

## 2025 CHAMBER HONOREES



**Jimmy Hughes** is a graduate of Winfield City High School and Mississippi State University. He is currently Vice President of SouthFresh Aquaculture, a division of Alabama Farmers Cooperative. He is also a farmer and an official for the Alabama High School Athletic Association. He has 4 children (Zach, Sarah, Taylor and Hannah) and 7 grandchildren.

Mr. Hughes has been a Mule Day Volunteer for the last 15 years. He works specifically with food vendor inspections. Attendees of Mule Day can be sure they are purchasing food and drinks that meet requirements for safety and quality. His contributions to all Mule Day activities make this a successful event for the Chamber and City.



**James Sadberry** is a graduate of Lynn High School. He is a Group Leader at the Mercedes-Benz Plant in Vance. James has been married to Angel for 21 years and they have 2 boys (Casen and Kyler). He is a trustee at Faith Church and has been active in Toybowl Football and Baseball teams with his sons.

James has been a volunteer at Mule Day since 2002, originally working the Car Show. Since moving to the downtown area, he's helped with vendor setup, the parade, and anywhere help is needed. A stroke in August 2023 didn't stop him; he still showed up on a gator to help. James has played an essential role in helping Mule Day be the success it is every year.



**Ken Barnett** is a 26-year resident of Winfield. He moved to the area as a sales associate for SYSCO Food Service. Ken became involved with Mule Day just a few years later and has been a volunteer since then. The first years were spent helping with all aspects of the event, from the lining up of participants to directing during the parade. After a few years, he began helping

with the vendor set up on Fridays. Currently, Ken helps inspect the food vendors and trucks to ensure they are licensed and within code.

A retiree of 2022, he now referees football and basketball, plus coaches Winfield softball and cross country. Ken and his wife Carrie have a daughter (Brady) and three beautiful grandchildren.



PRESENTED BY

**WINFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
THE CITY OF WINFIELD  
MAIN STREET WINFIELD**

Winfield's Mule Day began on Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, 1975 by Curt Estes, Winfield Chamber of Commerce, and Max Brasher, Sr., as a way to honor the hard-working mules of the day. Mr. Robert Vickery and Mr. Jack Guin, both from Winfield, were also major contributors. Our Mule Day founding fathers never dreamed that these long eared mules would have become such a big hit with folks.

We're proud to be one of the longest running festivals in Alabama. Mule Day is celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of September each year. Mark your calendars and we will see you again next year! 🐾

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## FRIDAY, SEPT 26



### Music @ Citizens Bank

5:30 - 7:00 PM - Josephine Arsenault  
7:30 - 9:00 PM - Cooter Brown and the Dangerous Horns



### Music @ R.W. Harris Store

6:30 PM - The 17th Annual Mule Night Bluegrass Jamboree featuring Jeff Long Band and The Reed Family



### Shop 'Til You Drop!

5:00 PM - Flea Market, Arts & Crafts, Food Vendors are open  
Shop late with Mule Night Madness Sales at local retailers



### Mule Night 5K - Sponsored by Encore

10:30 PM - 11:30 PM - Race registration  
12:00 AM - Race starts at midnight!

FREE Shuttle Service Available on Saturday

## SATURDAY, SEPT 27



### Shopping Starts Early!

7:00 AM - Flea Market, Arts & Crafts, Food Vendors open



### Get Signed Up for the Fun

8:00 AM - Parade Line-Up Registration at Winfield High School  
8:00 AM - Car Show Registration at Winfield Middle School  
9:00 AM - Antique Tractor Registration at Foodland  
PDGA Disc Golf Tournament - Register online at dgscene.com



### 51st Annual Mule Day Parade

9:30 AM - Parade leaves from Winfield Elementary School  
11:00 AM - Parade reaches Downtown Winfield



### Time for Prizes!

12:00 PM - Mule Judging at Winfield High Baseball Field  
2:00 PM - Car Show Awards at Winfield Middle School



### More Entertainment @ Citizens Bank

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM - Bama Dancers  
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM - Dynamic Dance  
Noon - 1:00 PM - Harley Hogue

## 2025 MULE DAY SPONSORS



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The Citizens Bank of Winfield  
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Winfield Monument Company, Inc.

- Mule Day officials will be present throughout the crowd should you have questions or need help.
- First Aid Teams will be available in mobile units at the event. In case of emergency call 911.
- Portable restrooms & hand washing stations will be located throughout the downtown area.
- Handicap parking & parade viewing available at City Hall.
- No horses, mules or wagons will be allowed off the parade route.
- No unauthorized bicycles, motorcycles, go-carts, ATVS, or golf carts will be allowed in the event area.
- The City of Winfield, Winfield Chamber of Commerce, Winfield Main Street Program, Mule Day Committees, and any Civic Organization cannot be held responsible for any loss, theft of property, or injury of any kind.



# BEST PLACES FOR PARADE VIEWING!



**SATURDAY,  
SEPT 27TH**

PARADE WILL REACH  
DOWNTOWN AT 11 AM