm a Believer" and that the dance was a lot of fun for her. For Warren it was "Make a Move" because they "finally got Paige to do the stanky leg." Jackson and White both agreed that they, too, enjoyed "Make a Move" for the same reasons.

The final question was, "If you lived in Shrek's swamp, what rules would you have in place?" Jackson excitedly exclaimed, "Non-stop eating waffles," a fitting response from the waffle-eating Donkey. Warren and White collectively agreed that they would ask politely that you did not wear shoes in their humble abode, while Harding warned us to kindly not use the restrooms.

The show seemed to be a great success, it was sold out and nearly standing room only.

You can catch the students in their next show, "Frozen," Nov. 13-14. Auditions will be held Aug. 28, at St. John's Church from 5-8 p.m.

Heirlooms Fine & Performing Arts will host Once Upon a Crown Princess Camp July 21-24, from 9 a.m.-noon at Heirlooms Studio. Heirlooms Studio is located at 1219 Second Ave. NW in Cullman. The cost is $179 per camper. For more information, visit www.heirloomsfineandperformingarts.com.


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