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Bremen man sentenced to 30 years in beating death of Ronnie Patrick

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Chandler Reece Knowles, 32, of Bremen, this week was sentenced to 30 years in prison for manslaughter in the March 26, 2021, beating death of Ronnie Lynn Patrick, 63, or Garden City.

Following the incident in 2021, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office » PAGE 7



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Chandler Reece Knowles

Investing in Cullman County



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Left to right are Matt Kinsland, director of Cullman County Economic Development; Luke Wood, project coordinator at Cullman County Economic Development; Eddie Wilson, program director at Foundry Farm and Ministries; Jonathan Creekmore, supportive services manager for The Link of Cullman County; Shelby Creekmore, Cullman County Public Library System assistant library director; Emily Brown, assistant principal and athletic director at Hanceville High School; Amber Thornton, director of the Cullman County Public Library System; Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Alabama; Renona Seibert, executive director of the Alabama Mountains, Rivers & Valleys Resource Conservation & Development Council; Rachel Dawsey, executive director of the North Alabama Agriplex; Markus Doering, assistant director of the North Alabama Agriplex; Cherrie Haney, Alabama Mountains, Rivers & Valleys Resource Conservation & Development Council; Brad Atkins, assistant chief of the Jones Chapel Volunteer Fire Department; and Mike Roden, North Alabama Agriplex Board and Alabama Mountains, Rivers & Valleys Resource Conservation & Development Council, pictured on Monday, Oct. 20, 2025 at the downtown Cullman County Public Library.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Representatives from the Alabama Mountains, Rivers & Valleys Resource Conservation & Development Council joined local leaders and organizations on Monday, Oct. 20, 2025, at main branch of the Cullman County Public Library System to celebrate this year's grant recipients and recognize the impact of community improvement projects across Cullman County.

Alabama Mountains, Rivers & Valleys Resource Conservation & Development Council Executive Director Renona Seibert and Drayton Cosby of Cosby Development & Service Advisors led the event, joined by Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman and former Rep. Randall Shedd. Together, they thanked the many organizations they said continue to strengthen Cullman County through collaboration and vision.

Said Gudger, "This community takes what it's given and multiplies it. Every time we invest in Cullman County, those funds are turned into something bigger for the people."

Cullman County organizations were awarded approximately $102,114 in grant funding. The grants are funded by Alabama Mountains, Rivers & Valleys Resource Conservation & Development Council and the Cullman County legislative delegation.

This year's recipients and projects include:

• Cullman County Commission/Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center: New equipment will prepare arena floors more efficiently while reducing water waste - $15,000

• City of Good Hope/Playground surfacing: Installation of rubber mulch will improve playground safety and comfort for children - $5,000

• Jones Chapel Volunteer Fire Department/Traffic safety: New cones and safety flares enhance visibility at accident scenes and landing zones for air ambulances - $5,000

• The Foundry Ministries/Irrigation system training: A new drip line irrigation system helps participants in addiction recovery gain hands-on agricultural skills - $5,000

• Town of Colony/Handicap-accessible parking: Newly paved parking areas at town hall and the Educational Complex improve accessibility for residents and visitors - $5,000

• Cullman County Industrial Development Authority/Tools of the Trade Career Fair: The event introduced eighth graders to hands-on career exploration opportunities - $5,000 » PAGE 7

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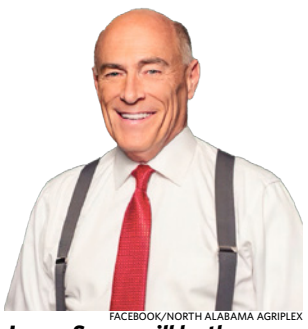
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James Spann speaking at Agriplex homeschool event Nov. 6



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James Spann will be the special guest at this month's North Alabama Agriplex Heritage Homeschool event on Thursday, Nov. 6, from 9-11 a.m. at the OmniPlex. » PAGE 6

Wallace State hosting Lion Fest Oct. 25

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Cullman County Youth Football week 9 scoring recap



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The Vinemont Eagles hosted the West Point Warriors on Saturday. » PAGE 6



CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 20

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 20, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Oct. 16

- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; obstructing governmental operations; CR 651
- theft of property; CR 943
- harassing communications; Self Ave. NE
- possession of synthetic drug; CR 490
- criminal mischief; Hughes Rd.
- theft of property; US. 31
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 747
- theft of property; CR 1467
- resisting arrest; attempt to elude law enforcement officer; CR 747
- possession of marijuana; Hwy. 278E

Oct. 17

- domestic violence; criminal mischief; CR 1386
- interference with custody; Hwy. 91
- theft of property; CR 7001
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1368
- domestic violence; CR 1136

Oct. 18

- trespassing; CR 437
- domestic violence; CR 1714
- assault; resisting arrest; CR 1627
- criminal mischief; Mize Rd. N
- harassing communications; CR 1130
- menacing; CR 522
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 216

Oct. 19

- domestic violence; CR 1352
- domestic violence; Mayfair Ln.
- burglary; Hwy. 278E
- violation of protection order; trespassing; criminal mischief; assault; domestic violence; CR 1129

ARRESTS

Oct. 16-19

Adams, Alyssa G.; 25
- FTA – DUI (alcohol)

Boshwell, Rodney D.; 52
- resisting arrest
- attempting to elude a police officer
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – promote prison contraband
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Carter, Kenneth S.; 43
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Cofield, Crasanda P.; 40
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – assault-torture/willful abuse of child-family

Denton, Dana F.; 48
- FTA – forged instrument (2 counts)

Dixon, Douglas L.; 35
- promote prison contraband (drugs)

Eddy, Sandy D.; 43
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – drug trafficking
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – tampering with physical evidence
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – possession of drug paraphernalia

Floyd, Justin T.; 35
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Freeman, Brittney M.; 28
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Graham, Jeffrey S.; 52
- public intoxication

Grey, Jeremy B.; 55
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Hicks, Michael E.; 44
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Holcomb, Matthew S.; 45
- assault-aggravated assault police officer-other weapon
- resisting arrest
- FTA – theft from yards
- FTA – burglary-residence-no force

Inscho, Charles T.; 54
- obstruction-governmental operations
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

James, Joseph M.; 43
- FTA – obstructing justice using a false identity
- FTA – cruelty to dog/cat

Moon, Jeremy W.; 43
- FTA – theft, less than $500

Nixon, William L.; 39
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Pannell, Brandon L.; 40
- criminal trespass

Pope, Jason T.; 35
- FTA – family offense-non-support-child

Simmons, Kimo A.; 48
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer

Smith, Anna F.; 18
- kidnapping-interference with custody

Townsell, William R.; 40
- theft-miscellaneous

Wade, Kailee M.; 26
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Whittle, Donna K.; 62
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- public intoxication

Wilson, Brandy M.; 51
- sell/distribute – cocaine
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of dangerous drugs

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Oct. 15

- theft of property-2nd degree; person; cash; $1,680

Oct. 17

- identity theft; person
- theft of property; Sacred Heart Church; cash; 2nd Ave. SE
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Cherokee Ave. SW
- harassment; person; Camden Ct. SW
- harassing communications; person

Oct. 19

- harassment; person; Hwy. 157
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157

ARRESTS

Oct. 17-19

Phillips, Jr., Rodney J.; 28
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Herrera-Deflin, Miguel A.; 38
- DUI

Carter, Kenneth S.; 43
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Maddox, William C.; 32
- FTA – attempt to elude
- FTA – obstructing governmental operations

Floyd, Justin T.; 35
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree (2 counts)

Deloney, Kavon T.; 25
- criminal mischief-2nd degree

Hobbs, Joseph M.; 38
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)

Lay, Rachel L.; 34
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Sanchez, Maribel; 29
- FTA – criminal mischief-2nd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Cardiologist Daniel Gonzalez joins Cullman Regional Medical Group

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Regional this week announced Cardiologist Daniel Gonzalez, MD, joined the Cullman Regional Medical Group.

Gonzalez earned his medical degree from the Universidad Central de Venezuela, Luis Razetti School of Medicine in Caracas, Venezuela. He completed his residency in internal medicine at NYC Health + Hospitals/South Brooklyn Health in Brooklyn, New York, and furthered his training with a fellowship in cardiovascular disease at Mount Sinai Hospital – Brooklyn Hospital Center in New York, New York.

Gonzalez has experience in both clinical care and research. He has served as an oncology resident and worked as an academic tutor. He has also been involved in multiple research studies and clinical trials, with numerous publications in peer-reviewed journals. In his free time, he enjoys playing soccer, hiking, playing guitar, studying history, and creating art.

He provides treatment for heart disease diagnosis and management, high blood pressure, cholesterol disorders, arrhythmias, heart failure, preventative cardiology and general cardiovascular care.

Gonzalez is caring for patients at the Cullman Regional Cardiology Clinic. For more information, visit www.CullmanRegionalMedicalGroup.com.



CULLMAN REGIONAL

Dr. Daniel Gonzalez

Burn safely during bonfire season

Justin Miller
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — As the fall air gets crisp and temperatures lower, people often have a great urge to gather outside around a fire. However, the Alabama Forestry Commission recently issued a Statewide Fire Danger Advisory because of current drought conditions. Until the state sees sufficient rainfall, they advise that people refrain from burning.

Once those rains do come and conditions improve, fire can be a great tool for entertainment or land management. Before lighting a match, there are a few burning safety measures to keep in mind.

"Before burning, always check to see if there are any burn bans in effect due to drought conditions," said Mark Smith, an Alabama Extension forestry and wildlife sciences expert at Auburn University. "Also, watch the weather and pick an appropriate day to burn based on temperature, humidity and low wind conditions."

Whether it is a campfire or small brush pile, there are a few instances where people may want to burn around their home. However, John Kush, a research fellow in the Auburn College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment, said people should first check with their local fire department to see if burning is allowed in their area.

"Communication is critical," Kush said. "I've found that most fire departments are willing to talk to you and let you know what options you might have. There may be restrictions for certain times of the day, weather conditions and other local issues."

Talking with the fire department ahead of time will also avoid confusion and having the department being unnecessarily dispatched should someone call and report the fire. Kush said there is also a potential monetary fine associated with burning in a restricted area.

Backyard burning

The U.S. Forest Service recommends having 10-foot clearance of gravel or dirt around a burning area.

If burning is allowed in the area, safety should be the No. 1 priority in any instance.

Campfires and fire pits are great to gather around on chilly, fall nights.

However, placing them in the wrong areas or leaving them unattended could end in disaster. Auburn Fire Department Battalion Chief Jay Gibbs said the safest location for backyard burning is an area far away from structures and free of debris, such as leaves, dry grass or pine straw.

"Ideally, use a manufactured or preapproved fire pit, as it helps contain the fire and reduces the risk of it spreading," Gibbs said. "Be sure the area surrounding the fire pit is also clear of any combustible materials."

In case a fire needs to be extinguished quickly, Gibbs recommends keeping a garden hose nearby.

"Hand tools, such as rakes, shovels and other garden implements, can also be helpful with removing combustible materials from the area and with throwing dirt onto the fire if needed," Gibbs said.

Brush piles

When burning brush piles, the U.S. Forest Service recommends keeping piles to a maximum of 4 feet by 4 feet. People can also use a burn barrel instead.

No matter the method, the Forest Service also recommends an overheard clearance that is at least three times the height of the pile and a 10-foot clearance of gravel or dirt around the burning area.

After use, people need to extinguish all fires. According to the Forest Service, people should use the drown, stir, drown and feel method.

- Drown. Pour water until the hissing stops.
- Stir. Use a shovel to mix the water into the embers until they aren't smoldering.
- Drown. Continue to add water, dirt and sand until all material is cool.
- Feel. Hover the back of a hand over the ashes to ensure they are cool and the fire is out.

Visit smokeybear.com for more information.

Repurposing debris

Read the Alabama Extension publication, "Recycling Leaves," for guidelines on using leaves as mulch or compost.

Some homeowners and gardeners may consider burning yard debris as part of their fall cleanup. If an area does not allow burning, people can repurpose and reuse a lot of debris throughout the landscape.

"Leaf litter and pine needles are natural and beneficial mulches that should be left and placed around trees and other plants," said Shane Harris, Tallapoosa County Extension director.

"Besides, they are free for use when compared to purchasing decorative mulch and pine straw, which can be expensive."

People can also repurpose larger yard items, such as tree limbs and sticks, as wildlife habitat structures. According to the publication, "Attracting Wildlife to Your Backyard," these types of brush piles are attractive to several wildlife species. These include cottontail rabbits, box turtles and white-throated sparrows. Visit aces.edu to read the full publication.

Large-scale burning

Prescribed burning is when landowners use fire to improve land and wildlife conditions. This has long been used as a management tool but comes with its own set of safety precautions.

"For large-scale burning, it is highly recommended that landowners adhere to the Alabama Prescribed Burn Act requirements," Smith said.

"This includes having a certified prescribed burn manager to supervise the burn, a written burn plan and a burning permit issued by the Alabama Forestry Commission to reduce liability."

For landowners looking to burn brush piles, Smith recommends breaking down larger piles, so the fires are smaller and more manageable.

Also, as a safety precaution, alert the local fire department of your burning plans ahead of time, and be ready to call them if the fire gets out of hand.

Visit the Forestry & Wildlife section of the Alabama Extension website for more guidance and resources on burning.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Wednesday, Oct. 22 – 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. 24 – 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.
• Sunday, Oct. 26 – 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. 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
• 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.

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.

First Priority Cullman Cornhole Classic
Saturday, Oct. 25, at Crosshaven Church in Hanceville, beginning at 8 a.m. with practice. Bags fly at 9. Two-man teams, double elimination. Social division $30 per team, championship division, $50 per team. All entry fees benefit Curt's Closet. For info or to register, go to www.fpdecatur.org or call 256-432-7900.

Seventh Street Baptist Church FREE Community Fall Carnival
Sunday, Oct. 26, from 5-7 p.m. 708 Seventh St. SW, downtown Cullman. Enjoy an evening full of fun with carnival rides, hay rides, a rock climbing wall, bounce castle and tropical marble slide, popcorn and cotton candy, carnival games and prizes, face painting, music, candy, hot dogs and sodas, and a fall carnival photo wall. It's going to be a night of food, fun and fellowship for all ages, and best of all, it's completely free! We can't wait to see you there!

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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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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PREP FOOTBALL

4 local teams collect week 9 wins

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The regular season is winding down and four of our local teams added another game to the win column in week nine. Cullman pulled away to defeat Decatur 37-13, Fairview survived its trip to Sardis 41-39, Good Hope held on to top Fayette County 24-22 and Meek raced past Cherokee 54-6.

Cullman 37 – Decatur 13

The Cullman Bearcats were back home for a region battle against Decatur Friday night and after a slow three quarters offensively, the 'Cats scored 21 points in the fourth to pull away with a 37-13 win over the Red Raiders.

The Bearcats fell behind early in this one after Decatur took its first offensive play 68 yards to the house for a touchdown and a 6-0 lead at the start of the first quarter. However, Cullman responded on the ensuing possession, moving the ball across midfield with some nice runs by running back Weston Keel. Quarterback Colt Colvard converted on third down with a quick pass to Nelson Hollingsworth in the flat and a few plays later, Colvard capped the drive with a 2-yard touchdown run to tie the game at 6 midway through the first quarter.

Decatur and Cullman exchanged punts on the next two possessions, but the Red Raiders scored on another explosive play on the first play of the second quarter to pull ahead 13-6. A Cullman punt pinned Decatur inside its own 5-yard line later in the period, but the Raiders hit a couple big passes to get out near midfield. However, the Bearcats forced a turnover on downs a few plays later to get the ball back with around four minutes to play in the second. A big run from Keel and another big gain on a jet sweep pass to Kolby Holt got Cullman's offense down to the 14-yard line but the 'Cats were forced to turn it over on downs and they went into the locker room trailing 13-6 at halftime.

Cullman got off to a fast start in the third quarter. Colvard dumped one off to Holt on a screen pass and he took it 50 yards all the way down to Russellville's 10-yard line. On the next play, Keel took a handoff into the end zone for a touchdown to tie the game at 13 early in the third. Later in the third quarter, Holt came up with a big return on a Decatur punt to set up Cullman's offense at the Raiders' 30-yard line. J.D. Ellerbee drilled a 42-yard field goal to put the 'Cats up 16-13 going into the fourth quarter and the black & gold dominated the rest of the way.

A Decatur punt pinned Cullman on its own 10-yard line later in the fourth, but Keel took the next play 90 yards up the middle all the way to the other end of the field for a touchdown, extending Cullman's lead to 23-13 with eight minutes to play.

An interception by Kamden Dye ended the next Decatur possession at the 40-yard line and Holt took a reverse 30 yards down to the 10 on the next play. A few plays after that, Jack Cabri punched it into the end zone from a yard out to put the Bearcats on top 30-13 with 5:36 on the clock. Dye picked off another Raider pass on the ensuing possession to give the ball back to the offense and this time it was Chance Hausler that ran it into the end zone to put the finishing touches on a 37-13 win for Cullman.

Bearcats head coach Trent Walker was happy with the way his team came out with better energy in the second half and sent out this senior class on a high note.

"I'm super proud of our young people for responding at halftime. To score 31 unanswered points against anybody, especially a team as talented as Decatur, is a big deal," Walker said. "I'm so proud of our seniors and so many guys had special memories during their own senior night that led us to another region win. Obviously, we weren't pleased with our effort and energy and passion in the first half. We thought Decatur was playing with more energy than we were, so we challenged them at halftime to get back to who we've been."

The Bearcats (3-6) will wrap up the regular season at Buckhorn this week.

Fairview 41 – Sardis 39

Fairview made the trip over to Sardis for a non-region matchup Friday night and the Lions gave the Aggies all they could handle. Sardis jumped out to a 13-0 lead and scored just before halftime to take a 26-20 lead at the break. Fairview led 41-33 in the final minute of the game, but the Lions scored with 51 seconds on the clock to make it a 2-point game. Sardis went for the two-point conversion to tie the game, but the Lions' pass was knocked away by Adyen Batz and the Aggies held on to win it 41-39.

Sardis wasted no time getting on the board in this one, stringing together some big plays and scoring on its opening possession to take a 7-0 lead early in the first quarter. After a Fairview punt, the Lions ran one into the end zone from 35 yards out to extend their lead to 13-0 with 3:30 to play in the period. The Aggies answered the early onslaught at the start of the second quarter when running back Jake Harper punched one into the end zone from 7 yards out for a touchdown to trim the lead to 13-7.

After forcing Sardis to punt on the ensuing possession, the Aggie offense went back to work. A 20-yard run by quarterback Kolt Redding moved the ball into Sardis territory and Harper found the end zone a couple of plays later to tack on six more points and tie the game at 13 with seven minutes remaining in the first half. The Lions continued to hit explosive plays, scoring on a 44-yard run to move back in front 20-13 with three minutes to play in the second quarter.

A big run by Rex Chandler and a big gain on a pass to Jace Stevens put the Aggies in the red zone on the ensuing possession and Harper ran in his third touchdown of the night, this time from 25 yards out, to tie things up at 20 with just over a minute remaining in the half. However, the Lions took advantage of another big play to get down to the 5-yard line with just a few ticks on the clock and threw a touchdown pass in the final seconds of the period to take a 26-20 lead into the locker room at the break.

The Aggies did not get off to a great start in the third quarter, throwing an interception and allowing another quick Sardis touchdown to fall behind 33-20.

However, Fairview put together a nice drive on the ensuing possession and capped it off with a 17-yard touchdown pass from Redding to Conner Scott, trimming the lead to 33-27 midway through the third. After a Sardis punt, Harper broke free for a 50-yard touchdown run, his fourth of the night, to give Fairview its first lead of the game at 34-33 with two minutes to play in the third quarter.

Ayden Batz made his first big play of the night on the next Lions possession, intercepting a pass and returning it to the 2-yard line to create a great scoring opportunity for Fairview. Harper punched in his fifth touchdown of the night just two plays later, to make it a 41-33 game with nine minutes remaining. Sardis wasn't ready to lay down yet. The Lions put together a scoring drive late in the fourth quarter and found the end zone on a 10-yard touchdown pass with just 51 seconds on the clock. But when Sardis went for two, Batz came up with another big play, swatting the Lions' pass away to secure a 41-39 road win for the Aggies.

Fairview (8-0) will travel to East Limestone for a region game Friday night.

Good Hope 24 – Fayette County 22

After dropping their first game of the season at Hamilton last week, the Good Hope Raiders returned home to take on Fayette County in another big region battle Friday night. It was a hard-fought, physical game between both teams from start to finish, and a huge stop on defense helped Good Hope seal a 24-22 win over the Tigers.

Fayette County got the ball first to start out the game and collected a couple of key first downs early on in their drive. Another first down put the ball at the 15, but the Raider defense stiffened and forced the Tigers to turn the ball over on downs. Some hard-nosed runs by Parker Johnson and Mason Drake, plus a 10-yard connection from Johnson to Drake, put them at the 46. A personal foul on the Tigers moved the ball up to the 24, and an 11-yard completion from Johnson to Rutherford put the ball at the 11. Their offense stalled after that, though, as a turnover-on-downs gave the ball back to Fayette County.

A huge 47-yard pass on fourth down helped keep their drive alive, and the game remained scoreless going into the second quarter. They quickly moved the ball up to the 21, but the Raider defense stood tall after that, as Cody Stevens picked off a pass on fourth down to put the Raiders in excellent field position at the 44. Good Hope was forced to punt, but for the second straight series, the defense forced a turnover, as Drake intercepted the ball and took it 35 yards to the house to give the Raiders a 6-0 lead with 8:14 remaining in the first half.

Good Hope forced another Tiger punt, and Rutherford took off the right sideline, then cut towards the middle of the field, and ended up scoring from 71 yards to make it a 12-0 lead for the Raiders. A big run for Fayette County quickly put them in business at the 35, then a couple of key conversions helped keep their drive alive, and they ended up finding the end zone on a three-yard run. They converted the two-point conversion to end the first half, as Good Hope would take a 12-8 lead into the locker room.

The Raiders struck gold to start out the second half. A penalty on the first play moved them back to the 15, but two plays later, Johnson found Rutherford on a screen play, and he proceeded to go 81 yards for the score to give Good Hope an 18-8 lead. The Tigers got on the scoreboard quickly themselves on their first series of the second half, as a 29-yard rushing touchdown cut it to 18-14. Back-to-back punts gave the ball right back to the Raiders, and on just the second play of their series, Johnson ran around left end and scored on a 20-yard run to stretch their lead to 24-14 with a little over five minutes to go in the third quarter.

A 16-yard pass on the first play put the ball at the 45, but Good Hope made a huge stand after that, as a huge tackle by Stevens on fourth down gave the ball right back to the Raiders. Punts dominated the rest of the quarter, as the Raiders went into the final quarter up, 24-14. Another Good Hope punt gave the Tigers the ball at the 23, and another rushing touchdown made it a 24-22 game early in the final quarter. Johnson collected a first down to start out the next series for the Raiders, but they failed to convert on fourth down.

Punts dominated most of the fourth quarter, as both defenses stood tall when they needed to. A punt gave the ball to Good Hope, and Johnson found Tucker Screws for five yards on third down to set up one of the biggest plays of the game. On fourth down from the 42, Johnson connected with Ayden Young for nine yards and a huge first down. They were able to burn some time off the clock during the drive, but another failed fourth down conversion gave the ball back to the Tigers. The Raiders looked for one last stand on defense, and they held Fayette County on fourth down to get the ball back. A couple of kneel downs by Johnson helped seal their huge 24-22 region win over the Tigers.

Johnson finished 10/14 for 123 yards and a touchdown and added a 20-yard score on the ground. Rutherford caught five passes for 95 yards and a touchdown and also returned a punt 71 yards for a score as well. Drake (touchdown) and Stevens each finished with an interception for Good Hope (7-1, 5-1).

The Raiders will hit the road this week for another region game at Dora.

Meek 54 – Cherokee 6

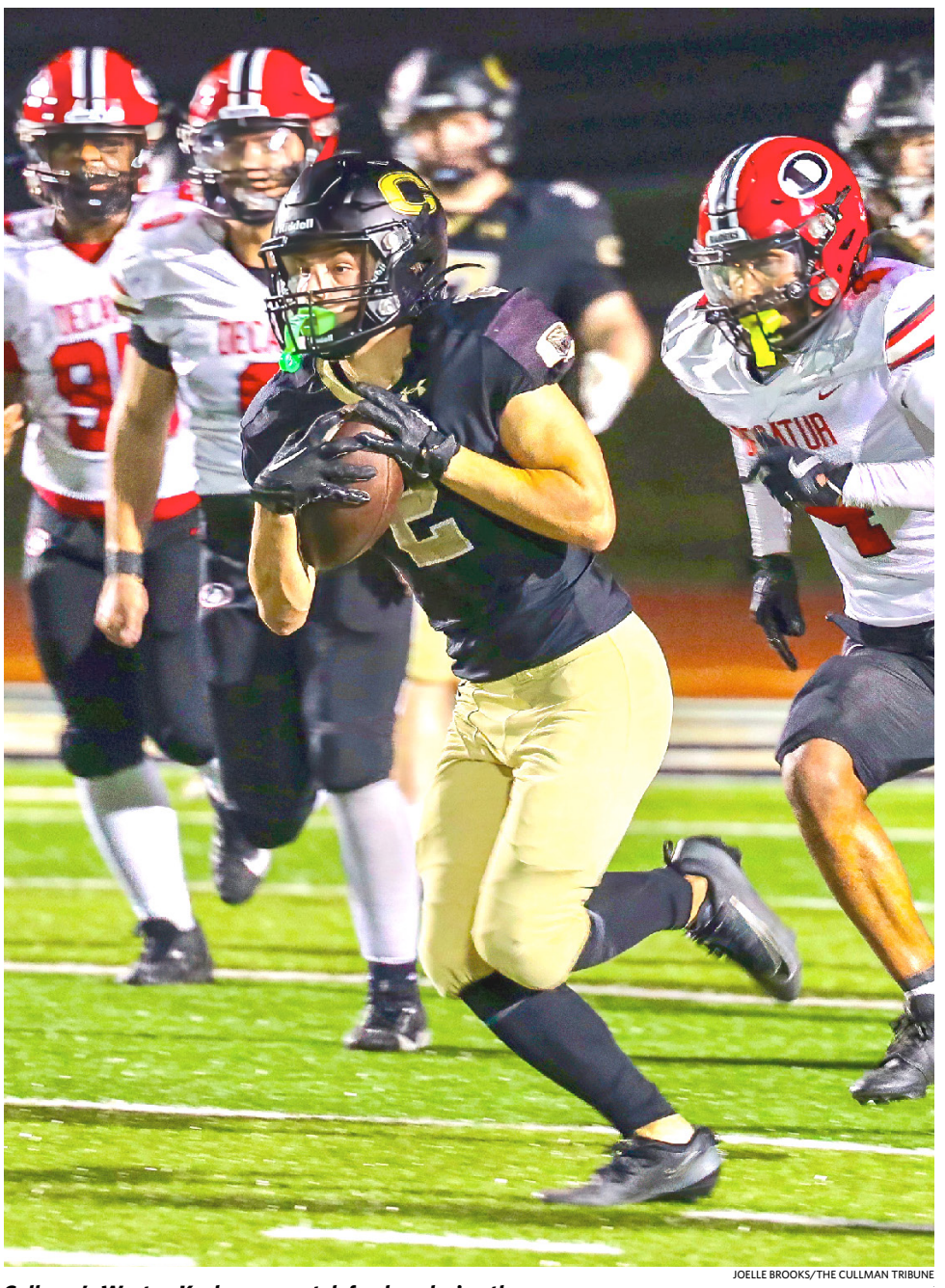
Meek made the trip to Cherokee for a region game against the Indians Friday night, and the Tigers dominated this one from start to finish. Meek led 40-6 at halftime and the Tigers cruised through the second half on their way to a 54-6 win.

A 5-yard touchdown run by Hunter Wyatt gave Meek an early, 8-0 lead and Wyatt ran in his second touchdown of the night to make it a 16-0 game with three minutes remaining in the first quarter. Wyatt's third touchdown of the game extended the lead to 24-0 with nine minutes to play in the second quarter and Aiden Benson scored on a 39-yard run to make it 32-0 with five minutes remaining in the first half.

The Tigers were about to add to their lead later in the second, but a fumble was scooped up by Cherokee and returned 99 yards for a touchdown, trimming the Tiger lead to 32-6 with one minute to play in the first half. However, quarterback Evan McCay connected with Parker Ferguson for an 11-yard touchdown in the final seconds of the second quarter to make it a 40-6 game at halftime.

A 3-yard touchdown run by Ethan Miles put the Tigers in front 46-6 midway through the third quarter and Max Powe ran one in from 2 yards out in the final two minutes of the game to wrap up a dominant, 54-6 win for Meek.

Meek (5-3) is scheduled to host Vina Friday night.



JOELLE BROOKS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman's Weston Keel races past defenders during the Bearcats' 37-13 win over Decatur Friday night.



MIKE WITCHER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope's Parker Johnson (7) runs past defenders in the Raiders' 24-22 win over Fayette County Friday night.

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Left to right are Ryker Guillot, Ethan Sandlin, Colton Hamilton, Marley Kate Swann and Anna Self.

Harmony School rocking 'Socktober'

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CASSIE SWANN

LOGAN, Ala. — Harmony School fifth-grade "Pirates and Pixies" clubs are working hard to make an impact in Cullman County this month with "Socktober," a school-wide fundraiser to collect socks for families in need and give students experience in community outreach.

The project was created by parent volunteer and PTO member Cassie Swann, who founded the Pirates and Pixies clubs with her fifth-grade daughter to inspire leadership and service among her classmates. The clubs meet monthly and plan projects that give back to others, with Socktober being their first major initiative.

"I saw the idea on Pinterest and thought it would be a fun, meaningful project for the kids," Swann said. "When I mentioned it, they loved it and immediately wanted to help."

Students set an ambitious goal of collecting 500 pairs of socks to donate to local nonprofit Curt's Closet, which supports families in need. Despite having just over 200 students in the school, Swann said, the children were determined to aim high. "They came up with that number on their own. They wanted a big goal to work toward."

To boost participation, the class that donates the most socks will win a pizza party, and weekly announcements will track which grade level is in the lead.

Swann said the friendly competition has helped build excitement throughout the school and the pizza party will reward them for their hard efforts.

Socktober is designed to teach students the value of serving others and leadership.

"They're learning what it means to care for others and to see their efforts make a difference and I hope that experience stays with them," Swann said.

Donations of new socks or monetary contributions are being accepted throughout October. Once the collection wraps up, the students plan to deliver the socks in person to Curt's Closet.

Harmony School can be reached at 256-747-1427.



Wallace State hosting Lion Fest Oct. 25

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College invites prospective students and their families to Lion Fest, an open house event scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m.-noon, at the James C. Bailey Center on the main campus. This exciting event offers a chance to explore the college's wide range of academic, applied technology and health science programs, dual enrollment opportunities, student services and campus life.

"Lion Fest is a great opportunity for anyone considering Wallace State to get the information they need to begin their journey," said Kristen Holmes, WSCC vice president for students.

"Whether you're just starting to explore your options or ready to apply and register for Spring 2026 classes, our team will be here to help."

Attendees will have access to:

- Admissions assistance to begin the application process or register for classes
- Financial Aid support, including help with completing the FAFSA and exploring scholarship opportunities
- Academic advising to learn more about program options and career pathways
- Campus tours and program demonstrations, with instructors available to answer questions and showcase hands-on learning experiences

In addition to valuable information and resources, guests can enjoy fun activities, including a bounce house, food and refreshments throughout the event and meet Wally, the Wallace State mascot.

For more information about Lion Fest or to pre-register, www.wallacestate.edu/lionfest.







Hanceville (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hanceville Friends of the Festival (FOTF) will host a citywide Downtown Hanceville Trunk or Treat event this Sunday, Oct. 26, from 4-6 p.m. at the corner of Commercial Street and U.S. Highway 31.

FOTF Event Organizer Nolan Bradford said this is the group's fourth year hosting the trunk or treat in Hanceville.

"This is a citywide candy giveaway in downtown Hanceville," Bradford said.

"Cars will line up on Commercial Street. Parking is available at city hall, adjacent to the event."

If you would like to register a car and participate in the event, information is on the registration form on the Hanceville Friends of the Festival Facebook page.

"This is likely the largest trunk or treat in the area; we had upwards of 5,000 go through in years past," Bradford said.

"Come downtown first, then feel free to visit the event at Hanceville Elementary.

"Additional information can be found on their Facebook page."

Bradford was referencing the Hanceville Fall Frenzy event, which will take place from 4-8 p.m. the same day in front of the Hanceville Middle School gym and include games, food, a haunted house, chili cook-off, trunk or treat and more.

Hanceville Middle School is located at 805 Commercial St., Hanceville, AL 35077.

Spann (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — James Spann will be the special guest at this month's North Alabama Agriplex Heritage Homeschool event on Thursday, Nov. 6, from 9-11 a.m. at the OmniPlex.

Agriplex Youth Programs Manager Samantha Catland said the event is hosted by the Agriplex in partnership with the OmniPlex.

"This is a combined Elementary and Secondary Homeschool Program and we are doing an introduction to the science of weather," Catland said.

"We are excited to learn all about forecasting, thunderstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes, snow and more from local legend James Spann."

She said that after Spann's presentation, families are invited to check out weather-related activity tables hosted by Cullman agencies and small businesses.

"He does programming for public schools and homeschool groups often, but it is the first time he's done a class for the Agriplex," Catland said.

"He is a busy man with a full schedule. We have been patiently waiting for this class after setting this date with him last October.

"I am so excited that it has grown into an event involving the whole community.

"It's not just about kids learning about weather types, but with the participation of United Way, EMA, local fire stations and more, we'll be able to spread the word on being weather aware, how to prepare and what resources are available if you do experience a natural disaster."

The OmniPlex is located at 1634 Field of Miracles Dr. SW in Cullman. To sign up to attend the event, go to www.agriplex.org/WPtest/heritage-homeschool. Admission is $15 ($30 max per family).

Recap (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The 2025 youth football regular season is now over, and there were some huge games that went on around the local area that helped determine which four teams from each division will be in this year's playoffs. The Cullman Bearcats faced off against the Holly Pond Broncos, the Hanceville Bulldogs took on the Cold Springs Eagles, the Vinemont Eagles battled the West Point Warriors, and the Good Hope Raiders faced off against the Fairview Aggies.

CULLMAN AT HOLLY POND

- Fireplug: Broncos 20 - Bearcats 6
- Wee-Wee: Broncos 28 - Bearcats 6
- Pee-Wee: Broncos 34 - Bearcats 6

HANCEVILLE AT COLD SPRINGS

- Fireplug: Bulldogs 24 - Eagles 0
- Wee-Wee: Bulldogs 44 - Eagles 0
- Pee-Wee: Bulldogs 20 - Eagles 8

WEST POINT AT VINEMONT

- Fireplug: Eagles 20 - Warriors 0
- Wee-Wee: Eagles 32 - Warriors 0
- Pee-Wee: Warriors 35 - Eagles 0

FAIRVIEW AT GOOD HOPE

- Fireplug: Aggies 28 - Raiders 0
- Wee-Wee: Aggies 9 - Raiders 6
- Pee-Wee: Aggies 24 - Raiders 0

CULLMAN FOOTBALL ACADEMY (QUARTERFINALS)

- Elkmont 18 – 8u Cullman 13
- 10u Cullman 34 – Decatur 0
- 11u Cullman 34 – Madison 0

YOUTH FOOTBALL RECORDS (END OF REGULAR SEASON)

Fireplug
- Vinemont (8-1)*
- Fairview (7-2)*
- Hanceville (7-2)*
- West Point (5-4)*
- Holly Pond (3-6)
- Good Hope (3-6)
- Cold Springs (3-6)
- Cullman (1-8)

Wee-Wee
- Vinemont (7-2)*
- Good Hope (7-2)*
- Hanceville (5-4)*
- Fairview (4-5)*
- Cullman (3-6)
- Holly Pond (3-6)
- West Point (2-7)
- Cold Springs (0-9)

Pee-Wee
- West Point (8-1)*
- Holly Pond (7-2)*
- Fairview (5-4)*
- Cold Springs (3-6)*
- Vinemont (3-6)
- Hanceville (2-7)
- Good Hope (1-8)
- Cullman (1-8)

FIRST ROUND OF PLAYOFFS (OCT. 25 AT HOLLY POND - TIMES TBD)

Fireplug
- Vinemont vs. Fairview (Previous matchup: 13-6, Aggies)
- Hanceville vs. West Point (Previous matchup: 18-0, Bulldogs)

Wee-Wee
- Good Hope vs. Fairview (Previous matchup: 9-6, Aggies)
- Vinemont vs. Hanceville (Previous matchup: 19-6, Eagles)

Pee-Wee
- West Point vs. Cold Springs (Previous matchup: 42-0, Warriors)
- Holly Pond vs. Fairview (Previous matchup: 32-8, Broncos)

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY of said deceased having been granted to **DONALD G. COCHRAN** on the 20th 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/Donald G. Cochran
Donald G. Cochran, Personal Representative of the Estate of Pamela Cochran

Seth B. Thompson, Attorney for Petitioner
Donald G. Cochran

Of Counsel:

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201 Second Avenue Southeast
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TO THE PUBLISHER OF THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

A public meeting will be held at the City of Good Hope Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, October 27, 2025 at 6:30 pm @ 135 Municipal Drive, Cullman, AL 35057.

A discussion will be held regarding the City of Good Hope authorizing an incentive with public funds, for a business to be located on County Road 490 on property is currently listed as PIN 84101 on Cullman Co ISV. The meeting would comply with Amendment 772 of the Alabama Constitution (Section 94.01) of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901.

All persons interested in the above matter are invited to attend the meeting which is held to provide an opportunity for public comment.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
NICHOLAS ALLEN JOINER * CASE NO.: PC2025-360
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to LINDSEY EASTWOOD, as Personal Representative of the Estate of NICHOLAS ALLEN JOINER deceased, on the 17th day of October, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Lindsey Eastwood
Personal Representative

Atty for Personal Representative:
Lindsey Eastwood
Eastwood Estate & Probate Law
2001 Park Place, Suite 510
Birmingham, AL35203

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

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of publication.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * 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

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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday November 3, 2025, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Rezoning request at 1803 Beech Avenue SE from M-1 to B-3
2. Short form subdivision – 1404 2nd Avenue NE – create two lots

For further information contact Brian Landreth or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

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:

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201 Second Avenue Southeast
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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
Luanne Temples,) Case No.: PC-2025-341
Deceased)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Beverly Paschal Poston as the Administrator of the Estate of Luanne Temples, deceased, on the 17th day of October, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown Judge of Probate.

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

Beverly Paschal Poston (PAS001)
Administrator of the Estate of
Luanne Temples, deceased

TO: **THE PUBLISHER OF THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE**

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

Beverly Paschal Poston (PAS001)
Administrator of the Estate of
Luanne Temples, deceased
201 2nd Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama, 35055
bposton@beverlypaschalposton.com
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TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

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
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

Man (from Front)

said, "Deputies responded to in the Garden City community after receiving reports of a possible assault.

"Working in conjunction with the local fire department and EMS, it said, deputies were able to locate the victim, who was transported to an area hospital for treatment of his injuries."

Unfortunately, Patrick died the next day.

Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker announced the sentencing on social media on Friday, Oct. 17, 2025, posting, in part, "This was a senseless crime. Mr. Patrick was outside his home in Garden City when he was attacked which caused his death the next day. Mr. Patrick was loved by many people. My staff and I were honored to stand with his family in court today for this sentencing. Mr. Knowles accepted responsibility and apologized to the family in court."

Knowles was initially charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, first-degree robbery, second-degree assault and first-degree elder abuse.

After Patrick succumbed to his injuries, Knowles was charged with felony murder.

According to court records, Knowles pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of manslaughter, a Class B felony.

Cullman County Circuit Court Judge Emily Niezer Johnston presided over the sentencing hearing.

A Class B felony carries a sentence of 10-99 years if a defendant has a prior felony conviction, which Knowles has. Johnston sentenced Knowles to 30 years.

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Investing (from Front)

• North Alabama Agriplex Foundation/Teaching kitchen: Kitchen equipment for new 8,525-square-foot teaching and community facility - $7,000

• Cullman County Public Library/Circulation counter renovation: Updated circulation area has transformed the library's front entrance into a more inviting and efficient space - $8,000

• The Link of Cullman County/Pantry upgrades: Modernized People's Choice Pantry improves service to local families in need - $10,000

• Cullman County Commission/Hanceville High School baseball field structure project: New restrooms at the baseball field enhance safety and accessibility for students and spectators - $17,114

• Cullman County Commission/Clarkson Covered Bridge emergency flood funding - $20,000

Alabama Mountains, Rivers & Valleys Resource Conservation & Development Council officials said these projects demonstrate how partnerships between the state legislature, local governments and community organizations continue to make lasting improvements across Cullman.

Festival (from Front)

Noah Galilee
noah@cullmantribune.com

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Bands from across north Alabama will take the field Saturday, Oct. 25, at Hanceville High School for the 34th Annual Mud Creek Marching Festival, a full day of music, precision and community spirit.

Gates open at 9 a.m., with Meek High School leading off the day's performances at 10:30.

The morning lineup includes Falkville, Vinemont, East Lawrence, Lexington, Hatton, Lauderdale County, Ider and Cold Springs, all competing in the A Class division.

After a short break, the festival continues into the afternoon with A Purple Class entries including Holly Pond, Shelby County, Colbert Heights, Winston County and Red Bay.

These bands will be followed by AA and AAA Classes featuring Cordova, A.P. Brewer, Good Hope, Brooks, East Limestone, Danville, Holtville, Fairview, Lamar County, Priceville and West Point.

Following a dinner break from 4:15-5:45 p.m., the evening performances begin with Ardmore, Mountain Brook, Hazel Green, Mortimer Jordan and Vestavia Hills in Classes AAAA and AAAAA.

Hanceville High School will perform in exhibition at 8:50 p.m., and the University of North Alabama will close the festival at 9:05 before the awards presentation at 9:30.

Admission is $10 per person, with children 5 and younger admitted free. The event is cash only, and parking is free. Gates open at 9 a.m.

The Mud Creek Marching Festival has become a staple of the fall season, showcasing months of preparation and passion from student musicians across the region.

Audiences can expect an exciting mix of artistry and competition as each band takes the field in hopes of earning top honors.

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

• Gates open: 9 a.m.
• First performance: 10:30 a.m.
• Admission: $10 per person | Ages 5 and younger, free | Cash only | Free parking

A (White) Division
• 10:30 a.m. – Meek
• 10:45 a.m. – Falkville
• 11 a.m. – Vinemont
• 11:15 a.m. – East Lawrence
• 11:30 a.m. – Lexington
• 11:45 a.m. – Hatton
• Noon – Lauderdale County
• 12:15 p.m. – Ider
• 12:30 p.m. – Cold Springs
• Break – 15 minutes

A (Purple) Division
• 1 p.m. – Holly Pond
• 1:15 p.m. – Shelby County
• 1:30 p.m. – Colbert Heights
• 1:45 p.m. – Winston County
• 2 p.m. – Red Bay

• Break – 15 minutes

AA Division
• 2:30 p.m. – Cordova
• 2:45 p.m. – A.P. Brewer
• 3 p.m. – Good Hope
• 3:15 p.m. – Brooks
• 3:30 p.m. – East Limestone
• 3:45 p.m. – Danville
• 4 p.m. – Holtville

Dinner break – 4:15-5:45 p.m.

AAA Division
• 5:45 p.m. – Fairview
• 6:05 p.m. – Lamar County
• 6:25 p.m. – Priceville
• 6:45 p.m. – West Point



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

The Cold Springs marching band earned Best Percussion and Best Band awards in the Class A Purple Division at the Mud Creek Marching Festival Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022.

• Break – 15 minutes

AAAA & AAAAA Divisions
• 7:15 p.m. – Ardmore
• 7:35 p.m. – Mountain Brook
• 7:55 p.m. – Hazel Green
• 8:15 p.m. – Mortimer Jordan
• 8:35 p.m. – Vestavia Hills

Exhibition performances
• 8:50 p.m. – Hanceville
• 9:05 p.m. – University of North Alabama

• 9:30 p.m. – Awards Ceremony

Hanceville High School is located at 801 Commercial St. SE Hanceville, AL 35077.

Obituary Announcements: Oct. 18-20

James J. Earl, 80
James J. Earl, 80, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away on Friday evening, October 17, 2025. Mr. Earl was born on November 14, 1944, in Cullman County, Alabama, to the late Harlen James Earl and the late Ellen Louise Bates Earl. Mr. Earl is preceded in death by his parents; son-in-law, Shawn Tipton; and grandson, Anthony Pippin. Those left to cherish Mr. Earl's memory include his wife, Deborah Earl; children, Richie Earl (Amy), Tim Earl (Gayla), Ski Smith, Michelle Tipton; grandchildren, Reagan Pippin, Mattie Grace Earl, Emma Earl, Cessily Earl, Lane Tipton (Taylor), Clay Tipton; great-grandchildren, Drake Pippin, Ella Pippin, Cason Earl, Casey James Earl; and many cherished friends. Mr. Earl was a member of Redan Missionary Baptist Church. James had an outgoing personality, and he never met a stranger. He was a hard worker who stayed busy all the time. Mr. Earl loved his country, and his servant heart led him to serve six years in the Alabama National Guard where he trained regularly and was prepared to serve our nation at a moment's notice, given he was called to do so. James had a special bond with his dog, Blackie, but his love for his family was even greater. James adored his family, and he never missed an event that his children or grandchildren participated in. He was always there - supporting and encouraging them in their many endeavors. Mr. Earl's love for his family was evident, and he will be remembered as a devoted and loving husband, father, and Pawpaw. While he will be missed greatly, James's legacy of love and devotion will be cherished for generations to come. Friends are invited to join the Earl family on Monday evening, October 20, 2025, for a time of visitation beginning at 6 p.m. and concluding at 8 p.m. Funeral services for Mr. Earl will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 11 a.m., with Rev. Wade Maynard officiating. Both visitation and funeral services will be held in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Mr. Earl will be laid to rest in Union Grove Cemetery following services. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Earl family.

Alton 'Bo' Bland, 89
A graveside service for Alton "Bo" Bland, 89, of Hanceville will be 11 a.m., Saturday October 25th at Hopewell Cemetery. Dr. David McGowin will be officiating. Mr. Bland was born October 12, 1936, in Hanceville, Alabama to the late Andrew & Emma Bland. He passed away October 12, 2025, at Hanceville Nursing Home. He worked for many years as a heavy equipment operator for a road construction company before spending 24 years with The Birmingham News, where he retired. Alton was a hardworking man who took pride in everything he did. In his free time, he enjoyed gardening and woodworking, finding joy and peace in working with his hands. He will be remembered for his dedication, kind spirit, and the care he showed to his family and friends. Mr. Bland is survived by his children, James "Jimmy" Bland (Cindy), Kelly Taylor (Danny); grandchildren, Jessica Raper (Justin), Tyler Bland (Jennifer), Kasey Creel (Jake), Kristen Searls (Eric); great grandchildren, Dalyn Bland, Anastasia Bland, Caleb Raper, Olivia Raper, Jude Creel, Lucy Creel, Max Creel, Harrison Searls, and Henry Searls. Mr. Bland was preceded in death by his wife, Wilma Bland; his parents, Andrew & Emma Bland; his brother, Clyde Bland; and his sister, Ruth Mayfield. Serving as pallbearers will be Tyler Bland, Justin Raper, Jake Creel, Eric Searls, Hayden Clements, and Steve Burgett. The family would like to thank Hanceville Nursing Home, and Southern Care New Beacon Hospice for all of their care and support. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Bland family.

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