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New Cullman City Council sworn in

The City of Cullman swore in new council members and incumbents on Monday, Nov. 3, 2025. Left to right are Paul Schaffer, Jason Willoughby, David Moss (incumbent), Mayor Woody Jacobs (incumbent), Kim Hall, Chuck Shikle. »



CITY OF CULLMAN

Heroism of the A-1 Skyraiders

Col. John Casper's story highlight of Cullman Veterans Day Celebration



GAUGE DAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Retired U.S. Air Force Col. John Casper speaks at the Cullman Veterans Day Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — "Freedom - the power or right to act, speak or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint."

Each year, that freedom is celebrated in Cullman through the stories and sacrifices of the men and women who earned it. Nowhere is that more evident than at the annual Cullman Veterans Day Celebration at the Cullman Regional Airport, where the community gathers to honor true, real-life heroes – the men and women who carry the title "veteran."

It is through these men and women, both living and gone, that Americans are reminded of the cost of freedom and given the chance to meet the heroes who made their opportunities possible.

While the Cullman Veterans Day celebration is just one of many Cullman events that seek to honor veterans within the community, it has grown into one of the most cherished community traditions. Free and open to the public, this year's event, held Saturday, Nov. 1, drew hundreds who came to honor and hear from local heroes.

Hosted by the Cullman Elks Lodge, this year's program featured a full lineup of events for attendees, from vintage aircraft displays and flyovers to live performances and re-enactments as well as free meals for veterans and their spouses.

The opening ceremony began at 10 a.m. and was led by Gwen Parker of the Cullman Elks Lodge, who served as mistress of ceremonies and guided the day's activities. Local officials, including former Alabama House of Representatives member Randall Shedd — filling in for Sen. Garlan Gudger — and Cullman County Commissioner Kelly Duke, offered opening remarks, expressing their gratitude for the service and sacrifice of local veterans and their families.

Additionally, the ceremony included recognizing the newest members of the Cullman Veterans Hall of Fame, introduced by Jon Green, a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and son of former Cullman Mayor Don Green.

The event's guest speaker, retired U.S. Air Force Colonel John Casper, a Vietnam veteran and career fighter pilot who flew the F-105 Fighter Bomber, shared with the audience his story of courage and resilience. Casper shared how he was shot down and rescued twice during his service, emphasizing the critical role the A-1 Skyraider aircraft played in both missions.

On Aug. 8, 1966, during his eighth combat mission, Casper was shot down over the jungles of » PAGE 6

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Former Auburn head football coach Hugh Freeze

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 3

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 3, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Oct. 30

- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; obstructing police; tampering with physical evidence; Hwy. 278W
- burglary; CR 1223

Oct. 31

- possession of dangerous drugs; Hwy. 69S
- theft of property; CR 832
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; US. 231
- harassment; Blountsville St. NE
- criminal mischief; CR 605
- theft of property; CF 1583
- possession of controlled substance; CR 1747
- criminal mischief; Jochum Dr.

Nov. 1

- burglary; Dove Rd.
- harassing communications; CR 38
- harassment; CR 1059
- assault; CR 1435
- theft of property; CR 1281
- theft of property; criminal mischief; Hwy. 91
- theft of property; criminal mischief; Hwy. 278W
- harassing communications; CR 18
- violation of protection order; CR 1055
- domestic violence; Hwy. 157
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69S
- domestic violence; CR 735

Nov. 2

- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; attempt to elude law enforcement officer; School House Rd.
- domestic violence; US. 31
- trespassing; Hwy. 69S
- burglary; Hughes Dr. NE
- domestic violence; Hwy. 278W
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1242

ARRESTS

Oct. 30 – Nov. 2

Barrett, Tera S.; 40
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Bates, Justin R.; 40
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- interference with a domestic violence emergency call

Clemons, Phillip W.; 52
- DUI (alcohol)

DeJesus, Matthew R.; 34
- possession of dangerous drugs

Dixon, Isaiah J.; 21
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Drake, Hannah J.; 29
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree – criminal mischief-3rd degree
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Francis, Kenneth T.; 60
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Gann, Karanda L.; 35
- burglary-residence-no force
- FTA – sell/distribute methamphetamine
- FTA – not in possession of drivers license
- FTA – driving while license suspended
- FTA – reckless driving

Gean, Jr., Clifford W.; 29
- possession of methamphetamine
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of drug paraphernalia

Gracien, Gabriel D.; 32
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Griffin, Ashley L.; 38
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Helms, Brittany L.; 37
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Hood, Dustin M.; 38
- assault-harassment

Hunt, Nigel G.; 48
- possession of methamphetamine

Johnsey, John C.; 53
- assault-aggravated assault family-strong arm
- theft-miscellaneous, $1500-2500
- interference with a domestic violence emergency call
- FTA – harassing communications
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Johnson, Bama N.; 54
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Jolly, Gary L.; 28
- adult sex offender in prohibited residence location

King, Corinthian T.; 24
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Lavigne, Brandi L.; 48
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- attempting to elude a police officer
- tampering with physical evidence

Mauro, Robert E.; 37
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Pence, Larry D.; 51
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs

Pewitt, Georgiana E.; 30
- possession of dangerous drugs

Pirkle, Tracie D.; 43
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Purser, Jr., Tony D.; 37
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Rolley, Samuel K.; 36
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Sanford, Larry L.; 43
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance

Stillwell, Logan J.; 27
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Vinson, Rayburn R.; 38
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Walker, Bobby D.; 54
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Youngstrom, Sarah R.; 44
- criminal trespass

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Oct. 30

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $119; Olive St. SW

Oct. 31

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $101; Olive St. SW

Nov. 1

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $79; Olive St. SW
- burglary-3rd degree; person; miscellaneous; $2,000; Swafford Rd. SW

Nov. 2

- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Logan St. SW
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

Oct. 31 – Nov. 2

Gann, Karanda L.; 35
- FTA – driving while suspended

Lindsey, Shirlene P.; 62
- theft of property-4th degree

Calvey, Crystal D.; 64
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – driving without license
- FTA – failure to dim lights

Lavigne, Brandi L.; 48
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – switched tag

Gissela, Nicole J.; 23
- theft of property-4th degree

Criscoe, Brookelyn J.; 19
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Mooney, Cheranda R.; 40
- FTA – public intoxication

Delorme, Brandon B.; 24
- FTA – attempt to elude

Self, Cru A.; 37
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA – driving without license

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Freeze (from Front)

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AUBURN, Ala. — Auburn University announced Sunday, Nov. 2, that it had fired head football coach Hugh Freeze. Defensive Coordinator D.J. Durkin will serve as the interim head coach for the remainder of the season. Freeze posted an overall record of 15-19 in his three years on the plains and a 6-16 mark in the SEC.

Statement from Auburn Athletic Director John Cohen:

"I have informed Coach Freeze of my decision to make a change in leadership with the Auburn Football program. Coach Freeze is a man of integrity, and we are appreciative of his investment in Auburn and his relentless work over the last three years in bolstering our roster.

"Our expectations for Auburn Football are to annually compete for championships and the search for the next leader of Auburn Football begins immediately."

Ceremony (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The community is invited to join in honoring local veterans during a special Veterans Day Ceremony and Luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 5, at the Cullman OmniPlex.

The event is hosted by the Donald E. Green Active Adult Center; Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism; and the Cullman County Commission on Aging.

Lunch will be served at noon for seniors who RSVP in advance, followed by a program at 1 p.m. presented by West Elementary School fifth graders. The ceremony will include music, tributes and a salute to local service members.

CPRST Executive Director Nathan Anderson said the partnership came naturally.

"The Commission on Aging and the Active Adult Center collaborate on multiple other events, like Senior Day at both Oktoberfest and the Strawberry Festival," he said.

"We always enjoy partnering with Stephanie (Neal) and her team any time there's an opportunity. When this collaboration idea came up, it was an easy decision to want to work with them again — especially now that we have the space at the OmniPlex to grow it."

All seniors ages 55 and older are encouraged to attend. Anderson said this year's move to the OmniPlex allows the ceremony and luncheon to expand.

"Moving to the OmniPlex gives this event room to expand," he said. "It's a special day for all of us, and we're proud to celebrate even more veterans from across the county this year."

The program will include participation from West Elementary School fifth graders, who have become a highlight of the annual event.

"We started working with Sergeant (Keenan) Hollingsworth several years ago," Anderson said.

"She does an incredible job teaching her fifth graders about patriotism, respect and appreciation for those who've served. I've been to their program at West Elementary several times and knew it would be a great fit for this event. It's become one of the highlights of the ceremony — right behind seeing all the veterans stand to be recognized."

The luncheon, Anderson said, is a way for the City and County to thank those who have served.

"This luncheon is our way of saying thank you," he said. "It gives veterans and their families a chance to be recognized and appreciated by the community they helped protect. We've made every effort to keep the event comfortable and accessible, with reserved seating and staff available to assist any guest who needs extra help."

Each year, the ceremony includes meaningful tributes to veterans, POWs and Gold Star Mothers.

"Each veteran is celebrated and invited to stand in a line before the crowd," Anderson said. "It's always a powerful sight to see how many have served. They're personally thanked by our City and County leaders, along with our sponsors, and receive a small token of appreciation for their service. We'll also include moments of reflection for POWs and Gold Star Mothers and a patriotic performance by the students that always moves the room."

Anderson said CPRST's involvement reflects the department's core mission of community service.

"Honoring veterans fits directly into our mission of serving the community," he said.

"Our department focuses on bringing people together and creating meaningful experiences. The Active Adult Center partnering with the Commission on Aging allows us to expand and celebrate with more of those who've served and ensure their contributions are never forgotten."

He credited the event's sponsors and community partners for making it possible.

"We're blessed to have great sponsors who help make this event possible," Anderson said. "It's completely free as a way to say thank you to our veterans and their families. This year's sponsors include the Cullman County Sheriff's (Office), Premier Bank, AmFirst, Kenneth Cornelius for County Revenue Commission, Drinkard Development and Cullman Florist. Anyone who'd like to get involved or support future events can contact Stephanie Neal at the Active Adult Center."

Anderson shared a simple message for Cullman's veterans.

"Our message is simple — thank you," he said. "Your service and sacrifice matter. We're grateful for the support of our sponsors, Stephanie Neal and Stephanie Lawson and their teams, Sergeant Hollingsworth and the West Elementary fifth grade class, Mr. (Kyle) Kallhoff and Dr. (Jay) Page for allowing them to join us, the OmniPlex staff, our Park Board, city council, Mayor Woody Jacobs and the Cullman County Commission for helping make this day special."

The event is free to attend, but RSVPs are required for lunch. Those wishing to reserve a seat can call 256-734-4803.

Organizers are encouraging families, friends and community members to attend in support of Cullman County's veterans and to reflect on their dedication and sacrifice.

The OmniPlex is located at 1634 Field of Miracles Dr. SW in Cullman.

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2nd annual Diamond Club Cornhole Tournament returns Nov. 8 to support Vinemont Baseball

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Vinemont High School baseball program will host its second annual Diamond Club Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, Nov. 8, beginning at 11 a.m. at 1995 County Road 1518 in Cullman. Registration opens at 10 a.m., and the cost to enter is $40 per team.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own bags, though extras will be available for anyone who needs them. The team will also operate a concession-style food truck, with all food sales benefiting Vinemont Baseball.

With a successful first year leading the tournament, Head Coach Hunter Cornelius said the decision to bring it back was an easy one.

"We wanted to host the tournament again because of the amount of interest it drew last year," Cornelius said. "A lot of people told us they had a great time and that other cornhole groups around Cullman would come if we were to do it again. Events like this are a fun way to bring the community together while raising money for our baseball program."

Cornelius noted that all proceeds from the event will go directly toward equipment costs for the team.

"People can expect a great time with good competition and a friendly atmosphere," he shared.

"It's a chance to hang out, play cornhole and enjoy some good food. We'll also have multiple TVs set up for anyone wanting to keep up with football throughout the morning. It's a fun event for the whole community and a great way to support our players."

For more information, contact the Vinemont Baseball Diamond Club at 256-640-0136 or crhodes0427@gmail.com.

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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, Nov. 5 – 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, Nov. 7 – 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. 8 – 9-11 a.m. Community Thanksgiving Lunch
• Sunday, Nov. 9 – 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, 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 Eagle Forum Meeting
Thursday, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m. at the Vinemont Fire Department, 60 Ridgeway St.. Bob Retsch and Susan Chipman will discuss election integrity efforts in Alabama. All are invited to attend.

Mt. Zion Church Bazaar
Friday, Nov. 7, beginning at 8 a.m. at the church, next to the Cullman Area Technology Academy on U.S. Highway 31 in Vinemont. Open at 8 for baked goods. Lunch begins at 10. Carry outs available. More info: 256-338-1959.

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.

15th Annual Mud Creek Arts & Crafts Festival
Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in historic downtown Hanceville at 106 Commercial St. NE. The day-long street festival is free and will feature dozens of arts and crafts vendors, kids' activities and plenty of food from both food trucks and local eateries. Shoppers can expect a wide variety of handmade goods and gift items, including everything from woodwork, jewelry and seasonal décor to frozen candy treats, 3D-printed pieces and unique trinkets — along with family activities throughout the day.

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
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PREP FOOTBALL

Holly Pond caps season with shootout win over Cleveland

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — Holly Pond was back home for its season finale against Cleveland on Halloween night and the Broncos avoided a scare in the second half. Holly Pond went into the locker room leading 28-6 at halftime but the Panthers came out swinging in the second half. Cleveland put 34 points on the board to chip away at the lead and put pressure on the Broncos, but Holly Pond was able to keep things rolling on the offensive side of the ball and capped its season with a 58-40 win over the Panthers.

Hunter Tolbert recovered an onside kick on the game's opening kickoff, giving Holly Pond excellent field position right out of the gate. Two plays later, Fox Westall took a handoff 50 yards up the middle of the defense and into the end zone for a touchdown, putting Holly Pond ahead 6-0. Holly Pond rolled another onside attempt on the ensuing kickoff, and it was recovered by Tolbert once again. Not long after that, Miguel Garcia broke a 35-yard touchdown and punched in the two-point conversion to give the Broncos a 14-0 lead with just two minutes gone in the first quarter.

Cleveland responded with a scoring drive to make it a 14-6 game later in the first but a big return from Tolbert on the ensuing kickoff gave Holly Pond great field position again. The Broncos were forced to turn it over on downs, but Westall picked off a Panthers pass just a few plays later to get the ball back to Holly Pond's offense. Westall took advantage of his own turnover, running one into the end zone from 19 yards out to add to the lead. A two-point pass to Cade Allbright made it a 22-6 game with just under two minutes to play in the first quarter.

The Broncos put together one more scoring drive before halftime, capping it off with a 1-yard touchdown run by Garcia to take a 28-6 lead into the locker room at the break.

Holly Pond's big night on special teams continued in the third quarter when Garcia returned the opening kick of the second half all the way back for a touchdown to put the Broncos in front 34-6. A two-point pass to John Hamby made it a 36-6 game with 11:46 on the clock in the third.

However, the Panthers weren't ready to lie down, and they racked up 22 unanswered points in the third quarter to cut the lead down to 36-28 with 2:30 remaining in the period. A 50-yard touchdown run by Miguel Garcia stopped the bleeding and gave the Broncos a 44-28 lead but Cleveland hit right back with another explosive play, making it 44-34 late in the third quarter.

After Boston Gibbs punched in a 1-yard touchdown to make it 52-34, the Panthers hit on a 58-yard pass to trim the lead to 52-40 midway through the fourth quarter, but they couldn't come any closer than that. Boston Gibbs ran in a 9-yard touchdown with three minutes on the clock to put Holly Pond up by 18 and the Broncos went on to win the Halloween shootout 58-40.

With the win, Holly Pond finishes the season 5-5. It's the first time the Broncos have finished a season at .500 or better since 2018.



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The Holly Pond Broncos wrapped up their season with a 58-40 win over Cleveland Friday night.

Auburn offense stumbles in 10-3 loss to Kentucky

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. — Kentucky sacked Auburn's quarterbacks seven times and scored the game's only touchdown on the opening drive of the third quarter to earn its first SEC victory, beating the Tigers 10-3 Saturday at Jordan-Hare Stadium.

"They did a great job of shortening the game and converting third downs at critical moments," Auburn coach Hugh Freeze said.

"I thought they played harder than we did, and that's frustrating to say. We did not have many possessions, and it seemed like every time we did have something going, we'd have a negative play with a sack."

Trailing 10-3 early in the fourth quarter, Jackson Arnold relieved Ashton Daniels for a drive that began at the Tigers' 8-yard line.

Jeremiah Cobb opened the possession with a 19-yard run, then Auburn picked up another first down on Arnold's 12-yard pass to Omar Mabson II, but the Tigers were unable to cross midfield after a second-down sack led to a punt.

Kensley Louidor-Faustin's third-down sack forced a Kentucky punt that gave Auburn another chance for a game-tying drive with 5:18 to play from its 17 yard-line, but Kentucky sacked Arnold on third down, leading to a three-and-out.

"When you get into that type of game and you have to drop back and throw, you've got to either turn it loose or protect better," Freeze said. "I think it was a combination but mostly we just struggled to protect."

AnQuon Fegans gave Auburn another glimmer of hope, returning his first career interception 16 yards and crossing midfield before fumbling back to the Wildcats with 2:56 left in the game.

"They did a good job chasing him and stripping it," Freeze said. "He'll learn from that and be better the next time."

After Auburn forced a punt, the Tigers reinserted Daniels with 2:12 to play and the ball at Auburn's 9-yard line.

The Tigers converted on fourth-and-6 on a pass to Cam Coleman, then advanced to Kentucky's 35-yard line on a 19-yard completion to Preston Howard before Kentucky intercepted Daniels' desperation heave in the end zone on the game's final play.

Daniels completed 13 of 28 passes for 108 yards and rushed for 48 yards on 15 carries.

Tied 3-3 at the half, Kentucky (2-6, 1-5) opened the third quarter with a 10-play, 75-yard touchdown drive, taking a 10-3 lead on Cutter Boley's 13-yard pass to Kendrick Law.

After a scoreless first quarter, Kentucky used three explosive runs to gain 40 yards, setting up Jacob Kauwe's 48-yard field goal for a 3-0 lead at the 11:40 mark of the second quarter.

Auburn crossed midfield late in the quarter on Daniels' 26-yard run but a fourth-down sack ended the drive and gave the Wildcats the ball on the Tigers' 49-yard line with 1:42 to play in the half.

Freshman Elijah Melendez picked a perfect time to record his first career interception, picking off Boley and returning it 27 yards to the Wildcats' 35-yard line with a minute left in the half.

Two Cobb runs gained 20 yards, setting up Alex McPherson's game-tying 27-yard field goal with two seconds remaining before halftime. Cobb led Auburn with 72 rushing yards on 20 carries.

Auburn's leading tackler in all six conference games, Xavier Atkins led the Tigers with eight tackles. Amaris Williams added a sack and two tackles for loss.

The Tigers held Kentucky to 240 yards of total offense, including 79 rushing yards on 32 attempts, an average of 2.5 yards per carry.

"It certainly hasn't been the year any of us expected. Tonight, again, our kids laid it on the line for us — especially defensively, with their effort," Freeze said. "But offensively, there are zero excuses for how poorly we're playing at times. We really struggled to protect tonight. They did a really nice job, and you have to give them some credit. But we've struggled offensively, and that is unacceptable the way we played."

Auburn (4-5, 1-5) plays its final away game next Saturday at No. 9 Vanderbilt at 3 p.m. on SEC Network and the Auburn Sports Network.





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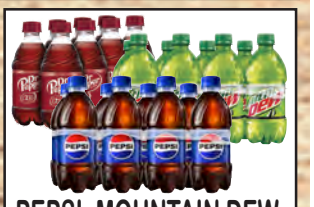
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Wagon Trail Hemp Farms prepares for impact of HB445

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Wagon Trail Hemp Farms (WTHF) is preparing for sweeping changes as Alabama's new hemp law, House Bill 445, takes full effect Jan. 1, 2026.

The measure, which transfers regulation of consumable hemp products to the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC), will overhaul how and where hemp products can be sold statewide.

WTHF announced that online sales will no longer be permitted once the law takes effect. The company is offering customers a limited-time discount with the promo code LOYAL30 to encourage purchases before the ban.

"Online sales will no longer be available in Alabama. Again, all online sales are banned after January 1," the company's statement read.

"We hope the discount is enough to say thank you for being our loyal customers. This is definitely not a goodbye, but a chance for us to once again set the bar higher and rise above it."

Under HB445, all retail locations must be licensed by the ABC Board and limited to 21-and-older access.

Eligible outlets include CBD stores, beverage stores, tobacco shops, pharmacies and grocery stores authorized to sell THC-infused drinks.

WTHF said it will continue distributing its THC-based products under its URBAL drink line, fully compliant with new restrictions. Gummies will contain 40 mg of Delta-9 THC per pack (four 10 mg gummies), while drinks will carry 5 mg. Each package will meet child-resistant packaging standards outlined in the law.

"Our gummies and drinks will be completely compliant with the new law," the statement read. "There is no limit to how many four-packs you can purchase."

Joey Robertson, managing partner of Wagon Trail Hemp Farms, said the business will adapt and continue serving customers across Alabama.

"We love you all and will continue to grow and serve as many people in Alabama as possible," Robertson said.

"We may have to rework our business plan, but we will come out stronger.

"The hemp industry has always had its ups and downs. This is just another obstacle to clear."

According to the Alabama Legislature, the ABC Board will begin issuing and renewing licenses for manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers of consumable hemp products on Jan. 1, 2026.

The board will also enforce packaging rules designed to prevent marketing to minors and regulate testing, labeling and distribution.

HB445 defines "consumable hemp products" as any finished product intended for ingestion or topical use containing hemp-derived cannabinoids.

The law specifically excludes smokable hemp, including raw flower and pre-rolls, which will no longer be legal for sale in Alabama.



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Wagon Trail Hemp Farms Managing Partner Joey Robertson explains how the machines in his facility work.

WTHF thanked customers for their continued support during the transition.

"We are so very appreciative to all of our customers, friends, and for lack of a better term, patients, that have trusted us with your health and well-being for the last six years," the company said.

"We will continue to operate and do the best that we can to serve your needs, but we all have a steep learning curve ahead of us."

Championship (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — This year's youth football championships for both the Cullman County Youth Football Association (CCYFA) and the Cullman Football Academy were played on Saturday, and our local teams collected a lot of new hardware.

In the CCYFA title games at Holly Pond, Fairview defeated Hanceville 20-12 to win the Fireplug championship, Vinemont handled Good Hope 40-6 to win the Wee-Wee title and West Point topped Holly Pond 36-6 to claim the Pee-Wee championship.

At the North Alabama Athletic Youth Football championships, Cullman Football Academy's 11U and 9U teams won NAAYF titles and Cullman's 10U team finished runner up in its division.

The County Cheer Off was held at Holly Pond on Saturday as well and the Broncos finished as grand champions in the Pee-Wee division while West Point took home titles in the Wee-Wee and Fireplug competitions.

West Point's Fireplugs and Vinemont's Wee-Wee teams each earned the Spirit Award and Fairview's mini majorettes were the grand champion twirlers.



STEPHANIE NELSON

Fairview Fireplugs



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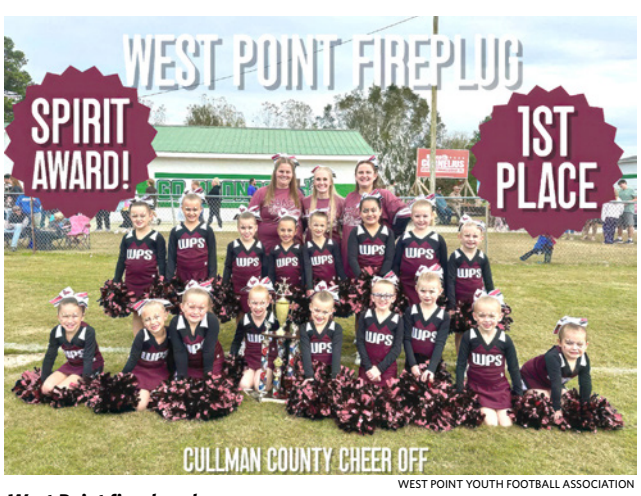
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West Point Wee-Wee cheer

Casper (from Front)

North Vietnam. He described the tense moments that followed and the extraordinary skill of the A-1 Skyraider pilot who accomplished the seemingly impossible: finding Casper's downed location and guiding the rescue helicopters in to pick him up out of the jungle.

"I thought that was the end of it," Casper recalled. "I said, 'Man, that was close, but I still have some more combat missions to fly.'"

Little did Casper know that just 35 days later, he would once again face impossible odds. While flying a mission with three other F-105 pilots targeting a bridge along a railroad line, his aircraft was struck down a second time.

"Everything went fine until we started to roll in on the target," he said. "That's when they fired three surface-to-air missiles through our flight. I broke left, the other three broke right. When I recovered, there was no gunfire, and I had no idea where the other airplanes were, but there was the bridge."

Seeing no groundfire, Casper seized the opportunity to complete his part of the mission, flying in low and dropping his payload, successfully knocking one of the bridge spans into the water. Moments later, he discovered the reason for the silence.

"There was a MiG shooting at me," he said. To escape, he attempted what he called a "neat maneuver" he'd once heard about — a high-G roll underneath the MiG. The maneuver put his plane nose-down about 3,000 feet above the ground, with barely enough air speed to keep him from hitting the ground.

"It was then I decided to get out of dodge," he said.

Casper radioed his team, who were roughly 20 miles away, heading toward the coast. They turned back to help, but the two groups never connected. "As luck would have it, they came this way, I went that way and we never saw each other," he explained. "So, we said we'd just meet over the water."

As Casper headed toward the coastline, another MiG locked onto him. Knowing he couldn't outgun his adversary, he went full afterburner — the F-105's greatest advantage — and made a desperate push for the sea. With the coastline finally in sight but his fuel running low, Casper attempted to rejoin his formation. That's when things took a turn for the worse.

"I saw my whole world come apart," Casper said. "I saw part of my wing come off. I could feel the airplane getting hit, and the fire light came on. I just made it across the coast. I stayed with my airplane as long as I could, but I had a fire in the cockpit at that point. I said, 'It's time to get out.'"

Forced to eject, Casper pulled the handles that should have launched the canopy and initiated the ejection sequence — but the mechanism failed. With flames in the cockpit and seconds to spare, he made the split-second decision to eject through the canopy itself.

He tumbled violently through the air before hitting the water below. Fighting to the surface, he soon heard the faint, reassuring sound of his emergency beeper, the signal indicating that his ejection seat had separated from the aircraft. That alert let his flight team know he was alive.

However, his flight team was running low on fuel and had to return to the tanker. Before leaving, they radioed to let him know that rescue forces were being notified. Casper knew exactly what that meant — A-1 Skyraiders and a rescue helicopter, a scene he'd experienced once before.

Drifting roughly 20 miles south of China in hostile waters, Casper spent the next several hours alone in his life raft, waiting. The stillness of the sea was shattered when the crack of gunfire broke out in the distance. Moments later, the voice of an A-1 Skyraider pilot came over the radio, letting him know they were attempting to reach him.

"These guys that day were under fire for over 40 straight minutes, making three separate attempts to get to me," Casper recalled.

"Around that time, several boats started coming out from shore — one of them was a big boat, probably 30 or 40 feet long, and it was maybe a quarter-mile away. I figured I was done."

Just then, two A-1 Skyraiders came roaring in overhead. "I don't know how they saw me in the water, but they did," he said. "I pointed out the boat to them, and they turned around and rolled in and blew that boat to smithereens with a bunch of rockets. It was truly amazing."

The A-1s led the final charge, escorting the rescue helicopter through heavy fire while providing cover from the nearby islands. As the chopper lowered its harness, Casper maneuvered himself into it and began ascending toward safety, only for the winch to fail.

"About halfway up, the winch shorted out and stopped working. So, we're leaving, I am swinging around underneath this helicopter, the A-1s are on both sides of us and were getting shot at and I'm going, 'This is not good, but it's better than being in the water.'"

The helicopter crew quickly repaired the winch and pulled Casper safely into the aircraft. Once aboard, they notified him that they were heading back to a nearby destroyer. From his perspective, however, there was still one "problem."

"The only problem they had when I got up in that helicopter was that I wanted to hug and kiss everybody and thank them," he laughed. "But they were busy firing machine guns out the windows, trying to get out of there. They were under fire for about 20 minutes."

"When we finally got clear, they strapped me to the floor — nicely — gave me two airline miniature whiskeys and told me to take it easy," he said with a grin.

As night fell and his exhaustion set in, the helicopter finally touched down on a Navy carrier. A spotlight illuminated from the ship's superstructure, and as Casper stepped out of the aircraft, the ship's band began to play "The Star-Spangled Banner." He was finally saved.

"It was unbelievable," he said. "Out of the darkness came what I found out later was a four-star admiral welcoming me back to the ship. He was on a tour of the ship and for three days, we would go from boat to boat and he would have me with him and he would say, 'Look what we found.'"

Casper shared that, for many years, he never knew the names of the brave men who had saved his life — from the helicopter crew to the A-1 pilots who risked everything to rescue him. But 36 years later, a chance encounter changed that.

During a reunion, a fellow pilot who recognized Casper from his time flying the F-105s and knew of him being shot down handed him a piece of paper with a name and phone number. The name belonged to the brother of this pilot, who had served as the winch operator on the helicopter that pulled Casper from the water.

"So, I got to meet the entire crew and one of the A-1 drivers at a reunion," Casper said. "I remained friends with the aircraft commander who saved my life."

Years later, that commander's nephew reached out and invited Casper to a family reunion. "I went up there, and the whole reason for having me there was to tell all of his kids, grandkids and family what a brave man their grandfather was," he said.

"I want to end this way," he added. "Some people are very reluctant to talk about what they did. I think you have an obligation to let young people know what you did in the military, not bragging about it, but telling them what it was and what it was like. So, I ask all of you, please consider doing that."

Casper's words would set the tone for the rest of the day, echoing a sense of reflection, pride and celebration of the many men and women who have similar stories to share. As the day continued, that same spirit carried into a day full of tributes and live events.

Adding to the day's highlights, retired U.S. Army Col. Don Fallin joined Skydive Alabama for a tandem jump, making a smooth landing to cheers from the crowd. The loud drone of Huey helicopter rides made their return and operated continuously throughout the day, giving attendees a chance to experience the iconic aircraft once flown in Vietnam.

Spectators also enjoyed a variety of impressive flyovers from a team of airline pilots and military veterans based in Atlanta. The Cullman Community Band provided live music during the veterans' lunch, while food trucks and local organizations lined the grounds offering treats, candy and information about programs supporting local veterans and various other organizations. Historical reenactors also walked the grounds, engaging with attendees and sharing stories from the eras they represented, offering a glimpse into what life was like during those times.

Event organizer and veteran Ken Brown, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel, said the turnout and atmosphere made this year's celebration one to remember.

"We had great weather for our veterans celebration this year," Brown said. "All who attended enjoyed good food, good music and historic vintage aircraft. Most important of all, our veterans felt honored and appreciated — something they and their families have more than earned. Next year, I'd like to see double the crowd turnout."

For more information or updates on future Veterans Day celebrations, visit www.cullmanveteransday.com. For more information on the local Cullman Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2214, call 256-739-6611 or email commandervfwpost2214@outlook.com.

LEGALS

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

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

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.

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

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

Johnny Albright,
as Mortgagee

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for Mortgagee
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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
2022 QIPAI Lifan KP 200	LXAPRVP26NX000024
2000 Spartan Motorhome	4VZBN2499YC035675

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City of Cullman
Zoning Board of Adjustments

On Monday, November 17, 2025, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Variance request – Legacy at Cross Creek Subdivision off County Road 490 – front and rear lot setbacks

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

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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

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
Phone: 256.734.4591
Fax: 866.826.4785

TO THE PUBLISHER OF THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Wallace State Culinary Pride fundraiser blends great food with giving back

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College Culinary Pride is inviting the community to make their holiday meals both easy and meaningful through its Thanksgiving fundraiser, which supports student activities while offering a chance to give back to others.

The fundraiser menu features holiday favorites prepared by culinary students, including a 12-pound roasted turkey for $30, Boar's Head ham for $35, giblet gravy for $8 per pint, a dozen housemade Hawaiian rolls for $12 and a spiced banana pudding bundt cake for $18.

Orders must be placed by Monday, Nov. 18, at 10 a.m., with pick-up times set for Nov. 24, from noon-3 p.m. and Nov. 25, from 9 a.m.-noon. All orders must be prepaid by 3 p.m. Nov. 18.

Wallace State Cares Director Christine Wiggins said the annual fundraiser is a key support for the program, giving students real-world experience while funding activities throughout the year.

"This event allows our students to showcase their culinary skills while helping fund projects that enhance their education," said Wiggins.

In addition to supporting Culinary Pride, this year's fundraiser offers a unique opportunity for double impact. Community members can purchase meals to donate to Wallace State students through Lions' Kitchen, the campus food pantry that provides support to students facing food insecurity.

"Looking to double-dip and multiply the benefit? You can order a meal to support our club and then donate it to Lions' Kitchen to help a student in need," Wiggins said.

Those interested in participating or donating a meal can contact Wiggins at 256-352-8462 or place orders online at www.wsculinarypride.super.site.



Wadsworth (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

ARLEY, Ala. — Rep. Tim Wadsworth, R-Arley on Monday announced his candidacy for reelection. Below is his announcement, in full:

House District 14 – Incumbent State Representative Tim Wadsworth announced today his candidacy for re-election to serve Alabama's House District 14. Since first taking office in 2014, Rep. Wadsworth has worked to deliver effective conservative leadership, strengthen local communities, and bring home state resources to support schools, local nonprofits, volunteer fire departments, infrastructure, and healthcare throughout District 14.

"I remain committed to the people of Winston, Cullman, Walker, and Jefferson counties," said Wadsworth. "Over the past eleven years, I have made your concerns a priority in Montgomery by lowering the grocery tax, supporting our first responders, improving local infrastructure, and securing funds for our schools. Our work is not finished, however. I ask for the privilege to continue serving and fighting for the values we share."

A Record of Service

- Secured healthcare facilities in Arley, Double Springs, and Nauvoo and helped support ambulance services for Winston County.
- Secured public school funding for West Point, Meek, Addison, Lynn, Double Springs, Parrish, Oakland, Carbon Hill, Sumiton, Corner. and Bagley.
- Secured funding for Looney's Ampitheater Complex and Cultural Center in Double Springs
- Formed 501(c)(3) organizations for community groups in Townley, Carbon Hill, Cordova, Ashridge, and Winston Rescue so they can work to secure grants
- Raised the standard deduction for joint filers and single filers, which offered immediate relief to working families
- Lowered the State sales tax on food from 4% to 2% with an ultimate goal of 0%.
- Raised the exemption for Business Personal Property from no exemption to $100,000 and eliminated the minimum tax from $110 to $0 for corporations and limited liability companies
- Delivered significant State of Alabama investment in local infrastructure, including improvements to I-22 and safety upgrades to Duncan Bridge
- Secured funding and grant support for the Wallace State Community Learning Center, volunteer fire departments, and rural services throughout the district.

Leadership and Community

Representative Wadsworth holds degrees in accounting and law and is a practicing attorney licensed in Alabama and Mississippi. He serves as Vice Chair of the House Judiciary Committee and is a member of other key legislative committees including Public Safety & Homeland Security, Children & Senior Advocacy, Jefferson County Legislation, and Local Legislation.

Supporting Team

Tim Wadsworth is joined in service by his wife, Dr. Nicole Jones Wadsworth, who is a business and economic development leader and a candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Alabama. Together they share a commitment to community service, conservative principles, and faith. Their children are often seen alongside them at civic events, which highlights the emphasis they place on family and public service.

Vision for the Future

If re-elected, Tim Wadsworth pledges to:

- Continue advocating for fiscal responsibility at the state level.
- Expand access to quality education, healthcare, and public safety throughout House District 14.
- Promote economic and community development through partnerships with local businesses, industry, and nonprofit organizations.

Call to Action

"I humbly ask for your support and your vote," said Wadsworth. "Together we can build on what we have accomplished and make House District 14 stronger, safer, and more prosperous for everyone."

Tim Wadsworth's re-election campaign is now underway. Follow him on Facebook at State Representative Tim Wadsworth or on Twitter (X) at @RepTimWadsworth. Campaign contributions may be mailed to: Committee to Elect Tim Wadsworth, 1175 Helicon Road, Arley, AL 35541. My number is 205-300-4008. I am always available to help you.

Wadsworth will be on the ballot in 2026. The Primary will take place May 19, and the General Election will be Nov. 3.

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 1-3

Kyle Byno Absher, 86
Funeral services for Kyle B. Absher, 86, of Hanceville will be 11 a.m. Monday, November 3, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be prior to the service from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Absher was born April 4, 1939, in Blount County, Alabama. He passed away October 30, 2025. He graduated from J.B. Pennington High School in 1957. He worked for 35 years with a major oil company. He retired in 1995, in Memphis, Tennessee. He was a mason at Crossville Lodge #483 in Crossville, Tennessee; OES Amanda Chapter #4; Scottish Rite Valley of Birmingham 32°, and Zamora Shrine Temple. He was a Shriner Roadrunner and made several trips to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Greenville, South Carolina, and Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Absher is survived by his son, Timothy K. Absher; one granddaughter, and two grandsons; three great grandsons; brother, Farris Absher; and his sister, Iva Thomas. Mr. Absher was preceded in death by his parents, Byno Absher & Leoma Stapp Absher; siblings, Sybil Johns, Jewel Carney, Verlia Honeycutt, and Dewey Absher.

Lynne Gibson Bates, 68
Lynne Gibson Bates, age 68, of Falkville, Alabama, passed away on Thursday, October 30, 2025. Mrs. Bates was born on January 1, 1957, in Birmingham, AL., to Charles and Barbara Gibson. She was a 1975 graduate of Banks High School. She retired in 2004 after a long career with the Social Security Administration, having served the agency in Birmingham, AL; Frankfort, KY; and Cullman, AL. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dewey Glenn Bates; parents, Charles and Barbara Gibson; and a sister, Lisa Deerman. Left to cherish her memory are her daughter Jennifer Lynne (Ambra) Minks; step-sons Clay Bates (Robin); and Steve Bates (Mary); step-daughter Glenda Bates; and step-grandchildren: Mindy Sheppard, Jamie Cisco, Britney Bates, Nicholas Bates, and Maggie Bates; and her great-grandchildren Alyssa, Kye, Maliyah, and Kamryn; nephew, Chip (Krissy) Deerman; 3 great nephews: Axel, Christian, and Kaylee Deerman and a host of other family members and friends. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, from 12 p.m. until the Celebration of Lynne's life, which will begin at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Cullman City Cemetery. To leave condolences for the family, please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home is directing.

Michael Stephen Ugarkovich, Jr., 70
Michael Stephen Ugarkovich Jr., age 70, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Thursday, October 30, 2025. Mike was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. It has often been said of him that "he never met a stranger," "he knew everyone," and "he couldn't go anywhere without someone knowing him." He loved coaching sports and was an avid Notre Dame Fighting Irish football fan. For forty years, Mike faithfully served the community through his work with the Cullman Electric Cooperative, where his dedication and kindness touched countless lives. Mike is survived by his beloved wife, Terri Shoemake Ugarkovich; his daughter Jaime Medlock (Bryan); and his son Michael Ugarkovich (T'aira); his grandchildren Lakeley Medlock, Katherine Ugarkovich, Deklan Medlock and Anna James Ugarkovich. Mike was preceded in death by his parents Michael Stephen and Victoria Meres Ugarkovich. A visitation for Mike will be held Tuesday, November 4, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 217 2nd St SE, Cullman, AL 35055. A rosary service will follow Tuesday. The Mass of Christian Burial for Mr. Ugarkovich will be Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 10 a.m. A graveside committal service will follow at Union Hill Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery, Falkville, AL 35622. If you prefer an alternative to flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Mike's name Serving as pallbearers are Dale Bright, Nathan Basch, Donnie Pirkle, Blake Overton, Bryan Medlock and Shane Cupp. Fond memories for the Ugarkovich family and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Danny Dale Ayers, 67
A graveside service for Danny Dale Ayers, 67, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, November 6th, 2025, at Flint Creek Cemetery, Bro. Bradley McDonald officiating. Danny passed away Sunday, November 2, 2025, at CRMC. He was born September 19, 1958, to Jack Cornelius and Inez Cindy Blalock Ayers. Danny loved the Lord and talked about Him all the time. He was a simple man with lots of love for life. He enjoyed a good laugh. He would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. He is survived by a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

Randy Joe Johnson, 66
Randy Joe Johnson, of Hayden, Alabama, passed away on November 1, 2025. A proud graduate of Hayden High School, Class of 1977, Randy met the love of his life, Darlene, while in school. The two shared 47 wonderful years of marriage, building a life filled with love, laughter, and family. They were blessed with three children and eight grandchildren, all of whom Randy adored deeply. Randy worked for 19 years at Hydra Service, Inc. in Warrior before enjoying his well-earned retirement. He could often be found at one of his favorite fishing spots, relaxing in an old porch rocking chair, or watching a good old Western movie. If you ever asked Randy about his greatest accomplishment, he would tell you without hesitation—it was his family. His wife, children, and grandchildren were the center of his world, and he loved them with all his heart. Randy was preceded in death by his father, Bobby Johnson; grandparents, Grover and Mary Helen Gurley Johnson and Elzadie Smith Handley; stepfather, James Howard Cicero; sister-in-law, Tammy Skinner Johnson; father-in-law, Dalton Ray Cox; mother-in-law, Doris Washburn Cox; nephew, Stephen Matthew Johnson; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is survived by his devoted wife, Karan Darlene Johnson; his children, Nicholas Johnson (Katie), Andrew Johnson (Barbara), and Andrea Johnson Roberts (Keith); and his beloved grandchildren, Tyana Johnson, Cody Johnson, Joslyn Johnson, Mia Johnson, Seth Johnson, Aubree Roberts, Adalyn Roberts, and Anslee Roberts. He is also survived by his mother, Shirley Fay Cicero; brothers, Stephen W. Johnson and Clint Johnson (Julie); stepmother, Carol Johnson; stepbrother, Randall Cicero; sister-in-law, Lisa Dannet Pineda; and nieces, Amanda Johnson Snider (Mike) and Leslie Romine (Justin). A memorial service will be held Saturday November 8, 2025, 5:30 p.m. at Keith and Andrea's home. Randy will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew and loved him. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

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Housing Authority hosts Wonderland-themed Halloween Festival

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CHASADY WOODS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cullman Housing Authority hosted a Wonderland-themed Halloween festival at Hilltop Community Center on Oct. 30, 2025.

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Housing Authority hosted a Wonderland-themed Halloween festival at Hilltop Community Center on Oct. 30. The event featured games like croquet and ring toss, candy and treats, as well as arts and crafts. The festivities were led by characters such as Mad Hatter, Cheshire Cat, Tweedledee, Tweedledum, Queen of Hearts, a very time-efficient rabbit and Alice herself.

Are more festivals in the cards? Executive Director Marquisha Griffin said the group had a great time hosting and plans on doing more festivals in the years to come. She said this year's event wouldn't have been possible without teamwork. Office staff and organizers included Griffin, Breana Lyvers, Gerri Miner, Tammy Williams, Kelly Jones, Tanya Davis, Zahne Anderson, Carrie McKenzie and an abundance of maintenance staff.

"This would be our third year," Griffin stated. "We started doing more activities with our residents, and this just happens to be one of our fall activities. It's one of our most successful in terms of turnout."

When asked if there would be similar events for the end of the year Griffin advised, "For the holiday season we will have two movie nights. One for the kids and one for the adults."

These movie nights will take place Tuesday, Dec. 9, and Friday, Dec. 12, at the Hilltop Community Center, 1545 Vine Circle SW, Cullman. The 9th will be the adult movie night, featuring "Elf." Then on the 12th the kids will gather to watch "The Polar Express." Times TBD and will be posted at www.facebook.com/cullmanha.

The Cullman Housing Authority is currently accepting throw blanket donations for kids' movie night. These will be handed out to the children before the movie starts. If you would like to donate you can bring these items to the Cullman Housing Authority at 408 Cleveland Ave. SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

If you have further questions about donations or any information regarding housing, contact the Cullman Housing Authority at 256-734-6171.





CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Family and friends of the late Jim Boyd gathered Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025, to honor the former Cullman County Schools superintendent at the dedication of the new Jim Boyd Outdoor Classroom.

Jim Boyd Outdoor Classroom dedicated in Fairview

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Family and friends of the late Jim Boyd gathered Sunday, Nov. 2, to honor the former Cullman County Schools superintendent at the dedication of the new Jim Boyd Outdoor Classroom.

Boyd, who passed away Oct. 27, 2023, at age 85, was remembered as a lifelong educator, farmer and community leader whose influence stretched far beyond the classroom.

He began his career as a teacher in Fairview before serving as superintendent of Cullman County Schools for 20 years.

Known for his commitment to both education and agriculture, Boyd was described by many as a "man of the soil."

In addition to his decades in public education, he remained deeply rooted in farming and rural life, teaching the value of hard work and stewardship to generations of students.

The dedication ceremony brought together several generations of Boyd's family, including his wife, Willodean, children Lance Boyd, Susan Boyd Sellers and Trent Boyd, along with numerous in-laws, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends.

Family members said they hope the outdoor classroom will serve as a living tribute to his passion for learning and the land, inspiring future students to carry on his legacy.

Boyd's lifelong dedication to bridging education and agriculture was recognized publicly in 2016, when he was honored by the North Alabama Agriplex alongside Dr. Tom "Big Doc" Williamson for contributions to the county's agricultural and educational programs.

The outdoor classroom now stands as a reflection of that commitment — a space designed to bring hands-on learning to students while keeping Boyd's values alive in his hometown.

Those who knew him recalled not only his leadership, but also his personal kindness.

On social media, friends remembered him simply as "a good man," a teacher who led with humility and compassion.

The project was made possible through the collective effort and support of many individuals and organizations.

Organizers extended their gratitude to all who contributed to creating a space that honors Boyd's enduring legacy in Fairview and throughout Cullman County.



