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Vinemont man indicted on 36 counts of aggravated criminal surveillance

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — A Cullman County grand jury has indicted 37-year-old Patrick Scott Herron of Vinemont on 36 counts of aggravated criminal surveillance and one count of tampering with physical evidence.

The Cullman Police Department said that on June 22, 2025, the CPD received a complaint alleging that a male subject had used a cellphone to record a female while she was using the restroom at Cracker Barrel in Cullman.

Through a detailed investigation, Herron was identified as the primary suspect and was arrested on July 2, 2025, in connection with the initial incident.

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CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
Patrick Scott Herron

St. Andrew's donation aids Good Samaritan



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Left to right are Good Samaritan Health Clinic Community Engagement Coordinator Susan Crane; St. Andrew's Children's Director Kellie Britton, St. Andrew's Senior Pastor Robert Lancaster, Good Samaritan Health Clinic Board Member Susan Copeland, Good Samaritan Health Clinic Executive Director Jolanda Hutson, St. Andrew's Finance Committee Chairman Gary Turner, St. Andrew's member Frances Cooper and St. Andrew's Financial Secretary Lori Tafazoli.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — St. Andrew's Methodist Church has made a significant contribution toward the construction of Good Samaritan Health Clinic's new location, assisting in furnishing one of the facility's four exam rooms.

Senior Pastor Robert Lancaster and Finance Committee Chairman Gary Turner said the decision to give was a natural extension of the church's mission to support the local community.

"We have several members who serve on the clinic's board and help raise money. When we learned about the new facility, it just felt like something we needed to be part of," said Lancaster.

The idea for the donation originated from a chance meeting and conversation between Lancaster and Jolanda Hutson, the executive director of Good Samaritan. Lancaster said he asked what it would cost to furnish an exam room fully, and Hutson later provided an estimate of around $11,000.

"Not long after that, we received a generous gift to the church," Turner explained. "We decided that 10% of that would go directly to the clinic."

Hutson said the contribution from St. Andrew's brings the clinic one step closer to completing its $2.8 million capital project, which will expand services for uninsured and low-income residents.

"Our new clinic will have four exam rooms, a cardio room, a larger waiting area for after-hours education classes and even a drive-through for our medication dispensary. This gift helps make that vision possible," said Hutson. She added that St. Andrew's has been a faithful partner for over a decade, with congregation members and Sunday school groups consistently supporting the clinic's operations.

The new clinic will enable Good Samaritan to expand access to affordable healthcare, prescription assistance and vision services for Cullman County residents. Both the church and the clinic hope the gift will encourage others to contribute, as three more exam rooms need to be furnished.

To keep up with the new clinic's progress, learn about services or support its mission, visit www.goodsamaritancullman.com, email jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com or follow the clinic on Facebook at GoodSamaritanCullman and Instagram at GoodSamaritanClinicCullman.

Good Samaritan Health Clinic is currently located at 401 Arnold St. NE, Suite A, Cullman. The new facility will be at 118 Veterans Dr. SW. The 5,040-square-foot clinic is expected to be complete by late spring or early summer 2026.

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Wallace State Cross Country sweeps ACCC Championships at John Hunt Park



WALLACE STATE
The Wallace State men's and women's cross country teams are ACCC Conference Champions following their sweep at John Hunt Park in Huntsville. » PAGE 4

Remembering Sydni Helms-Hipp

3rd annual Memorial Barrel Race set for Nov. 1



SYDNI HELMS-HIPP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
The third annual Sydni Helms-Hipp Memorial Barrel Race will take place Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center. Admission is $5 per person, with children 5 and younger admitted free. » PAGE 2

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 24

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 24, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Oct. 20

- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 222
- domestic violence-criminal mischief; CR 1374
- violation of protection order; CR 81
- theft of property; CR 38
- domestic violence-harassing communications; CR 557
- domestic violence; CR 222
- domestic violence; CR 859
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; tampering with physical evidence; CR 1179
- burglary; Hwy. 157

Oct. 21

- theft of property; CR 220
- theft of property; CR 116
- theft of property; CR 747

Oct. 22

- attempting to elude; obstructing police; CR 1242
- trespassing; criminal mischief; Hwy. 31
- domestic violence; Michelle St. Hanceville
- theft of property; Dove Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 1223
- criminal mischief; CR 108
- burglary; Schwaiger Rd.

ARRESTS

Oct. 20-22

Battles, Emily N.; 30

- homicide-murder-non-family gun
- auto theft

Denton, Candace L.; 27

- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree – criminal mischief-3rd degree

Farr, Christopher R.; 49

- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Fitzgerald II, Alan R.; 45

- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs
- criminal trespass

Harris, Darrell N.; 59

- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Jorsch, Denis D.; 57

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

King, Sebastian W.; 32

- FTA – reckless driving

Light, Jonathan K.; 43

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – negotiating worthless instrument
- FTA – obstructing criminal investigation
- FTA – public intoxication
- FTA – disorderly conduct

Loyd, Dylan K.; 34

- FTA – family offense-NS non-support-child

McDonald, Elijah B.; 31

- assault-child abuse-simple-family
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- tampering with physical evidence

McDonald, Sunny K.; 49

- assault-child abuse-simple-family
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Merrill, Aaron N.; 30

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Owens, Michael W.; 52

- domestic violence protection order enforcement act

Salas, Luciano; 34

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Skipworth, Kayla N.; 38

- FTA – assault-child abuse-simple-family

Stewart, James A.; 39

- FTA – retail theft-2nd degree

White, Christian H.; 24

- FTA – illegal possession/use of a credit/debit card

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Oct. 19

- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; person; tools; $1,030; Hwy. 157

Oct. 21

- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; criminal mischief-2nd degree; person; damaged windshield; $600; 2nd Ave. NW

Oct. 22

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $349; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $70; Hwy. 157
- burglary-3rd degree; criminal mischief-3rd degree; Hampton Inn; cash, damaged property; Hwy. 157
- retail theft of property-2nd degree; criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; jewelry; $956; Olive St. SW

Oct. 23

- theft of property-4th degree; person; miscellaneous; $339; Old Bolte Rd. SE

Oct. 24

- burglary; Poker Smoke & Vape; Cherokee Ave. SW

ARRESTS

Oct. 19-23

Loyd, Dylan K.; 34

- theft of property-4th degree

Turner, Justin D.; 43

- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)

Stewart, James A.; 39

- FTA – improper lights
- FTA – speeding
- FTA – switched tag
- FTA – driving without license
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – driving while revoked

Smith, Sabrina M.; 25

- GJ – chemical endangerment of child

Sherrell, Cameron D.; 28

- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA – driving without license
- FTA – duty upon striking unattended vehicle

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

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Man (from Front)

search warrants executed during the investigation allegedly led to the discovery of additional evidence indicating that Herron had allegedly visited multiple locations throughout the city of Cullman and Cullman County, where other victims were unlawfully recorded and photographed without their consent.

"This case was led by Investigator Sgt. Zach Latham, with invaluable assistance from Investigators Nick Watkins and Tim Nalley.

"The Cullman Police Department extends its gratitude to the Cullman County District Attorney's Office, the CPD Patrol Division and the CPD Tactical Team for their professionalism and support throughout this investigation," the CPD said in a release.

The department said Herron remains in the Cullman County Detention Center and is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Race (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The third Annual Sydni Helms-Hipp Memorial Barrel Race will take place Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center. The event honors the life and legacy of Sydni Helms-Hipp, a beloved member of the local barrel racing community whose kindness and love for others continue to inspire those who knew her. Proceeds from the event benefit the Sydni Helms-Hipp Memorial Scholarship Fund, which provides educational scholarships to local students.

Gates will open at 7 a.m., with exhibitions running from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. for $5 per ride. A special tribute ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m., followed by the main barrel race at 2 p.m. Admission is $5 per person, with children 5 and younger admitted free.

Riders can register for several categories, including PeeWee ($5 entry at the show), Youth 4-D ($30 entry), Open 4-D ($40 entry) and Poles ($15 entry). The Youth 4-D division features $1,000 added to the payout, while the Open 4-D offers $3,000 in added funds. Each class pays back 75% of the entry fees to winners, with 25% benefiting the scholarship fund. Registration is available through Saddlebook, where participants can pay online or in person at the event (processing fees apply).

Buckles will be awarded to winners in each division and a $2,000 educational scholarship will also be awarded to a participating competitor —applications and additional paperwork are required. Additionally, a night ride will be available on Friday, Oct. 31, from 4-8 p.m. for $10 per rider.

Beyond the arena, visitors can enjoy a variety of vendors, concessions and a silent auction. Vendors this year include Blue Ridge & Co, Palm Beach Tan, Cross Creek Studio, Swanky Cow, Bugaloo's Creations, Beautified, Lollars Dollars, Joes Shirt Shop, Brandy Peterson & Scentsy, Tracy Frost & Mary Kay, Kristie's Korner, and The Willow Bar Co, among others. Silent auction items include gift certificates, baskets, tack, tools, soaps and handmade décor, with new items added daily. Stall rentals and RV sites (electric only) are still available for $25 each.

Kristie Martin, event organizer and close family friend of Sydni and her family, said the scholarship fund and community support continue to grow each year. "The first year we were able to award two scholarships, and the second year we awarded three," she shared. "One went to a Curry High School senior, Sydni's alma mater; one to a Cullman County senior, where she lived and served with a volunteer fire department; and one to someone who competed in the second show. We hope to expand that even more in the years to come."

For Martin, the event is about more than competition; it's about community and carrying on Sydni's spirit. "As with everything we do, we hope the takeaway from this is always love and community," she said. "Sydni was a force to be reckoned with. She loved God, animals and people. She never met a stranger, and when you walked away from meeting her, you had made a friend for life."

For more information on the third annual Sydni Helms-Hipp Memorial Barrel Race, contact event organizers at sydnihelmshippmemorial@gmail.com. Additional contacts can be found on the attached flyer.

The Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center is located at 17645 U.S. Highway 31, Cullman.

Trunk or Treat (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Police Department is hosting its eighth annual Trunk or Treat in the CPD parking lot on Tuesday, Oct. 28 from 6-8 p.m.

Community Relations Officer Adam Clark said the department is excited to host another year of fun, free to the community.

"This event offers a safe and fun Halloween experience for families in the community," Clark said. "Officers and staff from the Cullman Police Department, along with representatives from Merchants Bank, will have their vehicles decorated and filled with candy for children to enjoy."

Clark said the department invites everyone to come out for an evening of Halloween fun, community spirit and friendly interaction with local law enforcement.

"We will have patrol cars, a fire truck and the helicopter on-site," Clark said. "The trunk or treat is sponsored by Merchants Bank, a division of SouthPoint Bank."

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/cullmanpd. The CPD is located at 601 Second Ave. NE in Cullman.

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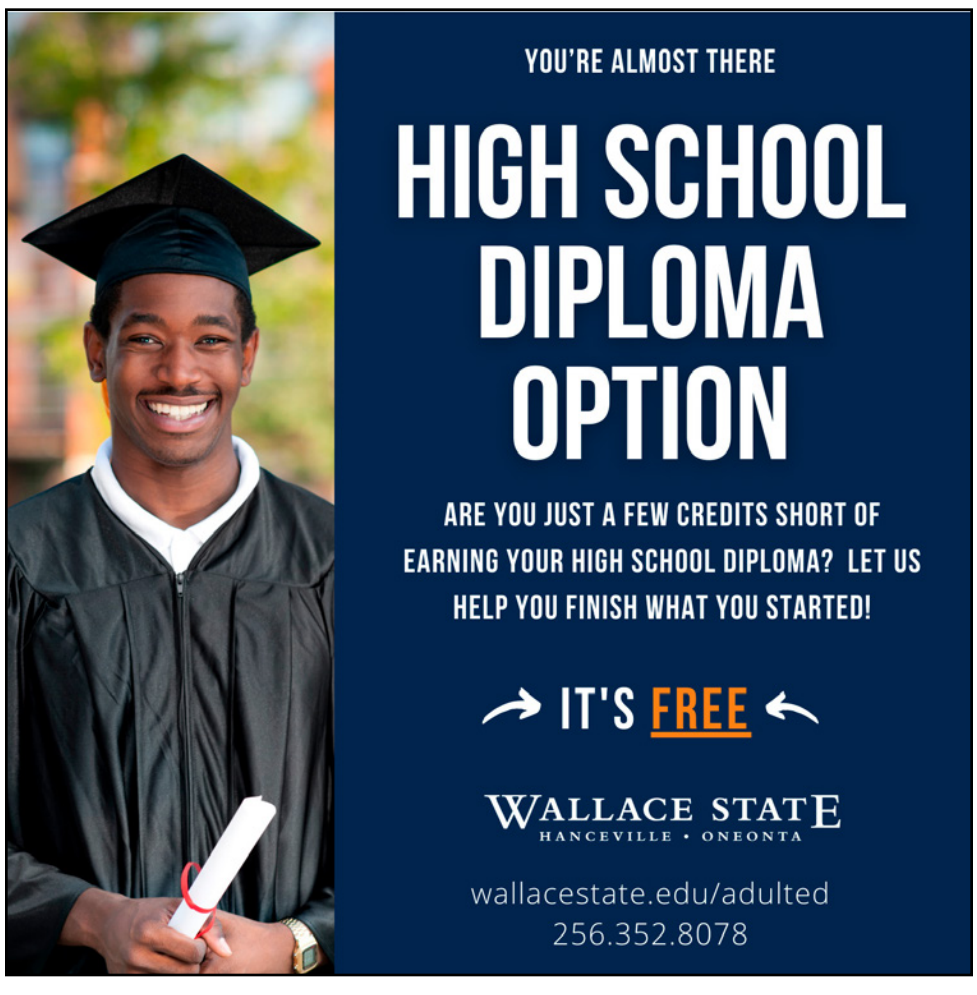
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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.
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Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• 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. 29, 10 a.m. Fall Harvest Costume Party! Come dressed in your favorite character and bring a food dish to share. Hanceville Mayor Jim Sawyer will judge the costumes. Take your picture with Dracula!
• Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 10 a.m. Storytime read by Lashae Vogelpohl
• Saturday Nov. 8, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mystery Book Sale for Mud Creek Festival
• Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 10 a.m. Storytime read by Briana Taylor
• Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Dinner everyone to bring a covered dish
• Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 10 a.m. Storytime with Melissa Porter
• Wednesday, Nov. 26: Open. No storytime
• Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 10 a.m. "Let it Shine Puppets" presents a song and dance Christmas presentation
• Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m. Agriplex-the sweet smells of Christmas, an evergreen program
• Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m. Christmas Dinner everyone to bring a food dish
• Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 10 a.m. Mrs. Santa & author Dorenda Doyle "The kid and the dog" take your picture with Mrs. Santa
• Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 10 a.m. New Year's theme storytime

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.

Cullman Chapter of The National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting
Monday, Nov. 10, at Freddie Day Catering. (1628 Second Ave. NW). Members and guests will assemble to eat Dutch lunch ($15) at 11 a.m. The guest speakers will be Senator Garlan Gudger and our Federal Blue Cross Representative Mr. Chris Alexander. Our program will begin at 11:30.

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 VOLLEYBALL

Addison wins 1A North Regional title, Cullman, Good Hope, Holly Pond, Vinemont fall at North Regional

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HOOVER, Ala. – Our local teams had a busy week competing at the North Regional volleyball tournament in Hoover and two of them played their way to the next stage of the postseason. Cullman, Good Hope, Holly Pond and Vinemont's season ended with losses in the opening round, but Addison and Meek met in the 1A North Regional finals. The Bulldogs downed Meek 3-0 to win the region title and both them and the Tigers will be back on the court at the 1A state tournament next week.

Geraldine 3 – Vinemont 2 (Wednesday)
After securing the area title last week, Vinemont tipped off Regional Tournament play against Geraldine Wednesday morning. After dropping the first set 25-12, the Eagles bounced back to take the second set 25-20. Vinemont edged the Bulldogs in the third set 26-24 but Geraldine won the fourth set 25-20 to force a tiebreaker.

The Bulldogs jumped out to an early lead and the Eagles rallied to make it close down the stretch, but Geraldine held on to take the fifth set 15-11 and Vinemont's season came to an end in the opening round of the North Regional.

Fyffe 3 – Holly Pond 2 (Wednesday)
Holly Pond was on the court next to take on Fyffe and the Broncos got off to a fast start, but the Red Devils came from behind to win the first set 25-17. The Broncos bounced back with a 25-20 win in the second set and pulled ahead of Fyffe with a 25-20 win in the third set. However, the Red Devils rallied to take the fourth set 25-17 and held off Holly Pond in the fifth and final set 15-13 to win the match, ending the Broncos' season at the North Regional.

Meek 3 – Spring Garden 0 (Wednesday)
Meek clashed with Spring Garden in its first match of the day and after falling behind early, the Tigers came from behind to take the opening set 25-16. Meek took the second set over the Panthers 25-18 and won the third set 25-23 to complete the sweep and advance to the next round.

Meek 3 – Holy Spirit Catholic 0 (Wednesday)
The Tigers were back on the court later Wednesday afternoon to take on Holy Spirit Catholic in round two. Meek was able to win the opening set 25-16 and took control of the match with a 25-18 win in the second set. The Tigers capped a strong day with another 25-18 win in the third set, completing the sweep and securing a spot at next week's state tournament.

Addison 3 – Faith Christian 2 (Wednesday)
Addison hit the court to take on Faith Christian in its first North Regional match on Wednesday and the Bulldogs got off to a fast start in this one. Addison took the opening set 25-16 and added to its lead with a 25-18 win in the second set. In the third set, the Lions rallied to win 25-20 and they carried the momentum into the fourth set, defeating Addison 25-15 to force a tie breaker. The momentum swung by towards Addison's side of the net in the fifth set, and the Bulldogs kept their season alive with a 15-7 win over Faith Christian.

Addison 3 – Athens Bible 0 (Wednesday)
Addison was back on the court to play Athens Bible in round two later Wednesday night, and the Bulldogs continued to play well. Addison took the first set over the Trojans 25-19 and added to its lead with a 25-18 win in the second set. The Bulldogs completed the sweep in the third set with a 25-11 win, punching their ticket to the state tournament.

Ashville 3 – Good Hope 2 (Thursday)
Good Hope hit the court early Thursday morning to take on Ashville and after dropping the opening set, the Raiders rallied to win the second set 26-24. Good Hope kept the momentum going with another 26-24 win in the next set, but Ashville responded to take the fourth set 25-21 and force a tiebreaker. Unfortunately for the Raiders, the Bulldogs were able to edge out a 15-13 win in the fifth and final set, ending Good Hope's season in round one of the 4A North Regional.


BRANDON EVANS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
The Addison Bulldogs defeated Meek 3-0 in the 1A North Regional finals on Thursday.

Oxford 3 – Cullman 0 (Thursday)
Cullman continued its postseason run with a match against Oxford Thursday, but it ended up being a tough draw for the Bearcats. The Yellow Jackets took the first set 25-18 and won the second set 25-23 to add to their lead. The 'Cats battled back in the third set, but Oxford was able to hold on and win it 27-25, ending Cullman's season in the opening round of the 6A North Regional.

Addison 3 – Marion County 0 (Thursday)
Up next were the Addison Bulldogs in the 1A North Regional semifinals. Addison took the first set over Marion County 25-23 to build an early lead and won the second set 25-14 to pull ahead 2-0. The Bulldogs completed the sweep with a 25-9 win in the third set, punching their ticket to the Regional finals.

Meek 3 – Appalachian 1 (Thursday)
Meek was in the Regional semifinals Thursday as well, taking on Appalachian with a spot in the finals on the line. The Tigers took the opening set 25-15 and after dropping the second set, Meek won the third 25-14 and the fourth 25-18 to defeat the Eagles and set up a Winston County battle with Addison in the 1A North Regional finals.

Addison 3 – Meek 0 (Thursday)
Addison and Meek clashed in the 1A North Regional championship game to wrap up a long Thursday down in Hoover. The Bulldogs got off to a fast start, taking the first set 25-14 and they added to their lead with a 25-15 win in the second set. Addison finished strong, taking the third set 25-19 to complete the sweep and claim the North Regional championship.

Both Addison and Meek will be back in action at the 1A state tournament next week.

Championships (from Front)

Wallace State Sports Information

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State men's and women's cross-country teams left no doubt at the ACCC Conference/Region 22 Championships on Friday at John Hunt Park, sweeping both team titles in dominating fashion.

The men's team turned in a perfect score of 15 points, claiming the top five spots in the 8K race. Sophomore Daniel Leija led the charge with a winning time of 26:02.20, followed closely by Connor McCrary (26:20.35), Elliot Denard (26:22.08), Harper Branscome (26:32.03), and Carson Masterson (26:33.73). Jack Wiggins added a 10th-place finish in 27:18.68, giving the Lions six All-Conference selections.

"I think with Tyler being out, we challenged them to step up, each one of them, and that's what they did," Coach Tony Crider said. "They wanted a perfect score as much as I did. It's a testament to the hard work they've done all year long. I think they were running for Tyler as much as themselves today."

Crider credited Leija's journey as especially inspiring."Daniel, from the time he had his accident three years ago, has battled back stronger than ever. He came in last year, still working his way back, but this year he's been right there with Tyler, pushing him every race. They're great competitors and great friends. To see him win today was very special."

Despite being sidelined with a minor injury, Tyler Anthony was honored as the ACCC Male Runner of the Year after a stellar season highlighted by a school-record 8K performance. Head coach Tony Crider was named Coach of the Year for both the men's and women's squads.

Anthony echoed that sentiment when discussing his own honor: "It's a great honor. I'm very blessed to be able to run and compete. I'm super grateful for all those who voted for me."



WALLACE STATE
The Wallace State men's and women's cross country teams are ACCC Conference Champions following their sweep at John Hunt Park in Huntsville.

For Crider, being recognized as Coach of the Year again was humbling. "It's an honor, but really a testament to the work these kids and my assistants, Mandy Leonardi and Cole Akridge, put in every day. I may get the award, but it's mostly because of them. This is my happy place, and anytime you're happy, you can be successful."

The men's team outdistanced second-place Shelton State (72 points) and Calhoun (97 points).

On the women's side, freshman sensation Brookelyn Morgan captured the individual crown with a time of 19:06.58, continuing her stellar debut season. Morgan was named the ACCC Female Runner of the Year.

She was joined in the top five by Grace Gosline (3rd, 19:44.81) and Cadence Rivera (4th, 19:55.80). Hanna Sheffield (7th, 20:02.66) and Payton Ridley (8th, 20:08.94) rounded out a pack that placed five Lions in the top eight. All five earned All-Conference recognition. Rachel Matthews added a strong 14th-place finish in 20:38.35, just shy of All-Conference honors.

"We had a goal of perfect scoring, but I knew that was a stretch on the women's side," Crider said. "Still, I thought the girls really did a good job competing. Some of them didn't have their PR day, but as a group, they were outstanding."



WALLACE STATE
Wallace State head coach Tony Crider, ACCC Men's Coach of the Year, with freshman Brookelyn Morgan, ACCC Female Runner of the Year.



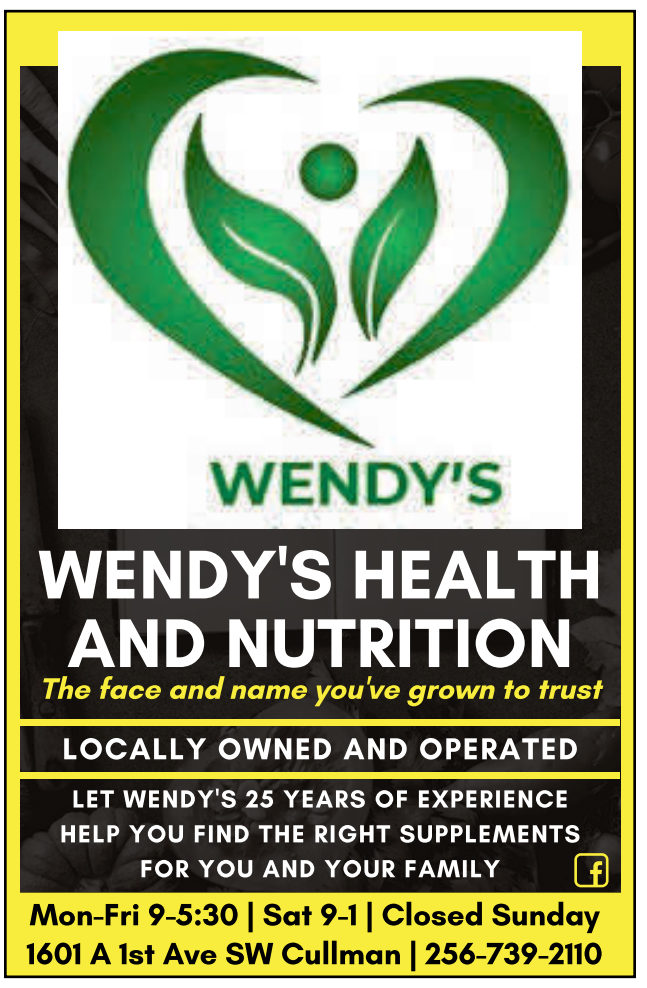
WALLACE STATE
Wallace State head coach Tony Crider, ACCC Women's Coach of the Year, with sophomore Tyler Anthony, ACCC Male Runner of the Year.

Crider was quick to praise Morgan's character in addition to her athletic ability. "Brookelyn's an amazing young lady. As talented as she is, she's an even better person—humble, hardworking, a great teammate. She's going to make a Division I program very lucky someday."

Morgan reflected on her season and her award: "Starting off, it was just about getting back into it, but the team and I have been training hard all year. We push each other every day. It's an honor to be named Runner of the Year, but I couldn't do it without my teammates."

The women's team, 21 points, outdistanced second-place Northeast Alabama (70 points) and third-place Calhoun (70 points).

What's next
Both teams advance to the NJCAA Division II Cross Country National Championships on November 8 at Lakeside Municipal Golf Course in Fort Dodge, Iowa.





8 local cheer squads earn bids to state competition

Congratulations to Cullman, West Point, Fairview, Good Hope, Hanceville, Vinemont, Holly Pond and Addison's varsity cheer squads on earning bids to the state competition with their performances at their respective regional meets this week.



ADDISON HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS

Addison High School varsity cheer squad



CULLMAN CHEERLEADING

Cullman High School varsity cheer squad



FAIRVIEW CHEERLEADING

Fairview High School varsity cheer squad



GOOD HOPE HIGH SCHOOL

Good Hope High School varsity cheer squad



HANCEVILLE CHEERLEADING

Hanceville High School varsity cheer squad



HOLLY POND CHEERLEADERS

Holly Pond High School varsity cheer squad



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Legal Notice
Surplus property of Wallace State Community College (Hanceville Campus) will be offered for sale on the website www.govdeals.com Various sales will occur on this website, please check the www.govdeals.com website weekly to see any current sales. This is a government auction website and you MUST be registered on the website to bid on any items. You may view the surplus property to be sold without registration. The govdeals.com website will contain detailed information including descriptions and photos. Items may be inspected by APPOINTMENT ONLY: Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact Wesley Sams at inventory@wallacestate.edu to schedule any appointments. All items listed are to be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS". Wallace State Community College reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF *
JUDY FRANCIS INGRAM, * CASE NO.: PC-2025-379
An alleged incapacitated person.

PUBLICATION FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP

TO: RICHARD T. INGRAM
LESIA SEXTON
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a *Petition for Letters of Guardianship*, filed by Tonya C. Palmer, Attorney for Petitioner, Richard L. Ingram. A hearing on said *Petition for Letters of Guardianship*, has been **SET FOR THE 14th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025, AT 10:30 A.M.** Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 24th day of October, 2025.

Tammy Brown per TB/WFC
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

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Cullman AL. 35055
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
WELLS RUTLAND TURNER, JR., * CASE NO.: PC 2025-371
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to ESTHER H. TURNER on the 10th 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 later to occur or the same will be barred.

Esther H. Turner
Personal Representative

Robert M. Galloway
Galloway,Wettermark & Rutens, LLP
PO Box 16629
Mobile, Alabama 36616-0629

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

Please publish the above Notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
CHRISTINE E. BALLEW, * CASE NO.: PC2025-349
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to CHARLES T. BALLEW, as Personal Representative of the Estate of CHRISTINE E. BALLEW, deceased, on the 23rd day of October, 2025, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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.

CHARLES T. BALLEW
Personal Representative

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 517
Cullman, Alabama 35056

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Please publish the forgoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

DONE this 23rd day of October, 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
DOLLIE EUGENIA WHITE, also known as DOLLY EUGENIA WHITE) CASE NO. PC-2025-381
DECEASED.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Kevin William White, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Dollie Eugenia White, also known as Dolly Eugenia White, 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.

Kevin Wellen White
Kevin William White
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Dollie Eugenia White, also known as
Dolly Eugenia White, 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)
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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
MARY YOUNG, * PC2025-385
An alleged incapacitated person. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR

TO: HALEY LEE, BETH HILTON, ALLIYAH LUDWIG and all known and unknown heirs of the estate of MARY YOUNG, an alleged incapacitated person.

Please take notice that a hearing in regard to the *Petition for Appointment of Conservator* to appoint Ellen Pratt as Conservator for MARY YOUNG, an alleged incapacitated person, has been scheduled for the **14th day of November, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama.

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

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 24th day of October, 2025.

Tammy Brown per TB/WFC
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Petitioner's Attorneys:
Ryan deGraffenried, III
Attorney for Petitioner
2620 Gary Fitts Street
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
FRED M. HALE * PC2025-300
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO PROBATE WILL AND FOR LETTERS OF TESTAMENTARY

TO: ANTHONY W. HALE, SARA KING AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES.

Please take notice that a *Petition to Probate Will and for Letters of Testamentary* has been filed by Clara M. Leverich, Petitioner, by and through Attorney Amanda Schafner. A hearing on said *Petition to Probate Will and for Letters of Testamentary* has been scheduled for the **12th day of November, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama.

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

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 8th day of September, 2025.

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

Petitioner's Attorney:
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5000 Grantswood Road, Suite 120
Birmingham, AL 35210

Obituary Announcements: Oct. 23-24

Mary Kate Mechaw, 85
Mary Kate Mechaw, age 85, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Sunday, October 19, 2025. A loving, devoted wife, daughter and aunt. Mary loved her dogs and cats and called them her "babies". She learned accounting and payroll skills. She worked many years for a transportation company. She loved her work. She was a professional, self-assured and assertive woman. She was an independent businesswoman who focused on the positive. She had years of motivational training in the Amway Corporation. She was an inspiration to all. She never missed sending birthday cards to all of her nieces and nephews. She carried herself with beauty and grace. She reluctantly joined Jim in the Amway business in 1967. She soon excelled at recruiting new people for their Amway business. They became GOLD Ruby Directors and served people in many different states. They were active in the Amway business until they passed. They loved attending Amway conventions throughout the United States. Mary leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, friends and extended family. Mary was preceded in death by her husband of 63 and a half years James Ray Mechaw; her parents, Pete and Lillian Hall; her sisters, Helen Hall Hoffman, Martha Stanford, Grace Sturgill, and her brothers, Gene T. Hall, Fred Hall, Douglas Hall and Bill Hall. A visitation for Mary will be held Wednesday, October 22, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home Followed by a celebration of life funeral service. A graveside committal service will be held Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at Bell Springs Cemetery in Falkville, AL. Thank You to Betty Glover from Boonville, Mississippi, for her faithful friendship with Mary since their high school graduation in 1958. They kept their friendship alive with phone calls and annual visits for their birthdays for over 67 years. Thank you to her niece Judy Gray for her endless sacrifice, her loving dedication and conscientious care of Mary. Judy tirelessly cared for Mary. She was her advocate in the healthcare system and insured Mary received the best care possible. Judy left her home and came to Cullman to take care of Mary's daily needs. Thank you to Mike Davin who was a devoted neighbor and friend. He supported Mary during Jim's lengthy illness by caring for her pets, taking out the garbage, picking up her mail and numerous other undertakings. Fond memories for the Mechaw family and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Margaret Hilton Thompson, 93
Margaret Hilton Thompson, age 93, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, October 22, 2025. Margaret was born in Haleyville, Alabama on April 7, 1932, to Harvey and Verna Elzora Barber Hilton/ She is preceded in death by her husband: Charles Robert Thompson. Graveside Memorial Services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at Cullman City Cemetery with Dr. Edwin Hayes speaking. The family will receive friends at the cemetery Tuesday at 10 a.m. Survivors are: Son: Charles "Chip" (Amy) Thompson, Granddaughter: Savannah Hewitt, Great Grandson: Elijah Lash. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

Bobbie Elaine Gill, 83
A graveside service for Bobbie Elaine Gill, 83, of Hanceville will be 2 p.m. Monday, October 27, at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Warrior, Alabama. Visitation will be prior to the service from noon until 1 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Bobbie Elaine Gill passed away peacefully at the age of 83 surrounded by her family and closest friends at Hanceville Nursing Home. She was born on July 19, 1942, to Arnold Joiner and Gracie Baines. She is preceded in death by her parents, her devoted husband James Wayne Gill and her sister Patricia Ann Jones. She leaves behind her daughter Phyllis Foust; son's Dewayne Gill (Sandy) and Phillip Gill. Her grandchildren Olivia Vining (David), Matthew Foust, Carson Gill and Autumn Hill. Her precious great grandchildren Ben and Nick Vining and Dawson Rutherford. Her sister Pam Greathouse (Wayne); brother, Terry Joiner (Kim); and a host of nieces and nephews. Throughout life, she loved working in her yard, painting and decorating her home and reading a good book. Above all, she loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. A woman with a keen sense of humor, a quick wit, and a one-of-a-kind vibe, Elaine had a unique ability to tell you what she thought. She lived life with authenticity, always staying true to herself and her principles. Her distinctive style and unapologetic approach to life made her truly unforgettable. She will be missed. We would like to give our sincere thanks to the employees of Garden Way Hall at Hanceville Nursing Home. We could never thank you enough for all you have done for our mother. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Gill family.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

The 3rd week in October

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



The third week in October is one of my favorite weeks of the year. No, I'm not talking about a game...I'm talking about fall, y'all. I love the cooler temperatures and the lower humidity. My eyes dance as they take in the brilliant orange, yellow and red leaves that adorn the limbs of the hardwoods. The third week of October is my favorite week of fall because it is typically when the changing leaves are at, or at least near, their peak in color. That is especially true in the mountains of eastern Tennessee and western Carolina. I spent last week there and it did not disappoint. The trees should win an academy award for Best Costume and maybe even for Best in Show.

Having grown up in the northeast Alabama mountains, I have a deep-rooted love and longing for mountains. Jean and I spent last week in a lakeside condo near Banner Elk, North Carolina. Banner Elk is nestled in the gorgeous Blue Ridge Mountains, high above the town of Boone. I first discovered that area some 40 years ago when I took a church youth group there to snow ski. I have returned several times since, but not recently until last week.

The only thing I found there that I did not like were the unbelievably crooked mountain-gap roads. There is a good road up the mountain from Boone, but a couple of times my GPS insisted that I take the scenic route. The rural countryside is indeed a site to behold, but don't look off to behold too long or you might miss one of those curves and be in a hole off the road.

I've never seen any snake with that many curves. Boone to Banner Elk is only about 20 minutes on the main road. The back-road scenic route takes so long the leaves could be gone by the time you reach the top! The color became more vibrant as we climbed higher and higher. My prayer life improved slightly, too, especially when I spotted a big yellow school bus on that road.

On the third weekend in October, the town of Banner Elk hosts the Woolly Worm Festival each year. The festival includes two days of woolly-worm races. Kentucky has its horse derby and North Carolina its woolly worm (aka woollybear caterpillar) races. Those worms can reach speeds of up to one-tenth of a mile in two weeks! The problem is they only race for two days. Horse jockeys are required to be small, so you can only imagine how small those caterpillar riders must be! The overall race winner earns a $1,000 purse but also the honor of predicting the coming winter weather. Pennsylvania has its groundhog and Banner Elk has its woolly worm. Each woolly worm has 13 colored bands and the color of those bands represents the 13 weeks of winter. Black bands predict a cold and snowy winter and brown bands predict a milder winter. Hey, it makes as much sense as a groundhog!

On our last evening there, we rode down the mountain to Boone to have supper at the Dan'l Boone Inn Restaurant. Oh my! I had forgotten how good it is. It's family style. They brought out a platter of fried chicken, country steak and gravy, biscuits filled with smokehouse ham, 367 bowls of vegetables, fried apples and your choice of dessert. You can eat all you want or until you pass out! I think I gained 13 pounds from that one meal!

God did such a beautiful job on the Blue Ridge Mountains. Go take a peek and grab a bite to eat while you're there!

Bill King can be reached at bkpreach@yahoo.com or 334-728-5514 (office).

HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: Oct. 25, 1951

From the files of Oct. 25, 1951

Berlin News

When the Clarence Johnsons went to the Fair in Birmingham their son, Junior won a lamp. They just learned the good news this week.

The Reverend and Mrs. J. T. Farmer had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Robert White, Friday night.

Sue Smith, the little daughter of Mrs. Pauline Smith, is sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Reid of Welti attended church here Sunday.

Buffalo Duke of Cullman was here at church Sunday.

Hubert Harris and family of Chattanooga visited Mrs. Eva Handley one night last week.

Sarah Reid, who works in Peoples Drug Store, was here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Yates who have just moved here, into one of W. I. (Lidy) Walker's houses, have a sick baby.

Horace Grizzard, who has been quite sick, has recovered.

Reverend and Mrs. Brice and children visited here Sunday after he had preached at the Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Lovorn of New Hope were here Sunday. He works in Birmingham.

Singing is held here at the West Berlin Methodist Church first Sunday night and at the Baptist Church on Third Saturday night.

W. I. Duskin went fishing last Saturday.

The training union from Antioch will present a program at the Berlin Baptist Church next Sunday night, October 28th.

East Elementary Curriculum

BY MRS. BETTY BRYAN

The curriculum of the East Elementary School is based on the skills of learning, as reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic. However, for people who live in our complex society of today it is necessary for children to become good citizens, develop well-rounded personalities, promote their special talents and learn to live the democratic way of life. Then, the schools must help children to master the skills as well as to be prepared to become a cog in society of today and tomorrow; so East Elementary School is working cooperatively with the parents and churches in developing well-rounded individuals.

The social studies period which takes up about one hour of the day is a period which opens up channels of developing children in a number of ways. You will find below a few examples of what is going on during the social studies period.

Mrs. V. L. Vines' sixth grade has just completed a study in social studies on Mexico. The teacher and pupils planned the work around a subject in which they were interested. Groups were formed with a chairman for each group. After carefully reading and discussing Mexico, the children painted a mural of this country, arranged a display of articles from Mexico, drew maps, and a number of other activities came out of this study. As a culminating activity, the class wrote and produced a play in which all students participated and this play was presented in an assembly program for the fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

The fourth grade of Mrs. Ruth Edwards is studying trees. The students have listed on charts questions which they want to know about trees. They are adding to their vocabulary all common words concerning trees by listing the words as they are used in the study and learning them. A field trip is planned, where the students will have a chance to identify the trees which they have studied. Many things concerning trees will be learned before the unit is completed.

The first and second grades of Mrs. Jones are studying three kinds of seeds—fly away, roll away, and steal a ride seeds. The youngsters have collected seeds of each kind and are studying the seeds by pictures and books. The children have drawn and painted pictures, made charts, and a number of other activities will result from the study.

These are just three examples of the studies which are going on throughout East Elementary School. These approaches provide new learning for a child in an interesting and true-to-life manner.



POET'S CORNER

A Pearl Handled Brush | By: Randy C. Hale

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She pulled the pearl handled
brush through her hair.
The long strokes through the
sea of black. The gown that she
wore was stunning and fair
as she dropped her brush
with a clack.

She heard someone
knocking and went with a
scurry making her way
to the door in a hurry.
When someone came in, and
took her away, and no one has
seen her again.

What happened after
no one knows. And nothing is
left but the tale that is told,
but they say if you listen
when the clock strikes ten
at the place where the young
woman lived.

You will hear a knocking at the
door, and the sound of a
chilling clack, and see a dark
shadow hastening forth
like a wave
of hair that is black.

And then you may see
in the faintest of light
what might make your
legs go to mush.
The glistening sparkle of shine
from the sight of the
pearl handled brush.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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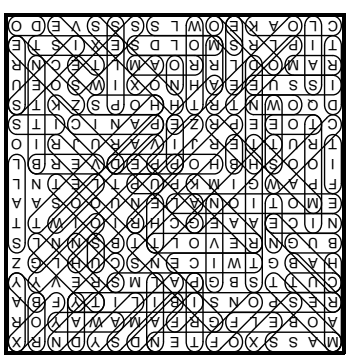
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Pumpkins on the loose in Cullman elementary STEM project

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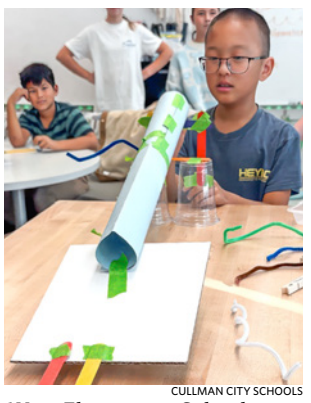
CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman City Schools brought some fall-time flair to the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) curriculum this month — just in time for Halloween.

As part of the recent runaway pumpkin STEM challenge at West Elementary School, students built elaborate ramps and courses using engineering skills to see which mini-pumpkin could roll the farthest to win. Using only a limited set of materials, students had to plan, test and adjust their designs while learning about force, motion and the importance of ramps in engineering.

"The learning goal of the Runaway Pumpkin Challenge was for students to understand how ramps affect motion and speed while applying the engineering design process to solve a problem," East and West Elementary STEM teacher Jennifer Tidwell explained. "Through hands-on experimentation, students explored concepts such as force, gravity, friction, and angles, discovering how these factors influence how far an object can roll. The activity encouraged creativity, problem-solving and teamwork as students designed and tested their ramps to achieve the best results."

As part of the project, students learned about physics in motion by designing and testing their ramps; engineering design process by planning and testing; problem-solving and critical thinking to figure out how to make their pumpkin go the distance; measurement and data collection to evaluate their results; teamwork and communication to work with classmates to execute their plan; and creativity and innovation to map out angles and material concepts.

"This lesson connects to real life by showing students how ramps are used to make movement easier and more efficient in the world around them. Engineers design ramps to help people and objects move safely and smoothly — from wheelchair ramps that make buildings accessible, to highway ramps that help cars merge safely, to slides, skate parks, and delivery systems," Tidwell noted. "By experimenting with angles, surfaces and materials, students learn how these same principles of force and motion are applied in real-world engineering to improve accessibility, transportation and everyday convenience. My mother was in a wheelchair her entire life due to Muscular Dystrophy. She passed in August, so this lesson meant a lot to me and how important ramps are!"



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West Elementary School students recently participated in the Runaway Pumpkin Challenge.



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