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November SNAP benefits suspended

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) received specific guidance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) the evening of Friday, Oct. 24, 2025, regarding the suspension of SNAP benefits and procedures for the month of November due to the federal government shutdown.

Recipients will be able to use benefits issued to their electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card prior to Nov. 1, 2025, at any SNAP authorized retailer.

The guidance states that effective Nov. 1, 2025, "FNS is suspending all November 2025 benefit allotments until...federal funding is provided, or until FNS directs State agencies otherwise."

No new benefits will be issued during the suspension; however, there are no other changes to the program or client requirements.

Individuals can still apply for SNAP benefits during this suspension and DHR will continue to process applications and determine eligibility, but benefits will not be issued until the suspension is lifted.

Current SNAP recipients must continue to recertify their benefits, report as they normally would, and submit all documentation that would normally be re- » PAGE 2

39th annual HO! HO! HO! Christmas Show coming Nov. 8



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

One of the beautiful vehicles on display at the 37th annual HO! HO! HO! Christmas Show on Nov. 11, 2023. This year's show will take place Nov. 8.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The 39th annual HO! HO! HO! Christmas Show will have an array of classic cars, trucks, motorcycles and all things in between on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Event organizer Sonya Green said last year's event raised around $10,000 for local nonprofit Cullman Caring for Kids.

"The show was started by Larry Harris and Burl Smith more than 30 years ago, and it is now hosted each year in their memory," Green said. "We've had good years and bad years, but we continue to raise generally between $5,000 up $10,000."

Green said all proceeds go directly to Cullman Caring for Kids, a child abuse prevention and advocacy organization best known for its very busy food pantry in downtown Cullman.

To enter the show, participants can pay $20 or donate a toy valued at $20. Awards will be presented.

"We use no money collected to pay for any supplies or trophies," Green said. "We will gladly accept donations from the general public and businesses. We also raise money through entries into the show, as well as host a silent auction the day of the show."

The show will take place at Cullman Caring for Kids, 402 Arnold St. NE, #W-1 in Cullman. For more information, visit www.Facebook.com/hohohochristmasshow.

To get involved with Cullman Caring for Kids, visit www.cullmancaringforkids.com or www.facebook.com/CullmanCaringForKids.

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State House District 12 Special General Election TODAY



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Republican Cindy Myrex and Democrat Matthew Glover are the two candidates for the State House District 12 Special General Election, which is taking place Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025. » PAGE 3

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The Vinemont Eagles defeated Hanceville 27-6 in the Wee-Wee semifinals on Saturday. » PAGE 6



CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 27

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 27, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Oct. 23

- domestic violence; CR 1332
- domestic violence; CR 1709
- burglary; CR 1747
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; CR 1552
- burglary; CR 544

Oct. 24

- violation of protection order; CR 76
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 463
- harassing communications; CR 1374
- domestic violence; CR 1141
- theft of property; CR 1129
- possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1117

Oct. 25

- domestic violence; CR 222
- theft of property; Brooklyn Rd.
- domestic violence; Hwy. 278W
- possession of dangerous drugs; I65NB MM 295
- domestic violence; College Dr. NE
- sell/distribute drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278E
- harassment; harassing communications; CR 25

Oct. 26

- theft of property; Hwy. 278W
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Doc Clemmons Rd.
- harassing communications; stalking; Edmondson Rd.

ARRESTS

Oct. 23-26

Alaniz, Judy; 76
- permitting dogs to run at large

Arce-Flores, Izael; 24
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Bates, Justin R.; 40
- burglary-non-residence-force

Borden, Daniel G.; 34
- FTA – counterfeiting
- FTA – forged instrument
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous

Brasher, Ronald A.; 42
- promote prison contraband (drugs)

Cammon, Michael E.; 61
- FTA – public intoxication

Christman, Elilai P.; 32
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Davis, Candice J.; 44
- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- possession of dangerous drugs

Edwards, Roger D.; 63
- FTA – defrauding secured creditors

Hart, Arzelius R.; 31
- theft-miscellaneous

Johnson, Kimberly R.; 44
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Jones, Leanna P.; 19
- assault-simple assault

Lamb, Johnny L.; 52
- FTA – DUI (alcohol)

Lay, Rachel L.; 34
- FTA – public intoxication
- FTA – criminal trespass

Marshall, Shea M.; 46
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs

Neely, Lesley T.; 50
- sell/distribute methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Paxton, Tony L.; 56
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Richards, Summer N.; 33
- kidnapping-interference with custody
- obstruction-governmental operations

Sanford, Breana M.; 37
- FTA – domestic violence-2nd degree

Sherrell, Cameron D.; 28
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – resisting arrest
- FTA – obstruction-governmental operations

Shoemake, Robert G.; 40
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft-miscellaneous, less than $500

Smith, Justin W.; 37
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Taylor, Mary E.; 61
- DUI (alcohol)

Thrower, Jeremy S.; 41
- attempting to elude a police/law enforcement officer-serious injury or death/speed exceeds 20 mph over limit
- manufacture, sale, use, etc., of synthetic urine or urine
- attempting to elude a police officer
- possessing stolen property, $1500 or more

Trammell, Donald W.; 50
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Vandiver, Tracy J.; 51
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Warren II, Weldon R.; 43
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Wilkins, Toby A.; 51
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Willard, Coy W.; 30
- sell/distribute methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Wood, Telisha L.; 33
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA - possession of dangerous drugs
- obstruction-governmental operations

Woods, Brianna D.; 28
- possession of dangerous drugs

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Oct. 21
- burglary-3rd degree; person; White Cir. SW

Oct. 24
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; theft of property-3rd degree; person; wallet & contents
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Saddle Trace Ln. SE
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $101; Olive St. SW

Oct. 25
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; McDonalds; 2nd Ave. SW
- harassing communications; person
- unauthorized use of vehicle; person

ARRESTS

Oct. 24-26

Cooper, Lindsay N.; 39
- FTA – fail to register vehicle

Miller, Demetri O.; 31
- making a terrorist threat-2nd degree
- resisting arrest
- menacing

Bauernfeind, Daina E.; 28
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Cooper, Kendall R.; 42
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

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

Scruggs, Ben C.; 38
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Helms, Tonya L.; 37
- possession of controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Jackson, Linda L.; 70
- FTA – insurance violation

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

'We are out here walking for a cure to fight MS'

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Early Saturday morning, Oct. 25, participants gathered at Heritage Park for the annual Cullman MS Walk to raise awareness and support those living with multiple sclerosis.

The event was hosted by Dr. Christopher LaGanke, one of the leading MS specialists in the Southeast, and his team brought the community together for a morning of walking, music and fellowship. This year's theme was "Make MS Extinct."

"We are out here walking for a cure to fight MS," said Debbie Simonson, office manager for LaGanke. "MS affects a lot of people in our community, and we just want to show our patients that we care and that we're here fighting alongside them."

Simonson explained that this is the third year the Cullman team has hosted the walk independently, after COVID-19 shifted the national MS Society's events to larger cities. "We didn't want the Cullman community to be left out, so we took it upon ourselves to keep it going," she said.

In addition to the walk, the event featured raffles, T-shirt sales and live music from The Salty Strings. Local businesses also stepped up to support the cause, with major sponsorships from High Caliber Mechanical and Glass Excavation.

"It's important for people to come together to show support and raise awareness," Simonson said. "MS is a very debilitating disease, and events like this help people connect, share their stories and know they're not alone."

During the event, LaGanke shared a personal testimony about how his mother's struggle with MS inspired his lifelong mission to help others.

"I never saw my mom in normal health. As a boy, I watched her face relapses with no available treatments. It was confusing and painful, but it shaped my calling to care for people with MS and their families," said LaGanke.

He went on to describe how advances in treatment have changed lives and how there have been incredible breakthroughs in MS. There are still significant needs to enhance quality of life.

"This is why we walk today," LaGanke said. "To strive for improvement until this dreadful disease is extinct. Today is mostly for fellowship, but also to raise funds to improve the lives of those affected by this disease. Let's shine this light on all we do, from grieving to celebrating to the routine chores of life.

"Right now, let's shine this light as we walk to make MS extinct. God bless and thank you for supporting this cause."

Learn more about MS at www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/conditions-and-diseases/multiple-sclerosis-ms.



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

A group from Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church prepares to participate in the MS Walk at Heritage Park in Cullman on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025.

Benefits (from Front)

quired for them to continue in the program.

These steps are of the utmost importance so DHR can submit each recipient's benefit file as soon as the suspension is lifted; in other words, this will allow recipients to more quickly use their November funds in the grocery stores.

"SNAP benefits are 100% federally funded; therefore USDA (FNS) controls the issuance of these benefits on EBT cards.

"I was pleased to learn that FNS plans to reimburse November administrative costs which will help states financially," said Alabama DHR Commissioner Nancy Buckner.

"We know SNAP benefits are vitally important to the more than 750,000 Alabamians who depend on the more than $140 million in support each month.

"Alabama DHR, along with many others, hopes Congress will come to a quick resolution on the federal government shutdown."

Clients who need additional food support during this time may reach out to their local Feeding Alabama-affiliated food bank, visit www.foodbanknorthal.org/findfood or any other food resources available in their local communities. The Alabama Department of Human Resources partners with many of these resources.

Championship (from Front)

Wallace State Sports Information

MILLBROOK, Ala. — Wallace State men's soccer captured the ACCC Conference Championship on Sunday with a thrilling 2-1 overtime victory over Southern Union at 17 Springs.

The Lions showed tremendous resilience after conceding in the opening 15 minutes. Despite creating several quality chances throughout regulation, Wallace State was held scoreless until the final minute. With just 58 seconds remaining, Matti Stöcker delivered a pinpoint pass that found Yaya Jawneh, who calmly slotted home the equalizer to send the match to extra time.

The momentum carried into overtime, where the Lions needed only one period to finish the job.

Off a perfectly placed corner from Javier Miranda, Shishio Abram curled in the golden goal directly off the set piece, sparking a celebration as Wallace State clinched the conference crown.

"Truly that game showed the character of this team to continue fighting until the last minute to get a goal and keep the game going," said Wallace State head coach James Fee, who was also named ACCC Coach of the Year.

"It was great winning coach of the year, but it's solely down to this team. They truly are a special group and I'm incredibly lucky to be part of it."

Several Lions stood out in the championship effort, with Fee crediting Shishio Abram, Juan Gazga, Santiago Acosta, and Javier Miranda for their impact throughout the match.

Wallace State goalkeeper Emrik Senécal was honored as the ACCC Player of the Year after a dominant season between the posts. Senécal recorded four conference shutouts and five overall, allowed more than one goal just once, and finished the season with 11 wins, one loss, and three ties.

The Lions conclude the regular season with an 11-1-3 record and now advance to the Southeast District Tournament.

Wallace State will face Georgia Military College in the semifinals at 17 Springs in Millbrook on Friday at 1:00 p.m.



WALLACE STATE

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Election (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Republican Cindy Myrex and Democrat Matthew Glover face off today, Tuesday, Oct. 28, in the State House District 12 Special General Election.

Myrex bested Republican Clint Hollingsworth in the State House District 12 Special Primary Runoff Election Tuesday, Aug. 12.

Hollingsworth collected 41.47% (2,160) of the vote, while Myrex got 58.53% (3,048).

The seat has been empty since former Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope resigned in April.

Voters in District 12 will see polls open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.



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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. 29 – 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. 31 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hangups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Saturday, Nov. 1- 8 a.m. Mens breakfast; 11 a.m. Foundry Farm outreach
• Sunday, Nov. 2 – 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. Prayer service at 2 p.m.

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.

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.

39th Annual HO! HO! HO! Christmas Show
Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Cullman Caring for Kids, 402 Arnold St. NE, #W-1 in Cullman. See classic cars, trucks, motorcycles and all things in between. All proceeds go directly to Cullman Caring for Kids, a child abuse prevention and advocacy organization best known for its very busy food pantry in downtown Cullman. To enter the show, participants can pay $20 or donate a toy valued at $20. Awards will be presented. www.Facebook.com/hohohochristmasshow.

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 FOOTBALL

6 local teams pick up week 10 wins

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CULLMAN, Ala. – With the regular season winding down, the playoff picture is beginning to take shape, and we had a packed slate of football games with postseason implications Friday night.

Cullman capped its season with a 22-19 win at Buckhorn, West Point punched its playoff ticket with a 25-20 win over Ardmore, Fairview remained unbeaten with a 40-10 win at East Limestone, Good Hope collected a 35-15 win at Dora, Addison hammered Phillips 48-6 and Meek cruised past Vina 52-8.

Cullman 22 – Buckhorn 19

The Cullman Bearcats wrapped up their regular season on the road against Buckhorn Friday night and they returned home with a big win to cap the year. The 'Cats took advantage of some explosive plays in the first half to take a 22-13 lead into the locker room at the break, and they held off a late push from the Bucks in the second half to secure a 22-19 road win.

Cullman kicked off to Buckhorn to start the game, but the Bearcats forced a fumble on the return and it was recovered by Gabe Washburn at the 25 to give Cullman's offense excellent field position. Quarterback Colt Colvard connected with Cooper Loftin for a big gain down to the 7-yard line and two plays later, Kolby Holt took a handoff on a jet sweep into the end zone for a touchdown, putting Cullman in front 7-0 early.

Buckhorn responded with a nice drive, picking up big gains through the air and scoring on a 6-yard run to trim the lead to 7-6 with 4:26 remaining in the opening period.

A 3-yard touchdown run by the Bucks gave them a 13-7 lead midway through the first quarter but Cullman dominated the final six minutes of the half. Colvard hit Holt down the sideline for a 61-yard touchdown on the ensuing possession to tie the game at 13 and Chance Hausler punched in the two-point conversion to put the 'Cats ahead 15-13.

Cullman got the ball back one more time with less than two minutes on the clock and Weston Keel took a screen pass from Colvard 26 yards into the end zone for another touchdown, giving the Bearcats a 22-13 lead going into the locker room at halftime.

Buckhorn got the ball to start the third quarter but an interception by Kamden Dye gave possession right back to the Bearcats. However, an interception in the end zone ended the scoring opportunity for Cullman and the Bucks got the ball back on their own 20.

Buckhorn was forced to punt a few plays later and a big return by Holt set the Bearcats up with excellent field position, but they were unable to capitalize, and Buckhorn got the ball back still trailing 22-13 with two minutes to play in the third.

Cullman's defense came up with a fourth down stop early in the fourth quarter to maintain the lead, but a Bearcats fumble gave the ball back to Bucks a few plays later. That's when Dye stepped up once again, intercepting his second pass of the night to cut the ensuing Buckhorn possession short near midfield with six minutes on the clock.

Cullman attempted a 34-yard field goal with 3:37 remaining but it was blocked, and Buckhorn drove down the field for a touchdown on the ensuing possession to cut the lead to 22-19. However, the Bearcats recovered the onside kick that followed and returned home with a 22-19 win over the Bucks.

With the win over Buckhorn, Cullman won its final three contests and four of its last five to finish the season 4-6.

Head Coach Trent Walker is proud of the way his team continued to battle after a slow start to the season and has been happy to see their hard work pay off in the second half of the schedule.

"I'm just so proud of our young people. To have the start we had with so many close games and so much adversity and they stayed the course and stayed together and kept improving," Walker said.

"They just went to work each week and focused on getting better and growing closer as a team and in this back half of the season we've seen all the fruits of their effort and investment. I'm proud of our coaching staff for continuing to coach these guys hard and keeping the joy in the building while maintaining our standards and that allowed us to end the season on a win streak."

Fairview 40 – East Limestone 10

Fairview hit the road for a matchup at East Limestone Friday night, and it was another good night for the Aggies. Fairview built a 33-3 lead in the first half and held off the Indians in the second half to secure a 40-10 win and remain undefeated.

Fairview got things started with a long, methodical opening drive that was capped off by a 2-yard touchdown run from Rex Chandler, giving the Aggies a 7-0 lead midway through the first quarter. Fairview added to its lead on its next possession, using some big runs from Jake Harper to keep the chains moving and Harper punched one into the end zone to finish the drive with a touchdown, extending the lead to 14-0 late in the first quarter.

Early in the second quarter, Aggies quarterback Kolt Redding hit Jace Stevens on a short pass and Stevens took it 65 yards to the house for another Fairview touchdown, making it a 21-0 game. The Aggies continued to pull away in the second quarter with a pair of touchdown passes from Redding to Conner Scott and Fairview went into the locker room with a commanding, 33-3 lead East Limestone at halftime.

The Indians put together a scoring drive early in the third quarter to trim the lead to 33-10 but later in the period, Redding found Alex Cruz for a 25-yard touchdown to put the Aggies back up 40-10 going into the fourth quarter. Neither team was able to find the end zone in the final frame and Fairview returned home with a 40-10 win over East Limestone.

The Aggies (9-0) will finish the regular season against Good Hope (8-1) Thursday night.

West Point 25 – Ardmore 20

The West Point Warriors were back home hosting a region game against Ardmore Friday night and the fourth and final playoff spot in Region 7 was on the line. West Point got out to an early lead and held off a late push from the Tigers in the second half to claim a huge, 25-20 win and clinch a postseason berth.

The Warriors got the ball to start out the game, and the running game got off to a very strong start, as Ollie Howell picked up 20 and 11 yards on back-to-back carries to put West Point at the 27. Two plays later, Ayden Ennis collected 17 yards on a quarterback keeper to give them a first down at the 12.

A holding penalty moved them back to the 22, but two plays later, Ennis found Bryant Moon for a 19-yard score to give the Warriors a 6-0 lead with 9:18 remaining in the first quarter. Ardmore didn't waste any time moving the ball down the field, as they collected 59 yards on the first four plays of their opening drive, and they had the ball at the 14.

After collecting another first down on fourth down, West Point's defense stiffened after that, as Moon picked off a pass on fourth down to give the ball back to West Point.

A pair of big runs by Howell put the Warriors at the 30, but their offense stalled after that, as they fell just short on fourth down. The Tigers took advantage of the great field position, as a 20-yard touchdown pass gave them a 7-6 lead early in the second quarter. West Point continued to pound the ball with Howell and Titan Thornton on their next drive.

Thornton's 19-yard run moved them past midfield to the 35, then two plays later, a four-pass from Ennis to Moon gave the Warriors another first down at the 25. Back-to-back runs by Howell put them at the six, and Ennis kept it himself and scored on the next play to give West Point a 12-7 lead with 5:22 remaining in the first half.

An Ardmore punt gave the ball back to the Warriors, and another Howell run gave them a first down at the 46. Three plays later, Howell broke free for a 21-yard run, as that put the ball at the 24.

On the next play, Ennis threw the ball to Teagan Heaton, who despite having multiple Tiger defenders around him, was still able to make the catch in the end zone, as that stretched West Point's lead to 19-7 late in the first half. Ardmore was forced to punt again, but a fumble by the Warriors on the punt return was recovered by the Tigers.

West Point kept Ardmore out of the end zone to end the first half, and the Warriors would take a 19-7 lead into the locker room.

There were some fireworks to start out the second half for both teams. The Tigers took the opening kickoff 85 yards to the house to cut it to 19-14. West Point had a quick answer of their own on its opening drive, as on the first play, Howell found a big hole on the right side and ended up scoring on a 55-yard run to put them ahead, 25-14.

A turnover-on-downs gave the ball back to the Warriors, but West Point was forced to punt on its next possession. A big gain, followed by a penalty on the Warriors, quickly put Ardmore at the 21, and three plays later, they scored on a three-yard run to make it a 25-20 game.



MIKE WITCHER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE)

The West Point Warriors defeated Ardmore 25-20 to secure a playoff berth Friday night.

Back-to-back punts gave the ball to West Point, and after collecting a first down, they quickly went backwards after that, and they were forced to punt. Some key first downs by the Tigers helped keep their drive alive, and a 12-yard run on first down gave them another first down at the 31. The Warrior defense stood tall after that, though, as they forced Ardmore to turn the ball over on downs. They got the ball back with a little over five minutes to go in the game. One of the biggest plays of the game came on third down, as Ennis kept it himself and picked up 24 yards to give West Point a first down at the 46.

Later on that drive, they were faced with another huge third down, but Ennis found Moon on a 30-yard screen pass to keep their drive alive. Howell got another first down on the next play to help finish off their 25-20 win over the Tigers.

Howell finished with 235 yards on 28 carries and a touchdown for the Warriors. Ennis finished 7/9 for 102 yards and a pair of touchdowns and added a touchdown on the ground as well. Moon ended up with four receptions for 59 yards and a touchdown. Heaton added a 24-yard touchdown reception.

West Point (5-4) will finish the regular season at home against Brewer Thursday night.

Good Hope 35 – Dora 15

Good Hope made the trip to Dora for a region matchup with the Bulldogs Friday night and after a slow start in the first half, the Raiders racked up 28 points in the second half to pull away with a 35-15 win.

After a scoreless first quarter, Dora missed a field goal early in the second quarter and the Raiders took advantage of the favorable field position. A big run by Parker Johnson moved Good Hope's offense out past midfield, setting up a 25-yard touchdown run by Mason Drake that gave the Raiders a 7-0 lead.

Neither team was able to get any more points on the board in the first half and Good Hope went into the locker room with a 7-0 lead at the break.

Dora put together a scoring drive to tie the game at 7 early in the third quarter but the Raiders regained control of the momentum after that. Carter Rutherford picked up a big gain on an option play and Johnson got loose for a 44-yard touchdown run to put Good Hope back in front 14-7.

Johnson ran in his second score of the night, this time from 24 yards out, on the next Raider possession to stretch the lead to 21-7 midway through the third. Johnson's big third quarter continued on the next Good Hope possession with his third rushing touchdown of the game, giving the Raiders a 28-7 lead going into the fourth.

The Bulldogs found the end zone midway through the fourth quarter to trim the lead to 28-15 but a 4-yard touchdown run by Drake put the finishing touches on a 35-15 region win for the Raiders.

Good Hope (8-1) will wrap up the regular season at (9-0) Fairview Thursday night.

Addison 48 – Phillips 6

Addison traveled to Bear Creek to take on the Phillips Bears Friday night, looking to close out their region slate undefeated. It was also Addison's last regular season game since they have a bye week next Friday. Addison cruised to a 48-6 win and could have named their point total in this one.

Phillips won the toss and took possession at their own 30. Three plays later, two of them consisting of quarterback sacks, Phillips had lost sixteen yards and punted.

It took the quick strike Bulldogs a whole play to get on the scoreboard. Bulldog QB Elijah Roberts hit Trennon Burns for a 22-yard touchdown pass and with the Connor Lane extra point, Addison led 7-0 with 9:35 to go in the first quarter.

Addison took over after another Bear three and out at the Bear 29-yard line. Two plays later, Roberts hit Judah Wilkins for a 30-yard touchdown pass. Lane added the extra point and Addison led 14-0 with 7:39 to go in the quarter.

Addison forced a punt and, on the Bulldogs, next possession, Addison went 40 yards on six plays with Joey Wilson cashing it in from two yards out for the touchdown. The extra point was no good and with over three minutes to go in the first Addison upped the lead to 20-0.

After another punt, Addison took three plays to go 52 yards for their next score. Roberts hit Wilkins again this time from 20 yards out for the score. On the last play of the first quarter, Roberts ran in the two-point conversion and stretched Addison's lead to 28-0 going into the second quarter.

The Bears picked up their first first down on their next drive which was still against the Bulldogs first string defense. The Bears got to their own 46 when Scout Flynn picked off a Bear pass and returned it to the Bear 15-yard line. On the next play, Wilson ran it in from 15 yards out for the score. Lane nailed the extra point and Addison led 35-0 with 6:54 to go in the half.

On the first play of the Bears next possession Burns picked off the Bear pass and returned it to midfield. The Bear defense stiffened and forced a Dawg punt.

After an exchange of possessions, Addison took over at the Bear 39. On the Bulldogs' first play, Roberts found Flynn for the 39-yard touchdown pass. Lane kicked the extra point, and the half would end with Addison leading 42-0.

The second half would have only ten-minute quarters instead of twelve and there would be a running clock. Addison took the second half kickoff and had Zane Smith run it in from 5 yards out for the Bulldogs last touchdown of the night. The extra point was no good and Addison led 48-0.

The Bulldogs put in the young pups for the second half and the Bears found a little room to move the ball and actually scored on a 20-yard touchdown pass from QB Trey Tidwell to WR Trey Gosa. The extra point was no good and Addison led 48-6.

There were only 21 total plays in the entire second half due to the clock circumstances and the main highlight after the two scores was a Cash Turner interception.

Addison came away with the 48-6 win and finishes their regular season at 9-1 (7-0 region). They will host a first-round playoff game as the region champion in two weeks.

Meek 52 – Vina 8

Meek was back home at Tiger Stadium to host a region game with Vina Friday night, and the Tigers were in control of this one from start to finish. Meek built a 44-0 lead in the first half and with the clock running in the second half, the Tigers cruised to a 52-8 win over the Red Devils.

An 80-yard touchdown run by Hunter Wyatt gave Meek an early, 6-0 lead and a 60-yard touchdown run from Aiden Benson extended the lead to 12-0. After the Tigers pulled ahead 20-0 early in the second quarter, an 18-yard touchdown pass from Evan McCay to Jaxon Brown made it a 28-0 game. A 46-yard touchdown run by

Wyatt extended the Tiger lead to 36-0 later in the second and a 37-yard touchdown pass from McCay to Brown gave Meek a 44-0 advantage at halftime.

With the hot clock running in the second half, the Tigers went on to win it 52-8.

Meek (6-3) will wrap up the regular season at Carbon Hill Thursday night.

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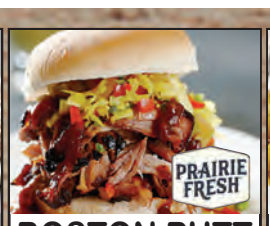
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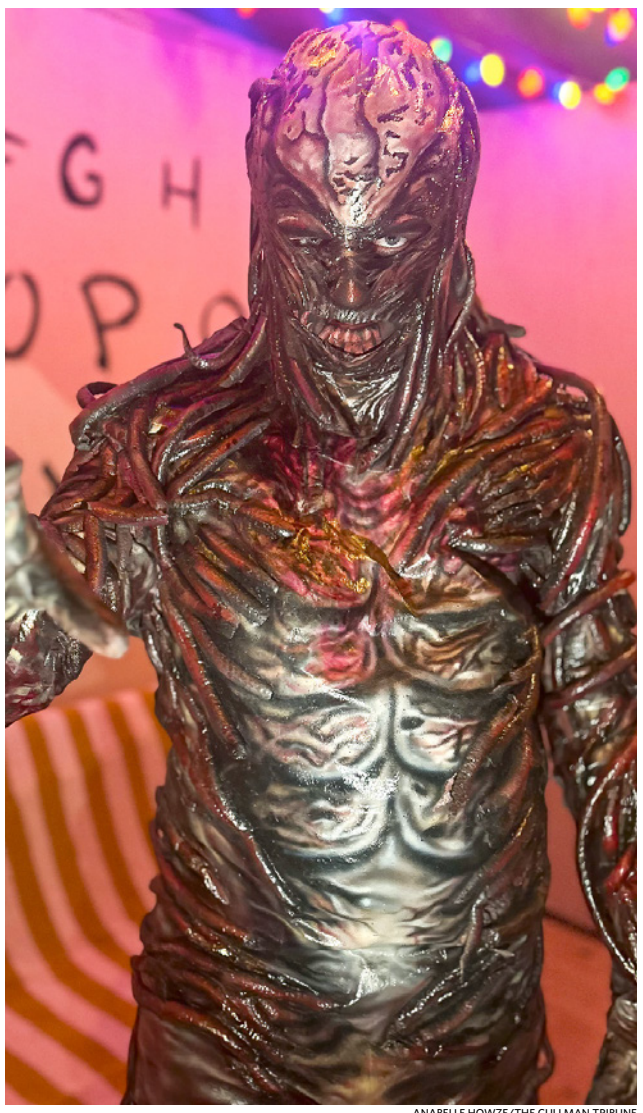
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If you drop by the Milliken's home this Halloween, you can see Vecna.

CULLMAN, Ala. — For creative minds Heidi and Rick Milliken, Halloween is more than just a night of trick-or-treating; it's a full-scale project that transforms their yard into an immersive world.

They began their incredible displays in 2021 after being inspired by their neighbors, whose yard decorations have become a popular stop for trick-or-treaters and have even brought traffic to a halt.

"I remember thinking, when my kids got older and stopped trick-or-treating, that I'd start decorating our yard, too. It started as a joke competition, but it became a creative outlet for me as an artist," said Heidi Milliken.

Since then, the Millikens' Halloween setups have become a neighborhood tradition, growing larger and more detailed each year. Past displays have ranged in theme from "Pirates of the Caribbean" to "Beetlejuice," but this year's is inspired by the hit Netflix series "Stranger Things." With about 25 volunteers assisting in the creation this year, guests can experience scenes like Scoop's Ahoy, Castle Byers, the Wheelers' basement and the Byers' living room. There will even be an arcade with old-school games where Mad Max's high score on Dig Dug will win prizes.

The display will also feature photo ops, giveaways and a gift basket sponsored by Sky is the Limit and Core Creations. Visitors who tag the display and sponsors on social media will be entered to win.

For families wondering about age appropriateness, Milliken said the display is "all ages" up front, but the walkthrough area in the yard "gets a little scarier and probably best for ages 10 and up."

Milliken said the community's excitement keeps them motivated each year.

"Sometimes I'll wonder if it's worth all the months of work," she said, "but then I'll hear from kids who can't wait to see it, and that just keeps us going."

Be sure to visit the Millikens this Halloween at 1615 Woodland St. NW in Cullman.

'It's something families look forward to every year'

Hanceville Trunk-or-Treat held indoors due to rain

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Despite rainy weather, families still gathered Sunday afternoon, Oct. 26, 2025, for the annual Hanceville Trunk-or-Treat, a Halloween tradition organized by Friends of the Festival.

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Despite rainy weather, families still gathered Sunday afternoon for the annual Hanceville Trunk-or-Treat, a Halloween tradition organized by Friends of the Festival. The event, typically held in downtown Hanceville, was moved indoors to the civic center this year due to rain showers but still drew an impressive crowd.

Organizer Nolan Bradford said the turnout remained strong even with the change in location. "We've gotten upwards of 5,000 people before. Anytime you reschedule something, it's never quite as busy, so we try to keep it going rain or shine," Bradford said.

The Trunk-or-Treat tradition began several years ago when local churches organized it for the community. After the 2020 pandemic, Friends of the Festival stepped in to keep the tradition alive.

"The churches were doing it before, but after COVID they kind of dropped out. We've had funding help from them for the last couple of years, and Friends of the Festival takes donations from different things to make this and other events possible," Bradford explained.

The event featured decorated tables with candy for trick-or-treaters.

Bradford said the annual gathering has become a long-standing favorite for families in the area.

"It's been going on long enough that people are used to it. It's something families look forward to every year," he said. As for his final piece of advice to young trick-or-treaters after an evening full of candy Bradford said, "Just brush your teeth before you go to bed."

Charlotte Meredith (1928-2025)



Charlotte Ruth Meredith passed away on September 26, 2025, in Jefferson City, Tennessee, four days after her 97th birthday. A longtime resident of Cullman, Alabama, she moved to Jefferson City in August 2024 to live near her son Jeff and his wife, Tracy. She was the last surviving Causey sibling, outliving Matteline (Mattsie), John, Bill, and J. Carl.

Charlotte was born in Hadley, Kentucky, a small community outside of Bowling Green, on September 22, 1928, to Mable and E.B. Causey. After graduating from Western Kentucky College High School, Bowling Green, in 1946, she obtained her nursing degree in Nashville at the St. Thomas Hospital School of Nursing and completed it at Nashville General Hospital. She served as a nurse in San Diego, California; Bowling Green, Kentucky; and Vestavia, Alabama. A passionate volunteer, she also employed her nursing skills for handicapped children for many summers at Camp Sumatanga in St. Clair County, Alabama.

Charlotte married William (Bill) Rhea Meredith Jr. on June 8, 1950, the year Bill graduated from the University of Kentucky. They moved to San Diego in November of that year while he served once again in the Navy, this time in Inceon, Korea, and Okinawa, Japan. They were married for fifty-nine years until his passing in 2009. Bill worked in administrative positions for AT&T and South Central Bell, which necessitated many moves over their lives to Charleston and Columbia, South Carolina; Summit and Berkeley Heights, New Jersey; Vestavia, Alabama; and Louisville, Kentucky.

Charlotte and Bill raised five children (Nancy, William, Jennifer, John, and Jeff) and three foster children (Bobby Wallace, Amy Grob, and Annie Sexton). Their daughter Jennifer passed away at the age of eight months in 1956, and their daughter Nancy at the age of twenty-four in 1977. Possessed of a great sense of humor and warm heart, Charlotte was also beloved by her children's friends.

Charlotte was a gifted seamstress and once made her husband a suit (a complex task she vowed never to repeat), the children inventive Halloween costumes, and outfits for her daughters. She took special joy in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A devout Christian, Charlotte was a member of Methodist churches her entire life. She loved to sing and joined her church choirs for as long as she could sing. Following the directions of Jesus, Charlotte believed passionately in taking care of others, and nursed her sister Mattsie, father E.B., and Aunt Ray during their final years in Cullman. Her idea of family was expansive, embracing hundreds of friends and their children.

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COLUMN

Mimis and Paw Paws — get in line!

Joe Hobby
Contributor

It was total chaos at the Dollar General store in Margaret, Alabama. People rushed out the doors carrying poster board, silver balloons and rolls of crepe paper. The party supply aisle looked as if a mob of looters had swept through it. Outside, throngs of white-haired grandparents frantically taped their hastily made decorations onto cars, trucks and even motorcycles.

Some might call it excessive, even a little crazy. We call it something else: the Grandparents Day Parade at my granddaughter's elementary school.

Fortunately, we were spared the Dollar General chaos, because for once in my life I thought ahead. The night before, I bought a hot-pink sheet of poster board and cut out a crude heart — using my wife's good scissors, of course.

After writing my granddaughter's name in large letters, we secured it to the car window with strapping tape, then took our place in line with the other parade participants. And waited. And waited. And waited.

There must have been hundreds of decorated vehicles, ranging from modest to downright gaudy.

We were definitely on the understated side, but some people went all out. One pickup truck had a statue of a horse mounted on its hood.

Another car was so covered in so many streamers it looked like a plate of spaghetti. Balloons bobbed from dozens of vehicles.

The whole spectacle resembled a geriatric Mardi Gras parade.

Amazingly, the entire procession was motionless on the two-lane road in front of the school for at least 30 minutes.

Normally, you'd expect frustration, or even road rage, when cars sit as still as a photograph.

I can recall my father once getting out of his car to throw rocks at a train because he felt it had delayed him longer than necessary. But this crowd was different. It was a convoy of grandparents, each one willing to wait as long as it took for a glimpse of their precious grands. For once, love won out over impatience.

Finally, the line began to inch forward, turning onto the road that led to the school's entrance. Both sides were lined with children, from kindergarteners to fourth-graders, waving frantically as they searched for familiar faces.

We searched, too.

"Where's Addy?" my wife asked. "I don't see her yet."

I wasn't worried. "Since she's a first-grader, she's probably closer to the school — near the end of the line."

Still, as we crept along, I started to wonder if we had somehow missed her. Relief settled in when I noticed the rows of students getting younger.

And at last, there she was — near the very end of the parade route. She stood in her pink-rimmed glasses and bright yellow dress, like a little shining sun, waving with all her might, waiting for her five seconds of glory. We waved back, frantically yelling, "We love you, Addy!"

"I love you, too!"

And then it was over.

I pulled out of the school, made our way to the main road and eventually stopped in the Dollar General parking lot to pull off our decorations. The place was still buzzing with latecomers, hoping against hope to find a stray package of balloons, or a roll of crepe paper.

"All of that fuss for just a few seconds," my wife said.

I answered, "It was a whole lot more than that. She was out there knowing we would show up — knowing she would be recognized, and that made it all worth it.

"You never know, but that may be a memory she carries with her for the rest of her life. Tonight, when I say my prayers, I'll thank the good Lord that we were here to do that."

And then I added, "I'm also gonna thank Him that I wasn't that Dollar General store manager this morning."

Joe Hobby is a barbecue-loving comedian from Alabama who wrote for Jay Leno for many years. Find more of Joe's stories on his blog: www.mylifeasahobby.blogspot.com. Follow him on Facebook at Joe Hobby Comedian-Writer.

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Recap (from Front)

Nick Griffin
nick@cullmantribune.com

HOLLY POND, Ala. — The postseason has arrived for all our youth football teams and we had a busy slate of big games happening Saturday. Holly Pond hosted the Cullman County Youth Football Playoff semifinals, and the Cullman Football Academy had three teams in action as well. In the Fireplug division, Hanceville and Fairview punched their ticket to the title game, Good Hope and Vinemont won their Wee-Wee semifinal games and Holly Pond and West Point secured spots in the Pee-Wee championship game. Cullman Football Academy played postseason games as well. The 9U Cullman team captured the NAAYF 9U championship and both the 10U and 12U Cullman teams won semifinal games to advance.

CULLMAN COUNTY YOUTH FOOTBALL SEMIFINALS

Fireplug
- Hanceville 18 – West Point 0
- Fairview 19 – Vinemont 0

Wee-Wee
- Good Hope 12 – Fairview 7
- Vinemont 27 – Hanceville 6

Pee-Wee
- Holly Pond 22 – Fairview 8
- West Point 35 – Cold Springs 0

Cullman Football Academy
- 9U Cullman 12 – Triumph 0 (Championship Game)
- 10U Cullman 32 – Madison 6 (Semifinals)
- 12U Cullman 32 – Monrovia 0 (Semifinals)

Championship Saturday schedule at Holly Pond (Nov. 1)
- Fireplug 9 a.m. – Hanceville v. Fairview
- Wee-Wee 10:30 a.m. – Good Hope v. Vinemont
- Pee-Wee 12 p.m. – West Point v. Holly Pond

Cullman Football Academy Championship games at Discovery Middle School in Madison (Nov. 1)
- 10U Cullman v. Triumph
- 12U Cullman v. Huntsville



LEGALS

WHITAKER TOWING SERVICE, LLC
P.O. BOX 127
GUNTERSVILLE, AL 35976
NOTICE OF SALE

Abandoned vehicle sale Cullman Towing & Recovery Inc, 821 AL Hwy 157, Cullman, AL 35058. In accordance with Motor Vehicle Code 32-13-1, the following vehicles may be sold at 821 AL Hwy 157, Cullman, AL 35058 on Wednesday, December 03, 2025 to the highest bidder for purpose of collecting fees against said vehicle. Any Questions Call 256-734-0433.

2012 Buick Enclave	5GAKRCED4CJ330803
2000 Chevrolet Astro	1GCDM19WXYB169218
2006 Chrysler PT Cruiser	3A4FY58B26T280645
2014 Dodge Dart	1C3CDFEB0ED767818
2010 Ford Mustang	1ZVBP8AN7A5176428
2008 Ford Ranger	1FTYR14U28PA29188
1995 Jeep Grand Cherokee	1J4GZ58Y4SC540345
2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee	1J4GX48S34C301058
2006 Nissan Altima	1N4AL11D46C244668
2007 Nissan Frontier	1N6AD07WX7C450652
2015 Nissan Sentra	3N1AB7AP3FY366264
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2000 Spartan Motorhome	4VZBN2499YC035675

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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
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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN PROBATE JUDGE

STATE OF ALABAMA)
CULLMAN COUNTY)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of that mortgage from Bobby Walker and wife, Brandy Walker, to Johnny Albright dated November 9, 2023, and recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, on November 13, 2023, in Mortgage Book 2067 at Page 988; and

Johnny Albright, as mortgagee, having declared all of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage due and payable, and such default continuing, notice is hereby given under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, that Johnny Albright, as mortgagee, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Courthouse in Cullman, Cullman County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale (between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.) on the 17th day of November, 2025, the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, together with hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and all buildings, structures, fixtures and other improvements now or hereafter existing, erected or installed thereon to-wit:

Commencing at an 1 inch pipe found at the purported SW comer of the SE Quarter of the SW Quarter of Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 1 West of the Huntsville Meridian, Cullman County, Alabama; Thence North 01 degree 09 minutes 11 seconds West 574.88 feet to a ½ inch rebar found; thence South 65 degrees 02 minutes 48 seconds East 160.58 feet to an ½ inch rebar found at the purported NW comer of that certain property registered in the name of Gielle Properties, LLC, in Deed Book 586, Page 866 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, the True Point of Beginning for the property herein described; Thence from the True Point of Beginning, South 06 degrees 06 minutes 09 seconds West 23.50 feet to an ½ inch rebar found, said point being North 06 degrees 06 minutes 09 seconds East 217.27 feet from an ½ inch capped rebar found at the purported SW comer of that certain property registered in the name of the Gielle Properties, LLC in Deed Book 586, Page 866 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama; Thence South 67 degrees 46 minutes 54 seconds West 188.22 feet to a ½ inch rebar found on the Northeasterly right of way of Fire Station Road; Thence along said right of way, North 20 degrees 09 minutes 34 seconds West 151.24 feet to an ½ inch pipe found at the purported SW comer of that certain property registered in the name of Bobby Burden and Sharon Burden in Deed Book 406, Page 557 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama; Thence along the Southerly boundary of said Burden property, South 87 degrees 04 minutes 22 seconds East 238.65 feet to an ½ inch pipe found at the purported SE comer of said Burden property; Thence South 16 degrees 02 minutes 21 seconds West 36.50 feet lo the True Point of Beginning for the property herein described; Said lands containing 0.49 acre, more or less, and lying and being in Cullman County, Alabama.

SUBJECT TO all existing easements, mmrmum building lines, restrictions, and rights of way, recorded or unrecorded.

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

84 Fire Station Road, Baileyton, AL 35019;
Parcel ID: ll-01-11-0-001-071.000

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

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

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Johnny Albright,
as Mortgagee

Beverly Paschal Poston
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
There will be a public hearing before the Cullman County Commission, Cullman County
Commission Office, Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama, December 16, 2025, at
4:00 p.m. to receive comment on closing a portion of County Road 121, more particularly
described as the following:
The entirety of County Road 121.
Which abutting property owners wish to vacate and abandon.

Cullman County Commission
Jeff Clemons, Chairman

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

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

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

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

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

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

Perry D. Knight
Attorney for Petitioner
412 First Avenue SE
Suite 101
Cullman, AL 35055
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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
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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:

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

TO THE PUBLISHER OF THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Event (from Front)

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

The Cullman County Animal Shelter is collaborating with Chambers Farm and Garden Supply for a fall adoption event on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 10 a.m.-noon. Pictured are some of the more recent animals that were up for adoption at the shelter.

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Animal Shelter is collaborating with Chambers Farm and Garden Supply for a fall adoption event on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 10 a.m.-noon.

Cullman County Animal Shelter Manager Andrea Hudson said there is no registration required.

"We had a spring adoption event at Chambers so we are excited to do this again," Hudson said. "We are striving to be proactive in our community. We will also have Beverly Burke on-site with her homemade jewelry. She makes it and displays it at Chambers, then uses the money for dog food for the animal shelter. A big, special thank you to Chambers for allowing us to come and for letting Beverly display her jewelry there."

Chambers Farm and Garden Supply is located at 404 McNabb Road SW in Cullman.

Hudson said they are so excited to bring their fur babies to this event.

Adoption fees for dogs will be $130, which includes spay/neuter, rabies shot, microchip, vaccinations and dewormer. Cats are $100, which includes spay/neuter, rabies shot, microchip, vaccinations and dewormer.

"If an animal comes to us already Spayed or neutered their adoption is reduced to $35 which includes microchip, rabies shot, vaccinations and a dewormer," Hudson said.

The Cullman County Animal Shelter accepts donations of any kind and can put each item donated to good use. The shelter is located at 935 Convent Road NE. It can be reached at 256-734-5448 cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us or www.facebook.com/cullmancountyanimalshelter.

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Obituary Announcements: Oct. 26-28

Martha Ruth Chandler, 79

Martha Ruth Chandler, age 79, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at Cullman Healthcare Center. Martha was Born on March 4, 1946, in Cullman to James Earl Sr. and Mary Mercedes McCain Wilbanks. Martha is survived by her son Michael (Shannon) Chandler; and her daughter Jennifer Chandler; her grandchildren Zachary Chandler, Nijhal Chandler, Elizabeth Eustice Natalie Gay and Cameron (Emersyn) Lindsey and her great grandchildren Hazel Chandler, Charlie Cox and Elias Lindsey. Martha was preceded in death by her husband Darrel Wayne Chandler; her daughter Kimberly Chandler Eustice; her parents James Earl Sr.& Mary Mercedes McCain Wilbanks; her brothers Jim, Guy, David and Mac, and her sisters Liz, Marie, Nancy and Mona. A graveside funeral service for Martha will be held Monday, October 27, 2025, from 11 a.m. at Cullman Memorial Gardens, 1507 Bolte Rd. SE, Cullman, AL 35055. Fond memories for the Chandler family and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Howard Leonard Williams, 86

Howard Leonard Williams, age 86, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away on Friday, October 24, 2025. A visitation for Howard will be held Tuesday, October 28, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055. A funeral service will occur Wednesday, October 29, 2025, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055. An internment will occur Wednesday, October 29, 2025, from 3:25 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Turney Family Cemetery, 7085-7499 County Road 1223, Falkville, AL 35622.

Charlotte Ruth Meredith, 96

Charlotte Ruth Meredith passed away on September 26, 2025, in Jefferson City, Tennessee, four days after her 97th birthday. A longtime resident of Cullman, Alabama, she moved to Jefferson City in August 2024 to live near her son Jeff and his wife Tracy. She was the last surviving Causey sibling, outliving Matteline (Mattsie), John, Bill, and J. Carl. Charlotte was born in Hadley, Kentucky, a small community outside of Bowling Green, on September 22, 1928, to Mable and E.B. Causey. After graduating from Western Kentucky College High School, Bowling Green, in 1946, she obtained her nursing degree in Nashville at the St. Thomas Hospital School of Nursing and completed it at Nashville General Hospital. She served as a nurse in San Diego, California; Bowling Green, Kentucky; and Vestavia, Alabama. A passionate volunteer, she also employed her nursing skills for handicapped children for many summers at Camp Sumatanga in St. Clair County, Alabama. Charlotte married William (Bill) Rhea Meredith Jr. on June 8, 1950, the year Bill graduated from the University of Kentucky. They moved to San Diego in November of that year while he served once again in the Navy, this time in Inceon, Korea, and Okinawa, Japan. They were married for fifty-nine years until his passing in 2009. Bill worked in administrative positions for AT&T and South Central Bell, which necessitated many moves over their lives to Charleston and Columbia, South Carolina; Summit and Berkeley Heights, New Jersey; Vestavia, Alabama; and Louisville, Kentucky. Charlotte and Bill raised five children (Nancy, William, Jennifer, John, and Jeff) and three foster children (Bobby Wallace, Amy Grob, and Annie Sexton). Their daughter Jennifer passed away at the age of eight months in 1956, and their daughter Nancy at the age of twenty-four in 1977. Possessed of a great sense of humor and warm heart, Charlotte was also beloved by her children's friends. Charlotte was a gifted seamstress and once made her husband a suit (a complex task she vowed never to repeat), the children inventive Halloween costumes, and outfits for her daughters. She took special joy in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A devout Christian, Charlotte was a member of Methodist churches her entire life. She loved to sing and joined her church choirs for as long as she could sing. Following the directions of Jesus, Charlotte believed passionately in taking care of others, and nursed her sister Mattsie, father E.B., and Aunt Ray during their final years in Cullman. Her idea of family was expansive, embracing hundreds of friends and their children. Charlotte was renowned for her cooking, a skill that she developed as a child while helping her mother cook for the hired hands employed for farming help. Her biscuits were a particular joy of her children and grandchildren, and she passed on that skill to many of them. She was also beloved for her beef brisket, chocolate pie, squash casserole, jam cake, and many other dishes. Her brisket was featured on the cover of the 2006 Taste of Cullman cookbook published by the Cullman Times. To pass along her children's favorite recipes, she made each one a book of their favorite recipes illustrated by photographs of their childhoods. Green-thumb Charlotte was a passionate gardener and lover of house plants, as everyone knew who was fortunate to visit her homes over the years. She decorated those homes with beautiful antiques, several of which she had refinished, and always had a beautiful dining table set for dinner parties. Her long life can be summed up as one devoted to family, friends, and the teachings of Jesus, sharing her love and friendship, cooking, and deep sense of the importance of community. A memorial service will be held at St. Andrew's Global Methodist Church, 615 Main Ave. SW, Cullman, Alabama on Saturday, November 1 at 11 a.m. Charlotte's remains will be interred next to her beloved husband and two daughters at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, 1940 Scottsville Road, Bowling Green, Kentucky on Sunday, November 2, at 2 p.m. Donations made be made in her name to the Meredith Endowment at the American Beethoven Society (One Washington Square, San Jose CA, 95192-0171) and the Committee on Church Cooperation (708 9th Street SE, Cullman, Alabama, 35055).

Kermit B. Johnson, 80

Funeral service for Kermit B. Johnson, 80, of Vinemont will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, October 30th, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Ebenezer Cemetery, Rev. Johnny Bennefield officiating. Visitation will be Thursday from 12-2 p.m. at the funeral home. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Johnson passed away Saturday, October 25th, 2025, at his residence. He was born May 12, 1945, to Lloyd and Agnes Adeline Rodgers Johnson. He was a truck driver. He enjoyed being outside, and loved working on vehicles and lawn mowers. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his daughters, Janet Turner (Carl Evans), Rachel Johnson; nine grandchildren, Josh Waddell, Coty Waddell (Maggie), Blake Wilhite (Farrah), Chazz Wilhite (Kim), Brandi Turner (Jared Watson), Noah Edwards (Rhyan), Cameran Evans (Winter), Jessica Watson (Kassie), Hannah Brown; son-in-law, Tim Waddell; 17 great grandchildren; siblings, Clyde (Marian) Johnson, Alfred (Carol) Johnson, Charles (Vita) Johnson, Othell (Darlene) Johnson, Judyann (Creig) Bell, Ruby (Nathan) Lynn, David (Terry) Johnson; family and friends. Pallbearers will be grandsons, Blake Wilhite, Coty Waddell, Chazz Wilhite, Jared Watson, Cameran Evans, family friend, Jay Jay Feid; honorary pallbearer, Josh Waddell. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Christopher Talmadge, 38

In Loving Memory of Chris Talmadge – Chris Talmadge was a gentle soul with a musician's heart — always strumming a guitar, humming a tune, or getting lost in a good game. He moved through life like music itself: easy, steady, and full of feeling. Those who knew him often said he never let life ruffle his spirit — a "go with the flow" soul who could find calm in chaos and beauty in the ordinary. To me, he was the Green Man — deeply connected to nature, grounded yet full of life, growth, and quiet magic.

"My candle burns at both ends; It will not last the night; But ah, my foes, and oh, my friends— It gives a lovely light." — Edna St. Vincent Millay. Chris lived with that same bright and generous flame, bringing abundant color to the world that will fade without him it. The world feels quieter without his song, but his melody will always remain.

Christopher Harold Callan, 57

Christopher Harold Callan, age 57, of Cullman, passed away on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. A memorial service will be held for Mr. Callan at a later date, to be announced. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Chris was born to Arvy and Eleanor Callan on August 2, 1968. He is preceded in death by his father, Arvy Callan; grandparents, Harold and Louise Tucker. He is survived by his wife, Maranda Ashley Callan; daughters, Brooke Callan Tommaselli (Bobby), and Summer Ashley; sons, Logan Callan (Kate), and Austin Ashley; grandchildren, Luciano Tommaselli, Luca Tommaselli, and Ryker Williams; his mother, Eleanor Callan; sister, Melissa Callan Karrh (Jerry); brothers, Mitch Callan (Teresa), and Patrick Callan (Tina); a host of nieces and nephews, and family and friends. Chris was a loving son, husband, father, and grandfather. He was a hard worker, nature and wildlife lover, and loved camping. A skilled land surveyor, he spent decades mapping and measuring the land he loved. His work left a lasting mark on his community and his dedication inspired those who knew him.

Pok Sun Epperly, 88

Memorial services for Pok S. Epperly, 88, of Cullman, are incomplete at this time and will be announced at a later date. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Epperly was a loving and unselfish woman to her son, grandchildren and everyone she met. She will never be forgotten.

Avnell H. Nail, 95

Avnell H. Nail age 95 of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Friday October 24, 2025, at Woodland Village rehabilitation and Healthcare. Avnell was Born on May 28,1930, in Cullman. Mrs. Nail is survived by her Grand-children; Adrienne (Jody) Mackentepe ,Blake (Lori) Whitton, Matthew (Elizabeth) Whitton, Leslie (Ken) Buckhalt and her Great grand-children Gavin, Case Mackentepe ; Houston, Luke; and Reagan Whitton; McCool Whitton, Parker Whitton; Abbie Buckhalt ;and a daughter-in-law Annette Whitton, Niece; Cindy Davis. Mrs. Nail was preceded in death by her husband Roger Whitton; Parents: Rev. John Henderson and Era Holloway Bailey, Son, Byron Whitton; Nephew, David Davis; sister and brother-in-law Lucille (Leddell) Davis. The family will receive friends for a visitation at Moss Service Funeral Home on Tuesday October 28, 2025, from 11- 12:30 p.m. With service 12:30 p.m. -1 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel. Bro. Jame McInnis will officiation the Service. Mrs. Nail will be laid to rest at Etha Cemetery 8417 County Road 1545, Cullman, AL 35058. Fond memories for the Nail family and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Delmer Louis Peebles, 82

Delmer Louis Peebles, age 82, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Wednesday, October 22, 2025. Delmer was born in Alabama. He loved fishing and southern gospel music. He also enjoyed growing a yearly garden. Delmer was learning to cook recently, and making cornbread had become his favorite. Delmer is survived by his daughter Christin Brown (Mickey); his son Treal Peebles (Susie); his son Wes Barbee (Sarah); and his son Justin Barbee (Megan); his brother Ross Peebles (Marilou), his brother Ussery Peebles (Cristina), his brother Pelmer Peebles, his sister Janet Vest and his sister Joan Theusch (Jim); his grandson Brian Peebles (Bridgett), his grandson Tyler Harrison (Tabatha), his grandson Kody Peebles, his granddaughter Karlie Puckett (Drake), his granddaughter Kaitlyn Greenfield (Nick), his grandchild Klain Barbee, his grandchild Dane Mauldin, his grandchild Kinzlee Barbee, his grandchild Sarah Cofield, his grandchild George Cagle, his grandchild Crystal Price, his great grandchildren Aliviah and Ayden Peebles, his great grandchildren Luke and Adalynn Harrison, his great grandchild Adilynn Puckett and his great grandchild Carter Greenfield and several nieces, nephews, other family members and, friends. Delmer was preceded in death by his wife Janet Peebles; his son Brandon Peebles; his father Elmer Louis Peebles and his birth mother Mattie Bernice Box Peebles; his sister Vernous Grisham; his sister Yvonne Millwood and his sister Carolyn Cagle (Marlin). A celebration of life visitation for Delmer will be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at 10 a.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Celebration of life will occur on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at 11 a.m. A burial will follow on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at Bethlehem East Baptist, 31 County Road 539, Hanceville, AL 35077. To leave condolences for the family, please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home is directing.

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Students enjoy Halloween STEM Day

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BAILEYTON, Ala. — Fairview High School, Fairview Middle School and Parkside School came together on Thursday, Oct. 23, to bring science and Halloween fun together for a hands-on learning experience designed to inspire young students and spark a love for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education.

The schools hosted their annual Halloween STEM Day, an interactive science event for pre-K through fifth-grade students, featuring demonstrations and activities across multiple fields of science, technology, engineering, art and math.

"We have a mix of robotics, art and engineering. Students have built pumpkins that act as controllers for games, our VEX Robotics team is showcasing their work ahead of their November competition and we even have dry ice demonstrations. There's a little bit of everything," said Elizabeth Lockhart, Fairview High School science teacher.

This year's event featured 23 demonstration tables and 13 themed games, allowing students to explore areas of interest, from chemistry experiments and physics demos to robotics and art.

The partnership between Fairview and Parkside grew out of Lockhart's desire to strengthen connections between the two schools. "I work with Parkside's principal, Caleb Elrod, often, and since it's one of our feeder schools, I wanted a way to bring our students together so that transition doesn't feel so disjointed," she explained.

Lockhart said that while the event is geared toward younger students, it's just as valuable for the high schoolers who help organize it.

"Our big kids get into it just as much as the little ones," she said. "They designed and researched all the demonstrations themselves, focusing on what they're most interested in. That excitement really carries over and helps inspire the younger kids."

This year marks the fourth annual Halloween STEM Day, and the second time it has been hosted at Parkside. Lockhart said both students and teachers look forward to it each year. "They love it," she said. "The big kids might even love it more than the little ones. They get to be silly, have fun and still trick the younger students into learning something new."



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Students participate in Halloween STEM Day activities at Parkside School on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025.

The collaboration won't stop there. Lockhart shared that the schools are already planning a spring STEM event for sixth through eighth graders, featuring large-scale, outdoor experiments that can't be done in a regular classroom.

"Every year it grows, and every year we see how much it means to both our students and our community," she said.



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