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Georgia man arrested after 130 mph pursuit through Cullman

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A Georgia man was arrested early Saturday morning after allegedly fleeing Cullman police at speeds exceeding 130 mph, driving into oncoming lanes and throwing items from his vehicle during the pursuit.

According to the Cullman Police Department, Officer Eli Carnes attempted to stop a 2012 Nissan Maxima on Alabama Highway 157 near Cullman County Road 1188 at approximately 12:19 a.m. Aug. 29.

Police identified the driver as Kenyon Joiner of Villa Rica, Georgia.

The CPD said Joiner refused to stop and continued south on Alabama Highway 157. During the pursuit, he allegedly drove on the wrong side of the roadway, turned off the vehicle's headlights and threw items from the Maxima.

Officer Jake Lambert deployed spike strips ahead of the pursuit, disabling one tire. Sgt. Zane » PAGE 3



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Kenyon Joiner

Fairview Senior Center hosts Car & Craft Show



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The Fairview Senior Center's Car & Craft Show had 22 vendors on-site and 34 car show entries.

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — The Fairview Senior Center hosted its first Car & Craft Show Aug. 29, at Randall Shedd Park. Senior Center Manager Angie Carter said they were excited about the turnout.

"We were very thankful for the great weather we had on Saturday and the support we received from the community," Carter said. "We had 22 vendors on-site and 34 car show entries."

She said the participation and fun were memorable.

"Everyone seemed to have had a good time, (especially the men talking about the motors in some of the cars and trucks,)" Carter said. "The children and adults enjoyed the ice cream truck on-site. Their name is Little Something Extra Ice Cream and they were a very special group to have at any event."

Some of the car show winners included:

- Seniors' Pick - Don Stewart, 1956 Chevy Bel Air
- Directors' Pick - Danny Tucker, 1937 Chevrolet
- Best Car - Emmett Marra, 1967 Chevy Nova
- Best Truck - Jim McCracken, 1960 Chevy S-10
- Best Bike - Ed Smith, 1971 Harley Davidson
- Best Interior - Colton Ryan, 1955 Chevy Bel Air
- Best Paint - Rhonda Carr, 1957 Mustang convertible

"Thank you to everyone who bought a vehicle to the event; they were all fantastic rides," Carter said. "A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our first Car & Craft event at Fairview. The Fairview Senior Center appreciates all of you – from our craft vendors, car show owners, food trucks and those who came and purchased from our vendors. We also appreciate the Town of Fairview for allowing us to use the Randall Shedd Park for this event."

The Fairview Lions Club will host its annual Labor Day celebration on Sept. 7, featuring a parade, car show, craft booths and live music. That event will also take place at the park. (www.cullmantribune.com/2026/08/25/fairview-lions-club-labor-day-celebration-returns-sept-7)

Randall Shedd Community Park is located at 605-649 Wesley Ave.

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Library hosts Community Plant Swap



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The Cullman County Public Library hosted a Community Plant Swap on Saturday, Aug. 29. The event was planned by resident Danielle Holder. It was a "bring a plant — take a plant" event. Pictured are Cullman Police Chief Joey Duncan and his wife, Joy. » PAGE 3



CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Aug. 31

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Aug. 31, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
No incidents reported.

ARRESTS
Aug. 27-30

Alexander, Natosha J.; 43
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Bales, Billy W.; 51
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Ballard, Austin T.; 29
- public intoxication

Blankenship, William T.; 47
- possession of dangerous drugs

Brown, Joshua W.; 42
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Burgett, Joseph C.; 49
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Burks, Sarah L.; 42
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – no seat belt

Christian, James W.; 54
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Harris, Hagen L.; 31
- counterfeiting

Hinman, James T.; 45
- violation of a domestic violence protection order
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hodge, Michael K.; 36
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – criminal trespass

Jenkins, Angelique W.; 40
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Jenkins, Shane M.; 29
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Jones, Braxton C.; 25
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, $1500-2500

Jones, Latoya D.; 32
- FTA – obstructing police-using false name/identity
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, $500-less than $1500

Kelly, Joseph A.; 41
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Lavigne, Brandi L.; 49
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer
- FTA – tampering with physical evidence

Lopez Santiz, Juan C.; 27
- driving under the influence of alcohol and/or 0.08 percent or more by weight of alcohol in blood

Miller, Brasha N.; 35
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Nelson, Jr., J. W.; 76
- criminal trespass

Penn, Crystal W.; 44
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Ponder, Trevor L.; 35
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Seals, Melissa D.; 25
- FTA – DUI (controlled substances)
- FTA – failure to register vehicle
- FTA – failure/refusal to display insurance
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Steward, David R.; 52
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Twilley, Carolyn B.; 68
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, $500-less than $1500
- FTA – criminal trespass

Underwood, Justin K.; 35
- FTA – sex offense-rape-strong arm
- FTA – sex offense-incest with minor

Widner, Timothy M.; 69
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
Aug. 24
- harassment; person

Aug. 25
- theft of property-4th degree; person; miscellaneous; $274; Hwy. 157

Aug. 27
- domestic violence-3rd degree – menacing; person
- theft of property-4th degree; Marco's Pizza; miscellaneous; $80; 2nd Ave. SW

Aug. 28
- harassing communications; doxing; person
- harassment; person
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Logan St. SW

Aug. 29
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; phone, cash; $907

Aug. 30
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; person; 4th Ave. SE
- retail theft of property-3rd degree; Walgreens; general merchandise; $200; 2nd Ave. SW

ARRESTS
Aug. 27-30

Fuller, Cregary A.; 49
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – speeding
- FTA – insurance violation

Hodge, Michael K.; 36
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (7 counts)
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree (8 counts)
- FTA – driving while suspended (4 counts)
- FTA – insurance violation (2 counts)

Huddleston, Jason A.; 36
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – driving without license
- FTA – switched tag

Jones, Braxton C.; 25
- FTA – driving while suspended (2 counts)

Willingham, Mickey J.; 64
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Graham, Ronald K.; 55
- public intoxication

Adams, Jonathan K.; 19
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Joiner, Kenyon B.; 24
- possession of controlled substances
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- attempt to elude
- reckless endangerment
- tampering with physical evidence

Burkett, Michael D.; 37
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

Harris, Hagen L.; 31
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Yocom, Anthony W.; 34
- DUI

Stewart, David R.; 52
- FTA – insurance violation

Thornton, Robert M.; 38
- DUI

Cadle, Tracy L.; 60
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree (3 counts)

Keeton, Jeffery R.; 56
- possession of controlled substances
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- certain person forbidden to possess firearm

Lucas, Donald F.; 58
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription drugs

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests or incidents reported.

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Hanceville Council (from Front)

Emily McMunn, Noah Galilee

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville City Council on Thursday, Aug. 27, accepted a $15,000 lump sum payment to extend a cell tower lease while preserving the city's monthly lease payments, authorized former Police Chief Josh Howell to inventory equipment obtained through the federal 1033 Program and appointed a new city attorney.

The council also discussed a potential forensic audit connected to the former Hanceville Police Department but took no action after members raised questions about the cost and whether the city should first receive the results of two other pending audits.

Former police equipment
The council agreed to contract with Howell to locate and inventory equipment formerly assigned to the Hanceville Police Department through the federal 1033 Program.

The program allows law enforcement agencies to receive certain surplus federal equipment. Hanceville still has responsibility for equipment obtained through the program despite abolishing its police department earlier this year.

Howell will be paid up to $50 per hour to complete the inventory, which must be finished by Sept. 30. Equipment requiring inventory includes former military vehicles and weapons obtained through the federal program.

Hanceville abolished its police department Feb. 12, transferring responsibility for law enforcement within the city to the Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

At the council's Aug. 13 meeting, city officials said work to clear the former department's evidence room was nearing completion and that the next phase would include scanning and preserving records the city is required to retain.

The council's discussion comes shortly after four defendants entered guilty pleas Aug. 19 in the criminal investigation involving the former department. Former Chief Jason Shane Marlin, former officers Jason Scott Wilbanks and Eric Michael Kelso, along with Donna Reid Kelso entered negotiated pleas in Cullman County Circuit Court.

Forensic audit discussed
Council members also discussed proposals for a forensic audit involving the former police department.

The proposed audit could cost more than $100,000.

Mayor Nolan Bradford said he favored receiving the results of two audits already underway before the city commits additional money to a forensic audit.

Councilmember Kim Brown said a forensic audit would provide a more in-depth examination and described moving forward with one as another good-faith step by the city.

No vote was taken Thursday. The council is expected to return to the issue at its next meeting.

The city is also awaiting additional information concerning insurance coverage that would be necessary if Hanceville moves forward with reestablishing a municipal police department.

Bradford told the council Aug. 13 that he expected additional insurance information within approximately two weeks. Mayor Pro Tem Jana Shelton told WBRC following Thursday's meeting that the council now expects an update at its Sept. 10 meeting.

Cell tower agreement
The council approved a $15,000 lump sum payment to extend the city's existing cell tower lease through eight additional five-year terms.

Bradford clarified Sunday that the payment does not replace the city's existing monthly lease revenue.

The city will continue receiving its monthly lease payments under the agreement, with those payments increasing by 10% with each new five-year term.

The agreement therefore provides the city with the $15,000 upfront payment while preserving the recurring revenue generated by the tower and establishing increases over the extended lease period.

The matter had been carried over from previous meetings while council members considered the terms of the proposed extension.

At its Aug. 13 meeting, the council declined to commit to the proposal and continued negotiations in an effort to obtain more favorable terms.

New city attorney
The council voted to appoint Andrew Herren as Hanceville's new city attorney.

The appointment came after council members returned from an executive session lasting approximately 35 minutes.

Before entering the executive session, the council stated that it would discuss the general reputation and character of an individual. The council returned to open session before taking action on the city attorney appointment.

Events Committee
Councilmember Robert Powell also presented recommendations for the city's Events Committee.

The proposed slate included Mariah Hicks as a school representative, Beth Ellis as a community representative, Brianna Powell and Morgan Wasilewski as city representatives, Yara Reynolds as a business representative and Charles Wilson in an advisory, volunteer and onboarding role.

The committee was discussed under old business.

Fire chief ordinance
A proposed ordinance concerning the appointment of a fire chief was not brought to a final vote Thursday.

Council members agreed to place the ordinance on the next council meeting agenda for additional discussion and consideration.

The agenda also included discussion of a rules of procedure ordinance, an agenda and agenda packet ordinance and initial departmental budget worksheets.

Pool season ending
Parks Director David Wasilewski reported that Labor Day weekend will mark the end of the season for the city pool.

Bradford said the city has received estimates for potential changes to the pool. He said he believes the proposed improvements could pay for themselves over the long term.

Upcoming meetings
The city will hold a budget review meeting Thursday, Sept. 3, at 5:30 p.m.

The Hanceville City Council's next work session and regular meeting are scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 10, beginning at 6 p.m. Another work session and council meeting are scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 24, at 6 p.m.

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Swap (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Public Library hosted a Community Plant Swap on Saturday, Aug. 29.

Local Pre-K teacher Danielle Holder put the event idea together.

"We had 25 in attendance and it was a great turnout," Holder said. "The highlight of the swap was a gentleman bringing in Ginkgo tree seedlings. This tree has been on my wishlist for a while and I was so excited when he brought them in! This is why I love the plant swap. Not only does it bring people with the same interests together, but I have made friends and left with some wishlist plants."

She said the theme was "bring a plant — take a plant."

"People bring anything related to plants. Planters, outdoor plants, indoor plants, herbs and trees. Someone brought a propagation station last time," said Holder.

She said the first time they had this event was in February 2026, and she has put it together every three months since. "Hopefully, the next one is going to be Nov. 21. It hasn't been finalized, but I think it will be a great time. It's right before the major holidays and it will bring everybody together before the major holidays."

She continued, "The idea came after I took up gardening as a hobby. I enjoy being outside and houseplants. I wanted more plants, but didn't have the budget for it. I thought that other people may feel the same so I created a flyer."

She said she didn't know where to host the event and then the library came to mind.



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"Since this would be a free community event, I figured the library wouldn't mind, and so far things have been great," Holder said.

"I enjoy these events because it brings people together that share the same interests. It is like a book or craft club, but for plant people."

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PUBLIC NOTICE
• The Cullman County Special Education Program is seeking to locate children with disabilities ages 0-21 within the Cullman County School District. Ages 0-3 call Kristie Smith, 256-734-3253. Ages 3-21 call Katie Meigs, Special Education Coordinator, 256-739-0486, Ext 2.
• The system is also seeking to locate intellectually gifted and talented children, with the emphasis on second-grade students.
• Contact Special Education Coordinator Katie Meigs at 17600 U.S. Highway 31 N, Cullman, Al 35058.

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 North Alabama Agriplex Heritage Building. 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.

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.

Alpha Delta Kappa Invitation
• Are you a woman educator looking to connect, grow, serve, and make a difference? We want to invite you to contact our local Cullman chapters Alpha Theta or Beta Delta. Alpha Delta Kappa is a national honorary organization of more than 25,000 women educators who share a commitment to valuing all people and promoting quality education.
• Build lifelong friendships
• Connect with educators who share your passion
• Grow through leadership and professional opportunities
• Serve your school, community and beyond
• Celebrate the important work of women educators
• Your dedication to education matters. Your voice matters. You belong with us.
• For more information contact President of Alpha Theta Laurita Hogland 256-531-2298 or Presidents of Beta Delta Rhonda Vanzant 256-708-7980 or Lisa Hullett 256-962-4252.

Church Services: Spirit Life Church
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• 256-739-3326
• spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
• FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
• Wednesday, Sept. 2 – 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 5:15-5:30. Call Aimee at 256-841-2060 for pickup.
• Friday, Sept. 4 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Saturday, Sept. 5 – 8 a.m. Men's breakfast. 10:30 Foundry Farm outreach.
• Sunday, Sept. 6 – 8:15 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11. Prayer service at 2 p.m.

Shirley Burden Public Library in Hanceville
• The library is open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed from noon-1 p.m.) and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on Facebook for weekly details or please feel free to call us at 256-352-0685. Follow Facebook/Hanceville Public Library for event details.
• Wednesday, Sept. 2, 10 a.m. Storytime with teenager Savannah Kesick reading "Frog & Toad"
• Thursday, Sept. 3, 1-3 p.m. Crochet class. Bring your own design, beginner lessons available or make a baby hat
• Wednesday, Sept. 9, 10 a.m. Storytime with Suhana Chitatia, board member
• Wednesday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m. Storytime with Gracie Miller, volunteer
• Wednesday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m. Storytime with Susan Melton "Ten Red Apples" by Pat Hutchins
• Wednesday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m. Storytime with Briana Taylor and Angelyn Riggs, children's book club
• We are looking for community volunteers to read storytime on Wednesdays. Contact Teresa Rivera for details. Volunteers make our library successful, so we thank our local community.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singings
Saturday, Sept. 5, at 5 p.m. with The Perrys and Sunday, Sept. 20, at 5 p.m. with Living Faith. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 E, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond, on the left. Everyone is invited. For more information, call 256-339-1862 or 256-590-1501.

Seventh Street Baptist Church Welcomes New Pastor Bro. Delbert Freeman
Sunday, Sept. 6. Join us for Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. and worship at 10:30. 708 Seventh St. SW, Cullman.

Fairview Lions Club Labor Day Celebration
Monday, Sept. 7, at Randall Shedd Community Park. The community celebration will begin at 8 a.m. at the park, located at 649 Wesley Ave. N, and will include the annual car show, a parade, live music, food trucks and vendors, along with a cornhole tournament. The car show is scheduled from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., while live music will be performed from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The cornhole tournament is set to begin at 10 a.m. The annual Labor Day parade will begin at 11 a.m.

Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District Quarterly Board Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 9:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center, 501 Fourth St. SW, Cullman.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 10, at 6 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 Saint Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman. Quilters of all experience levels are welcome.

Community Loss of Spouse or Partner Support Group
• Grieving the emotional loss of a spouse is an extremely traumatic experience. Meeting with and talking to others who have experienced a similar loss encourages you that your life can move forward. Those who have had similar loss may have valuable advice, suggestions, critical insights, resources or a different outlook to share, even struggles similar to yours.
• Grieving can be terribly lonely and isolating, making it very difficult to get on with your life. A support gathering can help to understand grief, provide needed camaraderie, support, sharing, compassion, hope, comfort, education, resources and a sense of purpose.
• There will be an introductory meeting on Saturday, Sept. 12, beginning at 11 a.m. in the meeting room at the Cullman County Public Library. The goal is to meet monthly thereafter, depending on attendance and interest.
• Those interested in attending should pre-register, as seating may be limited. Register by contacting the Cullman County Public Library at 256-734-2720, or by text or voice message to 256-255-9959. Please come and let us journey together.

NARFE Cullman Chapter Meeting
Monday, Sept. 14, at the former Freddie Day Catering, 1628 Second Ave. NW (U.S. Highway 31 North) $15 lunch at 11 a.m. Business meeting and program at noon. VP Peggy Harris will be the speaker. The topic will be services available to seniors through the Alabama Department of Senior Services. Members, spouses and friends are urged to attend.

Sacred Heart Church Christmas in September
Saturday, Sept. 19, 7 a.m. -7 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 20, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Shop for gently used holiday decorations in the Sacred Heart Church gym. Proceeds go to St. Vincent DePaul.

Sacred Heart Church German Dinner
Wednesday, Sept. 30, 4-7 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Church gym. Traditional German food, $15 per plate. Dine in or take out.

Little Pink Dress Benefit
Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 6-9 p.m. at The Venue at Stone Bridge Farms. Tickets on sale now! www.cullmanbosombuddies.com/service/little-pink-dress-event

Man (from Front)

Pounders subsequently deployed another set of spike strips, disabling the remaining three tires and bringing the pursuit to an end a short time later.

Officers assigned to CPD Patrol Shift 2B and deputies with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office assisted in taking Joiner into custody without further incident.

Police said a records check revealed that Joiner had active warrants in Georgia for evading and resisting.

The items allegedly thrown from the vehicle were recovered a short time later. The CPD said the discarded material was identified as a controlled substance, but the department did not disclose the type or quantity.

Following consultation with the Cullman County District Attorney's Office, Joiner was transported to the Cullman County Detention Center and booked on charges of:

- attempting to elude
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- reckless endangerment
- tampering with physical evidence
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia

Police said Joiner was also issued citations related to the incident but did not identify the alleged traffic violations.

The CPD credited the officers and deputies involved for coordinating the use of spike strips and bringing the pursuit to an end without further incident.

No bond information was included in the department's release.

Joiner is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Good Hope gets in the win column with a commanding 47-23 win at Brewer

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SOMERVILLE, Ala. — The Good Hope Raiders made a trip northeast to take on the Brewer Patriots on Friday night, looking to bounce back after a close season-opening loss to Plainview last week.

Not only did head coach Alan Scott's squad do that, but they did it in dominant fashion, leading by 34 at halftime and eventually winning, 47-23, to even their record at 1-1.

After Brewer won the toss and deferred, the Raiders started the game with one of their few non-scoring drives of the night. While a nice 12-yard gain on a pass from Web Buchanan to Ryker Hancock got Good Hope a fresh set of downs, the Raiders ultimately decided to go for it on fourth-and-long near mid-field, and failed, giving the ball to Brewer's offense. But, it wouldn't be long before the first big play of the night came for Good Hope. On 3rd-and-12 after forcing the quarterback out of the pocket, linebacker Kayden Collins picked off a short dump-off attempt to set Good Hope up at the Brewer 45. After a handful of strong runs by back Karson Hollis, quarterback Parker Johnson found Collins on 4th-and-goal for a three-yard touchdown pass that put the Raiders up 7-0.

The Raiders made it hard on the Pats on the ensuing drive, and despite a few recovered fumbles by the offense, they were the most in-rhythm they were the entire night. A long shot down the sideline caught by Brewer's Elijah Alexander looked like it had evened up the score, but an offensive pass interference nixed the touchdown as the first quarter clock ran out. On their next attempt, though, quarterback Cole Drinkard hit tight end Julian West down the middle for a game-tying touchdown.

There would be no momentum for the Patriots, however, as on the Raiders first play from scrimmage on the next drive, Johnson scrambled, bounced outside and shot down the sideline for a 53-yard rushing touchdown to break the tie and put the Raiders up 13-7 after the extra point was missed. Just ten seconds of game clock time later, on the Patriots first offensive play after the score, Hollis recovered a Brewer fumble on an attempted reverse and took it to the house for a 35-yard score that made it a 20-7 Good Hope lead.

Good Hope's stout defense forced a punt on the next possession, after a bad snap went over the head of Buchanan for a loss of 10, he took off two plays later to pick up a third-and-long to keep the drive alive. Then, at Brewer's 12-yard line, Johnson took it in again, stretching the lead to 27-7 with 5:37 to go. Again, however, things turned in the Raiders' favor shortly after, as the kickoff was fumbled by Brewer and recovered by Good Hope at Brewer's 28. Just three plays later, the Raiders made it 34-7 on a 29-yard touchdown pass from Buchanan to Cullen Phillips.

Right heading to the huddles, Johnson put an exclamation point on a dominant half for Good Hope, punching in yet another rushing touchdown from inside the five-yard-line, and the Raiders took a steep 41-7 lead into the break.

After the break, the game slowed down for both sides. Another Brewer possession came up empty, and after setting up at their own 32-yard line, Buchanan took them into Patriot territory with a 30-plus yard run. To cap off the short drive, Good Hope's Jonathan Williams took in a run from three yards out, and after another missed PAT, the Raiders led 47-7.

The Patriots didn't go down without a few final swings, though. After another shot down the middle from Drinkard to Alexander, Patriot running back Christopher Watkins took a run into the end zone, and Drinkard converted the two-point try to make it 47-15. Then, after Good Hope fumbled the ensuing kickoff and the Raiders were tagged with a targeting penalty, Brewer was set up with a 1st-and-10 from Good Hope's ten yard line. Two plays later, running back Carson Johnson took in a touchdown and Drinkard converted another two-point try to cut into the lead yet again, making it 47-23.

The Raiders would get across mid-field on the final possession thanks to a big kickoff return from Bryce Armstrong, but essentially ran out the clock before being forced to try a field goal, which was blocked, capping off a 47-23 victory that wasn't even as close as the final score would indicate.

PREP FOOTBALL

Cold Springs opens season with a 9-0 home win over Vinemont

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BREMEN, Ala. — The Cold Springs Eagles kicked off their 2026 season at home on Friday night, facing county foe Vinemont. While scoring was slow, the boys in blue and yellow got a quick notch in the win column with an eventual 9-0 shutout of Vinemont.

Cold Springs took an early 2-0 led when Vinemont fumbled a snap on a punt in their own end zone. Cold Springs added to their led when Cason Alexander found Eli Voce for a 24-yard touchdown on fourth down to give the hometown Eagles a 9-0 led with 9:06 left in the first half.

On a big third down attempt mid-way through the third quarter, Cold Springs' Cason Alexander intercepted a third down pass to set Cold Springs up with a short field. Vinemont's defense once again stepped up to force a turnover on downs in four plays. Vinemont found something on offense in the closing minutes of the game, but eventually fell just three yards short on 4th-and-goal. Cold Springs was able to run the clock out with a couple first downs, ending the game with two QB kneels.

PREP FOOTBALL

Cullman hangs on to take down Hartselle, 14-9

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Bearcats were home Friday night hosting their long-time rival, the Hartselle Tigers. Similar to the week before, Cullman jumped out to an early lead. Unlike the week before, however, Cullman held on for a nail-biter win, with a final score of 14-9.

Cullman took the opening kickoff at their own 30-yard line. The Bearcats wasted little time when Weston Keel took a handoff on the second play of the game and ran 66 yards for a Cullman touchdown. Brooks West kicked the extra point, and Cullman took the lead with 11:03 remaining in the first quarter 7-0.

The Cullman defense held the Tigers to four plays and quickly forced a Hartselle punt. Kolby Holt had a good return, and the Bearcats had the ball on their own 38-yard line. Six plays later, Cullman was forced to punt the ball.

Hartselle blocked the Cullman punt, and the Tigers recovered the ball and returned the ball 50 yards for a touchdown. The extra point was good, and the Tigers tied the score with 5:22 left in the first quarter 7-7.

After a quick three-and-out for Cullman, the Tigers took over possession on their own 36-yard line going into the second quarter. Hartselle overcame a fourth-and-one to continue their drive. Four plays later, the Tigers fumbled the ball and Parker Berry recovered for the Bearcats at their own 31-yard line.

During the drive, Cullman's quarterback completed a 25-yard completion to Holt and a 22-yard completion to Keel. On the eighth play of the drive, Keel ran for his second touchdown of the night from 15 yards out. The extra point was good, and Cullman took back the lead with 6:57 left in the half 14-7.

On Cullman's last drive of the half, the Bearcats took over near midfield. After a personal foul facemask penalty and six plays later, the Bearcats had a fourth down on the Hartselle 25-yard line. The Bearcats lined up for a 42-yard field goal attempt. Hartselle blocked the attempt and returned the ball for a touchdown. A block in the back from Hartselle nullified the score and first half ended with Cullman leading 14-7.

During the third quarter, each team exchanged possessions without either team scoring. Just before the end of the third quarter, Cullman had to punt. Morgan Holley's punt pinned the Tigers deep at their own one-yard line. After three quarters, the score remained 14-7 with the Bearcats leading.

Hartselle continued their drive into the fourth quarter. The Tigers totally controlled the fourth quarter. Eighteen plays later, Hartselle faced fourth-and-goal from Cullman's 5-yard line. Quarterback David Amos tried to pass the ball, and it was incomplete and the Bearcats took over at their own 5-yard line with 2:58 left in the game.

Three plays later, the Bearcats were forced to punt. Suffering a bad snap, the Tigers caught the punter in the endzone for a safety and the Tigers narrowed the score 14-9 with 1:02 left in the game.

The Bearcats had to kick off to Hartselle after the safety. The Tigers took over at their own 47-yard line with 54 seconds left in the game. With a touchdown, Hartselle would win the game. Five plays later with one second left in the game, Amos completed a pass inside Cullman's 5-yard line. Cullman quickly tackled the receiver before getting into the end zone, completing the win for the Bearcats 14-9.

Before leaving with an injury in the third quarter, Weston Keel led the Bearcats with 111 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

Cullman begins region play this week, when they host the Minor Tigers at home.

PREP FOOTBALL

Meek holds off Winston County at home, 24-16

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ARLEY, Ala. — After suffering a loss at Curry last week, the Meek Tigers returned home to take on the Winston County Yellow Jackets on Friday night. It was a very physical game from start to finish. The game was tied at the break, and a second half touchdown by the Tigers proved to be the difference in the game, as interceptions by Parker Ferguson and Evan McCay helped Meek hold off Winston County at the end, 24-16.

Winston County got the ball first to start out the game and kept their drive alive on a 14-yard pass on third down, but three plays later, a holding penalty put them behind the sticks, and they were forced to punt. Evan McCay picked up four yards on the ground on Meek's first play of their series, then Ethan Miles followed that up with a six-yard run, and after the play, a personal foul penalty on the Yellow Jackets gave the Tigers a first down at the 40. Meek, though, suffered that same penalty on the next play, and they were quickly forced to punt as well. Winston County quickly found themselves behind the chains on their next series, as a five-yard loss on first down later followed by a delay of game penalty put them at the 23. Back-to-back flags on the Tigers, though, gave the Yellow Jackets another first down at the 43. Meek's defense settled down after that, as they forced another punt.

A Meek fumble on the third play gave the ball back to Winston County in excellent field position at the 24. They pounded the ball on the ground for the entire series, and the drive ended with them scoring on a three-yard run to give them an 8-0 lead early in the second quarter. Penalties continued to hurt the Tigers on their next drive, as a pair of flags quickly put them behind the sticks, and they were forced to punt. A quick three-and-out gave the ball back to Meek, and they had the ball in decent field position at the 36. Evan McCay found Parker Ferguson over the middle for a 37-yard gain and a first down, and on the next play, Hunter Wyatt was determined to find the end zone, as he broke several tackles on his way to a 27-yard score. McCay ran it in for the two-point conversion to tie the game up at eight with 6:40 remaining in the first half.

A pair of passes by Winston County put them at the 28, then a few plays later, on fourth down, a 12-yard completion kept their drive alive. Two plays later, they scored on a 12-yard run to take a 16-8 lead with 2:54 remaining in the first half. On Meek's second play of their next series, McCay again found Ferguson for 15 yards and a first down. McCay picked up seven yards on the ground, and Wyatt punched it in on the next play to tie the game up at 16. A roughing the passer penalty gave the Yellow Jackets a first down at the 47, but a flag on Winston County pushed them behind the sticks, and two plays later, Colby Williams collected a sack to end the first half, and both teams went into the locker room tied up at 16.

The second half saw the Tigers get a first down on a pass interference penalty on the Yellow Jackets on the second play of its series. A loss on second down, followed by a penalty, made it third-and-19 from the 44. McCay picked up a dozen to make it fourth-and-seven from the 44, and on the next play, McCay rolled to his right and found Miles over the middle, and he outran the Winston County secondary en route to a 44-yard score. Wyatt added the two-point conversion to put Meek ahead, 24-16. The Yellow Jackets picked up a first down early on in their next drive, but a pair of holding penalty quickly pushed them behind the sticks, and they ended up turning the ball over on downs. A quick three-and-out gave the ball back to Winston County. A quick first down on the first play of its next series had them near midfield, but once again, penalties prevented them from moving the ball any further. Ferguson ended up getting an interception to stop the drive dead in its tracks.

A touchdown by McCay was taken away by, you guessed it, another flag. Wyatt collected 33 yards on the next play to put them at the 41, but they quickly went backwards after that, and they were forced to punt. The Yellow Jackets pounded the ball on the ground and collected several first downs during the drive. Back-to-back runs netted them a first down on each play, and two plays later, another big run gave them another first down at the 15. The Tiger defense, though, stood their ground, and they ended up forcing an incomplete pass on fourth down. Meek looked to milk the clock on their next drive. McCay and Wyatt helped bring the Tiger offense near midfield, but their drive stalled after that, and they were forced to punt once again. Meek's defense looked to have Winston County stopped on third down, but a very questionable pass interference penalty gave the Yellow Jackets new life. They collected a huge first down on fourth down and 13 more two plays later, but on the next play, McCay picked off a bad pass to help seal the 24-16 win for Meek.

Wyatt finished with 102 yards on nine carries and a pair of touchdowns for the Tigers (1-1). McCay completed a trio of passes for 96 yards and a touchdown. Miles finished with the 44-yard touchdown reception, and Ferguson added a pair of catches for 52 yards. Colby Williams collected a sack in the game, and Ferguson, along with McCay picked off a pass in the win for Meek.

Meek will start region play Friday night at Hackleburg.

PREP FOOTBALL

Fast start lifts Fairview past Hayden; Hanceville, West Point fall on road

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN CO., Ala. — Fairview opened a 16-point lead in the first quarter and held off Hayden 19-12 at home Friday night, while Hanceville and West Point dropped road games at Tanner and Cleburne County.

Fairview 19, Hayden 12
Fairview scored 16 unanswered points in the opening quarter and eventually stretched its lead to 19-0 before Hayden mounted a second-half comeback.

Jon Short scored on a touchdown run and quarterback Conner Scott connected with Collin Nelson for a long touchdown pass. Walker Gentry supplied a pair of field goals for the Aggies.

Scott also made an impact on defense, intercepting two Hayden passes.

The Tigers scored six points in the third quarter and six more in the fourth, cutting Fairview's lead to 19-12 with 4:24 remaining. The Aggies protected the seven-point margin the rest of the way to improve to 2-0.

Fairview will travel to Scottsboro on Friday, Sept. 4, at 7 p.m.

Tanner 35, Hanceville 6
Hanceville's only points came from its defense as Tanner pulled away for a 35-6 home victory.

Nick Davis returned an interception for a touchdown during the first half, but the Bulldogs were unable to generate any additional scoring.

Tanner running backs Torr'e Pride and Isaiah Pryor combined for 208 rushing yards and three touchdowns. Pride finished with 78 yards and two scores, while Pryor ran for 130 yards and a touchdown.

Kaden Freeman connected with Amari Moore for another Tanner touchdown and King Tyree returned a kickoff for a score. The win gave the Rattlers their first 2-0 start since 2015.

Hanceville fell to 0-2 and will travel to Vinemont on Friday, Sept. 4, at 7 p.m.

Cleburne County 49, West Point 7
Cleburne County built a 35-7 halftime lead and shut out West Point during the second half to secure a 49-7 victory in Heflin.

West Point reached the end zone late in the second quarter when quarterback Max Patterson connected with Bryant Moon for a touchdown pass.

The Tigers added 14 unanswered points after halftime, dropping the Warriors to 0-2.

West Point will return home to host Priceville on Friday, Sept. 4, at 7 p.m.

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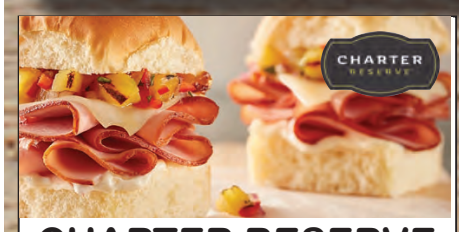








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PREP FOOTBALL

Addison heats up in the second half, takes down Lynn, 35-0

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ADDISON, Ala. — The Class 1A third-ranked Addison Bulldogs (1-0) hosted the Lynn Bears in their home opener game at A.G. Hicks Stadium on Friday night. It was a county rivalry game, as well, and the house was packed. The first half looked like the Bulldogs had read their press clippings and saw their high ranking, and just assumed that they would cake walk the Bears, as they were very lackadaisical in their play and they sleepwalked through the first half, only leading 7-0. After the half, though, they turned it on and Addison turned it on and finished the night with a 35-0 victory.

The first quarter opened with Lynn getting a first down, but then having to punt. On Addison's first play from scrimmage the 'Dawgs turned it over on a fumble with Lynn's Tanner Torres recovering the ball. Addison's defense stiffened up and with a Skylar Cleghorn sack that pushed Lynn back, forcing them to go for it on fourth-and-long. Addison held, and took over at their own 16-yard line.

After Addison drove to the Bears' 26-yard line, the 'Dawgs fumbled it away again and this time Lynn's Carson Odom recovered the fumble.

Lynn had their most productive drive of the night driving from their own 26-yard line down to the Bulldog 12. Bears QB Chip Crowe had passed and rushed the Bears down to the 12. The key play on the drive was Crowe hitting Bryce Baughn for 42 yards. Lynn actually scored a touchdown, but it was called back on a holding penalty. Crowe then found Jon Jordan for nine yards on fourth down but he was stopped on the Bulldog three-yard-line by a monstrous hit by a Bulldog defender.

This seemed to fire up the Addison fans and players as Addison drove 97 yards for the touchdown on the next drive. Addison star QB Elijah Roberts scrambled 38 yards for the lone 'Dawg touchdown of the first half. Connor Lane kicked the extra point and at the 6:03 mark of the second quarter, Addison led 7-0.

The Bulldog defense stood tall again after the Bears hit a 42-yard completion, from Crowe to Caden Key, and Addison's Joey Wilson recovered a fumble at the Bulldog 6-yard line. The half ended with the 7-0 Addison lead.

After what I can imagine was a spirited half time talk by Bulldog Head Coach Mark Hastings, Addison came out and played remarkably better in the third. The Bears tried an onside kick, but the 'Dawgs were ready and recovered, setting the offense up in great field position at their own 48. Six plays later, Roberts hit Connor Lane for a 25-yard touchdown. Lane kicked the extra point, and with 9:08 to go in the third quarter, Addison led 14-0.

The next Bear possession ended with every defensive lineman's dream, an interception. Lynn's Crowe dropped back to pass and threw the football over the middle. The only problem was that it hit Addison DL Cory Frock right in the chest. Frock was aware enough to pin the ball to his chest and had his interception. Congrats, Mr. Frock.

Six plays later, Addison cashed it in as Zane Smith ran it in from seven yards out for the touchdown. Lane's extra point was good, and with 4:10 left in the third Addison led 21-0.

The remainder of the third quarter was just an exchange of possessions until Addison had Roberts run it in from three yards out for another touchdown. Lane hit the extra point and with 9:52 to go in the game, Addison had sealed up the game 28-0.

After forcing a Lynn punt, Roberts on the first play of the drive went around left end and scampered 58 yards for another touchdown. Lane kicked the extra point and with 6:58 left in the fourth; Addison extended its lead to 35-0, which is how the game would end.

Addison moved to 2-0 and will travel to Waterloo to open their region play. Lynn fell to 0-1 and will travel to Pickens County to open their region play this week.

Unofficial stats:
Addison ran 37 running plays for a total of 388 total yards, with 14 passing plays for a total of 81 yards totaling 51 plays for a total of 469 total yards.

Lynn ran 27 running plays for a total of 16 yards and 16 passing plays for a total of 127 yards with a total of 43 total plays for a total of 143 total yards.

Addison had Roberts go 8-for-14 passing through the air for 81 yards with a touchdown.

Roberts also led Addison in rushing with 18 carries for 209 yards and three touchdowns. Smith had eight carries for 92 yards and a touchdown and Judah Wilkins had three carries for 37 yards. Kash Turner also had 4 carries for 35 yards.

Wilkins led in receiving with four catches for 31 yards. Lane had one catch for 25 yards and a touchdown, Joey Wilson had one catch for six yards. Major Snoddy had one catch for eight yards.

On defense, Addison was led by Scout Flynn and Wilson with five tackles each. Lane, Skylar Cleghorn, Snoddy and Michael Lee had four tackles each. Zane Smith, Judah Wilkins and Ben Bridges had three each.

Wilson recovered a fumble, Cleghorn had a sack and Frock had an interception.

PREP CROSS-COUNTRY

Cullman girls place 2nd at Wildcat Invitational; local runners compete across 3 meets

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CULLMAN, Co. Ala. — Four Cullman-area programs competed across three cross-country meets Saturday, Aug. 29, with Cullman's girls earning a runner-up finish at the Wildcat Invitational and Cold Springs placing both varsity teams among the top seven at the Pepsi XC Challenge.

West Point joined Cold Springs in Moulton, while Holly Pond competed in the small-school races at the Black & Gold Classic in Scottsboro.

Wildcat Invitational
Cullman competed in separate varsity girls and boys 5K races at the Wildcat Invitational at David Crockett State Park in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee.

Varsity girls 5K
Cullman finished second in the girls team standings with 70 points. Summit won the team championship with 25 points.

Madeline Stidham paced Cullman with a third-place finish in 20:35.61. Addison Vogelaar followed in 10th with a time of 21:47.12.

Khloe Nalley placed 18th in 22:32.09, Tinley Alldredge finished 20th in 22:43.27 and Aubree Lawrence crossed the line 23rd in 23:23.50 to complete Cullman's scoring five.

Victoria Waldrop placed 25th in 23:40.98, Mabry Free finished 27th in 23:51.61, Sophie Robinson was 32nd in 24:28.17, Katie Richter placed 38th in 25:04.79 and Avery Laney finished 45th in 25:19.45.

Varsity boys 5K
Cullman scored 58 points in the boys race. The Bearcats tied Endurance XC on points, but the official results awarded Endurance third place and listed Cullman fourth following the tiebreak.

Henry Crocker led Cullman with a runner-up finish, completing the course in 16:45.94. Mason Gobble placed ninth in 17:52.01 and Benjamin Stidham followed in 10th with a time of 17:53.27.

Thatcher Lucas finished 19th in 19:15.86 and Connor Robinson placed 20th in 19:19.74 to round out Cullman's scoring five.

Sean Gilfoyle placed 30th in 20:20.33, Lincoln Medina finished 37th in 20:37.71, Sawyer Eifert was 82nd in 22:28.19 and Ian Quick placed 163rd in 29:15.60.

Pepsi XC Challenge
Cold Springs and West Point competed in the varsity 5K races at the 16th annual Pepsi XC Challenge at H.A. Alexander Park in Moulton. Cold Springs fielded complete scoring teams in both varsity races, while West Point recorded six individual varsity finishes.

Varsity girls 5K
Cold Springs placed sixth in the girls team standings with 157 points.

Kynzlie Myrex led the Eagles with a 12th-place finish in 20:43.14. Claire Hancock placed 32nd in 22:47.24 and Ally Mavers finished 35th in 22:58.54.

Leslie Jones crossed the line 48th in 24:31.56 and Allison Rice placed 52nd in 24:44.13 to complete Cold Springs' team score. Lila Cates finished 87th in 27:31.69.

West Point had two runners in the girls race and did not receive a team score. Raelynn Lindley led the Warriors with a 33rd-place finish in 22:50.40, while Judy Salter placed 39th in 23:15.65.

Varsity boys 5K
Cold Springs finished seventh in the boys team standings with 225 points.

Logan Perdue recorded the Eagles' top boys finish, placing 31st in 18:30.28. Samuel Hunt and Carson Rice finished consecutively, with Hunt placing 38th in 18:49.74 and Rice taking 39th in 18:50.87.

Caleb Dill finished 59th in 19:26.30 and James Baggett placed 69th in 19:40.71 to complete the Eagles' scoring five.

Easton Freeman placed 170th in 23:26.08, Lucas Freeman finished 176th in 23:53.53 and Jacob Winfrey followed in 177th with a time of 23:55.77.

West Point recorded four boys finishers and did not receive a team score.

Griffin Jones led the Warriors in 80th place with a time of 20:07.38. Collin Clark placed 104th in 21:06.27, Ayden McGhee finished 159th in 23:02.05 and Brandon Salter placed 212th in 27:55.12.

Boys 2-mile race
Cold Springs' Riley Adams competed in the separate boys 2-mile race, placing 181st with a time of 18:56.85. The 2-mile race was separate from the varsity 5K and did not affect the Eagles' varsity team score.



THE CROWNING TOUCH

Black & Gold Classic
Holly Pond competed in the small-school girls and boys 5K races at the Black & Gold Classic at the John R. Esslinger Trail of Champions in Scottsboro.

Small-school girls 5K
Addison Gambrill led Holly Pond with a 19th-place finish in 25:37.1.

Kynleigh Wood placed 24th in 26:51.4 and Kyleigh Floyd finished 37th in 29:09.2.

With three finishers, Holly Pond did not receive a girls team score.

Small-school boys 5K
Levi Redd paced the Holly Pond boys, placing 53rd with a time of 23:26.7. Xander Lambert finished 99th in 34:20.3.

Holly Pond did not receive a boys team score because it had fewer than five finishers.

Across the three meets, Crocker recorded the highest local boys placement with his runner-up finish, Stidham led the local girls by placing third and Cullman's girls produced the area's best team finish.

Cold Springs completed the day with full scoring teams in both varsity races, while West Point and Holly Pond established their opening individual marks of the season.

Matchups (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman and Fairview swept their respective opponents Saturday as week two of the 2026 local youth football season concluded with Fireplug, Wee-Wee and Pee-Wee action across the area.

Cullman earned three victories over Addison, while Fairview collected three shutouts at West Point.

Good Hope won two of its three matchups against Vinemont, and Cold Springs and Hanceville split the two reported finals from their meeting.

Cullman Bearcats vs. Addison Bulldogs
Cullman opened the day with a narrow 13-12 victory over Addison in the Fireplug division.

The Bearcats followed with a pair of shutouts, defeating the Bulldogs 12-0 in the Wee-Wee game and 37-0 in the Pee-Wee matchup.

- Fireplug: Cullman 13, Addison 12
- Wee-Wee: Cullman 12, Addison 0
- Pee-Wee: Cullman 37, Addison 0

Fairview Aggies at West Point Warriors
Fairview's defense did not allow a point during its three games at West Point.

The Aggies edged the Warriors 7-0 in the Fireplug matchup before winning the Wee-Wee game 12-0. Fairview completed the sweep with a 37-0 victory in Pee-Wee play.

- Fireplug: Fairview 7, West Point 0
- Wee-Wee: Fairview 12, West Point 0
- Pee-Wee: Fairview 37, West Point 0

Vinemont Eagles at Good Hope Raiders
Good Hope earned victories in the first two games of its home series against Vinemont.

The Raiders defeated the Eagles 26-6 in the Fireplug game and posted a 28-0 shutout in the Wee-Wee matchup.

Vinemont responded in the Pee-Wee game, shutting out Good Hope 33-0.

- Fireplug: Good Hope 26, Vinemont 6
- Wee-Wee: Good Hope 28, Vinemont 0
- Pee-Wee: Vinemont 33, Good Hope 0

Cold Springs Eagles at Hanceville Bulldogs
Cold Springs opened the action at Hanceville with a 31-13 victory in the Fireplug division.

Hanceville responded with the largest winning margin among the two reported finals, defeating Cold Springs 41-0 in the Wee-Wee matchup.

A confirmed Pee-Wee final was not included in the reported results.

- Fireplug: Cold Springs 31, Hanceville 13
- Wee-Wee: Hanceville 41, Cold Springs 0

Week three schedule — Saturday, Sept. 5
- 8 a.m. - Addison at Hanceville
- 9 a.m. - Cold Springs at Holly Pond
- 4 p.m. - West Point at Good Hope
- 4 p.m. - Cullman at Fairview
- Vinemont - Bye



EDITORIAL

Human suffering is not entertainment

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There is a line between journalism and exploitation. It should not be difficult to find.

This weekend, a video appeared on social media showing a partially undressed man behaving erratically in the parking lot of a Cullman motel.

The location was identified and the man's condition was presented to an audience for public consumption. After criticism began mounting, the post was deleted.

That sequence raises a question far more important than who posted it or how many people watched it: What public purpose did it serve?

Did the video expose corruption? Did it warn the public of an immediate danger? Did it document misconduct by an elected official, law enforcement officer or someone else entrusted with public authority? Did publishing it provide information people genuinely needed to know?

Or did somebody's humiliation simply make compelling content?

There is an enormous difference.

Journalists sometimes document terrible things. We cover fatal wrecks, fires, shootings, overdoses, arrests and tragedies that forever change families.

There are times when photographs and video are disturbing because the reality we are reporting is disturbing. Journalism cannot sanitize every uncomfortable truth.

But journalism requires something beyond possessing a camera and arriving before everyone else.

It requires judgment.

The question should never simply be, "Can we publish this?" The more important question is, "Why are we publishing this?"

Having a camera does not make someone a journalist. Neither does having thousands of followers, a Facebook page or the ability to arrive quickly at a wreck scene.

Journalism requires verification, context, fairness, accountability and an understanding that the people on the other side of that camera are human beings.

The Cullman Tribune is an established news organization, and with that comes responsibilities we willingly accept.

We are expected to verify information before publishing it, distinguish allegations from established facts, correct our mistakes, provide context and weigh the public's legitimate need to know against the unnecessary harm publication could cause.

Those standards apply when a story generates 100 clicks and when it generates 100,000.

A social media page can call itself news. Anyone can put "media," "news" or "daily" beside a name. But the label does not create journalism.

The work does.

And sometimes doing that work responsibly means lowering the camera.

There is another contradiction here that deserves to be discussed, particularly in a community where expressions of Christian faith are common.

Christianity teaches mercy, compassion and concern for people at their lowest. Those principles mean very little if compassion disappears the moment someone's suffering presents an opportunity for engagement, shares, laughs or advertising revenue.

Faith is not demonstrated by the Bible verse posted between tragedies. It is demonstrated by how we treat the human being standing in the middle of one.

That principle extends far beyond one video.

A person trapped inside a wrecked vehicle is not a prop. Someone suffering from addiction is not a punchline.

A person experiencing an apparent crisis is not free entertainment simply because the crisis occurred somewhere a camera could reach them.

An injured police officer, a grieving parent or someone having the worst day of his or her life does not surrender every claim to dignity because somebody reached for a cellphone.

There are circumstances when showing those moments serves an undeniable public interest. When it does, journalists should explain why.

When it does not, perhaps we should ask what we have become if another person's pain is valuable primarily because people will watch it.

And before anyone dismisses this as one news organization criticizing another, hold The Cullman Tribune to precisely the same standard.

We make mistakes. We have made them before and we will make them again. When we get something wrong, call us on it. When we cross a line, demand better. Accountability cannot be something journalists impose on everyone else while exempting themselves.

The people appearing in our stories are human beings before they are news.

The defendant in handcuffs. The person battling addiction. The officer injured beside the highway. The mother screaming at a wreck scene. The man stumbling through a motel parking lot.

Human beings first.

Their worst moments may sometimes become news. They should never become our entertainment.

Sometimes the most decent thing a person holding a camera can do is put it down.

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
AMBER PARKES WHITAKER MCGILL, * **CASE NO.: PC 2026-222**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to KYLEE M. MCGILL, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of AMBER PARKES WHITAKER MCGILL, deceased, on the 20th day of August, 2026, 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.

Kelee M. McGill
Personal Representatives

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

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JANICE MAZE, * **CASE NO.: PC2025-357**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to ANTHONY MAZE as Personal Representative of the Estate of JANICE MAZE deceased, on the 20th day of August, 2026, 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 will be barred.

Anthony Maze
Personal Representative

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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 *
DARLA BOWEN, * CASE NO. PC 2026 - 326
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Billy Joe Bowen as Personal Representative of the Estate of Darla Bowen, deceased, on the 20th day of August, 2026, all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Billy Joe Bowen
Personal Representative

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Attorney for Personal Representative

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
REGISTRATION AND VOTING AIDS

State of Alabama
Cullman County
Probate Office Elections

TO: ALL CULLMAN COUNTY VOTERS

Pursuant to 21-4-23 (b), of the Code of Alabama (1975), notice is hereby given of the following requirements for and the availability of this registration and voting aids.

(b) The appropriate election officials of each county shall issue public notice in each voting precinct of the requirement for and the availability of these registration and voting aids, which notice shall be notification for all handicapped and elderly individuals. This notice shall be issued as early as practicable, but in any case, not later than 60 days before any state election or the registration deadline for such election.

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN RE: The Estate of *
FRANCIS JAMES BOYSKO, * **CASE NO.: PC2026-315**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Ancillary Letters of Administration having been granted to ERIC BOYSKO as Personal Representative of the Estate of FRANCIS JAMES BOYSKO, deceased, on the 31st day of August, 2026, 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.

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

Please publish the above 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

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Andrea Thrasher, an unmarried woman, to Peggy W. Calvert, dated November 19, 2021, and recorded on November 24, 2021, in Mortgage Book 1991, Page 400, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama; the undersigned Peggy W. Calvert, as holder of said mortgage, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Cullman County Courthouse in Cullman, Alabama, on September 29, 2026, between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

> A parcel of land lying in the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 35, Township 10 South, Range 5 West, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of said forty; thence north along the section line 743 feet, more or less, to a point and Baker's northeast corner of his property; thence westerly along Baker's property line to east right of way line of county paved road and Baker's northwest corner; thence northerly along said road right of way 200 feet, more or less to a point and Lively's southwest corner; thence easterly along Lively's property line to quarter line and Lively's southeast corner; thence south along section line 200 feet, more or less, to point of beginning. Property known as Lot 9 in Logan Subdivision, an unrecorded subdivision in Cullman County, Alabama,

Said property is commonly known as 5619 County Road 818, Logan, Alabama 35098. The street address is given for informational purposes only; said property will be sold as described in said mortgage. Said property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, reservations, restrictions, rights of way, and exceptions reflected in said mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, and subject to all outstanding ad valorem taxes and assessments, and subject to the statutory rights of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Said property will be sold without warranty or recourse, express or implied, as to title, use, or enjoyment.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, together with the expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fee. The holder of said mortgage, or her designee, reserves the right to bid for and purchase said property at said sale, and reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder or to reschedule the sale should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the purchase price.

The following notice is given pursuant to Ala. Code § 6-5-248(h):

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.

PUBLICATION DATES: September 1, September 8 and September 15, 2026.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
THE ADOPTION PETITION OF * Case Number AD 2026-021
JAMES RUSSELL OSBORN, *
TO ADOPT J.A.A.S. *

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

TO: ANTHONY ARRON SNYDER biological father

Please take **notice** that a petition for adoption in the above styled matter has been filed in said Court by the Petitioner named above. As a notified party, you may appear in the adoption proceeding to contest or support the petition. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of service of this notice with the Clerk of the Cullman County Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama. If you fail to respond within thirty (30) days, the court may construe that failure as an implied consent to the adoption and waiver of a right to appear and of further notice of the adoption proceedings. If the adoption is approved, your parental rights and responsibilities, if any, will be considered terminated.

DONE this 7th day of August, 2026.

Petitioner:
James Russell Osborn

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune
Please publish the above notice four (4) successive weeks in said newspaper and send an affidavit of publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-229

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EUEL RAY METHVIN, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF EUEL RAY METHVIN

TO: JEFFREY CAWTHON, JONATHON CAWTHON and JASMINE CAWTHON

The Petition of Euel Ray Methvin, Jr. to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Euel Ray Methvin, deceased, has been set for hearing on the 17th day of November, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

TO: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

JESSICA M. FRIEDMAN,
Appellant,

v.

DOUGLAS A. COLLINS,
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,
Appellee.

Vet. App. No. 25-4976

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: the Estate of Nathaniel R. Thomas

The Estate of Nathaniel R. Thomas is hereby notified that on June 17, 2025, an appeal was filed with the U.S. Court of Appeals of Veterans Claims against the Secretary of Veterans Affairs appealing a February 24, 2025, Board of Veteran Appeals decision seeking payment of attorney fees based on past-due benefits awarded in an October 2020, Department of Veterans Affairs' Veteran Benefits Administration's disability compensation rating decision.

The Estate of Nathaniel R. Thomas or an appropriate person must file a motion to intervene in Case no. 25-4976 not later than 60 days after September 22, 2026. The notice must be filed with the Clerk of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims at esubmission@uscourts.cavc.gov and served on all parties.

For further information, please contact Appellant's counsel Sarah Garber, Esq. of the Law Office of Carpenter Chartered, via phone at 785-329-5642, email at sarah@carpenterchartered.com; or mail at

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East Cullman Baptist Church honors area first responders

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CULLMAN, Ala. — East Cullman Baptist Church honored local emergency personnel Sunday, Aug. 30, during its annual First Responder Appreciation Service and Luncheon.

Representatives from emergency-response agencies across Cullman County attended the event, including the Cullman Police Department, Cullman County Sheriff's Office, Cullman County District Attorney's Office, Cullman County Emergency Management Agency, Cullman City Communications, local fire departments and emergency medical services.

The annual event gives the church an opportunity to recognize the law enforcement officers, firefighters, dispatchers, emergency medical personnel and other public-safety professionals who serve the community.

The Cullman Police Department thanked Pastor Matt Smith and the East Cullman Baptist Church congregation for continuing the tradition and providing the meal.

"The Cullman Police Department is incredibly appreciative of Pastor Matt Smith and the entire East Cullman Baptist Church family for continuing this annual tradition and for their kindness, generosity and unwavering support of our community's first responders," the department said.

The CPD also thanked the church for taking time to recognize those who serve, saying the congregation's support "means more than you know."



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Representatives from law enforcement, fire departments, emergency medical services, emergency management, communications and the Cullman County District Attorney's Office gather Sunday, Aug. 30, at East Cullman Baptist Church following its annual First Responder Appreciation Service and Luncheon.

Obituary Announcements: Aug. 29-31

Robert Gerald Hardin, 88
Funeral service for Robert Gerald Hardin, 88, of Vinemont will be at 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Cullman Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1:30-4 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. It is with heavy hearts and profound gratitude for a life well-lived that we announce the passing of Robert Gerald Hardin, who peacefully departed this world in his sleep on Aug. 29, 2026, at the age of 88. Gerald was born on June 5, 1938, in Cullman, Alabama, to loving parents, O.B. and Eura Hardin. Gerald was a man of deep faith and unwavering dedication to his family and friends. An active member of Cornerstone Nazarene Church, he found joy and purpose in his community, living a life that reflected his values and beliefs. He spent a lot of his time at singings with The Inspirations in the smokies and even helped drive their bus around the United States. His warmth and kindness touched all who knew him, leaving a legacy of love and compassion. Throughout his life, Gerald was predeceased by many cherished family members, including his parents, O.B. and Eura Hardin; his beloved wives, Ima Jean Ray Hardin and Edna B. Hardin; brothers, O.N. Hardin and Harold Hardin; sister-in-law, Jessie Hardin; brother-in-law, Willie Joe Ray; great-grandson, Robert Walter Gable; son-in-law, Craig Hughes; stepson, Jerry McBrayer; and stepdaughters, Patricia Brown and Sylvia Tyson. Gerald leaves behind a devoted family who will forever carry his spirit in their hearts. He is survived by his daughters, Lavonda Hughes and Paula (Rick) Barnett; his grandchildren, Wesley (Candi) Still and LaShane Haynes; his great-grandchildren, Kaitlynn (Devin) Gable and Darius Taylor; and two great-great-grandchildren, Skylee and Stetson Nickelson. Sister in laws, Norma Wrenn and Margaret Hardin. his stepsons, Dale McBrayer and Mark McBrayer; his step-grandchildren, Eric Barnett, Jamie (John) Hobson, Laura Hughes, and Clay (Katie) Hughes; He is also fondly remembered by his loyal canine companion, Cocoa. The family extends their heartfelt thanks to Comfort Care Hospice and Cullman Funeral Home for their compassionate care and support during this difficult time. Robert Gerald Hardin's life was a testament to love and service, and he will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. As we say goodbye, we celebrate a life filled with love, laughter, and enduring faith. - LaShane Still Haynes

Connie Merring, 74
In loving memory of Connie Merring, 74, of Bremen, Alabama. Graveside services for Mrs. Merring were 11 a.m., Monday, Aug. 31, 2026, at Johnson's Grove Cemetery in Brushy Pond.

Jeannette Eudy Balint, 93
Jeannette Eudy Balint, of New Harmony, Alabama, formerly of Joppa, Alabama, passed away peacefully on Aug. 27, 2026, at the age of 93. Jeannette was born on Oct. 23, 1932, in Cullman County, Alabama, to the late Earl and Almeda Eudy. Jeannette was a strong, hardworking woman who spent her life caring for her family and those around her. She grew up farming and working at her father's nursery, North Cullman County Nursery, in Joppa, Alabama, for many years. She later worked at SCI in Huntsville, Alabama, and continued there when they opened a plant in Arab, Alabama. She worked there for nearly 19 years until the plant closed in 2001. To her family, Jeannette was the heart of the home. We never had much, but because of Mom, we never went without. No matter how hard times were, there was always a prepared meal on the table. She worked hard to make sure her family was fed, cared for, and loved. She gave what she had and somehow always managed to make sure everyone else had enough. After retiring, Jeannette enjoyed traveling across the country, making memories in Arkansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Arizona, and California. She later spent time sitting with the elderly and helping clean houses, always finding a way to stay busy and help others. Jeannette loved to cook and was always making food for everyone. She especially loved hosting the entire family for Thanksgiving and Christmas, filling the table with more food than anyone could possibly eat. Those meals were about much more than food—they were about family, laughter, and being together. She loved Alabama football and had a special appreciation for seeing a basketball go through the hoop with a satisfying "swish"—nothing but net. She loved working in her garden and flower beds and enjoyed feeding and watching the birds and hummingbirds. Jeannette also loved music and spent many happy evenings singing karaoke at the Legion in Guntersville, Alabama, surrounded by a host of friends who affectionately gave her the nickname "Sunshine." The name suited her well. She had a personality that could light up a room. She was funny, outspoken, and flat-out blunt. She always said exactly what was on her mind, and she had many expressions that her family will forever remember. Those sayings, her sense of humor, and the way she could make her grandchildren smile and laugh will continue to bring smiles and laughter for years to come. Jeannette is preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Almeda Eudy; her son, James "Jim" Earl Turner; and her brothers, Cecil J. "CJ" Eudy and Herbert Eudy. Those left to cherish the many memories made with Jeannette include her sons, John and Wendy Turner and Joey and Kamuelia Balint; grandchildren Jonathon and Michele Turner, Dakota and Halee Holloway, Alexander Balint, and Aiden Balint; great grandchildren Kye Turner, Braxton, Naomi, and Wyatt Boone Holloway. Jeannette touched the lives of countless people throughout her 93 years. Everyone who knew her knew her strength, her hard work, her generosity, her humor, and her love for her family. She was one of a kind, and there will never be another quite like her. Her family will miss her more than words can express, but they will carry her with them—in the recipes she made, the gardens she tended, the songs she sang, the sayings she repeated, the laughter she created, and in every family gathering where there will always be a place at the table that belongs to her. She was our Mom, our grandmother, our Sunshine, and a part of our family that can never be replaced. She will be deeply missed and forever loved. Ms. Balint's obituary was written with love by her family. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Balint family.

Bonnie Jean Smith, 92
Heaven rejoiced on Saturday morning, Aug. 29, 2026, as Bonnie Jean Bailey Smith, 92, of Cullman, Alabama, was welcomed home. Ms. Smith was born in Cullman County, Alabama, on Aug. 9, 1934, to the late Herman Eugene and Cecil Alice Butler Bailey. Bonnie is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Clinton Henry Smith; brothers, Herman Eugene Bailey, Jr., Rayburn Bailey; and sisters, Louise Applegarth, and Carlene Estes. Those left to cherish the many memories made with Bonnie include her children, Edwin "Keith" Smith (Belinda), Glenda "Renah" Smith, Debra Kay Smith Montgomery (Rickey), Vickie Ann Smith; grandchildren, Damon Barnett (Amanda), Elijah Montgomery, Zachary Smith, Zane Smith (Kasey), Whitney Hall; great-grandchildren, Jayden Smith (Karly), Camden Hall, Caden Barnett (Chloe), Emily Barnett, Lily Smith; great-great-grandchild, Sa'von Smith; sister-in-law, Faye Bailey; a host of nieces and nephews; and many dear friends. Ms. Smith was a member of the Holly Pond High School Graduating Class of 1953. Following graduation, Bonnie became a diligent worker who rarely allowed herself any free time. She worked at the cigar plant and cleaned houses for people, but most people knew her from her thirty-five years of employment at Shaw's Catfish Restaurant in Holly Pond. Bonnie served in any position needed at the restaurant, but her official titles included cashier and manager. Bonnie's kindness made her a favorite among the locals, and everyone looked forward to seeing her smiling face and hearing her welcoming voice as they entered the restaurant. Bonnie's love for people was evident in the way she treated others. She was known for feeding anyone and everyone, making sure those she loved were fed and cared for. She welcomed family, friends, and neighbors into her home, and they never left without a full stomach. Bonnie shared what she had without concern for herself, and she did so with a smile. Her home was full of laughter and warmth, and people were drawn to her and her gentle spirit. Ms. Bonnie had the same talent in caring for plants as she did for caring for people. Her loving hands could bring what was thought to be dead back to life. Flowers and green things flourished in her care and her home was a beautiful garden of living things. As much as Bonnie loved her friends and neighbors, nothing compared to the joy she found in her family. Bonnie adored her children and she cherished her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and her great-great-grandchild. She loved having her family near her and was always happy to spend time with them. She was proud of her family and loved them very much. Bonnie was a wonderful mother and grandmother who never complained but showered her family with love and support. While Ms. Bonnie never let many people see her without her makeup and hair done, she did have hard days. Most never knew she struggled with her health for quite some time. She never complained though, and her sweet spirit never changed. Bonnie leaves behind a legacy of hard work, kindness, laughter, and love and we are all better people for having known her. Although the Smith family have hearts heavy with grief, they are grateful for the many memories they have of Bonnie, and the love she gave them will remain in their hearts and memories for generations to come. Friends are invited to join the Smith family on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2026, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, for a time of visitation beginning at 11 a.m. Funeral services will follow visitation, beginning at 1 p.m. Ms. Bonnie will be laid to rest in Brooklyn Cemetery following services where her family will serve as her pallbearers. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Smith family.

Gary Chandler, 84
Gary Chandler, age 84, of Vinemont, Alabama, passed away Friday, Aug. 28, 2026, at his home. Gary was born Jan. 15, 1942, to Floyd and Lillie Gertrude (Hancock) Chandler of Cullman. He attended the Cullman school system from grade school through Cullman High School. Gary entered the United States Marine Corps in 1961. After being honorably discharged from the Marine Corps in 1965, he enrolled at Wallace State Community College, where he received an Associate of Arts Degree in Mechanical Drafting. He was employed as a designer at Lanson Industries for several years and later worked at Amtec Corporation in Huntsville, Alabama, until his retirement in 2005. Gary was a dedicated Christian who always stood firm in his beliefs and values. As a member of Friendship Baptist Church, he faithfully served as a deacon, worked with the Children's Ministry, and taught an adult Sunday School Class for several years. He enjoyed hunting and was an avid Alabama fan. One of his greatest joys in life was being with his three grandsons. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Lois Carolyn (Hutson) Chandler; an infant daughter, Tammy Renae Chandler; three brothers, Jimmy Ray Chandler, Billy Gene Chandler, and Darrel Wayne Chandler; and a sister, Carolyn Francis Carden. Mr. Chandler is survived by his wife of fifty years, Marie (Bynum) Chandler; a daughter, Laura Marie (Chandler) Burgess; son-in-law Keadrick Burgess; three grandsons, Kaden Allen Burgess, Noah Ray Burgess, and Rivers Grayson Burgess; and a sister, Hilda Thompson. The visitation for Mr. Chandler will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2026, from 1-2 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home, followed by a celebration of Gary's life. A Military Graveside Service will follow at Flint Creek Cemetery, 3048 County Road 1354, Vinemont, AL 35179, on Sept. 1, 2026. To leave condolences for the family, please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home is directing.

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Get to know Michael Sullins

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Michael Sullins is a Cullman native who has a passion for history. His admiration for the community is deeply rooted by the arrival of his great-great-grandfather Nicholas Andreas Reuhl, who came to Cullman in the late 1800s.

Sullins attended Cullman City Schools before transferring to Fairview in middle school. He graduated from Fairview High School in 1989.

He went on to attend the University of Alabama at Birmingham for industrial distribution engineering, graduating in 1994. Then, in 2018, he completed his Management Internship Program (MIP) in Risk Control and Safety Management at the University of Wisconsin and proceeded to complete his Master's in Business Administration and Advanced Safety Engineering in 2019.

He began working at the Cullman Electric Cooperative in 2011 and credited his work there as the motivation for his schooling in 2018 and 2019. Though he also mentioned his love of learning and reading contributed toward his continuous education.

"I've been a lifelong learner," Sullins remarked. "It was an opportunity to expand my knowledge. I like to read a lot and anything science, history or involving electricity and business – I love to learn and expand my knowledge."

He said the MIP was a great opportunity to learn how things work in the electric cooperative world.

Sullins has participated in several board, committees and commissions over the years:

- City of Cullman CATS 55 Board (PEG Station) chairman from 2001-2022
- Cullman County Historical Society president from 2007-2008
- Cullman Oktoberfest and Strawberry Festival Committee treasurer from 2008-2017
- City of Cullman Tree Commission chairman from 2019-2022

He is currently the chairman of the City of Cullman Planning Commission and he is on the city's Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

Sullins stated that since he has a love for history, one of his favorite things to do is read nonfiction – preferably about history or science. His favorite authors are H.W. Brands, Jon Mecham and Lindsey Chervinsky.

When he isn't reading, he enjoys traveling and spending time with family and friends.

"We still have dinner with my family every Sunday," he said.

While Sullins attended Fairview Middle School he was assigned by his teacher, Bob Moody, to report on an influential historical figure. Sullins noted that the entire seventh grade class was recorded on VHS.

"I decided to do it for Colonel Cullmann. My teacher stated that throughout all the years that no one had chosen something local like that," Sullins recounted. "I did that because I remember my grandmother telling me stories as a kid about her grandfather who came here with Colonel Cullmann. And how that changed his life, changed his direction and changed our family's direction. So I have been very passionate about history."

His love for the past and his history in Cullman grew his love for the community. Sullins joined the Cullman County Historical Society in the early 2000s. He went on to be the Cullman County Historical Society president from 2007-2008. He continues to lead Cullman's April Walking Tours and conducted Cullman's first walking tour.

"We've done that for over 20 years," he said. "We've done a little bit of everything – church tours, walking tours and bus tours."

Sullins said his involvement in the Historical Society led to his participation in Cullman Oktoberfest prior to its being managed by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism. In 2011, he was chosen as the festival's Burgermeister. He was the first Burgermeister to tap a keg of beer following Cullman approving alcohol sales.

"All of that said, the history of Cullman has been a very important part of who I am. It is something that has been instilled in me with my grandparents and me asking questions in order to learn about our family," Sullins reminisced.

His great-great-grandfather Nicholas Andreas Ruehl came to Cullman in 1873. Ruehl settled on 40 acres in east Cullman and built log cabins for himself and his cousin, Henry Graf. This land is now referred to as East Point.

Sullins noted a fun fact about the building of their houses. When Ruehl and Graf bought the land, they dug a well and built Ruehl's cabin on the wrong side of the property line. This led to them purchasing the adjacent property, and that became Graf's home.

Following this, the cousin built an additional log cabin and a German-style "bank barn" which are now on display at Peinhardt Living History Farm.



CULLMAN OKTOBERFEST

Michael Sullins served as the 2011 Cullman Oktoberfest Burgermeister.

The historic Weiss Cottage displayed in downtown Cullman was actually given to the City of Cullman by the Ruehl family.

Ruehl was the founder of Cullman's St. John's Church.

Sullins gave credit to his parents, step-father and grandparents for telling him stories of his family's history and influencing his love for and devotion to Cullman.

"Because of them, I have had a strong desire to be respectful of the past and honor it in a small way. Every board I've been on – we don't make a single penny on that. It is out of the goodness of our hearts," Sullins explained. "It's an opportunity to give back. I feel that my heart is in the right place because this is where my family started and this is who I am today. I feel as though I am standing on the shoulders of giants who build this community. I want to make sure it's here for those who come after me."

Now's your chance to try speed skating

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Shae Gentry, who owns Sportsworld Skate Center in Vinemont with his wife, Valerie, is introducing the community to a fast paced, highly disciplined sport: speed skating. The Cullman Rush team is forming now at the rink.

Speed skating is a demanding sport that builds strength and endurance, but it's also a good time, according to enthusiasts. As a former semi-professional speed skater himself, Gentry is hoping to spark a new passion for the sport in the area.

Gentry's motivation for starting this team is rooted in his own time on the rink, he said. "When you get out there and you start practicing and you get on that floor and you start going and skating, it helps you to just let everything go." That feeling is something he hopes to share with others.

His goal is to create a space where people can be active, unwind and build real connections, especially for kids who spend so much of their lives on social media. He wants to give the younger generation another outlet — an exercise routine and a sport they can enjoy outside of school. That vision is also what led him to purchase the skating rink in the first place. As he put it, "It was really my place to go and just let go of everything; the outside world didn't matter."

The team is already taking shape, with six members so far. Any age skater can join the team since there are different divisions. "Right now we have as young as 6 and as old as mid-20s,"Gentry explained.

The team is completely free. Gentry said they just want to get people active and involved at the moment. He said there may be some fundraising in the future. "It's really no different than kids trying to raise money for their high school to play football or baseball." He mentioned car washes and lawn mowing as a couple of examples. He said back when he was in speed skating they would do whatever they could to try to offset travel costs.

All participants need right now are their own skates and comfortable clothes (comfortable workout clothes, T-shirts, etc.). Quads or inline skates are welcome, but they must be indoor skates. Indoor skates are meant for flat, polished floors. They use harder wheels so they roll faster and last longer.

Unsure? Check out a practice session. The group meets Saturday mornings at 9:30 at Sportsworld Skate Center, 90 County Road 1223, Cullman, AL 35058.



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Contact Shae Gentry at 256-739-4050 or info@sportsworldskate.com for more information about the Cullman Rush team. Find out more about Sportsworld Skate Center at www.facebook.com/CullmanSkating.

Trail (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Area Literacy Council is inviting local businesses, nonprofit organizations, clubs, churches, schools and individuals to showcase their creativity during Cullman's inaugural Scarecrow Trail at Heritage Park.

The family-friendly trail will be open to the public throughout October, beginning Oct. 1 and continuing through Oct. 31. Admission to view the displays will be free.

Registered participants will create scarecrow exhibits representing themselves or their organizations.

Organizers said the displays will offer participants a seasonal way to promote their work and increase their visibility within the community.

Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism is sponsoring the event. Proceeds from exhibit registrations will benefit the Cullman Area Literacy Council, also known as CALiCo.

The exhibit registration fee is $25. Registration is now open to businesses, nonprofits, organizations, clubs, churches, schools and individual participants. The event flyer states that late registration will close Sept. 30.

CALiCo is Cullman's local affiliate of the Alabama Literacy Association and International Literacy Association. The organization supports literacy, student leadership, learning and youth-related community service projects in the Cullman area.

Get more information about CALiCo at Facebook/Cullman Area Literacy Council.

Participants may register by scanning the QR code on the event flyer or visiting www.eventbrite.com/e/scarecrow-trail-for-cullman-area-literacy-council-tickets-1999188175650.

Additional exhibit information and updates will be posted on the Cullman Area Literacy Council's Facebook page.