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Cullman Veterans Hall of Fame to induct new class Oct. 28

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Veterans Hall of Fame will induct a new class on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 5:30 p.m. at The Loft in Cullman.

Cullman Veterans Hall of Fame Committee Lead, retired Col. Don Fallin said the mission of the Cullman Veterans Hall of Fame is to recognize and pay tribute to veterans who honorably served our country, displayed great character and continued a lifetime of service to our county, our state and its residents. » PAGE 7



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U.S. flags line the median of U.S. Highway 31 in Cullman.

Sights from Student Day at the Cullman County Fair



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Check out these photos from Student Day at the Cullman County Fair on Monday, Oct. 13, 2025. Admission was free for all Cullman city, county, private and home school students until 5 p.m. The fair continues through Oct. 18. For more visit www.cullmanfair.org.



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Homeschool students enjoy fall book reading

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Local Branch Bookstore employee and reading enthusiast Samantha Sprouse recently hosted a fall book reading and coordinating craft day at Randall Shedd Community Park in Fairview.

Sprouse, who is in the process of publishing her first book, hosted this fundraising event to help with book publication fees.

She and many local homeschool children enjoyed a morning of reading and painting, as each child left with his or her own painted pumpkin on a canvas.

Sprouse's next event will be Friday, Oct. 24, at 10 a.m. at the park. It will be inspired by "Harold and the Purple Crayon." There will be free activities, sidewalk chalk rock painting and bookmark making.

For more information, email sprousehouse777@gmail.com.

Local Branch Bookstore employee and reading enthusiast Samantha Sprouse hosted a fall book reading and coordinating craft day at Randall Shedd Community Park in Fairview on Oct. 9, 2025. »



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Events (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Fall is here and the candy trail is calling. From trunk or treats to fall festivals, families across Cullman County have plenty of safe, festive options. Use this roundup to plan your route. If an event changes, we'll update.

CITY OF CULLMAN

Not-So-Scary Stories in the Park
- Sundays in October, 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- Art Park, 1031 Second St. SW
- Cost: Free

Bring a blanket for gentle Halloween tales, character visits and small prizes. Presented by the Cullman Community Theatre with support from Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism. In case of rain, it moves to the Festhalle.

Trick or Treat with the Chamber
- Saturday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Downtown Cullman
- Cost: Free

Downtown businesses open their doors for costumed kids. Pick up a candy bag and participant list the day before at the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce offices, while supplies last.

Spooktacular Storybook 5K & Fun Run
- Saturday, Oct. 25, 5K at 8 a.m., Fun Run at 8:30 a.m.
- Cullman County Public Library, 200 Clark St. NE, Cullman
- Cost: Registration required

A family friendly morning of costumes, running and community fun benefiting the Cullman County Public Library System. Dress as your favorite storybook character, enjoy the 5K and Fun Run, then stick around for the post-race costume contest with prizes for the best literary looks.

Runner registration: runsignup.com/Race/AL/Cullman/SpooktacularStorybook5k1MileFunRun

Sponsorships: givebutter.com/Spooktacular5k

OFF-ROAD Candy Crawl (Jeep Trunk or Treat)
- Sunday, Oct. 26, from 2 p.m.
- Goat Island Brewing, 1646 John Cooper Dr.
- Cost: Free

A Jeep-themed trunk or treat hosted by Goat Island Brewing and local Jeep clubs. Families can stroll the lot, snag candy and enjoy a low-key afternoon.

WildWater Trunk or Treat
- Tuesday, Oct. 28, 5-7 p.m.
- WildWater Cullman, 1707 Main Ave. SW
- Cost: Free

A family evening with candy, costumes and contests. Trunk or treating begins at 5, with judging at 5:15, a kids' costume contest at 6 and winners announced at 6:30 before candy wraps up at 7.

Families can enter the Best Decorated Trunk contest for $10, with two 2026 WildWater season passes awarded to the winner. Kids aged 5–13 can join the free costume contest for a chance to win two 2026 daily tickets.

To register a trunk, email vanderson@cprst.org. Free on-site parking is available.

Cullman Police Department Trunk or Treat
- Tuesday, Oct. 28, 6-8 p.m.
- Cullman Police Department, 601 Second Ave. NE
- Cost: Free

Children can trick-or-treat among patrol cars, fire apparatuses and decorated trunks in a well-lit, secure setting hosted by the CPD with support from Cullman Fire Rescue.

Cullman Housing Authority Fall Fun Fest and Trunk or Treat
- Thursday, Oct. 30, 4-6 p.m.
- Hilltop Community Center, 1545 Vine Circle SW, Cullman
- Cost: Free

Official Cullman Housing Authority family event with candy and activities for residents and guests. Cullman Housing Authority confirmed this as its sanctioned event and clarified that unrelated posts circulating online were not official.

The Link Nonprofit Trunk or Treat (with First United Methodist Church)
- Thursday, Oct. 30, 5-8 p.m.
- First United Methodist Church, 320 Third St. SE, Cullman
- Cost: Free

Nonprofits will host trunks with candy, games and community info at the new venue this year, the First United Methodist Church parking lot, convenient to downtown eateries for a bite after. Wear your spookiest or silliest costume, bring a treat bag and enjoy a night of fall fellowship. Nonprofit or helping-agent partners who want to participate can email Community Outreach Coordinator Avery Heis at averyheis@linkingcullman.org.

VFW Post 2214 & Auxiliary Trunk or Treat (with 3Sixty Jeep Club)
- Thursday, Oct. 30, 6-7:30 p.m.
- VFW Post 2214, 112 Veterans Dr. SW, Cullman
- Cost: Free

VFW Post 2214 and its Auxiliary invite families to their annual trunk or treat featuring decorated Jeeps from the 3Sixty Jeep Club. Kids can collect candy, meet local veterans and enjoy a festive evening in a safe, family friendly setting.

SMITH LAKE

Halloween Tricks & Treats
- Saturday, Oct. 25, 6-8 p.m.
- Smith Lake Park, 403 County Road 236, Cullman
- Cost: Free (park entry), camping extra

Campers deck out their sites and greet trick-or-treaters roaming the campground. A family favorite presented by Cullman County Parks & Recreation at Smith Lake Park.

Halloween Nighttime Zip Line
- Saturday, Oct. 25, 6 p.m.
- Smith Lake Zip Line Adventures, 1177 Country Rd 385, Cullman
- Cost: $50

Thrill seekers can take on Alabama's longest zip line under the stars during this special Halloween edition of the park's Level 3 course. Reservations are required, and spots fill quickly. Call 256-841-7627 to book your adventure. www.facebook.com/SmithLakeZipLine

HANCEVILLE

Trunks, Treats & Tunes
- Friday, Oct. 31, 6-11 p.m.
- Veterans Memorial Park, Hanceville
- Cost: Free

Decorated trunks, costume contests and live music turn the park into a fall block party hosted by the City of Hanceville and community partners.

Monarch Place Trunk or Treat
- Friday, Oct. 31, 6 p.m.
- 105 Michelle St. NW, Hanceville
- Cost: Free

A neighborhood-style trunk-or-treat hosted by Monarch Place with candy stations and friendly volunteers for younger kids.

Center Hill Baptist Church Trunk or Treat
- Sunday, Nov. 2, 3-5 p.m.
- 13108 County Road 747, Hanceville
- Cost: Free

Parking lot trunk or treat hosted by Center Hill Baptist Church, a good Sunday option if your Saturday is packed.

VINEMONT

Vinemont Community Trunk or Treat
- Sunday Oct. 26, 4-6 p.m.
- Vinemont High School, 105 High School Road
- Cost: Free

Hosted by the Town of South Vinemont, Vinemont Schools, Friendship Baptist Church and other local congregations. Families can visit decorated trunks, enjoy light games and experience one of the county's most family friendly trunk-or-treat gatherings.

CENTER GROVE

Center Grove Baptist Church Fall Revival
- Sunday-Wednesday, Oct. 12-15 • Sunday services 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. • Monday–Wednesday, 7 p.m.
- 1035 County Road 1545, Cullman
- Cost: Free

Four nights of worship and renewal featuring guest speakers and uplifting music. The revival welcomes families and all ages.

Center Grove Baptist Church Trunk or Treat
- Saturday, Oct. 26, 4-6 p.m.
- 1035 County Road 1545, Cullman
- Cost: Free

Families can expect decorated trunks, treats and friendly volunteers at this community trunk or treat hosted by Center Grove Baptist Church.

FAIRVIEW

First Baptist Church of Fairview – Trunk or Treat (with Fairview Elementary PTO)
- Monday, Oct. 27, 5-7 p.m.
- Fairview Elementary School, 1763 Warrior Road, Cullman
- Cost: Free

A community partnership between the church and PTO with decorated trunks, games and candy for local students and families.

First Baptist Church of Fairview – Love or Lost Walk-Thru Drama
- Wednesday-Thursday, Oct. 29–30, 6–9 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 31, 8 p.m.-midnight
- Saturday, Nov. 1, 6-9 p.m.
- 32 Church St., Fairview
- Cost: Free

An interactive walk-through drama depicting choices of faith, hope and redemption. The "Love or Lost" experience is designed for youth and adults and is one of the area's longest-running Halloween weekend ministry events. Group reservations are encouraged; call 256-796-4611.

HOLLY POND

Holly Pond Trunk or Treat
- Friday, Oct. 31, evening (time TBD)
- Holly Pond High School area / Governors Park
- Cost: Free

A community turnout hosted by the Town of Holly Pond with help from Holly Pond schools and civic groups. Expect classic trunks, candy and photo ops. (Check day-of for exact start time.)

BAILEYTON

Rock Creek Church of Christ Trunk or Treat
- Saturday, Oct. 26, 5:30-8 p.m.
- 20 Mill Creek Road, Baileyton
- Cost: Free

A church-hosted trunk or treat with candy, simple games and a neighborly pace from Rock Creek Church of Christ.

BERLIN

Berlin Farmers Market Trunk or Treat
- Friday, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.
- Berlin Farmers Market, 50 Mt. Carmel Dr., Cullman
- Cost: Free

This annual trunk or treat marks the first event at Berlin's brand-new farmers market location. Families can enjoy candy, costumes and community fun in a safe, welcoming setting. To register a trunk, contact Town Clerk Keirstyn Montgomery at 256-736-3138 or clerk@berlinal.gov.

CHURCHES AND SCHOOL FESTIVALS

(Cullman area)

Seventh Street Baptist Church Fall Carnival
- Sunday, Oct. 26, 5-7 p.m.
- Seventh Street Baptist Church, 708 Seventh St. SW, Cullman
- Cost: Free

A communitywide fall carnival featuring rides, hayrides, bounce houses, rock wall, games, prizes, face painting and classic fair treats including hot dogs, popcorn and cotton candy. All activities are free and open to the public.

The Refuge Church of God Fall Festival
- Friday, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.
- 1115 U.S. Highway 278 East, Cullman
- Cost: Free

A family friendly fall festival featuring free food, games, candy, prizes and more, hosted by The Refuge Church of God. Open to the public, this community event offers a safe, festive Halloween evening for kids and families.

TIPS FOR FAMILIES
- Confirm before you go: Some hosts adjust start times week-of
- Bring a backup bag: Chamber bags and event buckets can run out
- Plan parking: Downtown and park events can get busy near start time
- Rain contingencies: Several have indoor backups, noted above
- Costumes and comfort: Many events are stroller-friendly and geared to younger children

Know an event we missed? Email news@cullmantribune.com with the event name, host, date, time, location, cost and a brief description. We will add confirmed listings that are within towns, cities and municipalities across Cullman County, including church-hosted family events.

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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 clean-up 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.

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

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

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

Grief Support: Lost a Loved One Recently? Thinking about the coming holidays?
Come to a six-session support group once a week from Oct 12-Nov. 16, Sundays at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church located at 615 Third Ave. SE, Cullman, AL 35055. For more information contact Reverend Warren Ruland at 256-962-2521.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Tuesday, Oct. 14, – 6 p.m. Adult dinner and game night
• Wednesday, Oct. 15 – 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. 17 – 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. 18 – 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
• Sunday, Oct. 19 – 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 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, 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.
• Thursday, Nov. 6, 9-11 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Elementary — Meteorology with James Spann. Introduction to the science of weather. Learn all about forecasting, thunderstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes, snow and more from a local legend. $15 fee. $30 Max per family.
• Thursday, Nov. 6, 9-11 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Secondary — Meteorology with James Spann. Introduction to the science of weather. Learn all about forecasting, thunderstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes, snow and more from a local legend. $15 fee. $30 Max per family.
• Thursday, Nov. 6, 6-8 p.m., Heritage Skills — Make and Take Christmas Ornaments. Let's get a jump on Christmas decorations! This is a make and take class where we will use a variety of mediums to make Christmas ornaments. Youth, ages 12 to15 must register and be accompanied with a paid registered adult. $30 fee
• Friday, Nov. 14, 10-11 a.m., Little Farmers — Fritz and the Beautiful Horse. Jan Brett is a renowned author illustrator whose books have been loved by many for decades. Each month, we will center our storytime, stations, craft and snack around a different Jan Brett book. $8 per child, max $16 per family.
• Saturday, Nov. 15, 9-10:30 a.m., Farm Kids Club — Agriplex Barn Dance. Grab your partner and head to the pavilion for a family friendly lesson in this fun, traditional dancing style. All ages welcome! Fees: $15 per child, Max $30 per family.
• Tuesday, Nov. 18, 6-8 p.m., Living Landscapes — Natural Parenting Class- Farmhouse Midwifery. Join us as we learn a holistic approach to parenting. We will cover baby wearing, making your own baby food, cloth diapering, natural remedies for common illnesses, the importance of sunlight and bare feet and more. Max $15 per family.

Cullman County Commission on Aging Loaded Barbecue Potato Fundraiser
Thursday, Oct. 16, from 4-6:30 p.m. in the Cullman County Courthouse's south parking lot at 500 Second Ave. SW. Plates are $15 and include a loaded barbecue potato, a drink and dessert. Drive-through. Cash or check only Presale tickets are available at the Commission on Aging office, located at 1519 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman.

Renovation Church Fall Camp Meeting
Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 16-19, at Renovation Church, 14142 Alabama Highway 157, Vinemont. The legacy Southern gospel group The Perrys will kick off the revival with a concert. Then, you will enjoy powerful praise and worship and soul stirring messages all weekend from Evangelists Noah Owensby, Jeremy Ivy and Ashley Ivey. Services start at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. All are welcome! Pastors are Ryan and Brittany Wilburn.

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.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Annual Homecoming
Sunday, Oct. 19, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. We will start back singing about 1:30 that afternoon. We will have singing featuring Point of Honor. Everyone is invited. All former pastors and members and their families have a special invitation to come. We will not have Sunday School or service that night. We are 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.

Hyatt Family Reunion
Sunday, Oct. 19, from 1-4 p.m. at the Baileyton Senior Center, 195 Fire Station Road, Baileyton, AL 35019. Covered dish lunch.

Holly Pond Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Oct. 25, from 6-9 a.m. at the Holly Pond Lions Club Building. Enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes, bacon, sausage and a drink for a donation to eat in or take out. Come join us and bring your friends! Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. The proceeds will benefit the Lions Club projects.

Cullman Police Department Trunk of Treat
Tuesday, Oct. 28, from 6-8 p.m. at the police department, 601 Second Ave. NE. Candy, music, police cars, fire trucks, helicopter.

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

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

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





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PREP FOOTBALL

6 local teams pick up week 8 wins

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CULLMAN, Ala. — We had another packed slate of local football games last week and the playoff picture is beginning to take shape. Cullman cruised past Columbia 39-0, Fairview secured the region title with a 28-9 win at Priceville, West Point fended off East Limestone 14-6, Vinemont knocked off No. 3 Gordo on the road 22-19, Holly Pond handled Asbury for homecoming 42-0 and Addison raced past its rivals from Meek 61-22.

Cullman 39 – Columbia 0

Cullman traveled to Milton Frank Stadium in Huntsville for a region matchup against Columbia Friday night and the 'Cats had little trouble handling the Eagles. The Bearcats went into the locker room leading 30-0 at halftime and were able to preserve the shutout in the second half and leave with a 39-0 win.

The Bearcats got off to a fast start when quarterback Colt Colvard hit Brooks Loftin down the sideline and he took it 62 yards to the house to put Cullman on top 7-0 early in the first quarter. A very short Columbia punt gave the ball to Cullman inside the 10-yard line late in the first quarter and on the first play of the second quarter, Colvard dove into the end zone from a yard out to extend the lead to 13-0.

Columbia found itself pinned back deep inside its own territory on the ensuing possession and Kamden Dye came flying in to make a tackle in the end zone and record a safety, putting Cullman in front 15-0. On the ensuing possession, the 'Cats added to their lead when Colvard checked one down to Jon Luke Witcher and he weaved his way through defenders for a 20-yard touchdown, making it a 22-0 game with 8:26 remaining in the first half. Cullman found the end zone one more time in the final two minutes of the second quarter when Weston Keel ran one in from 11 yards out and the Bearcats went into the locker room with a 30-0 advantage at the break.

A 1-yard touchdown run by Keel stretched the lead to 37-0 early in the third quarter and later in the fourth, another safety put the finishing touches on a 39-0 road win for Cullman.

Cullman (2-6) will be back home next week for a region game against Decatur.

Fairview 28 – Priceville 9

The Fairview Aggies traveled to Priceville for a ranked, region battle with the Bulldogs Friday night, and they returned home with the Region 7 crown. Fairview built a 14-3 lead in the first half and kept the Bulldogs in check in the second half to secure a 28-9 road win and the region title.

A Priceville punt pinned the Aggies down inside their own 5-yard line midway through the first quarter but a big run from Jake Harper got them out near the 30. Kolt Redding ran one up the middle and moved the ball across midfield a few plays later, and Fairview continued to methodically work its way down the field. On the first play of the second quarter, Harper took a handoff into the end zone from 26 yards out to put the Aggies in front 7-0.

Fairview added to the lead later in the second quarter when Redding hit Jace Stevens through an air for a 10-yard touchdown, stretching the lead to 14-0 with just over three minutes to play in the second quarter. Priceville was able to put together a nice drive and tacked on a field goal just before halftime to trim the Aggie lead to 14-3 at the break.

The Bulldogs started the second half strong, driving down the field and scoring on a 6-yard touchdown pass to cut the lead to 14-9. The Aggies were able to answer. A few plays into the ensuing possession, Redding dumped one off to Harper on a screen pass and he took it 64 yards down the sideline for a Fairview touchdown, putting the Aggies ahead 21-9 with five minutes remaining in the third quarter.

Fairview added to its lead early in the fourth quarter. Harper hit Jace Stevens for a big gain down the middle of the field and two plays later, Harper scored from 26 yards out to make it a 28-9 game with eight minutes to play. Conner Scott picked off a Priceville in the end zone on the ensuing possession to wrap up a big, 28-9 win for the Aggies.

Fairview (7-0) will be back on the road next week to take on Sardis.

West Point 14 – East Limestone 6

The West Point Warriors returned home to take on the East Limestone Friday night in a region matchup. It was scoreless through the first three quarters, but West Point scored a pair of touchdowns in the fourth to pull ahead late and ended up defeating East Limestone 14-6.

West Point got a first down on its opening possession on an eight-yard pass from Max Patterson to Cooper Howard, but their offense stalled after that, and they were forced to punt, which turned into a trend for both squads in the opening quarter. A Titan Thornton sack on third down forced East Limestone to punt. Another Patterson connection to Howard gave the Warriors another first down, and a 40-yard touchdown pass from Patterson to Howard got called back because of a penalty. West Point punted to start the second quarter, and a 41-yard pass on the first play put East Limestone at midfield. They quickly moved the ball to the 25, and after a penalty, they got a first down. They quickly went backwards after that, and they missed their field goal attempt, keeping the game scoreless.

A pair of passes from Patterson to Howard put the Warriors at the 41, then Patterson found Bryant Moon for 14 more and a first down. After the play, an East Limestone penalty moved the ball up to the 30.

A sack on second down, though, brought their drive to a screeching halt, and they were forced to turn the ball over on downs. The score would remain scoreless going into the break.

East Limestone got a first down to start out the second half, but two plays later, West Point recovered an Indian fumble. Howell ran for 20 yards and a first down, then two plays later, his 10-yard scamper put the ball at the one. Two plays later, though, the Warriors coughed up the ball, and East Limestone recovered the ball.

A punt gave the ball back to West Point, and back-to-back passes from Patterson to Howard quickly put the ball at the 27. Two plays later, a 12-yard pass on fourth down kept their drive alive.

A big penalty on East Limestone on fourth down kept their drive alive once again, and on the next play, Howell found a big hole up the middle and scored from eight yards out to give the Warriors a 7-0 lead early in the fourth quarter.

West Point forced another Indian punt, and a bad punt put the Warriors in excellent field position at the 20. A penalty backed them up to the 25, and on third down, a 21-yard touchdown pass by Patterson gave them a 14-0 lead almost midway through the final quarter. A huge 44-yard pass on second down quickly had East Limestone in business at the 24, and they ended up finding the end zone on a three-yard run to cut it to 14-6 with less than four minutes to go in the contest.

West Point looked to burn some time off of the clock, and a huge 18-yard completion from Patterson to Howard gave them a first down at the 27. Their offense stalled, and their field goal attempt got blocked, giving the Indians the ball with less than a minute to go in the game. They got a first down on an 11-yard pass on third down, but three plays later, the Warriors picked off a pass to help seal the 14-6 region win over East Limestone.

Patterson finished 11/19 for 105 yards and a touchdown for West Point (4-3, 2-2), and Howell carried the ball 19 times for 84 yards and a score.

The Warriors will travel to take on Russellville Friday night in another huge region matchup.



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The Vinemont Eagles toppled Gordo on the road 22-19 Friday night.



BRANDON EVANS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Addison Bulldogs hammered Meek 61-22 Friday night.

Vinemont 22 – Gordo 19

Vinemont traveled to Gordo to take on the third-ranked Green Wave in a battle of undefeated teams in the region Friday night and it was a special night for Vinemont. After a hard-fought game, the Eagles scored midway through the fourth quarter to pull ahead for good and seal a massive, 22-19 win.

Vinemont head coach Stephen Robinson was proud of his team for the way they fought to earn a huge win for the program. He's not sure they believed they would win when they arrived at the stadium tonight, but he mentioned one play in particular where he felt the energy shift on the Eagles' sideline.

"This was a huge win for Vinemont and it's the biggest win that Vinemont football has had in a long time," Robinson said. "Belief. I don't think we got off the bus believing, but when we were down two scores and Chase Blair chased the ball back down and forced the touchback, the attitude on the sideline was different".

Vinemont went three and out on their first possession and with 4:20 remaining in the first quarter Gordo found the endzone to pull ahead 7-0. Early in the second quarter Gordo extended their lead to 13-0. Vinemont's next possession stalled as their failed to convert on fourth down, but Vinemont's Chase Blair chased down the run and punched the ball out just short of the goal line and the ball bounced out of the back of the endzone for a safety to get the ball back to the Eagles. Vinemont went on a time-consuming drive that ended when Josh Rhodes found the endzone from 6 yards out to trim the lead to 13-7 with 1:50 remaining until halftime.

Gordo got the ball to start the second half and Vinemont's Brandon Johnson blocked the punt to set up Vinemont in excellent field position, but a tipped pass led to an interception giving the ball back to the Green Wave.

Two plays later Vinemont forced a fumble, but a failed fourth down conversion gave the ball back to the Wave. Vinemont forced a three and out, this time the Eagles offense capitalized when Gabriel Herrera raced 21 yards to put the Eagles up 14-13 late in the third quarter.

Gordo scored to retake a 19-14 lead with 9:22 remaining in the game but Vinemont answered on the ensuing possession and regained the lead at 22-19 on a 24-yard run from Dalton Bryan midway through the fourth quarter. Gordo's next possession ended when Preston Hanners got a sack on fourth down. Gordo was forced to use its remaining timeouts and from there Eagles ended the game in victory formation.

Vinemont (6-2) has now won six straight and will be back home for a region game against Oakman next week.

Holly Pond 42 – Asbury 0

The Holly Pond Broncos were back home to host Asbury for homecoming Thursday night, and they wrapped up a week of festivities with a dominant performance against the Rams. Holly Pond built a 35-0 lead in the first half and cruised through an abbreviated second half to pick up a 42-0 win.

A 2-yard touchdown run by Boston Gibbs gave the Broncos a 6-0 lead early in the first quarter. The next Holly Pond touchdown came through the air when Gibbs hit Asher Thrift for 30 yards and a score. Fox Westall punched in the two-point conversion to stretch the lead to 14-0 with five minutes remaining in the first quarter.

A 33-yard touchdown run by Westall made it a 21-0 game late in the first quarter and the Broncos added to their lead early in the second. Gibbs connected with Westall through the air for a 32-yard touchdown to stretch the lead to 27-0 and in the final seconds of the first half, Gibbs threw a 16-yard touchdown pass to Cade Allbright and Westall tacked on the two-point conversion to give Holly Pond a commanding, 35-0 lead at halftime.

With the hot clock running and some younger players on the field in the second half, the Broncos found the end zone one more time when Brayden Ivey ran one in from 7 yards out to put the finishing touches on a 42-0 win for Holly Pond.

Holly Pond (4-3) will be back home this week for a region game against Fyffe.

Addison 61 – Meek 22

Addison hosted their longtime rivals, the Meek Tigers, Friday night and they just so happen to be in the same region. Addison had a chance to take a stranglehold on the region title with a win and that is just what they did in dominating fashion. A victory next week against Vina will secure the region title for the Dawgs. Addison controlled both lines of scrimmage and won the game handily, 61-22.

Addison has all but clinched the region title with the win and Meek has all but assured itself of a playoff berth with two games remaining for the Tigers. Addison moves to 7-1 (5-0 region) and will travel to Vina to attempt to officially clinch the region title. Meek falls to 4-3 (3-2 region) and will travel to Cherokee for a region matchup.

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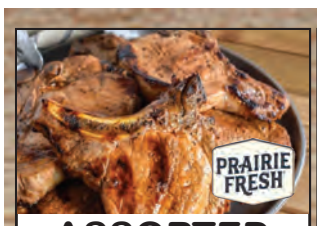
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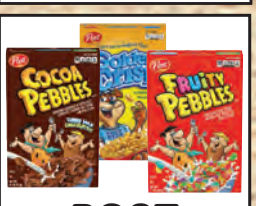
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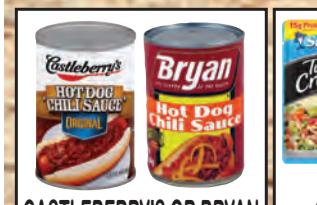
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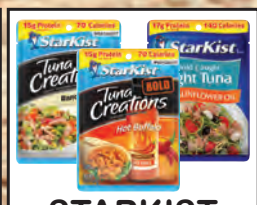
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Local youth fare well at fall goat show



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Junior Premier Exhibitor winners in the Youth Goat Show at the Alabama National Fair Oct. 4, in Montgomery were, from left, Walton Epperson of Chambers County, first place; Brooklyn Ray of Cullman County, second place; Aiden Brice of Cullman County, third place; and Rylie Maples of Chambers County, fourth place. The Premier Exhibitor competition tests students' livestock knowledge, evaluation skills and showmanship ability. The junior division is for students 9-12 years of age. Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance sponsored youth livestock activities at the fair.



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Intermediate Premier Exhibitor winners in the Youth Goat Show at the Alabama National Fair Oct. 4, in Montgomery were, from left, Ellie Elrod of Cullman county, first place; and Kensley Phillips of St. Clair County, second place. The Premier Exhibitor competition tests students' livestock knowledge, evaluation skills and showmanship ability. The intermediate division is for students 13-15 years of age. Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance sponsored youth livestock activities at the fair.



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Cullman County's Aiden Brice exhibited the Light Weight Champion Commercial Doe in the Youth Goat Show at the Alabama National Fair Oct. 4, in Montgomery. Ross Wingert of Rosebud, Arkansas was the judge. Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance sponsored youth livestock activities at the fair.

Not-So-Scary Stories in the Park happening all month

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Cullman Community Theatre is putting on Not-So-Scary Stories in the Park every Sunday in October at Art Park in southwest Cullman.

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Community Theatre is putting on Not-So-Scary Stories in the Park every Sunday in October. Families looking for a unique way to celebrate the Halloween season can enjoy free performances that take place every Sunday at 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. in Art Park.

These performances, written and directed by Aaron Johnson, mark the first time the Cullman Community Theatre has staged an original show outdoors.

"We're trying to do a free family event for the Cullman community, something a little different than what we've done before. This is the first time we've ever done an in-the-park, original show. We just wanted to add another option for people who have never experienced what Cullman Community Theatre has to offer," Johnson said.

Each performance features music, family friendly humor, giveaways, candy and an interactive theatrical experience designed to entertain attendees of all ages. With two performances in the books, Johnson said the community has responded enthusiastically since the show's debut.

"The response has been fantastic. Kids seem to love it. It's really another option for families this spooky season, not meant to scare, it's to celebrate together," he said.

The lighthearted performances are designed for all ages, and organizers hope the fun continues to grow in future years. "We've been really happy with the turnout," said Johnson. "I'd love to see this become an annual tradition."

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CULLMAN, Ala. — First Source For Women will host its annual Tinsel & Timber Live and Silent Auction on Thursday, Nov. 20, from 6-8 p.m. at The Venue at Cotton Creek in Cullman. Presented by My Cullman Doctor, attendees can look forward to a night of beautifully decorated Christmas trees, holiday décor and unique auction items. Guests are encouraged to dress in cocktail attire and enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres prepared by Black Rock Bistro, homemade desserts, a charcuterie board and a hot chocolate bar.

"All proceeds benefit First Source For Women, a local faith-based nonprofit pregnancy resource center providing free services such as pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, mentoring, material items and parenting classes for women and families in our community," said Valerie Hockett, community engagement manager of First Source For Women.

"Tinsel & Timber directly supports the mission of First Source For Women by funding the life-affirming services we provide at no cost," Hockett added.

"These funds ensure that we can continue to meet both program and operational needs, allowing us to lovingly walk alongside every woman who comes through our doors and give her the support she needs."

This year's live and silent auctions will offer a large variety of items, including fully decorated Christmas trees, local artwork, hunting and fishing gear, gift baskets, stocking stuffers and even a whole cow with custom processing included.

Individual tickets for the auction are $50 for open seating and reserved tables for eight are $500.

Hockett encouraged anyone interested to get their tickets early, as the event is expected to sell out quickly.

Tickets and tables can be purchased online at firstsourcefriends.org/events.

"Every ticket and auction bid directly supports First Source for Women and the free services that empower women to choose life and hope," Hockett stated.

"It's a chance to celebrate the start of the Christmas season while making a real difference right here in our community."

For more information, contact First Source For Women directly at 256-352-5683 or visit www.firstsourceforwomen.org. The Venue at Cotton Creek is located at 417 Third Ave. SW in Cullman.

Recap (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County youth football playoffs begin in two weeks, and week eight featured some huge games around the local area that helped determine which teams will be on the field in the postseason. The Cold Springs Eagles faced off against the West Point Warriors, the Vinemont Eagles battled the Holly Pond Broncos, the Cullman Bearcats took on the West Morgan Rebels, the Good Hope Raiders faced off against the Hanceville Bulldogs and the Fairview Aggies took on the Danville Hawks.

WEST POINT AT COLD SPRINGS

- Fireplug: Warriors 20 - Eagles 0
- Wee-Wee: Warriors 46 - Eagles 0
- Pee-Wee: Warriors 42 - Eagles 0

HOLLY POND AT VINEMONT

- Fireplug: Eagles 20 - Broncos 12
- Wee-Wee: Eagles 34 - Broncos 0
- Pee-Wee: Broncos 30 - Eagles 8

WEST MORGAN AT CULLMAN

- Fireplug: Rebels 38 - Bearcats 6
- Wee-Wee: Rebels 51 - Bearcats 0
- Pee-Wee: Rebels 20 - Bearcats 0

GOOD HOPE AT HANCEVILLE

- Fireplug: Bulldogs 28 - Raiders 6
- Wee-Wee: Raiders 12 - Bulldogs 0
- Pee-Wee: Bulldogs 19 - Raiders 0

DANVILLE AT FAIRVIEW

- Fireplug: Aggies 40 – Hawks 0
- Wee-Wee: Aggies 14 – Hawks 0
- Pee-Wee: Hawks 13 – Aggies 12

FIREPLUG

- Vinemont (7-1)
- West Morgan (7-1)
- Fairview (6-2)
- Hanceville (6-2)
- West Point (5-3)
- Good Hope (3-5)
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WEEK NINE SCHEDULE
OCT. 18

- Cullman at Holly Pond (9 a.m.)
- Hanceville at Cold Springs (9 a.m.)
- West Point at Vinemont (4 p.m.)
- Fairview at Good Hope (4 p.m.)

LEGALS

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

* IN THE PROBATE COURT
* CASE NO. AD2025-041

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF JAMES CHAPMAN GOODWIN III and JENNIFER STREET GOODWIN.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: UNKNOWN FATHER OF M.M.J. (DOB 10/14/2024) whose whereabouts and location are unknown

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of M.M.J., a minor child born October 14, 2024, to Mary Marie Jones, was filed on the 2nd day of October, 2025, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioners James Chapman Goodwin III and Jennifer Street Goodwin. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said Petitioners, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this 3rd day of October, 2025.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF:)
)
ONZELLE H. DUREN ,) **CASE NO. PC-2025-313**
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY of said deceased having been granted to **RONALD JAMES AKERS** on the 3rd day of October, 2025 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Court Judge of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within six months after the grant of Letters or within five months from the first publication of this notice, whichever is the latter to occur or the same will be barred.

/s/Ronald James Akers
Ronald James Akers, Personal Representative of the Estate of Onzelle H. Duren

Seth B. Thompson, Attorney for Petitioner
Ronald James Akers

Of Counsel:

The Thompson Law Firm, LLC
201 Second Avenue Southeast
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Phone: 256.734.4591
Fax: 866.826.4785

TO THE PUBLISHER OF THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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
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 JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
D.L.S., * **CASE NO.: JU 19-341.05**
a minor, DOB: 12-22-2009 *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

The unknown father of the above child born to Julie Lynn Massey on December 22, 2009, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources by the 12 day of November 2025, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 25th day of Sept., 2025.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
P. O. Box 990
1220 St. Joseph Street NW
Cullman, AL 35056

Perry D. Knight
Attorney for Petitioner
412 First Avenue SE
Suite 101
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-4090

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
FREDDY PAUL PRIVETT,
Deceased. CASE NO.: PC 2025-325

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
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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 24th day of September 2025

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

Jeff Clemons, *Chairman*
Kerry Watson, *Commissioner, District 1*
Garry Marchman, *Commissioner, District 2*

Cullman County COMMISSION

Kelly Duke, *Commissioner, District 3*
Corey Freeman, *Commissioner, District 4*
John Bullard, *County Administrator*

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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STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
COUNTY OF CULLMAN)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

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

Show (from Front)

Anabelle Howze
anabelle@cullmantribune.com

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State Community College Culinary Arts and Horticulture departments and North Alabama Agriplex hosted the annual Taste of Cullman Grown Food Show on Oct. 9, celebrating locally sourced ingredients and farm-to-table collaboration. The event brought together area farmers, restaurants and the community for an evening of great food and local support.

Executive Chef and Culinary Arts Department Chair Aaron Nichols said the show was designed to connect growers with restaurants and promote the use of local products.

Guests enjoyed dishes such as pasta alla vodka, barbecue and cheesecake, as well as avocado chocolate mousse, while students competed in a French fry scholarship contest sponsored by Sysco and Performance Food Group.



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Wallace State Community College Culinary Arts and Horticulture departments and North Alabama Agriplex hosted the annual Taste of Cullman Grown Food Show on Oct. 9, 2025.

Proceeds from the event will benefit The Link of Cullman County, which serves hundreds of local families each month through its food pantry and outreach programs. Director of Operations Tiffany Wright said the funds will help stock the pantry and expand services through the winter.

"The need never goes away," Wright said. "Partnerships like this help us feed more families and strengthen our community."

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Crash (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — A Cullman County man was killed in an early morning vehicle crash. Alabama State Troopers identified the victim as Michael P. McClellan, 27, of Vinemont.

Troopers said the single-vehicle crash occurred at approximately 12:09 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 12. They said McClellan was fatally injured when the 1999 Ford F-250 pickup he was driving left the roadway, struck a tree and then an embankment. McClellan, who Troopers said was not using a seat belt at the time of the crash, was ejected and pronounced deceased at the scene.

A passenger in the Ford, Sierra B. Vickers, 32, of Gardendale, was injured and transported to the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Hospital in Birmingham for treatment.

The crash occurred on U.S. Highway 31 near the 331 mile marker, approximately 6 miles north of Cullman, in Cullman County.

Nothing further is available as Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate.

Class (from Front)

"The Cullman Veterans Hall of Fame is not just a military hall of fame, but also seeks to recognize veterans for their contributions to our community after their service," Fallin said. "Furthermore, we aim to educate our local county citizens on the historical service and sacrifice of this county's veterans as well as their service to make our community stronger."

Cullman Veterans Hall of Fame Committee Members include:

• Garry Marchman, US Army, CSM (ret.), VFW Post 2214, American Legion Post 4, DAV Post 101, Cullman County Commissioner

• Jonathan Green, US Army, VFW Post 2214, DAV Chapter 101, American Legion Post 4

• Brian Monk, US Army, Commander of VFW Post 2214, American Legion Post 4

• Hollis W. Baggett, Staff Sergeant (ret.) US Army, DAV Post 101, VFW Post 2214, Hall of Fame Inductee 2024

• John Riley, president and CEO of Cullman Savings Bank

• Don Fallin, US Army, Col. (ret.), VFW Post 2214

The Oct. 28 program will include:

• Cocktail hour

• Opening comments: Retired Col. Don Fallin

• Invocation: American Legion Post Chaplain Clarence Benefield

• Post colors: Cullman JROTC Color Guard

• National anthem: Mrs. Renee Crowe

• Retire colors: Cullman JROTC Color Guard

• Distinguished guests and sponsor introduction

• Dinner

• Induction ceremony

• Social

Veterans who will be inducted this year include:

• Retired Sgt. Maj. Walter Markancel Sutton (United States Marine Corps)

• Roy Henry Drinkard (United States Marine Corps)

• Retired Capt. Robert E. Hain, MC, USN (United States Air Force)

• Specialist David William Grissom (United States Army)

• Infantryman Joseph (Joey) D'Andrea (United States Army)

• Retired Master Sgt. George Roland Krigbaum (United States Air Force)

Look for profiles on each inductee leading up to Veterans Day.

Fallin said the Cullman Veterans Hall of Fame is administered and sponsored by the Cullman Chapters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (Post 2214), the American Legion (Post 4) and the Disabled American Veterans (Post 101) on behalf of the Cullman County Commission and municipalities within Cullman County.

"The mission's tangible and permanent goal is to display within our county courthouse halls the stories of an exemplary few, who represent the goals, the passion, the stories and the memories of our military and its brave service members," Fallin said.

Obituary Announcements: Oct. 11-13

William Edward Wall, Jr., 84

Mr. William Edward Wall, Jr., 84, of Hartwell, passed away peacefully Thursday, October 9, 2025, at his home surrounded by his wife of 61 years, and his 6 girls and family. Bill was born on February 1, 1941, in Everett, MA. He was the son of the late William Edward Wall and Phylis Peterson Wall. Growing up in Atlanta, Mr. Wall attended Marist High School and graduated with a BA in Business Administration with a minor in Economics from St. Bernard College, Cullman, AL. There Bill met the love of his life, Leona, who was in Nursing School at the time. They moved to Atlanta and started their family of six daughters. Throughout Bill's life, he was always dedicated to the Church and his family! Bill was always volunteering: Basketball coach, Athletic Director, St. Vincent de Paul, Pro Life, and a lifelong Knights of Columbus member. Bill felt strongly about raising his daughters in the Catholic Faith. Just as he was a proud graduate of Marist Catholic High School in Atlanta and St. Bernard College, he and Leona sent all the girls to Catholic Schools, K-12, St. Thomas More Catholic School and St. Pius X Catholic High School. Bill's humble motto was: I don't do it, the Holy Spirit does. Bill Wall was an entrepreneur. He started a manufacturing of industrial cleaning supplies company, Solar Chemicals, the same year his 6th daughter was born, and the family moved to Stone Mountain, GA. As a family, they would frequent the campsites of Hartwell State Park. After retirement, Bill fulfilled his dream of moving to Lake Hartwell, where they loved living on the lake. He started a second career caring for children as a Hart County School System trainer and a school bus driver. In Hartwell, Bill and Leona were proud members of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, The Finance Committee, and the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Bill always loved cars. As a younger man, Bill pushed the limits of racing cars. His crew competed on figure 8 courses. Later, he would rebuild engines so his girls could get safely to school. His favorite pastime after "floating and boating on the lake" was a day playing golf. Bill put the "a day on the golf course was better than any day at work" motto to work. Bill didn't mind what his score was - just that it was a good day (preferable under 100). Mr. Wall was a faith-filled man, devoted to his wife and family and is survived by his wife: Leona Collier Wall; his six girls: Phylis Foster (Greg), Ann Gabriel (Geoff), Tricia Merry (Bob), Stacy Shirley (Chris), Frances Klotz (Jeff), Christine Wall Alfano; two brothers: Peter Wall (Judy) and their daughter Heather (Mark), Philip Wall (Susan); grandchildren: Sara Foster McDaniel (James), Grayson Foster (Faustin), Luke Foster, Elizabeth Gabriel O'Laughlin (Alexander), Rebecca Gabriel, Katheryn Gabriel Moreno (Nicolas), Alexandra Gabriel, William Gabriel, Connor Merry, Amanda Merry Meigs (Ray), Morgan Merry, Madelyn Shirley, Noah Klotz, Joshua Klotz, Isabelle Klotz, Emma Klotz, Fulton Klotz, Bradley Wall, Maximilian Alfano (Madison), Kate Alfano, Nicholas Alfano; great-grandchildren: Addison Foster, Autumn McDaniel, James Michael McDaniel, Walker Shell, McKenna Shell, Cash Shell, Billy Moreno, Collier Meigs, Poppy Meigs, Charleston Wall, and baby O'Laughlin. Bill's family will host a home visitation at their home on Lake Hartwell for family and friends, Friday, October 10, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Mr. Wall will lie in state Sunday, October 12, 2025, at Moss Funeral Home in Cullman AL, at 1901 Second Avenue NW Cullman, AL 35055. The family will start to receive friends at 5:30 p.m. and a Rosary service will begin at 7 p.m. A Funeral Mass for Mr. Bill Wall will be celebrated Monday, October 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial to follow in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cemetery in Cullman, AL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Father Vincent Capodanno Catholic High School, 4364 U.S. 1 Hwy., Vass, NC 28394, 910-245-2246 founded by his daughter and son-in-law, Frances and Jeff Klotz. capodannohigh.org

Richard Monroe Holcombe, 82

Richard Monroe Holcombe, 82, of Cullman passed away Sunday, October 12, 2025 at his residence. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Holcombe was born September 1, 1943, to D. F. and Ester Montgomery Holcombe. He loved woodworking when he was able, and really loved to hunt and fish. He loved attending Pleasant View Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Carole Holcombe; brother, Ed Holcombe; and his sister, Linda. Survivors include his son, Richard W. (Lisa) Holcombe; daughter, Lori (Robert) Hunter;; brother, Dwight (Debra) Holcombe; sisters, Rita Chambers, Deeann (Howard) Uhlman; grandchildren, Christopher Holcombe, April Holcombe, Natasha (Noah) Holder, David Hunter; great-grandchildren, Aria Holder, Nolan Mount, Gideon Runge, Baby Palmer Holder; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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Fair (from Front)



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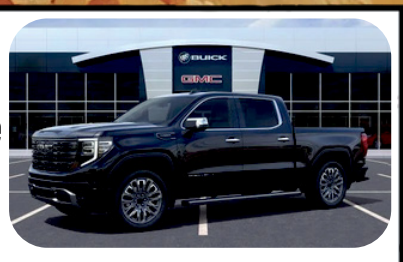
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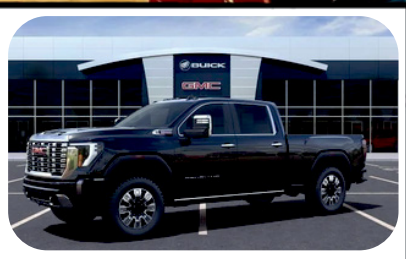
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