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Veterans Day at OmniPlex: 'The least we can do is thank you'

Anabelle Howze
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Veterans, families, friends and community members gathered on Wednesday, Nov. 5, at the Cullman OmniPlex for a luncheon honoring those who served in the armed forces.

The event offered food, fellowship and reflection, with the posting of colors by the Cullman Fire Rescue Honor Guard and musical performances by West Elementary School fifth graders, led by Army National Guard Field Artillery Sgt. Keenan Hollingsworth.

Guest speaker Ben Harrison, director of the Cullman Regional Airport, shared stories of his family's » PAGE 2



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A uniform on display at the Veterans Day program at the Cullman OmniPlex on Nov. 5, 2025 »

Listerhill Credit Union breaks ground on new Cullman location



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Listerhill Credit Union on Thursday, Nov. 6, 2025, broke ground on what it says will be a new, state-of-the-art branch in Cullman, "designed to enhance accessibility through advanced technology and personalized service together under one roof."

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Officials and team members from Listerhill Credit Union, members of the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce and Cullman City Council, as well as local business leaders and other guests attended the groundbreaking ceremony at the site of Listerhill's new branch. The new 2,950-square-foot financial center will be adjacent to Cullman's Industrial Park, just about a mile south of the current Listerhill branch in Cullman, which is being replaced by the new construction. The new facility is scheduled to open around September 2026.

Listerhill President & CEO Brad Green opened the event, saying, "Today's groundbreaking reflects our promise to evolve with our members' needs. We're not just building a new branch, we're building a better experience rooted in trust, innovation and community."

Green continued, "Through the years, our delivery and accessibility for financial services have advanced and evolved to better serve our members' needs in Cullman and the Cullman County area. This site will now become home to a beautiful new facility with expanded capacity and a balanced blend of the best in personal consultative service and the most recent technology that will enable 24-hour accessibility. We're proud to contribute to the growth of this area by creating a space that reflects the quality and care we bring to every member interaction."

"This new facility deepens our commitment to the people and businesses who make this community thrive," said Alanna Sullivan, chief operations strategist with Listerhill. "We're creating a modem, member-focused experience that is designed for connection, convenience and lasting impact in Cullman."

Sullivan said that the branch will reflect Listerhill's enhanced retail model, which will include an open floor plan, employees able to assist members with any of their financial needs and expanded self-service options.

"Listerhill' s investment in this pew facility highlights their continued commitment to our community," said Cullman Chamber President Joey Orr. "We're proud to see them expanding access to financial services in ways that strengthen our local economy."

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs added, "The City of Cullman is grateful for Listerhill Credit Union's continued investment in our community. Their commitment to growth, service » PAGE 2

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TRAFFIC ALERT:

Christkindlmarkt-related closings

From the City of Cullman: Beginning Monday, Nov.10, 2025, the Cullman Economic Development Agency parking lot will be closed and won't reopen until January 2026. Also, Arnold Street Northeast and First Avenue in front of Festhalle are closed until further notice. We apologize for the inconvenience. and thank you for your patience. Please plan to join us at the 2025 Christkindlmarkt!

Vinemont officials sworn in for new terms

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West Elementary honors veterans with annual program



LAUREN ESTES/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

West Elementary School hosted its annual Veterans Day program on Friday, Nov. 7, 2025, with two shows put on by the school's fifth-grade classes. » PAGE 8

Cullman's Isaac Jackson named Small Business Employee of the Year



ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES

Cullman's Isaac Jackson, center, was named Small Business Employee of the Year during the Alabama Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities (GCEPD) awards on Monday, Oct. 27, 2025. » PAGE 2

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 7

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 7, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Nov. 3

- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 1428
- theft of property; CR 1551
- domestic violence; CR 1718
- theft of property; CR 447
- theft of property; CR 702
- domestic violence; CR 77
- theft of property; CR 368
- theft of property; US. 31

Nov. 4

- harassing communications; CR 1269
- possession of controlled substance; US. 31
- trafficking drugs; possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 831
- theft of property; CR 1658

Nov. 5

- harassment; CR 520
- harassing communications; Kentucky Ave. SE

ARRESTS

Nov. 3-5

Bates, Emily J.; 52

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

Brown, Jerame A.; 34

- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- assault-domestic-menacing-other weapon

Clements, Rachel G.; 32

- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – improper tag classification
- FTA – failure to register vehicle
- FTA – failure/refusal to display insurance
- FTA – improper pass on right

Cosper, Jr., John M.; 53

- PROBATION VIOLATION – assault-aggravated stalking
- PROBATION VIOLATION – assault-domestic violence-2nd degree – stalking
- PROBATION VIOLATION – violation of a domestic violence protection order

Deboard, Gregory D.; 34

- FTA – speed above 45 mph, county road

Duke, Tracy D.; 39

- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Gann, Karanda L.; 35

- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Hand, Justin A.; 42

- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Hanners, Bobby L.; 36

- FTA – burglary-residence-force
- FTA – damaged property-criminal mischief
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous
- FTA – unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Hays, Jeremy W.; 50

- DUI (alcohol)

Helms, Zachery D.; 31

- assault-child abuse-simple-non-family

Hogan, Christopher L.; 39

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of a concealed weapon without a permit

Hyde, Kody L.; 31

- FTA – driving while license suspended

Lee, Hunter D.; 27

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – theft-shoplifting, $500-less than $1500

McDonald, Elijah B.; 31

- assault-child abuse-simple-family
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Miller, Karen A.; 62

- FTA – theft-shoplifting, $500-less than $1500
- FTA – illegal possession/use of a credit/debit card

Nelson, Andrea M.; 33

- possession of methamphetamine

Philyaw, Dereck D.; 38

- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA – menacing-aggravated assault
- FTA – violation of a domestic violence protection order

Roden, Rebecca A.; 65

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Sands, Melinda L.; 50

- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Sellers, Tasha D.; 34

- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Jr., Kenneth W.; 49

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – ignition interlock misdemeanor

Stokes, Jesse M.; 41

- FTA – negotiating worthless instrument

Sturgeon, Christopher M.; 37

- FTA – theft-miscellaneous

Sullins, Chase E.; 35

- PROBATION VIOLATION – unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Tennison, Candace R.; 43

- FTA – not in possession of drivers license
- FTA – DUI (controlled substances)
- FTA – failure to register vehicle
- FTA – improper lights
- FTA – no seat belt
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA – switched tag

Welborn, Faith E.; 27

- assault-child abuse-simple-family

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 2

- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '13 Infinity; $3,000; Hwy. 157

Nov. 4

- retail theft of property-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $1,510; Olive St. SW

Nov. 5

- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- theft of property-4th degree; Dollar General; general merchandise; 3rd St. SE

Nov. 6

- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '15 Lincoln; Lee Ave. SW

ARRESTS

Nov. 5-6

Johnson, Randall L.; 44

- DUI

Weaver, Jason J.; 33

- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Sullins, Chase E.; 35

- trafficking
- possession of controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Perkins, Shellie R.; 50

- retail theft of property-3rd degree

Grinfin, Troy E.; 59

- possession of drug paraphernalia

Mitchell, David S.; 27

- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle
- theft of property-4th degree

Clements, Rachel G.; 32

- FTA – driving without license (2 counts)

Sotherland, Jaden I.; 19

- possession of controlled substance

Sparks, Felicia G.; 39

- disorderly conduct
- resisting arrest

Yates, Lucindy A.; 37

- receiving stolen property-1st degree

Hyde, Kody L.; 31

- FTA – driving without license
- FTA – insurance violation

Dees, Carla S.; 68

- elder abuse and neglect-3rd degree

Farmer, Rachel N.; 33

- theft of property-4th degree

Bender, Laurie A.; 46

- fraudulent use of credit/debit card

Mauro, Robert E.; 37

- theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests and incidents reported.

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Listerhill (from Front)

and supporting local families play an important role in strengthening Cullman's future. We appreciate their partnership and look forward to the positive impact this new development will bring."

"Listerhill Credit Union represents the very best of what it means to be a community partner," said Stephanie Childers, executive director of United Way of Cullman County.

"Their ongoing generosity, volunteerism and steadfast support of United Way of Cullman County demonstrate a genuine commitment to improving lives and strengthening the place we all call home. We're honored to celebrate this exciting new chapter with them and grateful for the lasting impact they continue to make throughout our community."

While the building is being constructed, Listerhill will continue to offer in-person account service at its branch located at 1850 Cherokee Ave. SW in Cullman or online at www.listerhill.com. For more information, call 256-383-9204.

Omniplex (from Front)

long military history, including relatives who fought in World War II and the Vietnam War.

Though he never served himself, Harrison said the examples of courage and sacrifice shown by veterans have shaped his life and values.

"Because of your courage, we are proud, united and free," he told the audience.

Harrison reflected on being overseas on Sept. 11, 2001, and how the experience deepened his appreciation for the generations of men and women who answered the call to serve.

He also reminded the crowd of the human cost of freedom, citing more than 400,000 Americans lost in World War II and tens of thousands more in later conflicts.

"Whether you enlisted, were drafted or went through an academy, you stood up for the United States of America," he said.

"The least we can do is thank you."

Jackson (from Front)

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Cullman's Isaac Jackson was named Small Business Employee of the Year during the Alabama Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities (GCEPD) awards. The awards, sponsored by the committee and the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS), took place at the Alabama Department of Archives and History on Monday, Oct. 27.

Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey, who was in attendance to present the awards, said she is proud to spotlight these trailblazing individuals and businesses, especially as National Disabilities Employment Awareness Month was observed throughout October. She encouraged more business leaders to recruit individuals with disabilities.

"This month, and every month, I call upon all Alabama employers to recruit the hardest working folks in our state, those with disabilities," she said. "Let's put their talents and passion to work so they can become full partners in Alabama's economic success."

ADRS Commissioner Jane Elizabeth Burdeshaw said she is proud to lead a department that consolidates so many services and resources for people with disabilities under one roof. She said it is an honor to shine the light on businesses, leaders and employees, and praised those who help people with disabilities reach their maximum potential.

"As a member of the Alabama Workforce Board, I see first-hand the collaborative efforts across the state to create opportunities by bringing top-notch business and industry to Alabama, all while training every Alabamian to fill these critical jobs," she said. "Our department and its community providers are proud to be a part of this amazing collaboration to build Alabama's workforce."

Jackson, who performs a variety of duties at Cullman Florist, said he looks forward to coming in every day.

"I love working at Cullman Florist and all the different jobs I have here," he said. "I love everybody, and I love all the people."

Jackson is a graduate of Holly Pond High School and secured employment through Flourish of Cullman's programs. Executive Director Melissa Dew, who works closely with ADRS to help people with disabilities prepare for the workforce, said she first met Isaac when he was participating in pre-employment transition service classes. She said he was very detail oriented and had a great personality.

"That made him a great fit to work alongside a closely-knit group," she said. "After meeting with the staff of Cullman Florist, we fell in love with them and saw their vision of hope for our future and the future of Cullman."

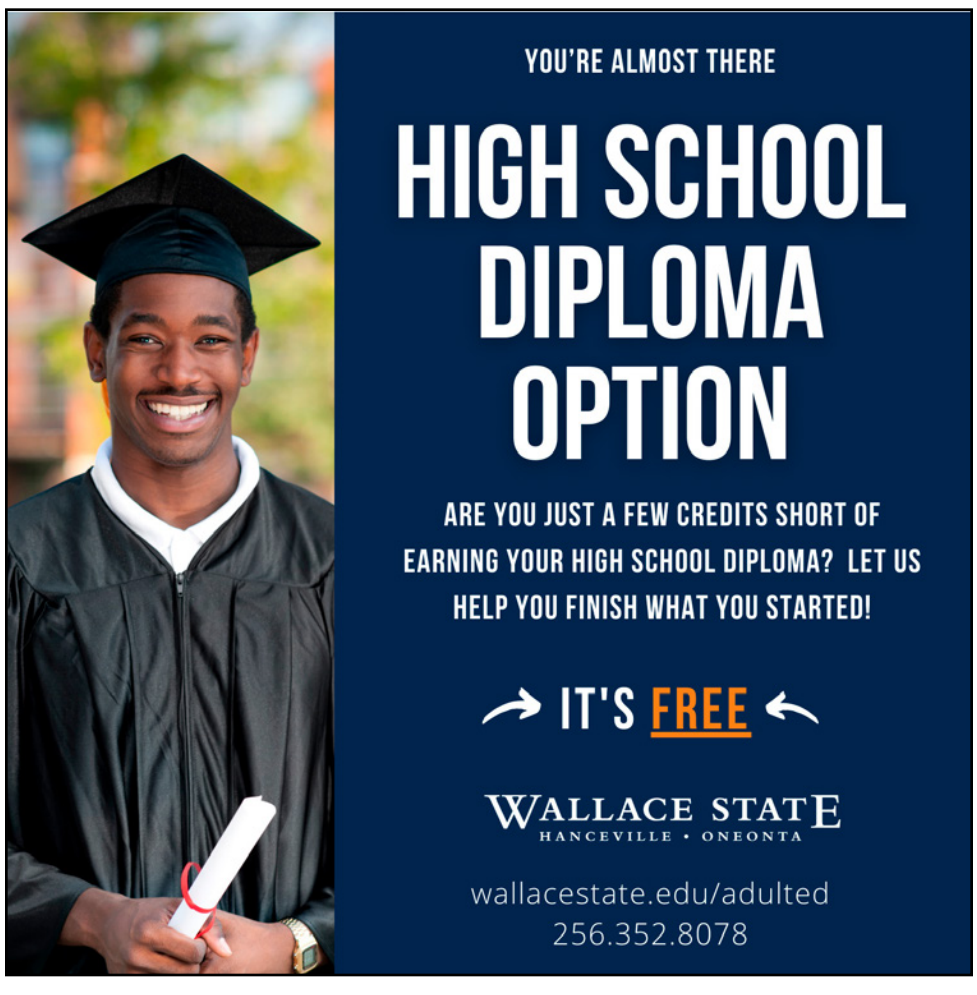
Dew said she often uses Isaac's success to find jobs for others with different abilities.

"Isaac is an individual we tell others about," she said. "This is what can happen when you put in the work. It really makes me proud of him seeing him step into this role. He's doing great."

The Alabama Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities awards recognize the contributions and successes of people with disabilities and those businesses that provide opportunities for individuals with disabilities to achieve through competitive, integrated employment.

Created by the Alabama Legislature in 1994, the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS) is the state agency that serves Alabamians with disabilities, helping to reach their maximum potential. Its continuum-of-care approach means that support and resources are available to Alabamians with disabilities at every stage of life. Find out more at rehab.alabama.gov.

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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 Pres-byterian 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 direct-ly 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 im-provements 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 liter-ature 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 encour-agement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a world-wide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the mes-sage 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
• 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.
• 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
• Friday, Nov. 14, 10-11 a.m., Little Farmers — Fritz and the Beautiful Horse. Jan Brett is a re-nowned 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 sun-light and bare feet and more. Max $15 per family.
• Thursday, Dec. 4, 9-11 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Elementary - Winter Wonderland Terrarium. In this hands-on workshop, you'll combine creativity and nature to construct your own enchant-ing miniature landscape with fun seasonal elements. $15 fee/max $30 per family.
• Thursday, Dec. 4, noon-2 p.m., Heritage Homeschool Secondary - Keepsake Resin Ornaments. In this hands-on class, you'll learn how to create personalized ornaments that preserve something special to you! Bring a treasure, all other supplies provided. $20 per person.
• Saturday, Dec. 6, 2 p.m., Living Landscapes - Wreath-Make and Take. Make your own reusable grapevine wreath using Cullman County grapevine. Decorate your base with native greenery and nature's bounty for a stunning holiday garland. $35 per person.
• Friday, Dec. 12, 10-11 a.m., Little Farmers - The Hat. 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, Dec. 13, 9-10:30 a.m., Farm Kids Club - Cozy Craft & Cookie Decorating. Settle in, craft up something cozy, then try your hand at Christmas cookie decorating. Take home treats and a few new skills. $20 per person.

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. Bene-fits 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 as-semble 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.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Nov. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. in Cullman.

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 PLAYOFFS

West Point falls at Scottsboro 45-14

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SCOTTSBORO, Ala. — West Point travelled to Scottsboro for a first-round playoff matchup against the Wildcats and it was a tough night for the Warriors. Scottsboro hit on several explosive plays in the first half to jump out to a 31-0 lead and West Point was able to get a couple touchdowns on the board late in the fourth quarter but it wasn't enough to overcome the early lead and the Warriors' season came to an end with a 45-14 loss.

West Point was forced to punt on its first possession, and it didn't take long for Scottsboro to get on the board.

After a big pass got the Wildcats into Warrior territory, an 8-yard touchdown run gave Scottsboro a 7-0 lead early in the first quarter.

On the first play of the second quarter, the Wildcats scored on a 1-yard touchdown run to extend the lead to 14-0 and a 38-yard touchdown pass put Scottsboro in front 21-0 later in the period.

A 3-yard touchdown run gave the Wildcats a 28-0 lead midway through the second and Scottsboro tacked on a field goal in the final seconds of the half to take a 31-0 lead into the locker room at the break.

The Wildcats scored early in the third quarter to stretch their lead to 38-0. A big return from Rush Lamar on the ensuing kickoff gave West Point great field position but the Warriors were eventually forced to turn the ball over on downs.

A 19-yard touchdown put Scottsboro in front 45-0 at the start of the fourth quarter but West Point was able to get some points on the board in the final frame.

Warriors quarterback Ayden Ennis hit Bryant Moon for a touchdown through the air to trim the lead to 45-7 later in the fourth and Mason Wilkins took a handoff 29 yards to the house for another score, but it was too little, too late and the Wildcats held on to advance with a 45-14 win over West Point.

With the loss, the Warriors finish the season 5-6.

PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

No. 4 Fairview fends off Arab 14-7 to advance

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — The Arabian Knights made the short trip down SR-69 for a first-round battle at Dafford Smith Stadium Thursday night, and it was the first time these two neighboring schools have played one another since 1977. The score was knotted at 7 after a physical first half but Fairview scored early in the third to pull ahead 14-7. The Aggie defense dominated in the second half, keeping Arab out of the end zone in the final 24 minutes to secure a spot in round two.

Arab converted third and long to keep the chains moving on its opening possession, but Kolt Redding intercepted a pass in the end zone to stop the drive and give the ball to the Aggie offense. Jake Harper ripped off a big run to get Fairview up to its own 40-yard line and a few plays later, Redding hit Jordan Ellis in the flat and Ellis did the rest, taking it for 30 yards and a touchdown to give the Aggies an early lead. Redding knocked through the extra point and Fairview led 7-0 midway through the first quarter.

The Knights put together a nice drive on the ensuing possession but were stopped on fourth down by the Aggie defense and Fairview's offense took over in the final minute of the first quarter. However, the Aggies were also forced to turn the ball over on downs midway through the second quarter and Arab captured some momentum in the final minutes of the half. The Knights faked a punt on fourth and short to move the chains with just over four minutes to play in the second and on the next play, quarterback Nicolas Stephens hit Dylan Kirkland downfield for 47 yards and a touchdown. Ty Kirkland drilled the extra point to tie things up at 7. That was the end of the scoring in the opening half, and we went to the break with both teams knotted at 7.

Fairview got off to a fast start in the third quarter, putting together a methodical drive made up of tough runs by Harper and Redding. Harper capped the scoring drive with a 2-yard touchdown run and put the Aggies back in front 14-7 with just under eight minutes remaining in the third. Arab got a nice drive going early in the fourth quarter, but the Knights were flagged for offensive pass interference on third and long, forcing them to punt it away with eight minutes to play.

The next Fairview possession started on the Aggies' own 10-yard line. More tough running from Harper moved the ball out near midfield but Fairview was forced to punt a few plays later and the Knights got the ball back on their own 16 with four minutes on the clock. Arab was able to drive the ball out to its own 44-yard line but came up just short on fourth down and turned the ball over to Fairview with 1:57 remaining.

The Knights used their timeouts and were able to get one more possession with less than a minute to play but an interception by the Aggies put the game out of reach for Arab and Fairview held on to win it 14-7.

Fairview will face either Jacksonville or Ramsay in the second round next week.

PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

No. 6 Addison advances with 71-39 win over Ragland

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. — Addison hosted the Ragland Purple Devils in a first-round playoff matchup, and the Bulldogs were not very good hosts as they won easily, 71-39. Don't let the score fool you, this game was a mismatch from start to finish. The Purple Devils scored the final 20 points of the game against the young pups in the fourth quarter.

Addison received the opening kickoff, and it only took them four plays to go 47 yards for the touchdown. Bulldog RB Seth Hammack ran it in from four yards out for the touchdown. This would be a recurring theme throughout the first three quarters. Connor Lane kicked the extra point and Addison led 7-0 with 10:36 left in the first quarter.

Ragland answered the call and scored after a six-play drive that went 57 yards for the touchdown. Ragland scored on a seam pass down the middle that went for 37 yards.

Not to be outdone, Addison took possession of the ball at their own 39-yard line and after QB Elijah Roberts' 21-yard run, Hammack scampered 66 yards for his second touchdown of the night. The Lane extra point made it 14-7 at the 7:17 mark of the first quarter.

Ragland had a self-inflicted wound on the second play of their second drive as the snap went flying over the quarterback's head and rolled 26 yards into the endzone where Bulldog Michael Lee recovered it for a Dawg defensive touchdown. Lane kicked the extra point and with 6:16 to go in the first, Addison had a 21-7 lead.

The Dawg defense was just getting started as on the Devils next possession back-to-back quarterback sacks by Lee and Casen Hill forced a Devil punt.

Addison took over at the Devils' 49-yard line and drove down to the Devils' 6-yard line where the drive stalled. Lane then kicked a 23-yard field goal which put Addison up 24-7 with a little over two minutes to go in the first quarter.

Then we saw something straight out of a Charlie Brown cartoon, as Addison's kicker completely missed the ball on the kickoff and apparently the wind from the kickers foot moved the ball from the tee and the ball traveled about six inches. I was looking for Lucy somewhere on the field as she always pulled the ball before Charlie Brown kicked it. Yes, I'm showing my age.

The Devils couldn't take advantage of the great field position and Addison held them on downs as the Devils only gained six yards on four plays.

The Bulldogs then drove 65 yards for another touchdown. This time the drive was mainly through the air as Roberts hit passes of 18 yards to Judah Wilkins, 17 yards to Trennon Burns and 18 yards to Michael Lee.

Hammack finished off the drive with a 3-yard touchdown run for his third touchdown of the night. Lane kicked the extra point and Addison led 31-7 with 10:29 left in the half.

Addison's Scout Flynn recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff at the Devil ten-yard-line.

Three plays later, Roberts found Flynn in the endzone for the 11-yard touchdown pass. Lane kicked the extra point and with 9:37 left in the half, Addison had a commanding 38-7 lead.

Addison forced a three and out and after a great punt return by Wilkins, Hammack ran it in from the 14-yard line for his fourth touchdown of the night. The extra point was no good and Addison led 44-7 with 7:43 to go in the first half.

Ragland took advantage of Addison maybe letting their foot off the gas as the Devils drove seventy-five yards in seven plays for the touchdown. The Devils scored on a 37-yard touchdown pass on a third down and 13 play call. The Extra point was no good and Addison led 44-13.

The Bulldogs went right back to work as four plays and 68 yards later put the Bulldogs in the endzone. Roberts found Wilkins for the touchdown pass from 8 yards out. Lane hit Silas Frazier on an improvised two-point conversion pass and Addison led 52-13.

The Devils hit back getting the ball with only 3:37 to go in the half, they ran five plays for 55 yards and the touchdown.

The Devils connected on a 23-yard pass for the touchdown. The two-point try was no good and Addison went into the half leading 52-19.

Ragland got the second half opening kickoff and was immediately punched in the mouth.

After running two plays for no yards, Bulldog DB Roberts intercepted a Devil pass and returned it 42 yards for the pick six. The extra point was no good and early in the third quarter, Addison led 58-19.

After forcing a punt, Addison took five plays to go 30 yards for another Bulldog score. Mr. Roberts ran it in from 14 yards out for the touchdown. The extra point was missed and Addison led 64-19 with 6:30 to go in the third quarter.

Addison's special teams struck again as Big Robert Gilmore blocked the Devil punt, and the Bulldogs took over at the Devil three-yard line. Scout Flynn took it in from one yard out for the touchdown and Addison made it 71-19 with the Lane extra point.

This is where the pups were put in and the Devils took advantage. The Devils scored on a 46-yard run, a 56-yard run and a 17-yard pass all in the fourth quarter.

The pups have played very well this year, but Ragland's starters are a bit better than our pups, as well they should be.

The game ended with Addison on top 71-39 and moving on to the second round.

The location of the next game depends on the following, if Berry wins, Addison will host; if Fayetteville wins Addison will travel to Sylacauga to play Fayetteville.

PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

No. 10 Good Hope tops Cherokee County 28-26 to advance

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Good Hope Raiders kicked off their postseason run with a heavy-weight matchup against Cherokee County Thursday night. The Warriors struck first to take an early lead and took a 13-7 lead before halftime, but the Raiders responded in the second half. Good Hope's offense was able to put together great drives and hit on explosive plays in the second half, putting up 21 points to pull ahead of Cherokee County 28-26 and advance to round two.

The defense didn't waste any time giving the ball to the offense, as Ross Clark recovered a Cherokee County fumble at the 47. A pair of 10-yard passes from Parker Johnson to Ayden Young and Tucker Screws helped Good Hope get to the 33. Mason Drake picked up a first down on the ground, then three plays later, Johnson found Rutherford for 20 yards and another first down. They didn't do that after that, though, as they threw an incomplete pass on fourth down. The Warriors went on a long, methodical drive on their opening series. A 55-yard run put them at the five, and two plays later, they scored from a yard out to take an early 7-0 lead.

Good Hope picked up a first down on its next drive, but they were quickly forced to punt after that. The Raider defense, though, forced Cherokee County to punt, and a huge 26-yard pass from Johnson to Young put them at the 44.

Two plays later, Johnson found Rutherford for nine yards and another first down. Two plays later, though, Johnson got hurt during a run. Web Buchanan came into the game and quickly made a difference in the game, as on fourth down, he connected with Young for 10 yards and a huge first down.

Later that drive, a roughing the passer penalty, followed by an eight-yard run by Drake, put the ball at the five. On third down from the six, Buchanan found Rutherford for a six-yard score to tie the game up at seven late in the first half.

A 32-yard run by the Warriors quickly put them in business at the 23, and they ended the drive by scoring on a one-yard run to give them a 13-7 lead at the half.

The Raiders got a first down two plays into the second half, then later that drive, a holding penalty on Cherokee County, followed by back-to-back big runs by Drake and Karson Hollis, put them at the 15. Another pass from Buchanan to Rutherford gave them another first down, as the ball was now at the nine. Drake touched the ball on three of the final four plays of the drive, including a one-yard score, as that gave Good Hope a 14-13 lead. The Warriors, though, didn't waste any time finding the end zone on its opening series of the second half, as a 28-yard touchdown pass gave them the lead right back at 19-14 late in the third quarter.

The Raiders answered with a quick score of their own, as Buchanan found Rutherford over the middle for a 63-yard score to give them a 20-19 lead with 2:49 remaining in the third quarter. A 46-yard run by the Warriors quickly had them in business once again. Later that drive, another run put them at the 10, then a few plays later, Cody Stevens collected a huge sack on second down, and Cherokee County missed wide left on their field goal attempt. After picking up a first down, Good Hope was forced to punt, but the offense got the ball right back, as Clark recovered his second fumble of the day on the first play. Buchanan connected with Rutherford for 13 yards and a first down at the 13, then a personal foul penalty moved the ball up to the seven. A penalty moved the Raiders back to the 12, but Drake finished the drive strong, as his one-yard score made it 26-19. Buchanan found Rutherford for the two-point conversion to stretch their lead to 28-19 with a little over four minutes to go in the game.

The defense forced a turnover-on-downs on its next series, but Good Hope turned the ball over on downs on their next drive. The Warriors started from the 17 and quickly moved the ball down the field, and a seven-yard rushing touchdown cut it to 28-26 with less than a minute to go in the contest. Their onside kick attempt didn't go 10 yards, and the Raiders kneeled a couple of times to help seal their 28-26 win over Cherokee County.

Buchanan finished 7/8 for 91 yards and a pair of scores for Good Hope (9-2). Rutherford ended up with 10 receptions for 130 yards and two touchdowns. Drake finished with 110 rushing yards and a pair of touchdowns. Clark had a pair of fumble recoveries in the game, and Hunter Miller, along with Stevens, collected a sack in the contest as well.

Good Hope Head Coach Alan Scott was so proud of the way his team won the game, and how they put each other over themselves. He was also proud of how Web managed the game after the tough injury to Johnson.

"First thing I want to do is give God the glory. He gave these guys a heart for one another and a passion to come out and play this game tonight as hard as they could. They did that, so that was the difference in the game. Our guys just played for one another, and they just never backed down," Scott said. "I can't put it into words. Unfortunately, for Parker, he went down. He's going to be okay. Web came in and absolutely managed the game the way we asked him to. For a 10th grader to do that on the spot, making plays on fourth down, and making the two-point conversion pass. Hats off to Web. He did a fantastic job."

Coach Scott was proud of how Mason played as well and talked about the nerve-racking end to the game.

"Mason's a tough kid, and they punished him. They hit him from the start of the game to the end of the game, and he kept running so hard, churning out those yards, just keeping the clock moving. Great game from Mason," Scott said. "I was really hoping to get the ball back without them scoring, but they did a fantastic job, just chewing a little bit here and a little bit there. I thought that their quarterback, for the first time in the game, really settled in and was throwing some good balls. We were making tackles. We made too many penalties tonight. That's going to come back to hurt us. We've got to get that cleaned up on both sides of the ball. We had our hands team ready. We got the ball back on the last onside kick, and that was it."

Getting the chance to win a huge playoff game at home in front of what was a packed house tonight meant the world to coach Scott and his team. He'll look to take the positives and clean up the negatives going into next week's second-round game against West Morgan.

"Playing at home is just fantastic. We're undefeated at home, 6-0. Our fans are great. Our student section, right now, is the best around, and our band is just awesome. Everybody just pitches in and does a great job trying to make the atmosphere wonderful," Scott said. "You just have to keep the positives and go with that, and the negatives we try to fix. We're playing a West Morgan team that's really, really good also, so we're just going to have to clean some things up and get ready to play."

Good Hope will travel to take on West Morgan in round two of the Class 4A state playoffs next week.

West Point cheerleaders headed to nationals

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WEST POINT HIGH SCHOOL

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WPHS Varsity Cheerleading Coach Karen Pinion shared shortly after her team's win in October, "We will arrive in Orlando Jan. 28, and compete that following weekend.

In the meantime, we will be cheering on all of our other Cullman County teams as they get a bid to Nationals in the next few weeks. West Point Varsity competes in the Varsity Co-ed Game Day Division. The judges' criteria includes, but is not limited to, the following: game day relevance to situational sideline, effectiveness and execution of skills, motion techniques and crowd leading tools, just to name a few."

Pinion said this will be the first cheer team from West Point High School to travel to Nationals and compete.

"The team has received bids to nationals in the past, but the major factor that has prevented them from attending has been the extreme cost of cheering and competition expenses that are associated with going to Disney," Pinion said.

"As you know, cheerleaders have no true revenue source. All funds that support this team, like most other cheer teams in our area, are primarily through fundraising, donations and monthly payments made by the cheerleaders."

Any individual or business that would like to support the West Point cheer team, regardless of the donation amount, would be greatly appreciated, Pinion shared.

"Our cheer season started in February of this year," she said. "The team held tryouts earlier than usual to get a jumpstart on fundraising. Cheerleaders and parents alike were dedicated to continuing the success from the previous years and reaching the goal of going to Nationals in Disney! In all, we had 26 cheerleaders that made the varsity team with 12 returning seniors from the previous year.

"However, in April of this year, our team lost a dear friend, close confidant and an irreplaceable member of the team in an automobile accident. Brayden Hand was such an integral part of this varsity team, a cheerleader to his own team, the first to volunteer, and whose laughter could be heard from miles away.

"He had a smile that would light up a room and he lived each day to the fullest as a member of the West Point varsity team. To say our team misses him, would be an enormous understatement. There is not a day that goes by that his name is not spoken or stories told that include his larger than life personality."

Pinion shared if she could share one thing about the team she would say it is one of faith, love and compassion.

"We have talked extensively about the power of prayer and what faith means to us as individuals and our team as a whole," she said.

"This team has committed to kindness, loving others and supporting fellow students and athletes alike. Our end goal is not only to be the best athlete, but to be a person of genuine faith and goodness in a world that desperately needs hope and comfort."

Pinion said the varsity team attended camp over the summer at UCA Beach Club Resort and brought home 1st Place Overall Spirit, 2nd Place Cheer, 3rd Place Camp Dance, the UCA Leadership Award, the St. Jude's Award, two Blue Superior Ribbons, three Pin It Forward Awards, had 1st Camp Day Banana recipients and 10 All-American Cheerleaders.

"Of all the camp awards, the Leadership Award is the most significant because it is decided upon by other cheer teams during camp," Pinion said.

"Essentially the award is given to the team that demonstrates exceptional leadership, character and spirit."

The 25-26 West Point High School Varsity Cheer Team includes:

- Maddie Pinion (captain)
- Emma Griggs (co-captain)
- Taylor Tolbert (co-captain)
- Morgan Paris
- George Rojas
- James Bell
- Jaylei Needham
- Sienna Watrou
- Jayden Wynn
- Asia Davis
- Alyssa Riggs
- Audrey Bagwell
- Eliza Ballew
- Bella Jones
- Roxy Orshoski
- DJ Sigala
- Marlee Marks
- Elle Harbison
- Harlee Freeman
- Kadence Ragsdale
- Auburn Burtis
- Layla Franks
- Emma Thrasher
- Hailyn Guevarra

Tina Jones is the junior varsity cheer coach.

The varsity team also placed first in the 5A AHSAA North Super Regional Cheer Competition with a score of 87.8.

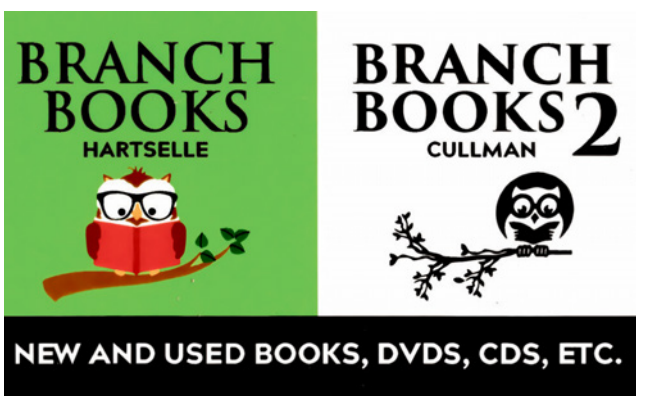
The win also earned the team a bid to compete at State in Birmingham at the Bill Harris Arena this month.

Other local varsity cheer squads who earned bids to state and nationals include Cullman, Fairview, Good Hope, Hanceville, Vinemont, Holly Pond and Addison.

















LEGALS

The City of Good Hope's regularly scheduled council meeting on Monday, November 10, at 6:30 PM has been **rescheduled** to Thursday, November 13, 2025 @ 6:30 PM and will include a discussion of a 772 Agreement. The promotion of local economic and commercial development will be driven by additional revenue from a new multi-use event venue, which will also create jobs and increase tax revenues for the citizens of Good Hope. All persons interested in the above matter are invited to attend the meeting which is held to provide an opportunity for public comment.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * GEORGE ALLIN WHITE, * CASE NO.: PC2025-384

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to GREG HOWSE, as Personal Representative of the Estate of GEORGE ALLIN WHITE deceased, on the 29th 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.

Greg Howse
Personal Representative

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Completion of Public Works Projects (Over $50,000)

Pursuant to Ala. Code §39-1-1 (1975), notice is hereby given that REV Construction, Inc. has completed its contract with Hanceville Water Works & Sewer Board, for the Phase I,II,III Sewer Rehabilitations CWSRF Project No.. CS010390-07; GMC Project No. CHUN230005(1). Any person(s) having a claim against the project should notify, Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC, 117 Jefferson Street North Huntsville, AL 35801. All claims should be filed within 30 days of the first publication of this notice.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR

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

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

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

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

Done this the 24th day of October, 2025.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

PUBLICATION FOR HEARING ON
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP

TO: RICHARD T. INGRAM
LESIA SEXTON

ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

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

DONE this 24th day of October, 2025.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

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

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

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

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
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Done this the 8th day of September, 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JUDY LARAE GOFORTH, DECEASED. CASE NO.: PC2025-359

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to **ERIN G. ADAMS**, as Personal Representative of the Estate of **JUDY LARAE GOFORTH**, deceased, on the 4th day of November, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate
Cullman County, Alabama

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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

CHARLES T. BALLEW
Personal Representative

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

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 23rd day of October, 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA F. HURLEY, Deceased. Case Number: PC2025- 370

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of Patricia F. Hurley, Deceased

Letters Of Administration, having been granted to the undersigned on the 4th day of November, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from the above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Tracie M. Hurley Clarke
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Personal Representative
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

TO PUBLISHER:

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

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

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 6-7

Ronald Lee Seybold, 71

Ronald Lee Seybold departed his early life on November 6, 2025, at the age of 71 to complete his eternal life with his Lord and Savior. Per his request, this is to be a time of rejoicing and celebration of fulfilling life, not to be taken in sadness. Born on July 22, 1954, in Sullivan, Indiana, Ron grew up surrounded by family and friends who loved him dearly. He learned the value of a life of service at an early age having grown up surrounded by scouting and serving his country in the United States Army immediately following his high school graduation. Ron was a disabled Vietnam-Era veteran and was so proud of his military service. Upon returning to civilian life, Ron served the elderly and disabled community through employment with the Social Security Administration and returned to his roots in scouting as a Boy Scout leader at the troop, district and state levels. In 1999, Ron discovered a true passion when he joined the Cullman Lions Club. He was well respected for his dedication, passion and for always and for always putting others before himself. He served in nearly every Lion position within the state of Alabama as well as serving at the international level and was highly decorated for his more than quarter-century humanitarian efforts. Ron served as the Cullman Lions Club mascot for more than 22 years. Ron was honored at the international level with the highest honor bestowed upon a Lion, the International Association of Lions Clubs Ambassador of Good Will Award. He was one of forty Lions Club members throughout the association's 1.4 million members to be honored as Ambassadors in 2020. In affiliation with his Lions service, he served as a director of Alabama Lions Sight Conservation Association, director of Camp Seale Harris/Southeastern Diabetes Education Services, chairman of the Alabama Lions High School Leadership Forum, and chairman of the Alabama Lions Past District Governor Organization. Ron was a four-time recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award given for outstanding humanitarian service. He was an active member of Cullman community, always willing to lend a helping hand and offering words of encouragement. Ron played an integral role in the development of the Cullman Field of Miracles which enabled the physically and mentally challenged to play baseball like the "normal" citizens of Cullman and the surrounding area. Another one of Ron's proudest accomplishments was the construction of the Never Forget Garden at Cullman's Veterans Park in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the unknown located at the Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. This memorial is to honor the ultimate sacrifice of the members of the United States Armed Forces. Ron was a life member if the Disabled American Veterans, University of Kentucky Alumni Association and the Cullman Lions Club. Through his many accomplishments, Ron was first to let you know it was the Lord that provided him the talents and abilities and utilized him to accomplish the tasks, no matter how small or how large for it is through God that all things are possible. Ron will be deeply missed, but his legacy of love, generosity and unwavering spirit and laughter will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know him. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the JoAnne P. LaGanke Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, 1809 Kress Street NE, Cullman, AL 35058, or Cullman Lion's Charities, P.O. Box 103, Cullman, AL 35056, in his memory. A service to celebrate Ron's life will be held on Monday, November 10, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, with Bro. Steven Hastings officiating. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and Celebration Service at 1 p.m., interment to follow in Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the Arrangements.

Sherrell Sherman Johnson, 87

Sherrell Sherman Johnson, a devoted and adventurous soul, passed away on November 4, 2025, at the age of 87. Born on November 1, 1938, Sherrell was a loyal resident of Hanceville, Alabama. Sherrell was a man of many passions, including hunting, fishing, and storytelling, pursuits that he enjoyed throughout his life. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Ann Johnson, and his children: daughters Anita (George) Nunn and Paula (Jack) Crank, and son Gary (Kristi) Johnson. Sherrell also leaves behind his brother, Dan (Jan) Johnson, and stepchildren Jason (Tracey) Burney, Julie (Steve) Sharpton, and Dewayne (Alicia) Burney. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Marjorie Johnson, grandson Shawn Bartlett, and granddaughter Shaylynd Hurst. Sherrell was blessed with 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren. A visitation will be held at Livingston Chapel Church, located at 16609 County Rd 222, Crane Hill, AL 35053, on November 7, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This will be followed by a funeral service at the same location at 1 p.m. Sherrell will be remembered for his adventurous spirit and unwavering loyalty to his family and friends. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

A day at Billy Graham's Library

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



A couple of days after our recent visit to Andy Griffith's hometown of Mt. Airy, North Carolina, we visited the home and library/museum of another famous North Carolinian – Dr. Billy Gra-ham. I had never realized the comparisons and contrast between those two men. They both grew up in the western side of North Carolina, about eight years apart in age and 100 miles apart in distance.

Growing up, both lived simple lives but went on to become very successful and known world-wide. Griffith grew up Baptist. Graham grew up Presbyterian but became a Baptist. Both had intentions of becoming pastors. Griffith earned a degree in music and served as a music minis-ter in a church but never as a pastor. Graham enrolled in a Baptist college but did not do well there. The president of the school once told him. "At best all you could amount to would be a poor country preacher out in the sticks somewhere, but you do have a voice that pulls people. God could use that voice." Dr. Graham went on to finish college elsewhere. He pastored one church, but then reached the world through city crusades and the medium of television. Both he and Griffith were both awarded stars on Hollywood's Walk of Fame.

Billy Graham began his crusade ministry in 1947 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In 1949, he began a crusade in a tent that was scheduled for three weeks but went on for eight weeks. At least 350,000 people heard him there. Since those early days of ministry, he preached around the world.

He is said to have preached the gospel to more people than any one single person in the history of mankind. Estimates are that he preached to over 210 million people in person, plus untold millions over radio and television. He preached on every continent of the world except one, Antarctica, and in more than 185 countries. Even I had the privilege of hearing Dr. Graham in person three times. He became known as "Pastor to the Presidents," as well as many other world leaders. He met and counseled 12 U.S. presidents, going all the way back to Harry Tru-man. He was given the Congressional Gold Medal Award. Not too bad for a farm boy!

The Billy Graham Library reminded me somewhat of the presidential libraries I have toured. Room by room, the story of his life, mission and ministry is presented. In the first room, a life-sized talking milk cow named Bessie told us about her early years with young Billy Frank on the farm. He grew up on that dairy farm on the outskirts of Charlotte. His father built a two-story farmhouse there that has since been relocated to the grounds of the library. Each room of the library/museum contains information about his life and the places he ministered.

A recording of Franklin Graham introduced us to the ministries of his father. Videos from some of his crusades can be seen throughout. Pictures of Dr. Graham with world leaders and famous people are throughout the building. We ended our tour with a delicious lunch in The Dairy Bar, right there in the library. You can even have a glass of milk!

Before we left, we toured the ground floor of his boyhood home, then walked a short distance to the gravesites of Dr. Graham and his wife Ruth, as well as the original team members George Beverly Shea and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Barrows. Thank you to Dr. Graham, his family and the entire team for their ministries. Our visit was educational, but even more, it was indeed a moving ex-perience.

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

HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: Nov. 8, 1956

From the files of Nov. 8, 1956

Annual Poppy Day
Saturday will be Poppy Day in Cullman. The little flowers of remembrance will be distributed on the streets throughout the day by volunteer "flower girls", from the American Legion Auxiliary and the Ad Astra Club.

Contributions made by those who wear memorial poppies on Poppy Day make possible the aid given to the disabled and the needy children of veterans throughout the year by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Back-a-Bit
From the Tribune Files of 1906 & 1936

50 YEARS AGO
Heretofore iron and steel companies have worked on Sunday the same as other days but word comes from Bessemer that one of the largest industrial plants (not as yet named) there will close work on Sundays soon.

St. John's Church will celebrate the 25th anniversary of their church building on next Sunday. Appropriate music will be rendered at the Sunday night (service in English) by Mr. and Mrs. A. Dreher, T. Miles Miles, Estelle Kleibacker and Miss Magdalen Scheiterle.

George Parker defeated G. W. Hanlin for representative and Zeke Casey defeated C. C. Scheuing for sheriff in the Tuesday election.

Elbert Glendor, 9 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. York, died Friday after a severe illness of scarletina.

B. M. Travis came home Tuesday to vote. So did Frank Blum.

The box supper at Shady Grove Saturday night netted $26.50, a neat sum.

C. H. Seibert, teacher of the Garden City School, opened his classes on Nov. 5.

Selling on the Cullman produce market: Cotton, 8,45c to 9,25c; corn 65c per bu.; sweet potatoes 50c; eggs 22 1/2c a doz; butter, 15c per pound; wool 34c per pound and dried apples 5c per pound.

West Cullman Hose Company No. 4 has erected a bell tower 50 feet tall. It is constructed of steel and is the most up-to-date tower in the City.

Claud Martin, employee at the oil mill, got a hand badly mashed Wednesday night.

J. H. Leavod has contracted to build a fine dwelling in West Cullman for R. W. Goodson.

Grant Swan, who is a motorman for the Birmingham Railroad, Light and Power Co., visited his family at Trimble Thursday and Friday.

G. W. Blake has moved his business to West Cullman.

20 YEARS AGO
Franklin D. Roosevelt swept the nation in Tuesday's election. He carried 46 states against 2 for Alfred Landon. The presidential elector vote in Cullman County was Democrat, 3,215 and Republican 1196.

The First Baptist Church celebrated homecoming and honored their pastor, the Rev. John E. Marion on his tenth anniversary of becoming pastor of this congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peters and son, Kenneth, and Mrs. Christine Peters have returned to Eliwood, Kansas after a visit with the Adam Turners and Joseph Grobs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bright and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ingle spent Sunday in Petersburg, Tenn.

Representative and Mrs. M. L. Robertson were dinner guests of Gov. and Mrs. Bibb Graves in Montgomery on Wednesday.

About 25 members of the Elks Lodge in Birmingham were here Thursday in the interest of forming an Elks organization in Cullman.

Mrs. Annie Kinney was hostess to her bridge club on Wednesday.

Dwight Fuller is building a beautiful home on his property in South Park.

Misses Thelma Rimel and Sara Wood spent Sunday in Birmingham.

In Birmingham this week for a Beauty Culturists Convention were Misses Lorene Bass and Ezma Mison.

C. A. Stiefelmeyer and Carl Stiefelmeyer left Wednesday for a trip to Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Val Woods spent Sunday in Birmingham.

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Herrin and Dr. and Mrs. Alvie Culpepper are leaving Sunday for Baltimore where they will attend the meeting of the Southern Medical Association.



POET'S CORNER

In Flanders Fields | By: John McCrae, 1872-1918 - In honor of Veterans Day

I would love to hear from you if you enjoy Poet's Corner. randyhale62@yahoo.com

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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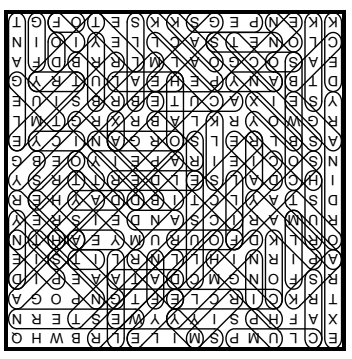
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CULLMAN TRIBUNE SUDOKU

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Gudger details efforts to honor veterans

Staff Reports
Contributor



ALABAMA SENATE

Sen. Garlan Gudger

CULLMAN, Ala. — As Veterans Day approaches, Alabama Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman on Thursday, Nov. 6, said he and his fellow lawmakers continue working hard to honor the service of those who once wore our nation's uniform, those who wear it today and the dependent family members who support them throughout their duties.

"Each year, the Legislature sets aside a full day to pass legislation designed to assist, aid and honor the veterans who reside in Alabama and the active service members and dependents currently stationed in our state," Gudger said. "Alabamians are a fiercely patriotic people, and we place those who serve in our armed forces on a pedestal because to many of us across the state, every day is Veterans Day."

On the local level, Gudger helps provide financial support for the annual Cullman County Veterans Day Celebration, which draws thousands of participants to the airport for aerial demonstrations, car and aircraft displays, historical reenactments and other activities designed to honor the more than 7,000 military veterans residing in the area.

In addition, Gudger secured $200,000 in funding for a PTSD pilot program that was launched in Cullman County and provides combat veterans with free Stellate Ganglion Blockage, or SGB, shots that control the fight or flight signals from the brain, which are common in those with the condition.

Because the program proved successful, it has expanded eligibility to veterans across the state who must first be evaluated at WellStone in Cullman and then receive their shot at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham.

To ensure that Alabama remains among the nation's friendliest states for veterans and active service members, Gudger's office said, he and and other legislators passed several military-related bills and measures during the 2025 regular session, including:

• Legislation that established the Alabama Veterans Resource Center to assist military members entering the private sector with employment services, benefits navigation, education opportunities and mental health services

• A bill that expanded the use of Veterans Treatment Courts across the state and incorporates Veterans Treatment Courts into a newly established statewide Accountability Court system

• A measure that adopted federal standards to prevent predatory practices by private entities assisting veterans to obtain their benefits and applies Alabama consumer protection penalties to those who violate federal protections

• A bill that enrolled Alabama in the School Psychology Interstate Compact to assist with military spouse occupational license reciprocity

• Legislation that clarified the ability of Judge Advocate Generals to provide legal services to a range of National Guard, civilian and prior service personnel at the Request of the Alabama National Guard

• A bill that awarded cabinet-level rank to the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs, which is celebrating its 80th anniversary and administers state veterans homes, disabled veterans education benefits, veterans services offices and state veteran cemeteries

Another package of veteran and military service member bills will be considered during the 2026 regular session of the Alabama Legislature, which is scheduled to convene on Jan. 13.



Talent (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The warm aroma of sweet potatoes filled the air at the Cotton Creek Venue on Tuesday, Nov. 4, as students from schools across Cullman County gathered for the annual FCCLA All-County Sweet Potato Cook-Off.

Sponsored by Farm-City and hosted at Cotton Creek Venue, the event highlighted the creativity and culinary skills of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members from multiple local schools.

Participants competed in four delicious categories: Casseroles, Breads, Pies and Desserts, each showcasing the versatility of one of Alabama's favorite fall crops.

WINNERS

Sweet Potato Casseroles:
• 1st – Katie Holmes, Vinemont
• 2nd – Madison Hicks, Good Hope
• 3rd – Kaysen Bates, CATA

Sweet Potato Breads:
• 1st – Raelynne Bradford, Hanceville
• 2nd – Tomorrow Simmons, West Point
• 3rd – Jacy Gutherie, West Point

Sweet Potato Desserts:
• 1st – Emma Beavers, West Point
• 2nd – Lilley Warren, Holly Pond
• 3rd – Aby Black, Good Hope

Sweet Potato Pies:
• 1st – Fuller Williams, Good Hope
• 2nd – Aubrey Butler, Vinemont
• 3rd – Evy Hayes, Cullman

FCCLA advisors representing their schools and supporting student competitors included

Stephanie Blair (Cold Springs High School), Amie Veal (Cullman Area Technology Academy), Carin Rains (Cullman High School), Whitney Haynes (Fairview), Amanda Williams (Good Hope High School), Amy Chambers (Hanceville High School), Amelia Burke (Holly Pond High School), Renee Lee (West Point High School) and Madison Sapp (Vinemont High School).

The event celebrated not only culinary talent, but also the FCCLA mission of leadership, skill-building and community connection.

Congratulations to all the participants and winners for making this year's Sweet Potato Cook-Off a delicious success!



STEPHANIE BLAIR

2025 FCCLA All-County Sweet Potato Cook-Off Casserole winners



STEPHANIE BLAIR

2025 FCCLA All-County Sweet Potato Cook-Off Bread winners



STEPHANIE BLAIR

2025 FCCLA All-County Sweet Potato Cook-Off Dessert winners



STEPHANIE BLAIR

2025 FCCLA All-County Sweet Potato Cook-Off Pie winners

Vinemont (from Front)

Gauge Day
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GAUGE DAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

First look at the new Vinemont Town Council with newly elected Mayor Bonnie Goodwin presiding over the group's first official meeting on Monday, Nov. 3, 2025

VINEMONT, Ala. — The Vinemont Town Council held its scheduled organizational meeting on Monday, Nov. 3, which served as the official swearing-in ceremony for the newly elected mayor and council members.

The evening opened with an invocation led by Vinemont Middle School Principal Todd Johnson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by members of Girl Scout Troop #10288. Town Clerk and Treasurer Kayecea Sasser administered the oath of office to each elected official.

Those sworn in included:
• Mayor: Bonnie Goodwin
• Council Place 1: Kelley Little
• Council Place 2: Nina Justice
• Council Place 3: Ross Campbell
• Council Place 4: Michael Ashbaugh
• Council Place 5: Ashley Shrader

Following the swearing-in, Sasser officially turned the meeting over to new Mayor Goodwin, who presided over the evening's organizational business.

The council approved several key resolutions to establish Town leadership and procedures for the upcoming term:
• Resolution No. 2025-11-01: Appointment of Chairman Pro Tempore Ross Campbell
• Resolution No. 2025-11-02: Appointment of Town Clerk Kayecea Sasser; Madison Hunt, the assistant clerk, administered the oath of office to Sasser, who will continue serving as clerk and treasurer
• Resolution No. 2025-11-03: Appointment of Town Attorney Heath Meherg
• Resolution No. 2025-11-04: Ratification of current depositories for Town accounts
• Resolution No. 2025-11-05: Establishment of checking account policies and rules
• Resolution No. 2025-11-01: Establishment of time, place and procedures for regular council meetings

All resolutions were approved unanimously.

The next meeting of the Vinemont Town Council will take place on Monday, Nov. 10, with the work session beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the regular council meeting to follow at 6. Vinemont Town Hall is located at 36 Patton Drive.



West Elementary (from Front)

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — West Elementary School hosted its annual Veterans Day program on Friday, Nov. 7, with two shows put on by the school's fifth-grade classes.

Fifth-Grade Teacher Sgt. Keenan Hollingsworth said the group also hosted a reception for local veterans Friday, as well as a program on Wednesday at the Cullman OmniPlex

"Today was a powerful celebration filled with love, respect and deep gratitude for those who have served our country," Hollingsworth said Friday. "This year, I added a quick history lesson on the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day. It is something students should be taught, and my hope is that part of the program will stick with our students at West forever."

Hollingsworth said she felt the fifth graders showcased their appreciation for those who have dedicated their lives to defending our freedoms.

"Students sang with great pride, and some even became overcome with emotion as they reflected on the meaning of service and sacrifice," she said. "The presence of our Gold Star Mother, Mrs. Galin, made the lessons even more real, reminding everyone that freedom isn't free."

Hollingsworth said she believes the program reflects a strong sense of national pride and unity from the students and for the community.

"I could not be more proud of their hard work," she said. "They poured their hearts into every song and word. I am truly honored to be their teacher."

Hollingsworth is a field artillery sergeant in the 117th Field Artillery Regiment of the Alabama National Guard.

