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State, national leaders visit CATA, CHS, highlighting CTE

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Area Technology Academy and Cullman High School welcomed state and national leaders recently as part of a statewide campaign to highlight career and technical education (CTE) in Alabama. The visits were » PAGE 2



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Utility Line Work students practice climbing utility poles at the Cullman Area Technology Academy.

Burgermeister Ball kicks of Oktoberfest celebration



SHERRY BROWN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Left to right, three former Burgermeisters — Casey Harbin, Dale Greer and Steven Sides — pose for a photo at the Cullman Oktoberfest Burgermeister Ball on Sept. 25, 2025.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman's Oktoberfest season officially began last week, with the third annual Burgermeister Ball on Sept. 25 at St. Bernard. After a period of absence, the tradition was revived three years ago at the request of Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism, and serves as the kickoff to Oktoberfest.

Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce President Joey Orr said the event has continued to grow. "When we started, we quickly outgrew our first space. Now we're thrilled to be at St. Bernard — it's a fabulous setting. Each year, more people embrace the German festival idea, even dressing in traditional attire."

One highlight of the evening was the passing of the Burgermeister medallion. Amy Wood, 2024 Burgermeister, presented the title to Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs. The Burgermeister serves as master of ceremonies for Oktoberfest and honors Cullman's German heritage.

Wood reflected on her time as Burgermeister, saying it was an honor to represent the community.

"Walking around and visiting with so many people who traveled to Cullman was such an honor for me," she shared. "We should all be proud of this community and that we get to call Cullman our home."

Guests who attended the ball were served a full German meal provided by All Steak Restaurant and participated in games such as a German spelling bee and Oktoberfest trivia.

Said Orr, "We are blessed to live in Cullman. We have wonderful people, and we have a lot to offer right here."

Cullman Oktoberfest will take place Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 2-4 at Depot Park. Get a detailed schedule of events and more information at www.cullmanoktoberfestival.com.

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'The Crown Returns': Ms. Senior Cullman County Pageant coming Nov. 8



FACEBOOK/MS. SENIOR CULLMAN COUNTY PAGEANT/PHOTOGRAPHY BY FELISH

Bottom row, left to right: Vicki Alldredge, Elizabeth Dunkin, Mazzie Twilley and Nancy Moore; top row, left to right: Cynthia Burgett, Lynda Hankey, Sheri Rasco, Gail Smith and Nancy Roberson » PAGE 8

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 29

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 29, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Sept. 25

- harassing communications; stalking; CR 702
- domestic violence; Hwy. 69N
- theft of property; US. 31
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; CR 1513
- harassment; College Dr. NE
- robbery; domestic violence; Commercial St. SE
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 109

Sept. 26

- possession of controlled substance; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence; CR 1145
- theft of property; CR 1494
- harassment; CR 656
- domestic violence; CR 1369
- home repair fraud; CR 1719
- theft of property; CR 438

Sept. 27

- sell-distribute drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278W
- trespassing; US. 31
- trespassing; CR 940
- criminal mischief; CR 1141
- possession of controlled substance; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 222
- harassing communications; CR 772

Sept. 28

- theft of property; CR 1030
- harassing communications; CR 233
- menacing; CR 1162
- possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 565
- theft of property; CR 944
- domestic violence; CR 949

ARRESTS

Sept. 25-28

Aldridge, Dena J.; 46
- sell/distribute methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Brown, Wendy G.; 43
- DUI (alcohol)

Carter, Robert N.; 68
- family offense-causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision of children

Garcia, Alexander D.; 28
- DUI (controlled substances)
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hand, Justin A.; 42
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- GJ – possessing forged instrument

Hankins, Jefferey R.; 37
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- stalking-2nd degree

Haslam II, Nazaree; 43
- FTA – assault-domestic violence-3rd degree – criminal mischief-3rd degree

Hendren, Stephanie L.; 40
- DUI (alcohol)

Iversen, Ryan A.; 39
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- assault-domestic-reckless endangerment

Jones, Jared W.; 33
- assault-harassment

McDowell, Stone M.; 27
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – reckless driving
- FTA – leaving the scene of an accident
- FTA – DUI (other substance)

McElhone, Mary J.; 26
- cruelty to dog/cat

Moore, Dustin C.; 24
- PROBATION VIOLATION – burglary-residence-no force

Navarro, David M.; 46
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance

Reno, Billy J.; 56
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Staton, Wilma Q.; 66
- FTA – permitting livestock to run at large

Waid, Krystal P.; 39
- FTA – assault-child abuse-simple-family

Wilkerson, Timothy H.; 47
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Wilkins, Toby A.; 51
- PROBATION VIOLATION – giving false identity to law enforcement officer

Willard, Coy W.; 30
- sell/distribute – methamphetamine

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sept. 26

- identity theft; theft of property-1st degree; person
- criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-4th degree; Dollar General; cash; 4th St. SW

ARRESTS

Sept. 26-28

Cadle, Tracy L.; 59
- criminal trespass-2nd degree

Gatlin, Sydney N.; 33
- FTA – driving while revoked

Goodnight, Clayton J.; 37
- FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree

Hudson, Shaun S.; 39
- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Library board meeting notes: Sept. 25

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Public Library Board held its regular board meeting on Thursday, Sept. 25. Cullman County Public Library System (CCPLS) Director Amber Thornton reported higher than usual accounting and legal fees in August, primarily due to an annual audit, totaling approximately $5,800. The board also discussed increasing monthly accounting costs and voted to consolidate CDs as they mature to help reduce expenses.

Members approved moving the library's checking accounts from Alabama Credit Union to Premier Bank for improved community support and service.

The board approved a one-year subscription to McNaughton's book leasing program, costing $6,822. The service will allow the library to provide more copies of high-demand titles and return books as interest declines.

Highlights from the summer included over 241,000 minutes of reading logged, 28,000 books checked out and the issuance of 576 new library cards.

The bookmobile continues to expand service with homeschool groups and Cullman Christian School, and will make appearances at upcoming community events.

Fall programming to look out for includes digital literacy classes, a bake sale and art auction, a pumpkin decorating contest and the Spooktacular Storybook 5K.

The Colony Library also announced that it will remain open, with a reopening celebration scheduled for Oct. 11.

Cullman Ghost Walks coming in October

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Southern Ghost Girls will host four walking tours in Cullman in October.

Owner Lesley Ann Hyde said the Cullman Ghost Walks will take place on Tuesdays and will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Depot Park.

"We are excited for the Cullman Ghost Walks," Hyde said.

"Join us at Depot Park for a spooky adventure through downtown Cullman, Alabama. Get ready to explore the haunted history of the area on several dates in October.

"Whether you're a believer in the supernatural or just looking for a fun time, this event is perfect for all ages.

"Meet new friends, hear chilling tales and maybe even encounter a ghost or two! Don't miss out on this fun interactive experience."

Hyde said a portion of the proceeds will go to Relay For Life.

"The ghost walks will stop at local stores, restaurants, buildings and more to talk about the ghostly activity that has occurred," Hyde said.

"You'll get to interact and use real paranormal equipment to explore."

Walks

- Oct. 7- Downtown Ghost Walk with investigation
- Oct. 14- Downtown Ghost Walk with investigation
- Oct. 21 -Downtown Ghost Walk with investigation
- Oct. 28- Downtown Ghost Walk and with hors d'oeuvres at Carlton's

Hyde said everyone is invited. All tours start at 6:30 p.m. and last approximately two hours. Get tickets and more information at www.southernghostgirls.com/events.

Recap (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Week six of the youth football season is now complete, and there were more than a fair share of exciting games that went on around the area. Cullman took on Vinemont, Good Hope battled Danville, Cold Springs faced off against Holly Pond, West Morgan took on Fairview and Hanceville faced off against West Point.

VINEMONT AT CULLMAN

- Fireplug: Eagles 20 - Bearcats 0
- Wee-Wee: Eagles 36 - Bearcats 6
- Pee-Wee: Eagles 6 - Bearcats 0

DANVILLE AT GOOD HOPE

- Fireplug: Raiders 28 - Hawks 6
- Wee-Wee: Raiders 13 - Hawks 12 (OT)
- Pee-Wee: Hawks 20 - Raiders 6

COLD SPRINGS AT HOLLY POND

- Fireplug: Eagles 20 - Broncos 7
- Wee-Wee: Broncos 18 - Eagles 0
- Pee-Wee: Broncos 44 - Eagles 12

WEST MORGAN AT FAIRVIEW

- Fireplug: Rebels 18 - Aggies 14
- Wee-Wee: Rebels 20 - Aggies 0
- Pee-Wee: Rebels 38 - Aggies 0

HANCEVILLE AT WEST POINT

- Fireplug: Bulldogs 18 – Warriors 0
- Wee-Wee: Bulldogs 36 – Warriors 0
- Pee-Wee: Warriors 40 – Bulldogs 0

CULLMAN FOOTBALL ACADEMY

- Cullman 8u 6 – Triumph 0
- Cullman 9u 21 – Triumph 0
- Triumph 33 – Cullman 10u 6
- Cullman 12u 36 – Triumph 6

CTE (from Front)

part of a three-day tour organized by the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) and the Alabama Association for Career and Technical Education (ALACTE).

The groups visited schools across the state to raise awareness about how CTE programs prepare students for careers and support the state's workforce needs.

CATA hosted the first stop, where guests toured four of the school's programs, including Health Science, Cybersecurity, Precision Machine and Utility Line Work. Students demonstrated skills from climbing 40-foot utility poles to monitoring real-time cyberattacks.

"It was an honor to be chosen as one of the programs featured on this tour. We're excited anytime we can showcase what our students are doing. They do exceptional things every day," said Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette.

The tour continued at Cullman High School, where visitors explored the Health Science Lab, the Family and Consumer Sciences building, engineering classrooms and the Animal Science program, as well as had a brief look at the school's new CTE wing, which is currently under construction.

Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff welcomed guests and praised the school's unique blend of strong academics and CTE instruction.

"A lot of times you don't see the blend of high rigor of instruction with strong CTE," Kallhoff said.

"But you do have that blend here, which I think is pretty unique."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

It's Cheeseball Time Again!
Grace Episcopal Church Women are currently taking orders for their 37th annual Cheeseball Sale. Please go to www.gracecullman.org and place your order by Oct. 5, 2025. We have eight delicious flavors to choose from, and your order will be available for pick up on Thursday, Nov. 20, just in time for the holidays. Proceeds go to support local outreach projects including Committee on Church Cooperation, The Good Samaritan Health Clinic, The Pilot Light Home, Cullman Caring for Kids and Hope Horses.

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

Cullman County Historical Society Meetings
We meet the fourth Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. at the Cullman County Museum. Each meeting features a specific program or speaker. Join us!

Attention Senior Citizens
If you are 60 or over, please come to the Cullman Senior Center at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW and have some fun with us and eat lunch. Good fun, good friends and good food. Different things going on Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-noon. Volunteers needed to deliver meals to homebound. Call Commission on Aging for info. 256-734-1241.

SAVE THE DATE! Little Pink Dress Benefit
Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 6-9 p.m. at The Venue at Stone Bridge Farms. Table for eight for $450. Tickets available from Jennifer Limerick (256-201-2521 or jenniferalrealtor@gmail.com) or Judy Grissom (256-347-5993 or options5993@gmail.com) or www.CullmanBosomBuddies.com. Benefits the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation.

Grief Support Group: Broken Heart Repair
Sessions on Sundays at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church located at 615 Third Ave. SE, Cullman, AL 35055. For more information contact Reverend Warren Ruland at 256-962-2521.

Cullman County Republican Women Monthly Meetings
Second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Cullman VFW. President Cathi Bradford: "We are going to begin training to track legislation in Montgomery. If you need information, you can directly message me on Facebook." Full meals at 5:30. Meetings start at 6.

The Crossing Food Bank
The Crossing is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. We are located at 1503 Second St. SW, Cullman (in the Housing Authority).

Cullman Low Vision Support Group Meetings
Third Tuesday of every month, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Alabama Career Center, 1201 Katherine St. NW in Cullman. Contact Olivia Wade, case manager, at 256-389-2502.

Baileyton Bargain Days
First Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park. Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items. A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted. Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at the Donald E. Green Adult Active Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW. The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Cullman Al-Anon Meetings
The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. The Cullman Serenity Al-Anon Group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a Zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The Courage to Change Al-Anon Family Group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at 305 Arnold St. NE in the Carriage House, located between the church and the Arnold House on the corner. For more information call 256-734-2231 or 256-531-4429.

The Pantry at The Link
- 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
- Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
- 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- Wednesday, Oct. 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 at 6. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup.
- Friday, Oct. 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.
- Saturday, Oct. 4 – Men's breakfast; 11 a.m. Foundry Farm outreach cookout
- Sunday, Oct. 5 – 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

Shirley Burden Public Library – Hanceville
Families are invited to join us for fun at the library! Library is open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5p.m., closed from noon-1 p.m. Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on Facebook for weekly event details.
- Wednesday, Oct. 1, 10 a.m.: Finale of the little hatched chicks, come and see Judy with Snead Farm celebrate new life at story time
- Wednesday, Oct 8, 10 a.m.: Hanceville's new Fire Chief Bart Absher will teach about fire safety at story time
- Wednesday Oct 15, 10 a.m.: The art club will be painting little-miniature 5" pumpkins. Bring your real pumpkin in, and we will provide the paint to decorate the face. Contest will be judged by Hanceville City Council and the winner will be announced Oct. 29.
- Wednesday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m.: Book club
- Wednesday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m.: Join us for a Halloween party with activities. Come and take your picture with Dracula
- Saturday, Nov. 8, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: Hanceville celebrates Mud Creek Arts and Crafts Festival and the library will have the annual book sale

North Alabama Agriplex Programs
- www.agriplex.org
- Tuesday, Sept. 30, 6 p.m., Living Landscapes - Raising Backyard Poultry: Keeping chickens, ducks, quail, guineas, and turkeys. Interested in raising chickens or other backyard poultry? Learn which bird is for you and the best practices for keeping these animals for eggs, meat, or bug control. $15/person.
- Wednesday, Oct. 1, noon-1 p.m., Lunch and Learn - Exploring Alabama's Wild Places…Enjoy—Value—Protect. Meet Heather Tucker, the new E.D. for Wild Alabama. She will guide us through the conservation history of this organization, while giving us tips on exploring the Bankhead and Talladega National Forests.
- Thursday, Oct. 2, 9-11 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Elementary — History of Food. Explore the traditional foodways of the Cherokee, their sustainable growing practices and how food connects to their identity and community. $15 fee. $30 Max per family.
- Thursday, Oct. 2, noon-2 p.m., Heritage Homeschool Secondary — All the Ologies - Entomology. Welcome to the world of insects! Gain a deeper understanding of these fascinating creatures and their importance to the environment. $15 fee. $30 max per family.
- Friday, Oct. 3, 10-11 a.m., Little Farmers — The Turnip. Jan Brett is a renowned author illustrator whose books have been loved by many for decades. Each month, we will center our storytime, stations, craft and snack around a different Jan Brett book. $8 per child, max $16 per family.
- Saturday, Oct. 4, 9-10:30 a.m., Farm Kids Club — Creepy Crawlies. First you'll squirm, then you'll smile. Come see all the cool, creepy creatures that help our Ecosystems. Fees: $15 per child, Max $30 per family.
- Monday, Oct. 6, 6-8 p.m., Heritage Skills - Sewing. If you couldn't attend the previous classes, it's not too late! Join us to learn valuable tips, tricks and insights from seasoned sewers. Each class will provide skill instruction and feature a project to apply those skills. Participants must bring a full-size sewing machine. Youth, ages 10 & up must register and be accompanied with a paid registered adult. $20 fee.
- Tuesday, Oct. 14, 6-8 p.m., Living Landscapes - Family Pumpkin Glow. Bring your family for fall treats, pumpkin carving and tales around the bonfire. $30 family fee, includes one pumpkin. $10 per additional pumpkins.
- Thursday, Oct. 16, 6 p.m., Military Veteran & Beginning Farmer — Farm Demo Day. Visit one of our local farmers to see best ag practices with Brandon and Amy Hines.

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

Sacred Heart Oktoberfest Dinner
The Annual Oktoberfest German Dinner, featuring traditional German cuisine, will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 1, from 4-7 p.m. in the Family Life Center at Sacred Heart Church in Cullman. Plates are $15 each and are available for dine in or drive thru/take out. The church is located at 205 Third Ave. SE in Cullman.

Arley's Largest Yard Sale
Saturday, Oct. 4, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Vendor Market at Smith Lake, 6168 County Road 41 in Arley. Sponsored by Arley Women's Club. Parking lot at Dollar General.

Cullman County Band Exhibition
Saturday, Oct. 4, gates open at 5 p.m.; performances start at 6, at Cullman High School's Oliver Woodard Stadium. Nine area marching bands. Admission is $5 for adults and free for kids 6 and younger.

28th Annual Falkville Fall Festival
Saturday, Oct. 11, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. in downtown Falkville. Color Me Downtown 5K run and walk, arts and crafts vendors, food trucks, kids' activities, pancake breakfast, live entertainment, tractor show/parade. For more information, go to www.Falkville.org.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School Community Fall Festival
Sunday, Oct. 12, from 2-5 p.m. at 510 Third Ave. SE, in Cullman. This family-friendly event will feature delicious food trucks with something for everyone, a lively dunk tank, a festive Trunk or Treat for kids of all ages and much more fun and fellowship! For more information, contact St. Paul's Lutheran School at 256-734-6580.

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

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

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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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PREP FOOTBALL

5 local teams earn wins in week 6

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CULLMAN, Ala. – With several teams off in week six, there were only five local games to follow in Friday night and five local teams posted wins. Cullman defeated Brewer on the road to record its first win of the season, Good Hope dominated Addison on the road to remain unbeaten, West Point handled Hayden at home, Vinemont shut out West End and Cold Springs collected a road win at Lynn.

Cullman 24 – Brewer 11

Cullman was back on the road for a non-region battle at Brewer Friday night and the Bearcats returned home with their first win of the season. Cullman led 14-3 at halftime and tacked on 10 more points in the second half to secure a 24-11 win.

Quarterback Colt Colvard hit Brooks Loftin down the Cullman sideline for a 45-yard gain on a third and long early in the first quarter. Two plays later, Kolby Holt took a quick pass on a jet sweep around the right edge for a 30-yard touchdown and a 6-0 lead for the Bearcats.

Brewer was forced to punt later in the first, but it was muffed the Holt and recovered by the Patriots at the 6-yard line. However, Cullman's defense held Brewer to just a field goal and the Bearcats maintained a 6-3 lead with a little over a minute remaining in the first quarter.

On the ensuing possession, Colvard tossed one to Morgan Holley just before he was about to be sacked and Holley weaved his way 40 yards through Patriot defenders all the way down to the 6-yard line. Two plays later, Chance Hausler took a handoff into the end zone for another Cullman touchdown. Colvard floated one to Holley on the following two-point conversion attempt and Holley brought it in with one hand to make it a 14-3 game early in the second quarter.

After mishandling a punt earlier in the game, Holt took the next punt he returned it all the way down to Brewer's 2-yard line but a fumble two plays later cut the scoring opportunity short for the Bearcats. Brewer put together a long drive and a big run moved the Patriots inside Cullman's own 10-yard line but the 'Cats bowed up on defense once again, forcing Brewer to turn it over on downs and preserving the 14-3 lead going into halftime.

The Patriots got the ball to start the third quarter and went three and out, giving the ball back to the Bearcats around midfield. Cullman put together a long, methodical drive that chewed up time and yardage and they capped off the possession with a 27-yard field goal by JD Ellerbee, stretching the lead to 17-3 with just under four minutes remaining in the third quarter. Early in the fourth quarter, Colvard capped another scoring drive with a 6-yard touchdown run, putting the Bearcats in front 24-3 with 8:31 to play. Brewer was able to score on a long pass on the next possession to trim the lead to 24-11 but the Patriots couldn't climb back any further than that as a Tyler Brock interception put the finishing touches on Cullman's first win of the season.

Bearcats Head Coach Trent Walker was excited to pick up his first win of his tenure, but he was even more excited for his team. After a slow start to the season and some heartbreaking losses, the players have continued to work hard for one another, and Walker is proud to see it pay off with a road win.

"I'm just so proud for our guys and for our program. You watch these young people continue to come to work each week despite having some results where we came up just short. They weren't discouraged and they came to work and stayed together. The guys continue to trust the process, and they get to see the fruits of that tonight with a victory on the road," Walker said. "It was really exciting spiritually as a head coach back at my alma mater to see all the smiles, laughs and dancing and seeing the seniors get that first win. In terms of the game, we want to learn how to win these games convincingly and as a coach you have to remind yourself how young you are. There were a lot of learning moments throughout this game. We would play well in spurts and then we just wouldn't finish. Whether it was explosive plays given up on defense or penalties on offense or not getting third downs when we needed them. But anytime you can get a win they're hard to come by so we're going to celebrate this one and enjoy it. Then it'll be time to focus on our next opponent which obviously is a good one but I'm proud of these young men and what they accomplished together."

Cullman (1-5) will head to Hartselle Thursday night for a big region battle with the Tigers.

Good Hope 41 – Addison 6

Good Hope made the trip to Addison's A.G. Hicks Stadium for a battle of unbeatens Friday night, and the Raiders got off to a strong start in the opening half. Good Hope went into the locker room with a 21-0 lead at halftime and continued to pull away in the second half on its way to a dominant, 41-6 win.

Addison ran on a double pass on its first play of the game and found Scout Flynn open downfield for a big gain. However, the Raider defense stiffened and forced the Bulldogs to turn the ball over on downs a few plays later. After exchanging punts with Addison, the Raiders got the ball back late in the first quarter and took the lead when Mason Drake sprinted through the middle of the Bulldog defense and into the end zone from 40 yards out. The ensuing extra point attempt was no good and Good Hope led 6-0 with just over two minutes to play in the first quarter.

The Raiders blocked an Addison punt early in the second quarter to get great field position and just a few plays later, quarterback Parker Johnson hit Carter Rutherford on a screen pass, and he took it 27 yards to the house for another touchdown.

Johnson ran in the two-point conversion and Good Hope moved in front 14-0 with eight minutes remaining in the first half. The Raiders capped off their next possession with another touchdown run from Drake and Titus Montgomery split the uprights with the extra point to make it a 21-0 game late in the second quarter. Addison was forced to punt it away on the ensuing possession and Good Hope went into the locker room with a 21-0 lead at the break.

The Raiders got the ball to start the third quarter and Drake punched in his third touchdown of the night to extend Good Hope's lead to 28-0 early in the third.

Caleb Boles picked off an Addison pass on the ensuing possession to give the ball back to the Raider offense on its own 12-yard line. Good Hope then went on a long, methodical drive that ate up time and yardage and Drake capped the drive with a 4-yard touchdown run, his fourth score of the game, to make it 35-0 late in the third quarter.

The Raiders began to mix in some younger players in the fourth quarter and Cullen Phillips added to the lead when he took a handoff into the end zone for a touchdown, stretching the lead to 41-0. Addison was able to get some points on the board in the final three minutes when quarterback Elijah Roberts hit Connor Lane in the end zone for a touchdown, but the Bulldogs couldn't chip away any more than that and Good Hope returned home with a 41-6 win.



BRANDON EVANS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope's Carter Rutherford races past defenders during the Raiders' 41-6 win at Addison Friday night.

Good Hope (5-0) will be back home this week for a region matchup against Curry and Addison (5-1) will remain home for a region game with Waterloo.

West Point 42 – Hayden 12

The West Point Warriors were off last week, and they looked well-rested when the Hayden Wildcats came to town Friday night. West Point jumped out to a 21-6 lead in the first half and the Warriors continued to put points on the board in the second half, pulling away to earn a 42-14 win.

Hayden got the ball first to start out the game, and the drive was dominated by penalties from both teams. After collecting a first down a short pass, three plays later, the Wildcats coughed up the ball, and Bryant Moon recovered the ball at the 42. The Warriors got their running game going on its opening drive, as the trio of Ayden Ennis, Ollie Howell, and Titan Thornton helped them move the ball to the 21. Ennis found Cooper Howard for 11 yards and a first down, then two plays later, Howell punched it in from a yard out to give West Point a 7-0 lead with 5:24 remaining in the opening period.

A pair of Warrior penalties on Hayden's next drive helped them move the ball to the 39, and a few plays later, after getting a first down, another penalty by West Point put the ball at the 20. Hayden scored three plays later on a two-yard run. They missed the extra point, and the score was now 7-6. After getting a first down on their first play of its next drive, the Warriors' offense stalled, and they were forced to punt. In a matter of four plays, they picked up 65 yards, with two of those plays coming on a 24-yard pass and a 30-yard pass. That quickly put them at the 23, and later on, two more penalties moved the ball to the four. The Warrior defense, though, stiffened on fourth down, as Thornton collected a sack to give the ball back to their offense.

A big run by Howell was followed by a six-yard run by Thornton. After the play, a penalty on Hayden, followed by another one on the Wildcats, quickly put the ball at the 32. A Warrior score got taken away because of a penalty. Later that drive, Ennis found Howard for 10 yards, and he connected with Bryant Moon for 31 yards to set up shop at the two-yard line. Ennis took it in himself from three yards out on third down to give West Point a 14-6 lead. It didn't take long for them to get the ball back, as Julio Fuentes picked off a Wildcat pass, and it didn't take long for them to find the end zone. On just the second play of its series, Ennis threw a perfect 41-yard touchdown pass to Jaxon Shelton, as they ended up taking a 21-6 lead into the locker room.

The Warriors got the ball to start out the second half, but after getting a first down on the first play of its opening series, a penalty pushed them behind the sticks, and they were forced to punt. West Point's defense, though, forced a punt, but Hayden ended up forcing and recovering a fumble on the punt. A turnover on downs gave the ball back to the Warrior offense. The running game, plus a roughing the passing penalty on the Wildcats, put the ball at the 30. Howell converted on fourth down to help keep their drive alive, and an eight-yard run by Thornton had the ball at the 10. Howell's hard-nosed 10-yard run on the next play made it 28-6. Hayden cut it to 28-12 on a 70-yard run.

West Point didn't waste any time responding on its next drive, as Ennis connected with Moon for a 53-yard score to stretch their lead to 35-12.

Late in the fourth quarter, Maddox Chapman picked off a pass, and Howell scored his third touchdown of the game on their next drive, as his two-yard run put the finishing touches on a 42-12 win for the Warriors.

Howell finished with 132 yards and three scores on 21 carries. Ennis finished 9/14 for 180 yards, two touchdowns, and an interception; he also added a touchdown on the ground. Moon ended up with a pair of receptions for 82 yards and a touchdown, while Shelton added a 41-yard touchdown reception of his own. Moon recovered a fumble, while Fuentes and Chapman each recorded an interception for the Warriors.

West Point (3-2) will head to Priceville for a region matchup Friday night.

Vinemont 28 – West End 0

After defeating Carbon Hill on the road last week, the Vinemont Eagles were back home for a non-region matchup against West End Friday night. Vinemont's defense made things tough for the Patriots all night, keeping them out of the end zone for four quarters and helping lead the way to a 28-0 Eagles win.

Vinemont's first possession ended with a turnover on downs, but the defense forced a punt, this time Josh Rhodes gave the Eagles a 6-0 lead on a 10-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter.

With 3:38 to play until halftime Gabriel Herrera raced 70 yards to extend the Eagles lead to 14-0. Vinemont was looking to add some more points before halftime after Roman Romero recovered a fumble to give the Eagles offense the ball back, unfortunately several penalties kept them from adding anymore points.

Vinemont's defense forced a quick three and out to start the second half and the offense capitalized with a 4-yard touchdown run by Dalton Bryan that extended the lead to 21-0 midway through the third quarter. Vinemont stretched the lead to 28-0 on the first play of the fourth quarter when Bryan ran one into the end zone from 20 yards out.

Vinemont forced another punt to give the ball back to their offense to run clock and add points, deep in opponent territory the Eagles drive stalled but on the first play of the Patriots drive Chase Blair intercepted the ball putting the Eagles offense right back on the field. Vinemont kept the clock moving with their running game and eventually ran out the clock to secure a 28-0 shutout.

Vinemont (4-2) has won four straight and will travel to Hanceville for a region game this week.

Cold Springs 36 – Lynn 12

Cold Springs traveled to Lynn for a non-region matchup with the Bears Friday night and in a season where the Eagles offense has owned the headlines so far, it was the Cold Springs defense that led the way in this one. The Eagles led 12-0 at halftime and kept Lynn at a safe distance in the second half, pulling away to earn a 36-12 win.

After a slow start in the opening period, quarterback Ayden Black ran one into the end zone to put Cold Springs in front 6-0 with 2:15 to play in the first quarter. Midway through the second quarter, the Eagles added to their lead when Black connected with Breydon Hallmon through the air for a touchdown to make it a 12-0 game. Cold Springs had an opportunity to tack on three more points with a field goal just before halftime, but the attempt was no good and the Eagles went into the locker room with a 12-0 lead at the break.

A rushing touchdown by Black extended Cold Springs' lead to 20-0 early in the third quarter and on the next Lynn possession, Brandon Chasteen intercepted a pass to give the ball to the offense. However, the Eagles were unable to take advantage of the turnover, and the Bears found the end zone later in the period to trim the lead to 20-6. The ensuing extra point attempt was blocked by Hallmon to maintain a 14-point lead for the Eagles.

Tycen Kilgo punched one into the end zone to make it a 28-6 game early in the fourth quarter and he ran in a second touchdown later midway through the period to stretch the lead to 36-6. Lynn was able to find the end zone with four minutes on the clock to cut it to 36-12 but it was too little, too late and Cold Springs returned home with a 36-12 win over the Bears.

Cold Springs (5-1) will be back home this week for a region game against West End.

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CLASH OF THE TIANS

Cullman Gold 6th grade volleyball team earns runner up finish at Regional Tournament



KRISTEN PIPER GRAGG

The Cullman Gold 6th grade volleyball team finished runner up in the platinum bracket at this weekend's Regional Elementary Tournament.

Kristen Piper Gragg
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – While local youth volleyball teams participated in the Cullman County Youth Volleyball Tournament, 6th Grade Cullman Gold forwent the county tournament and left it all on the court this weekend in the Regional Elementary Tournament, proving themselves as one of the top teams in the North Region. The league and tournament featured 23 teams from across North Alabama, including strong programs from Bob Jones, Hazel Green, Hartselle, East Limestone, Ardmore, and Athens.

With grit, teamwork, and determination, Cullman stormed through the bracket, securing four straight victories on their way to the championship match. Wins included Hazel Green, Ardmore and Athens.

In a true Clash of the Titans, Cullman Gold faced off against 7A powerhouse Bob Jones in the finals.

The championship battle was intense, showcasing rallies filled with heart and hustle from both sides.

6th Grade Cullman Gold completed their season with a record of 17-4 in regional play, Platinum Bracket Runner Up, as well as undefeated and #1 seed in Cullman County play.

6th Grade Cullman Gold has amassed an overall record of 32-5 and won an astounding 65 of 78 sets this season while traveling to compete against top teams across the region.

Congratulations to this awesome group of girls on such an impressive season!

Cullman Gold now turns its focus to the next fall league, which begins Monday in Guntersville. We wish this team the best of luck!









IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF)
)
PAMELA COCHRAN,) CASE NO.: PC-2025-228
Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY AND PROBATE OF WILL
(Self-Proving Will)

TO: AMANDA HALLMARK and ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a *Petition for Letters Testamentary and for Probate of Will (Self-Proving Will)* has been filed by Donald G. Cochran, Petitioner, through Attorney, Seth B. Thompson. A hearing has been scheduled **for the 12th day of November, 2025, at 11:00 A.M.,** Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 12th day of September, 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Seth B. Thompson
The Thompson Law Firm, LLC
Attorney for Petitioner
201 Second Avenue Southeast
Cullman, Alabama 35055

STATE OF ALABAMA)
) **NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**
COUNTY OF CULLMAN)

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Date & Time of Sale: **Monday, Oct. 20 2025 at 11:15 a.m./p.m.**
Sale Location: **Cullman County Courthouse East Entrance**
500 Second Avenue, S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Writ of Execution Parties: **Edgefield Holdings, LLC**
vs.
Kristen Shedd
10890 County Road 222
Logan, AL 35098

By virtue of an Execution issued to me by Circuit Clerk Lisa McSwain, pursuant to the Code of Alabama, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Execution issued on a judgment, with interest and cost. Upon the expiration of proper notice and advertisement, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time, and location listed above, all right, title, and interest of Kristen Shedd, to the property, described as follows:

Commence at the Southeast Corner of Section 21, Township 9 South, Range 5 West and run thence North 02 degrees, 12 minutes, 20 seconds West 1501.35 feet to the point of beginning of tract herein described. Said point being further described in Deed Book 429, Page 91 as being 160 foot, more or less, North of the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 9 South, Range 5 West; thence run North 02 degrees 12 Minutes 20 seconds West, along the forty line a distance of 500.00 feet; thence run North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 500.00 feet to a point on the East right of way line of County Road 1082; thence South 14 degrees 20 minutes 11 seconds East along said right of way line a distance of 237.83 feet; thence South 18 degrees 11 minutes 37 seconds East, 283.37 feet; thence leaving the right of way line, run South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 371.88 feet, to the point of beginning. Said tract lying in and being a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 9 South, Range 5 West, Cullman County, Alabama.

LESS AND EXCEPT: A parcel of land located in the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 21, Township 9 South, Range 5 West Cullman County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at SE corner of SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of said Section 21, being a found yellow painted rock, and run N 00°01'24" W along ¼ - ¼ line, 1499.12 feet; thence leaving ¼ - ¼ line N 87°32'49" W, 277.36 feet, said point being the Point of Beginning of the herein described parcel; thence continue N 87°32'49" W, 95.10 feet, to a found 5/8" capped rebar on the Easterly right-of-way of Jones Chapel-Battleground Road; thence along said right-of-way N 16°00'43" W, 242.16 feet, to a set capped rebar (Long CA50221); thence leavings said right-of-way S 87°40'42" E, 94.39 feet, to a set capped rebar(Long CA50221); thence S 16°19'17" E, 242.59 feet, to the Point of Beginning. According to that certain survey by Andrew D. Long, PLS Alabama License Number 40145 dated June 3, 2025.

Source of title: Pursuant to the description provided in Plaintiff's Writ of Execution issued on or about 3 September 2025 in case DV-2025-900232 in the District Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

THEREFORE, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Kristen Shedd in and to the above-described real property on the date listed above, subject to all prior encumbrances of record.

Dated this the 17 day of Sept, 2025.

BY: Matt Gentry, Sheriff
Sheriff Matt Gentry

STATE OF ALABAMA)
) NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
COUNTY OF CULLMAN)

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants terms and conditions of that mortgage from St. Sebastian Estates, LLC, an Alabama Limited Liability Company, to BankFirst Financial Services, dated April 4, 2023, and recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama on April 10, 2023, in Mortgage Volume 2046 at Page 304; and

BankFirst Financial Services, as mortgagee, having declared all of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage due and payable and such default continuing, notice is hereby given under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, that BankFirst Financial Services, as mortgagee, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman, Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.) on the 30th day of October, 2025, the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama together with hereditaments and appurtenances there unto belonging and all buildings, structures, fixtures and other improvements now or hereafter existing, erected or installed thereon to-wit:

LOT NUMBER 1 OF SAN ANTONIO, A RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN AND KNOWN ON THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF FILED IN PLAT BOOK 2019 PAGE 44 IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as:

15 San Antonio Drive, Cullman, Alabama 35057;
Parcel ID: 22-03-05-0-001-015.002

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, and any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record, including, but not limited to, those superior to said mortgage first set out above.

Said property will be sold on an "AS-IS" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

ALABAMA LAW GIVES SOME PERSONS WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN PROPERTY THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. PROGRAMS MAY ALSO EXIST THAT HELP PERSONS AVOID OR DELAY THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. AN ATTORNEY SHOULD BE CONSULTED TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THESE RIGHTS AND PROGRAMS AS A PART OF THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

BankFirst Financial Services,
as Mortgagee

Lowe, Mobley Lowe & LeDuke
Attorneys for Mortgagee
c/o Jonathan B. Lowe
1210 21st Street
P.O. Box 576
Haleyville, Alabama 35565
Tel: (205)486-5296

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE

Notice is hereby given that a sale of an abandoned vehicle will be held December 2, 2025 at Smith Body Shop & Wrecker Service, LLC, 11597 US Hwy E. Holly Pond, Al. beginning at 10:00 o'clock A.M.

For sale at this time will be: one 2014 Toytota Venza, white in color, VIN# 4T3ZK3BB3EU066885, Tag Number 25C0927, Non Comm., Expiration 4/25, which was abandoned at Smith Body Shop & Wrecker Service, LLC, Hwy 278 Holly Pond, Alabama, 35083. This vehicle is stored and may be inspected at Smith Body Shop & Wrecker Service, LLC, Hwy 278 Holly Pond, Alabama 35083.

Pursuant to §32-13-4 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, the owner, secured parties or lienholders have a right to contest the right to sell by filing within ten (10) days before the date of the sale of the vehicle, an application for a hearing to be conducted before the Judge of the District Court or Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama. If no application for hearing is made by the owner, secured parties or lienholders, the vehicle may be sold at the time and place designated in this notice free and clear, of all liens and encumbrances.

LAW FIRM OF NAIL & SPARKS, LLC.

PAMELA E. NAIL
Attorney at Law
For Smith Body Shop & Wrecker Service, LLC.
200 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Telephone: 256-734-3342

TOWN OF BAILEYTON, ALABAMA

INVITATION TO BID

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT – ROOFING, SIDING AND EXTERIOR WALLS REPAIRS AND/OR REPLACEMENTS (HAIL DAMAGE)

Bid Number: 2025-2
Release Date:
Tuesday, September 16, 2025
Sealed Bid Deadline:
Friday, October 3, 2025 | 12:00 p.m.
Bid Opening:
Monday, October 6, 2025 | 7:00 p.m. | Baileyton Town Hall | 55 Fire Station Road | Baileyton, Alabama 35019

1. NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Pursuant to Title 39, Code of Alabama (1975), as amended, the Town of Baileyton invites sealed bids for the repair and replacement of hail-damaged roofs, siding, exterior walls, gutters, downspouts and lighting fixtures on multiple municipal buildings and park structures.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

Work is not limited to repairs and replacements of roofs, siding and exterior walls, but shall include:

- Removal and lawful disposal of damaged materials of roofing, siding and exterior walls.
- Installation of new roofing, siding and exterior wall systems, underlayment, flashing, ridge caps, vents, soffit, fascia, windows, window screens, window reglazing/repairs, a/c condenser fins, exterior light fixtures, and accessories per manufacturer's specifications and local building codes.
- Repair or replacement of gutters and downspouts as necessary for proper roof function.
- Site cleanup and final inspection.

Facilities Included:

A. Town Park – All pavilions, bathroom buildings, dugouts, maintenance buildings, T-ball concession stand, main concession stand, Bargain Days building, storage buildings, stage, bleachers, and gazebo.

B. Town Buildings – Town Hall, detached storage building at Town Hall, Old Town Hall, Medical Clinic, Cullman County Sheriff's Office – Baileyton Annex.

3. CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

- Must hold a current Alabama General Contractor's License with classification for roofing and building construction.
- Must provide proof of general liability insurance and workers' compensation insurance.
- Must have successfully completed at least three (3) comparable public or commercial roofing and exterior construction projects.

4. BID SECURITY & BONDS

- **Bid Bond or Certified Check:** 5% of the bid (maximum $10,000).
- **Performance Bond:** 100% of contract price.
- **Payment Bond:** 50% of contract price.

5. BID SUBMISSION

- **Labeling:**
  Sealed envelope should be clearly marked:
  "SEALED BID – PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING REPAIRS"
- **Mailing Address:**
  Office of the Town Clerk | Baileyton Town Hall
  P. O. Box 116 | Baileyton, Alabama 35019
- **Delivery Address:**
  Office of the Town Clerk | Baileyton Town Hall
  55 Fire Station Road | Baileyton, Alabama 35019
- **Deadline:** Friday, October 3, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. Late bids will not be accepted.

6. BID OPENING & AWARD

- Bids will be opened publicly at Baileyton Town Hall on Monday, October 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at the Regular Meeting of the Baileyton Town Council.
- Award will be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, subject to compliance with Title 39 requirements and approval by the Baileyton Town Council.
- The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive informalities.

7. PRE-BID MEETING

A non-mandatory pre-bid walkthrough meeting will begin at Baileyton Town Hall on Friday, September 26, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Contractors are encouraged to attend.

8. ADVERTISING INSTRUCTIONS

In compliance with the Alabama Competitive Bid Law for Public Works (§39-2-2):

- This Invitation to Bid shall be published one (1) time each week for three (3) consecutive weeks in The Cullman Tribune and The Arab Tribune.
- The first publication date shall be at least 14 days before the scheduled bid opening.
- A copy of this advertisement shall also be posted at Baileyton Town Hall and on the Town of Baileyton's Facebook page, https://facebook.com/thetownofbaileyton, for the duration of the advertisement period.

9. INQUIRIES

- Improvement specifications and estimated repair costs for each building and structure are on file for examination at Baileyton Town Hall, the Office of the Town Clerk.
- All questions must be submitted in writing to:
  Office of the Town Clerk – Town of Baileyton, Alabama
  Email:
  town.clerk35019@gmail.com
  Phone: (256) 796-6447

BID FORM TEMPLATE (To Be Completed and Submitted by Bidder)

TOWN OF BAILEYTON – PUBLIC WORKS BID FORM
ROOF, SIDING, EXTERIOR WALLS | REPAIRS / REPLACEMENTS | HAIL DAMAGE

1. **Bidder Information**

   Include:

   - Company Name:
   - Address:
   - Phone:
   - Email:
   - Federal EIN/Tax ID:
   - Alabama General Contractor's License No.:

2. **Pricing Proposal** *(attach additional sheets if necessary)*

   Include proposals for "Roof Type/Material," "Lump Sum Price ($)," and "Estimated Days to Complete" for the following Structures/Facilities:

   Town Hall
   Old Town Hall
   Detached Storage @ Town Hall
   CCSO – Baileyton Annex
   Medical Clinic
   Town Park Pavilions (total)
   Bathroom Building
   Dugouts
   Maintenance Buildings
   T-ball Concession Stand
   Main Concession Stand
   Bargain Days Building
   Storage Building
   Town Hall
   Stage
   Bleachers
   Gazebo

3. **Bid Security**
   - Bid Bond or Certified Check (5%): [ ] Enclosed

4. **Required Attachments**
   - Proof of Liability Insurance [ ]
   - Proof of Workers' Compensation Coverage [ ]
   - Three (3) References of Similar Projects [ ]

5. **Acknowledgement**
   The undersigned certifies that they have examined the bid documents, inspected the work sites, and agree to complete the project in compliance with all applicable laws and specifications.

   - Authorized Representative: _____
   - Signature: _____ Date: _____

Issued by Order of the Baileyton Town Council
Dated this 15th Day of September, 2025.

Windell Calloway
Windell Calloway, Mayor

Summer D. Bixler
Summer D. Bixler, Town Clerk

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by **RITA N. WOOD, an unmarried woman,** to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage securing the property described below, said Mortgage executed by Rita N. Wood dated January 24, 2019, and recorded on January 24, 2019 in Mortgage Book 1868 Page 991 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the undersigned Traditions Bank, as mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgages, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Cullman County Courthouse in Cullman, Alabama, on the **15th day of October, 2025,** between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 1, Ashwander Estates Subdivision, as shown by map or plat of said Subdivision in Map Book 3 page 36 (A-132) in the Probate Records of Cullman County, Alabama.
Also:
The East half of Lot 2, Ashwander Estates Subdivision, as shown by map or plat of said Subdivision in Map Book 3 page 36 (A-132) in the Probate Records of Cullman County, Alabama.

Property Address: 1614 Edmondson Road NE, Hanceville, AL 35077

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

PUBLICATION DATES: September 23, September 30 and October 7, 2025

NEWSPAPER: *The Cullman Tribune*

TRADITIONS BANK
Mortgagee
Steven C. Smith
SMITH & SMITH, LLP
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Cullman, AL 35056-0398
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steve@smithandsmithllp.com

STATE OF ALABAMA * **IN THE PROBATE COURT OF**
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * **CASE NO.:** PC2025-340

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ANTHONY LOUIS GOODWIN, DECEASED,

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to KENNY GOODWIN, as Administrator of the Estate of ANTHONY LOUIS GOODWIN, Deceased, on the 22nd day of September 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown.

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.

Kenny Goodwin
KENNY GOODWIN
Administrator of the
Estate of Anthony Louis Goodwin, Deceased

PERRY D. KNIGHT
Attorney for the Estate of
Anthony Louis Goodwin, Deceased
412 First Avenue SE
Suite 101
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-4090

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

DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
500 SECOND AVENUE SW
ROOM 303
CULLMAN, AL 35055

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

BIVINS ECONOMY MOTORS, INC.,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) **Case No: DV-2025-900056**
CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL YATES,)
Defendant.)

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAWSUIT

DEFENDANT YATES CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him by the **PLAINTIFF, BIVINS ECONOMY MOTORS, INC.,** for $6,426.30 plus court cost, cause of action being: Breach of Contract.

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 21st day of October 2025, or a default may be rendered against her in the above styled cause.

DATED THIS THE 22nd day of September 2025

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain, District Court Clerk
Cullman County, Alabama.

STATE OF ALABAMA) **NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**
)
COUNTY OF CULLMAN)

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Date & Time of Sale: **Monday, Oct/Nov 20 2025 at 11:00 a.m./p.m.**
Sale Location: **Cullman County Courthouse East Entrance**
500 Second Avenue, S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Writ of Execution Parties: **Edgefield Holdings, LLC**
vs.
Danny Ponder
5935 County Road 1114
Vinemont, AL 35179

By virtue of an Execution issued to me by Circuit Clerk Jacqueline Anderson Smith, pursuant to the Code of Alabama, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Execution issued on a judgment, with interest and cost. Upon the expiration of proper notice and advertisement, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time, and location listed above, all right, title, and interest of Danny Ponder, to the property, described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 17, Township 9 South, Range 4 West, thence South 0°00" East a distance of 667 feet to a point, said point being on the North right of way of Alabama Highway #157; thence South 52° 14' East a distance of 410 feet to the true point of beginning; thence South 52° 14" East a distance of 410 feet to the true point of beginning; thence continue along said right of way a distance of 435 feet to a point where County paved road intersects said right of way; thence North 13° 25' East along County road a distance of 345 feet to a point; thence South 89° 25' West a distance of 436 feet to a point; thence South 0° 00' East a distance of 59 feet to the point of beginning. Said land lying and being situated in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 17, Township 9 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama.

LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING: Commence at the Southwest corner of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence Northerly along the West line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 198 meters, more or less, to the present Northeast right of way line of Alabama Highway No. 157; thence Southeasterly along said present Northeast right of way line a distance of 125 meters, more or less, to the West line of the property herein to be conveyed and the point of beginning; thence Northerly along the West property line a distance of 18 meters, more or less, to the North property line; thence Easterly along said North property line a distance of 57 meters, more or less to a point that is 35 meters northeasterly of and at right angles to the centerline of said project; thence S 51° 09' 22.9" E parallel with the said centerline, a distance of 65 meters, more or less, to a point that is 35 meters Northeasterly of an at right angles to said centerline at Station 66 + 40; thence Northeasterly along a line a distance of 16 meters, more or less, to a point on the present northwest right of way line of County Road No. 1224 that is northwesterly of and at right angles to the centerline of said road at Station 10 + 55; thence Southwesterly along said present northwest right of way line a distance of 68 meters, more or less, to said present northeast right of way line; thence northwesterly along said present northeast right of way line a distance of 133 meters, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Source of title: Pursuant to the description provided in Plaintiff's Writ of Execution issued on or about 14 August 2025 in case CV-2010-900261 in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Alabama.

THEREFORE, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Danny Ponder in and to the above-described real property on the date listed above, subject to all prior encumbrances of record.

Dated this the 10 day of Sept, 2025.

BY: Matt Gentry, Sheriff
Sheriff Matt Gentry

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
)
PHILLIP WILLIAM MARKS,) Case No.: PC-2025- 354
)
Deceased)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Carey Deann Marks as Personal Representative of the Estate of Phillip William Marks, deceased, on the 29th day of September, 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.

Carey Deann Marks
Administrator of the Estate of
Phillip William Marks, 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,
Attorney for the Estate of
Carey Deann Marks, deceased.
201 2nd Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
LINDA PERSALL, * **CASE NO.: PC2025-322**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to DAVID A. CORNELIUS as Personal Representative of the Estate of LINDA PERSALL, deceased, on the 2nd day of September, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

David A. Cornelius
Personal Representative

Atty for Petitioner:
Michael J. Baggett
BAGGETT & WILSON, LLC.
206 Nineth St. SW, Suite 102
Cullman, AL 35055

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

Please publish the above Notice once a week for (4) 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
FREDDY PAUL PRIVETT, CASE NO.: PC 2025-325
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to TRAVIS OVERTON as Personal Representative of the Estate of FREDDY PAUL PRIVETT, deceased, on the 29th day of September, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Travis Overton
Personal Representative

Sherry H. Barrett
Smith & Smith, LLP
Attorney for Personal Representative
PO Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056

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, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Jeff Clemons, *Chairman*
Kerry Watson, *Commissioner, District 1*
Garry Marchman, *Commissioner, District 2*
Kelly Duke, *Commissioner, District 3*
Corey Freeman, *Commissioner, District 4*
John Bullard, *County Administrator*

Cullman County COMMISSION

ADVERTISEMENT FOR SEALED BIDS

Cullman County is taking bids for one or more Roof and Upper Gable Metal Buildings and one or more 3-Wall Enclosed Metal Buildings for Parks and Recreation. Sealed bids will be received by the Cullman County Commission at 500 2nd Avenue SW Room 105, Cullman, Alabama 35055 until 2:00 PM Central Time on October 16, 2025, and then publicly opened as soon thereafter as practicable. Award will be made at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Cullman County Commission. All bids must be marked with the word "BID" on the outside of the bid package along with Bid Proposal for one or more Roof and Upper Gable Metal Buildings and one or more 3-Wall Enclosed Metal Buildings.

Any questions regarding this bid should be directed to Kenneth Cornelius, at 256-550-0493.

All bids must comply with the State of Alabama bid requirements

Bidders shall be responsible for complying with all Federal, State and local laws, ordinances and regulations, and shall possess all proper licenses.

The Cullman County Commission reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any formalities in the bidding.

THE CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION

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Obituary Announcements: Sept. 27-29

Jimmie Dewayne Smith, 64

Jimmie Dewayne Smith, 64, of Vinemont passed away September 23, 2025, at North Alabama Medical Center in Florence. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Smith was born March 10, 1961, to James Arthur & Betty Jean Entrekin Smith. He worked in road construction. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Randy Smith. Survivors include his brother, Timothy Smith; his nieces, Randi Michelle Smith Hamilton (Darrel), Nicole Sanders; nephews, Jake Sanders, Steven Sanders; great nieces, Breanna Hamilton, Brooklynn Hamilton; great-nephew, Colton Hamilton; great- great niece, Charlotte Sanders; family and friends. He loved his family and they meant the world to him. He will be greatly missed. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Bryan Keith Thompson, 58

Funeral Service for Bryan Keith Thompson, age 58 of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, September 29, 2025, at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Josh Mason officiating; burial at Gum Pond Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Sunday, September 28, 2025, at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Thompson passed away peacefully on Friday, September 26, 2025, at his residence. He was born Friday, May 19, 1967, in Cullman, Alabama to James Dalton Thompson and Betty Sue Barronton Thompson. He was preceded in death by his father; grandparents, Virgil and Eddie Thompson and Marvin and Mae Barronton. Survivors include his beloved wife of 32 years, Daonne Thompson; mother, Betty Barronton Thompson; children, Nicholas Thompson, Makayla (Jac) O'Hair, Skylar (Joshua) Rumphol, and Clayton (Katlin) Thompson; cherished grandchildren, Riley and Sadie Mae O'Hair, Isaac and Riker Rumphol; brother, Greg Thompson; sisters, Karen (Billy) Roy, and Anita (Mark) Moore; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Buel Rayburn Wise, Jr., 72

Buel Rayburn Wise, Jr., known as Randy by all, passed away on September 25, 2025, at the age of 72. Mr. Wise was born in Blount County, Alabama, on July 14, 1953, to Buel Rayburn Wise, Sr., and Corrine Butts Mylam. Mr. Wise is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Mike Wisner, Donnie Wisner; and brother-in-law, Jimmy Hafer. Those surviving Mr. Wise include his wife of fifty-one years, Joyce Wise; son, Randall Shane Wise; daughter, Candie Tucker (Jason); sisters, Dianne Hafer, Nikki Snodgrass (Selton Cole), Mia Wise; grandchildren, Taylor Tucker, Dakota Edwards (Cassidy), Katilyn Garcia (Luis), Jacey Ray (Travis); great-grandchildren, Zoe, Lewis, Otis, Sophia, Zeke, Grady, and Sutton; family friends, Michelle Shedd (Phillip Wisner); and his little dog, Ace. Randy was a member of Center Point Baptist Church where he received salvation through Christ Jesus. He was always happy to point out Shorty Harbin's Pond, the place where he was baptized, anytime he passed by. Mr. Wise was a man of dedication and sacrifice, and those qualities were displayed as he served in the United States Army with honor. Randy drove a truck for many years and was also a heavy equipment operator. He was a very hard worker – always striving to provide for his family. In the few minutes of free time that he did have, Mr. Wise enjoyed riding four wheelers and fishing. Randy was also a collector, and you could spend hours looking at the same wall of his treasure only to find items you had not noticed before. Mr. Wise never met a stranger. His love for people was evident in the way he would help anyone he found to need a helping hand. He also loved children, and he built a wagon to pull behind his Gator where he would load up the neighborhood kids and take them for a ride – always with a sucker for them to enjoy as they rode through the neighborhood. As much as Randy loved people, his love for his family was even greater. Mr. Wise was a loving husband and father as well as an adoring grandfather. His family brought immense joy to his life. Randy leaves a legacy of hard work, honor, and selfless love that will be remembered and continued in the lives of those he loved for many years to come. Friends are invited to join the Wise family on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. for a time of visitation. Funeral services will follow, beginning at 1 p.m., with Pastor Tim Barbee officiating. Both visitation and funeral services will be held in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Mr. Wise will be laid to rest following services in Center Point Cemetery where he will receive honors in gratitude for his service to our nation. Taylor Tucker, Dakota Edwards, Luis Garcia, Michael Blackwelder, Corey Glasscock, and Michael Patterson will serve as pallbearers, with Lewis Edwards serving as honorary pallbearer. The Wise family would like to extend their gratitude to Britty Lynn, Mr. Wise's hospice nurse, for her exceptional care and compassion. They would also like to thank Michelle Shedd and Phillip Wisner for their friendship as well as their help in caring for Mr. Wise over the past several months. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Wise family.

James Rodney Creel, 81

James Rodney Creel (1944-2025) The world became a little less bright this day, September 27, 2025, with the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, James Rodney Creel. He is now rejoicing in the sight of His Lord and Savior. Services for Mr. Creel will be held on September 30, 2025, at Welcome Baptist Church. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. with Graveside services at 3 p.m. in the adjoining cemetery. Rev. Jerry Lake and Rev. Seth Hesterley will be officiating the service. Born on January 5, 1944, in Baileyton, Alabama, James was known throughout his life as the horseman. He loved trail riding with his many friends. If there was a trail ride insight, he was always eager to participate bringing along several of his children and grandchildren. James lived his Christian testimony daily. He asked Jesus to be his Savior on August 10, 1969. James was a member of Welcome Missionary Baptist Church. He loved teaching Sunday School and Bible Study. He truly loved his church family. His children remember mornings and evenings spent in Bible study and prayer. If anyone had a Bible question, he could give them the answer or would study until he found it. His greatest joy was to see those who were lost, accept Jesus as their personal Savior. He never gave up on people. James was a great storyteller and enjoyed making people laugh; if you went to Jack's on 157 for breakfast, James would be there with his buddies. He had a long career as a supervisor for Barber's Dairy and Dean's Foods until his retirement. James looked forward to eating breakfast with his longtime work friends monthly. James dearly loved his wife, Brenda Golden Creel. They would have celebrated their 63rd anniversary on October 12th of this year. He is preceded in death by his parents, James Hershell and Julia Nell Nail Creel; brothers, Wilburn Joseph "Joe" Creel, John Larry Creel; sister, Sarah Lou Creel Baker; and one grandson. James is survived by his wife, Brenda; daughters, Selina (Tim) Butts, Sharon (Greg) Tidmore, Susan (Les) Patterson, and son, James Steven Creel; brother, Keith (Susie) Creel; 11 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren and many extended family members. Pallbearers-Tim Butts, Les Patterson, Greg Tidmore, Westin Wilborn, Alex Creel, Mark Creel, Tucker Screws and Everett Swindall. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking you make donations to East Cullman Baptist Association, Gideons International, St Jude, or Welcome Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery fund. Philippians 3:12-14 , New King James Version: 12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

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EDITORIAL

Hope as the next step

Noah Galilee
noah@cullmantribune.com

Fear alerts us. Courage responds. But hope, well, hope is what carries us forward when the dust settles and the long road lies ahead.

Hope is often misunderstood. Some see it as wishful thinking, a fragile feeling with no substance. But true hope is far stronger.

It is not passive; it is active. Hope is what fuels rebuilding after storms, investing in tomorrow when today feels uncertain and choosing to believe that better days are not just possible but worth working toward.

Cullman has been no stranger to moments that demanded hope. We've faced storms, economic downturns and seasons of doubt.

Each time, it was hope that kept us from giving up. Hope is what led us to rebuild neighborhoods stronger than before.

Hope is what encouraged entrepreneurs to open new shops when old ones closed.

Hope is what reminded parents and teachers that even in uncertain times, our children's future deserves investment.

Hope is not naïve. It does not ignore the challenges before us. Instead, it insists that challenges do not have the final word.

Where fear says, stop, and courage says, go, hope says, keep going because it's worth it.

We see hope in our everyday lives. In the farmer who plants another season's crop, trusting that rain will come. In the coach who invests in a team, not because trophies are guaranteed, but because character will grow. In the volunteer who shows up week after week, believing his or her small act adds to something greater.

Hope also belongs in our public life. It demands that we look beyond divisions and disagreements to see what unites us.

It challenges us to build schools that prepare the next generation, roads that connect our communities and opportunities that keep our families rooted here.

Hope is the long game and it is one we cannot afford to abandon.

The arc is simple: fear will arrive, courage must answer and hope must lead us forward.

It is this pattern that has carried Cullman from challenge to challenge, and it is this same pattern that will define our future.

Hope is not optional. It is essential. Because when hope is alive, fear shrinks, courage strengthens and communities thrive.

Fear warns us, courage moves us, but hope keeps us moving long after the storm has passed.

Cullman's story is not finished. And hope is how we will write the next chapter.

Pageant (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Ms. Cullman County Pageant will take place at Fairview High School on Saturday, Nov. 8, at 2 p.m.

Pageant Director Gidget Gregory said contestants will be scored in the categories of interview, fun fashion, active wear, evening gown and on-stage question.

"There are four ladies competing in the Ms. Senior Cullman County division and five ladies competing in the Ms. Super Senior Cullman County division," Gregory said.

"The deadline was Sept. 1 for contestants. There have been 22 ladies crowned Ms. Senior Cullman County, with the last one being in 2019. After several ladies expressed interest in bringing it back, a new pageant board was formed. Because of the five-year break, the theme of this pageant is 'The Crown Returns.'"

The founder of the Ms. Senior Cullman County pageant is the late Betty Leeth Haynes.

Gregory said after being crowned Ms. Senior Alabama in 1997, she was inspired to give other ladies in Cullman County a similar opportunity.

"Although our sponsorship deadline has passed, we would love continued support of the community in this organization," Gregory said.

"The ladies will need the help of the audience for the People's Choice Award. Every dollar donated towards a contestant counts as a vote. Portions of the People's Choice will be donated toward Santa for Seniors (Commission on Aging) and Flourish of Cullman."

The winners from each division will represent Cullman County at the Ms. Senior Alabama Pageant in June 2026.

The Ms. Senior Cullman County Pageant will be held Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025, at 2 p.m. in the Fairview High School auditorium.

Doors will open at 1:30. Admission is $10 for adults and $5 for children aged 6-12; children 6 and younger get in free.

Learn more at Facebook/Ms. Senior Cullman County Pageant.



FACEBOOK/MS. SENIOR CULLMAN COUNTY PAGEANT/PHOTOGRAPHY BY FELISH

Bottom row, left to right: Vicki Alldredge, Elizabeth Dunkin, Mazzie Twilley and Nancy Moore; top row, left to right: Cynthia Burgett, Lynda Hankey, Sheri Rasco, Gail Smith and Nancy Roberson