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The Link to celebrate Family Resource Center accreditation Sept. 25

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Link of Cullman County will celebrate its accreditation and membership in the Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers on Sept. 25, at 10 a.m. at 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman.

Executive Director Melissa Betts said having the Family Resource Center is a first for The Link.

"We have been serving Cullman County since 2013, but over the past year we have been intentionally working toward becoming an accredited Family Resource Center and joining the Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers," Betts said. "The Family Resource Center movement in Alabama has a much longer history. Marsha Folsom helped establish Alabama's first Family Resource Center in the 1990s while her husband, Jim » PAGE 5



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Saying yes to hope – Cullman Savings Bank invests in Hope Horses covered arena



HOPE HORSES, INC.

Cullman Savings Bank partnered with Hope Horses through its sponsorship of the nonprofit's planned covered arena expansion. (From left to right: Ashleigh Curl, Allison Curl, John Riley – president of Cullman Savings Bank, Kelsey Scott, T'aira Ugarkovich, Mariah Miles and Lauren Koller. On the horse: Cailynne Huddleston)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Sometimes, dreams don't have to feel so far away, and Hope Horses is one step closer to their dream of expanding its facilities thanks to a new arena sponsorship from Cullman Savings Bank in support of the nonprofit's Grow Hope Capital Campaign.

"This partnership represents so much more than an investment in our facility. It's an investment in the children and adults who depend on Hope Horses and the therapeutic benefits of equine-assisted services," said Kelsey Scott, executive director of Hope Horses. "With the support of Cullman Savings Bank, we'll be able to make significant improvements to our riding arena, including expanding it from a partially covered arena to a fully covered riding space. Their support will also help us make improvements and maintain the arena so it remains a safe, dependable and welcoming place for our participants, families, volunteers, staff and, of course, our horses."

The improvements are particularly important for Hope Horses, which provides therapeutic equine services year-round. A fully covered arena will provide greater protection from Alabama's heat, rain and other weather conditions that can interfere with lessons and programming.

With participants at the forefront of the project, the arena will be much more than a place to ride. Hope Horses uses equine-assisted services to help children and adults work toward individual goals, including building » PAGE 5

Walmart's Cullman Distribution Center modernization continues with $29.5M permit



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The permit is the latest substantial construction activity associated with the distribution center during Walmart's ongoing $350 million modernization of the Cullman operation. » PAGE 5

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Tickets on sale now for United Way's Designer Bag Bingo, coming Nov. 12



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 21

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 21, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Sept. 17
- possession of controlled substances; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1544
- harassment; Lions Park Rd.
- trafficking drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 157
- theft of property; CR 601
- harassing communications; CR 573
- possession of controlled substances; possession of drug paraphernalia; Mitchell Rd.

Sept. 18
- theft of property; Main St. NE Hanceville
- violation of protection order; CR 19
- theft of property; CR 109
- theft of property; Main St. NW Hanceville
- theft of property; CR 244
- domestic violence; Hwy. 91
- possession of controlled substances; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 490

Sept. 19
- possession of controlled substances; CR 1807
- possession of controlled substances; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 730
- possession of drug paraphernalia; I65NB MM 318

Sept. 20
- harassment; Hwy. 91
- harassing communications; CR 466
- domestic violence; I65NB EX 291
- burglary; Hwy. 69N
- kidnapping; interference with custody; US. 31

ARRESTS

Sept. 17-20

Black, Calvin J.; 19
- DUI (alcohol)
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Burditus, Joshua E.; 41
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA – burglary-residence-force
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs

Clements, Charlie E.; 54
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Colburn, Dakota C.; 31
- FTA – failure to register vehicle
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA – operating vehicle with expired tag

Dill, Kelly; 47
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Doyle, Roger L.; 40
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Dunn, Cristie A.; 58
- obstruction-governmental operations

Gilbert, Richard L.; 51
- DUI (controlled substances)

Hall, Justin T.; 37
- kidnapping-to interfere with government-minor
- kidnapping-interference with custody

Hamilton, Roy Z.; 26
- DUI (alcohol)

Haynes, David A.; 55
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer
- FTA – resisting arrest

Hays, Cody N.; 37
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Howard, Amber A.; 33
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Johnson, Jeffrey D.; 52
- buying/receiving stolen property, $1500 or more

Jones, Christopher B.; 30
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft-miscellaneous
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft of lost property-3rd degree
- PROBATION VIOLATION – illegal possession/use of a credit/debit card (2 counts)

Jones, Jeffery D.; 56
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Kizzire, Joshua R.; 44
- FTA – possession stolen property, less than $500

Lovett, Steven A.; 38
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia

McKinnon, Roger K.; 28
- PROBATION VIOLATION – tampering with physical evidence
- burglary-residence-force

Millar, Ronnie R.; 44
- kidnapping-to interfere with government-minor
- kidnapping-interference with custody

Miller, Wayne C.; 35
- possession of methamphetamine

Nelson, Andrea M.; 34
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of methamphetamine

Quick, Alexander D.; 32
- GJ – theft-shoplifting
- FTA – theft-shoplifting
- FTA – assault-simple assault
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Schofield, Alexis C.; 23
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – assault-child abuse-simple-family
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – promote prison contraband (drugs)

Thomas, Melissa G.; 35
- public intoxication

Weeks, Christopher J.; 48
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – theft-firearms

Wimbs, Avery N.; 28
- FTA – driving while license suspended

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 14
- theft of property-1st degree; fraudulent use of credit/debit card; Provision 2, LLC; cash, miscellaneous charges

Sept. 15
- criminal mischief-2nd degree; person/Southern Siding; damaged tires; $660; 2nd St. SW

Sept. 16
- theft of property-4th degree; Wild Thang; miscellaneous; $30; 2nd Ave. SW
- theft of property-1st degree; person; '02 Chev. Silverado; $3,500; Fuller St. SW

Sept. 17
- menacing; person

Sept. 18
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; damaged to '24 Chev. Equinox; $100; 2nd Ave. SW
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; purse & contents; Cherokee Ave. SW

Sept. 19
- theft of property-2nd degree; person; tablet; $1,500
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person

ARRESTS

Sept. 15-19

Bevington, Brian A.; 59
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – carrying brass knuckles
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Davis, Geraud C.; 23
- attempted theft of property-1st degree
- possessing forged instrument-3rd degree

Glispie, Howard B.; 41
- FTA – run stop sign

Boone, Timothy A.; 31
- FTA – driving without license
- FTA – expired tag

Edwards, Alexis B.; 34
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – driving while suspended

Fossett, Asa H.; 20
- attempt to elude

Radilla, Sarah C.; 43
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Fuller, Christopher M.; 50
- DUI

Copeland, Zachary G.; 34
- DUI

Czompoly, Johnathan L.; 36
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- tampering with physical evidence

Figgs, Michael A.; 34
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Lee, David J.; 24
- disorderly conduct

Martz, Koltin C.; 25
- possession of controlled substances
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Brown, Dakota C.; 36
- theft of property-4th degree

Koloski, Juliaunna R.; 28
- chemical endangerment of child

Suttles, Kendrick O.; 27
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Coots, Anthony H.; 32
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – driving while suspended
- FTA – fail to register vehicle

Wimbs, Avery N.; 28
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – driving without license

Jones, Christopher B.; 30
- FTA – receiving stolen property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Contest (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Master Gardeners fifth annual Youth Art Contest is happening now, with submissions due by Friday, Oct. 2, at 4 p.m.

Cullman County Extension Director Kira Sims, who also advises the Cullman County Master Gardeners, said participation in the art contest has increased each year. She said the Master Gardeners host more events each year, but this is the primary youth activity.

"They also host two plant sales in the spring and one in the fall (except this year) as a fundraiser," Sims said. "They assist with garden-related activities with the Extension including helping with crop registration at the county fair."

In fact, she said, crop registration is how the art contest began.

"The Master Gardeners' involvement with the county fair sparked the idea to get more kids participating in fair activities (besides the rides)," Sims explained. "Not everyone has a garden, but many kids love to draw. The art contest has a different garden theme each year, and this year it is house plants and mushrooms. There are a few rules to follow, but there is an opportunity for cash prizes for the first-, second- and third-place winners of each grade! It is also a great opportunity for youth to learn about new plants — and fungi this year —because they have to write a few facts about what they draw."

The art contest is open to youth in grades 1-6.

"They need to select a house plant or mushroom to draw and research a few facts about," Sims said. "The Master Gardeners have provided a drawing sheet to use, along with all the instructions on our page. Some teachers are getting their students involved in the classroom, but any age-eligible youth can participate and work on the project at home."

The drawings are due at the Extension Office by Friday, Oct. 2, at 4 p.m. (or can be turned in before).

"Many of the drawings, including the winners, will be displayed at the Cullman County Fair (Oct. 15-24)," she said, "and we encourage youth that participated to go find their drawing."

Drawings can be picked up from the Cullman County Extension Office after the fair.

"This is a wonderful event for kids to participate in the fair and learn about plants without having a garden," said Sims. "It is also an event many kids in the same family can participate in since the age range is so wide. We hope to see a lot of entries this year."

For questions or to obtain drawing pages or instructions, call the Extension Office at

256-737-9386 or email Kira Sims at kira.sims@auburn.edu.

See the contest rules at www.aces.edu/go/artcontest.

PAYMENT TRANSITION

Important Notice to Cullman County Water & Sanitation Customers

September 25 is the final day Cullman Electric Cooperative (CEC) will accept payments for Cullman County Water & Sanitation accounts. No water or sanitation payments can be accepted between **September 26th through October 4, 2026. Payment processing will resume October 5, 2026 with Cullman County Water Department.**

Grace Period
A grace period will be in effect during the transition period. **Customers will not be penalized for payment delayed due to the temporary system conversion.**

Payments made after September 25th, 2026
Any payment made to Cullman Electric Cooperative after September 25, 2026, will be applied ONLY to electric service accounts. They will not be credited to water or sanitation accounts.

Beginning September 26, 2026:
- All new water service applications/New meter taps
- Move-in and move-out request
- Disconnects
- All other water inquires

Must be handled directly through the Cullman County Water Department.

Automatic Bank & Credit Card Draft (AUTOPAY)
- Any draft established through Cullman Electric Cooperative **WILL NOT TRANSFER** to the new billing system.
- There will be some customers where draft will not come out due to the transition.
- After September drafts are completed, **NO MORE DRAFTS** will be processed until you set up draft directly with Cullman County Water Department.

Customers will need to enroll directly with Cullman County Water Department. To enroll you can go to ccwaterandsanitation.payub.com or come into the office (All this can be done once we go live October 5, 2026)

Sanitation Information
All sanitation information, including service questions, account updates, and other inquiries, should be directed to Cullman County Sanitation.

Cullman County Sanitation: 256-287-1142

Payments
Payments for both water and sanitation services will need to be made at or to the Cullman County Water Department.

Website: ccwaterandsanitation.payub.com
Payment Phone Number (IVR): 888-299-1527
In Office: 2020 Beech Ave SE Cullman, AL 35055 (In person, drop box, and mail)

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to improve our customer service and billing process.

Walk (from Front)

Gauge Day
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CULLMAN, Ala. — North Central Neurology Associates, in partnership with the Joanne P. LaGanke MS Center and MS Views and News, will host the 2026 Move Over MS Walk on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 8 a.m.-noon, on the Olive Street side of Heritage Park in Cullman. The free event will raise awareness and support for individuals and families affected by multiple sclerosis.

"This walk is more than just an event, it is an opportunity for our community to come together in support of friends, family members, neighbors and patients whose lives have been impacted by multiple sclerosis," said Debbie Simonsen, office manager for North Central Neurology Associates. "We are proud to partner with MS Views and News to raise awareness, provide resources and offer hope to those living with MS."

In addition to the walk, the event will feature live entertainment from The Overtones and free food, including biscuits, fruit, coffee and doughnuts. Representatives from pharmaceutical companies will also be on site with giveaways and information.

Families are encouraged to attend, with a Halloween costume contest planned for children and prizes awarded to winners. Candy will also be available for all throughout the event.

A raffle will be held to help support the event, with tickets available for $5 each or five for $20. Tickets can be purchased in advance at North Central Neurology Associates or on the day of the walk. T-shirts and hats are also being sold.

Organizers are continuing to seek raffle prize donations, as well as donations of mums and pumpkins to decorate for the event. Anyone interested in volunteering or donating items can contact Simonsen at dsimonsen@prn-inc.net.

"Cullman has always been a community that comes together when people need support, and we hope this event will be another example of that spirit," Simonsen said. "Every share, post and mention helps us spread awareness and encourages others to join us in making a difference."

Registration for the walk is free and can be completed by scanning the QR code on the event flyer or visiting www.msviewsandnews.org/event/2026mswalk-cullman. Those who would like to make a monetary contribution to the 2026 Move Over MS Walk can donate through https://msviewsandnews.org/donate or by using the donation QR code on the flyer.

For more information about the 2026 Annual MS Walk, contact Simonsen at 256-739-1210 or dsimonsen@prn-inc.net, or Mary Beth Sellers at 256-297-1162 or msellers@prn-inc.net.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to wendy@cullmantribune.com

Grace Episcopal Church Cheeseball Sales are Underway! Place Your Holiday Order by Oct. 5.
The Grace Episcopal Church Women are currently selling their popular cheeseballs for the holidays! This year we are offering nine cheeseball flavors. Orders must be placed by Monday, Oct. 5, 2026. You may place your order by going to www.gracechurch.org where you can order online or print out an order form to mail in. You can also call the church office 256-734-6212 on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to place your order. Cheeseballs will be ready for pickup on Thursday, Nov. 19, at Grace Episcopal Church. All proceeds from our cheeseball project go to outreach including Committee on Church Cooperation (CCC), the Good Samaritan Health Clinic, The Pilot Light Home, The Willow Path (formerly Victim Services), Hope Horses, Cullman Caring for Kid and Wallace State Campus Ministries.

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
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• 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. 23 – 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. 25 – 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.
• Sunday, Sept. 27 – 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.

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. 23, 10 a.m. Storytime with Susan Melton "Ten Red Apples" by Pat Hutchins
• Wednesday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m. Children's book club and storytime with Briana Taylor and Angelyn Riggs, children's book club
• October-November, regular Wednesday 10 a.m. storytime continues. Please visit the Facebook page for weekly detailed information.
• Adult book club meets monthly- Saturday, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, at 10 a.m.
• Saturday, Nov. 7, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Mud Creek Festival BOOK SALE
• Library will be closed on Nov. 11 in honor of Veterans Day
• 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.

Cullman County Fair Parade
Saturday, Sept. 26, at 2 p.m. U.S. Highway 31, from Seventh Street Southwest to Arnold Street Northwest.

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

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PREP FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Addison, Cold Springs stay unbeaten as 5 local teams earn region wins

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Addison and Cold Springs kept their perfect seasons intact Friday night, while Good Hope remained unbeaten in region play and Fairview and Vinemont turned in dominant road and county victories. Five of the 10 Cullman-area varsity programs in action earned wins during the Sept. 18 slate.

Addison 56, Meek 6
By Todd Walker

ADDISON, Ala. — Addison honored the 1976 team that finished 14-0 and won the Class 1A state championship, then delivered a first half worthy of the celebration. The Bulldogs scored on seven straight possessions, built a 49-0 halftime lead and defeated county rival Meek 56-6.

Judah Wilkins ripped off a 23-yard run on Addison's opening possession before Zane Smith scored from 11 yards out with 7:21 left in the first quarter.

Smith added a 19-yard touchdown and Wilkins found Connor Lane for the 2-point conversion to make it 14-0.

Major Snoddy's sack helped force another Meek punt, and Elijah Roberts hit Lane for a 48-yard touchdown on the next play. Lane's extra point gave Addison a 21-0 lead with 3:24 remaining in the first.

Scout Flynn forced a fumble late in the quarter and Joey Wilson recovered at the Meek 23.

Roberts capitalized with a 27-yard touchdown pass to Michael Lee early in the second. Smith's third rushing touchdown, a 17-yarder, made it 35-0, and Snoddy intercepted Evan McCay to set up another short field.

Roberts followed with a 20-yard touchdown pass to Tanner Gaither, then broke a 30-yard touchdown run before halftime.

With a running clock in the second half, freshman quarterback Zeke Wiggins capped Addison's final scoring drive with a 13-yard run.

Meek answered when McCay returned the ensuing kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown.

Roberts completed 6 of 7 passes for 123 yards and three touchdowns and ran for another score. Wiggins went 5 of 6 for 53 yards.

Smith carried four times for 74 yards and three touchdowns, while Addison finished with 330 yards on 32 offensive plays.

Lane caught two passes for 50 yards and a score. Lee, Gaither and Lane each had a touchdown reception.

Addison held Meek to 58 total yards. Flynn, Lee, Wilson, Wilkins and Snoddy each recorded four tackles.

Lee, Snoddy and Dahl Miller registered sacks, Snoddy intercepted a pass and Wilson recovered the fumble Flynn forced. Ethan Miles led Meek's offense with 57 rushing yards.

The Bulldogs improved to 5-0 overall and 3-0 in Class 1A, Region 7. Addison hosts Oakman on Sept. 25, while Meek enters an open week at 2-3 overall and 1-2 in region play.

Cold Springs 36, Cleveland 21
By Sammy Confer

CLEVELAND, Ala. — Cold Springs erased two early deficits, produced two rushing touchdowns from Cooper Johnson and improved to 4-0 with a 36-21 region victory at Cleveland.

Cleveland opened the scoring with a 41-yard touchdown pass on its third offensive play.

Cold Springs answered with a methodical drive that included Ethan Day's 18-yard completion to Eli Voce and an 18-yard fourth-down run by Day.

Johnson finished the march with a 1-yard touchdown and added the 2-point conversion for an 8-7 lead.

A 44-yard Cleveland touchdown run put the Panthers back in front 14-8 late in the first quarter.

With Day briefly sidelined, Brandon Chasteen completed a 35-yard pass to Voce and scored on a 2-yard keeper, giving the Eagles a 15-14 edge.

Zaxton Tubbs recovered the ensuing kickoff, but Cleveland later intercepted Day to stop the threat.

Cold Springs' defense supplied the biggest swing of the night when Brooks Black returned a fumble 90 yards for a touchdown.

The 2-point conversion pushed the margin to 23-14 before halftime.

Cason Alexander opened the third quarter with runs of 28 and 29 yards and finished the drive on a 1-yard touchdown.

Antonio Andrews recovered the ensuing kickoff, and Cold Springs cashed in again. Day found Voce for 7 yards, Blake Phillips added a 22-yard run and Johnson scored from 3 yards out to build a 36-14 lead.

Cleveland trimmed the deficit with a 5-yard touchdown pass after a 40-yard completion, but the Eagles closed the game defensively.

Tucker Freeman recorded a sack, Elijah Moore recovered a fumble and Day's second interception ended the Panthers' final threat.

Alexander led Cold Springs with 102 rushing yards and a touchdown. Johnson added 71 yards and two scores, and Day ran for 62 yards.

Chasteen scored once on the ground, while Black and Moore each recovered a fumble.

Cold Springs travels to Holly Pond for a nonregion game Sept. 25.

Fairview 41, Sardis 2
By Noah Galilee

SARDIS CITY, Ala. — Fairview converted four short fields into points, got three touchdown passes from Conner Scott and held Sardis without an offensive score in a 41-2 region victory.

The Aggies stopped Sardis on fourth down inside the 1-yard line and then recovered a fumble inside the Lions' 10.

Eli Gaines turned the takeaway into a short touchdown run, and Walker Gentry's extra point gave Fairview a 7-0 lead with 4:30 left in the first quarter.

Fairview took over again at its 45 after a turnover on downs.

Scott broke a long keeper to the Sardis 22, Easton Fitch moved the ball to the 17 and Scott found Weston Tankersley on a corner route for a touchdown early in the second quarter.

The extra point was blocked, leaving the Aggies ahead 13-0.

A high Sardis punt snap handed Fairview another short field.

Scott converted fourth down with a touchdown pass to Ayden Batz, and Gentry's kick stretched the lead to 20-0 with 7:06 left in the half.

John Short later finished another drive with a touchdown run, sending the Aggies to the locker room up 27-0.

Xavier Pippin opened the second half with a long kickoff return, but Scott intercepted a third-down pass and returned it into the red zone.

He then hit Rowan Ibrahim in the flat for a touchdown, and Gentry's extra point made it 34-0 with 9:37 remaining in the third.

Sardis recorded its only points when Short fielded a low punt snap in the end zone and was tackled for a safety.

Batz intercepted Pippin in the fourth quarter, and reserve quarterback Omar Cruz eventually found Hagen Reese for a fourth-down touchdown. Gentry converted five of Fairview's six extra-point attempts.

Six Aggies scored touchdowns: Gaines, Tankersley, Batz, Short, Ibrahim and Reese. Fairview improved to 3-2 and enters an open week before returning to action in October.

Good Hope 46, Crossville 0
By Noah Galilee

CROSSVILLE, Ala. — Good Hope overwhelmed Crossville early, scored 26 points in the first quarter and posted its first shutout of the season in a 46-0 region victory.

The Raiders added 13 points in the second period to carry a 39-0 advantage into halftime.

Good Hope tacked on its final touchdown in the third quarter and kept Crossville off the scoreboard the rest of the way.

Good Hope improved to 3-1 overall and 3-0 in Class 4A, Region 8. The Raiders have outscored Brewer, Guntersville and Crossville 128-44 during their three-game region winning streak.

Good Hope travels to West Point on Sept. 25 for a county matchup.

Vinemont 54, Holly Pond 14
By Ryan Guthery

HOLLY POND, Ala. — Vinemont erupted for 46 first-half points, forced three turnovers and pulled away from Holly Pond 54-14 in a Class 3A, Region 6 county matchup.

Josh Rhodes connected with Jaxon Marotz to set up first-and-goal on Vinemont's opening possession, then scored on a 2-yard keeper for an 8-0 lead with 9:30 left in the first quarter.

Kaleb Speegle returned an interception 25 yards for a touchdown less than two minutes later, and Rhodes added an 87-yard touchdown pass to Lukas Ming midway through the period.

John Hamby put Holly Pond on the scoreboard on the first play of the second quarter.

Vinemont answered when Karson Arbet scored on a 9-yard run.

A mishandled Holly Pond punt snap later gave the Eagles a short field, and Rhodes hit Marotz for a 12-yard touchdown with 48 seconds remaining in the half.

Speegle intercepted another pass on Holly Pond's next possession. Rhodes then connected with Preston Hanners for a 20-yard touchdown as time expired, giving Vinemont a 46-6 halftime lead.

Hamby added a 30-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter. Brennan Marlow closed the scoring for Vinemont with a 16-yard touchdown run midway through the fourth.

Deacon Foell also recovered a fumble for the Eagles.

Vinemont improved to 3-2 overall and 2-1 in Region 6. Holly Pond moved to 2-2 overall and 1-2 in the region.

Vinemont hosts Glencoe on Sept. 25, while Holly Pond hosts unbeaten Cold Springs in a nonregion game.



BRANDON EVANS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
The Addison Bulldogs dominated the Meek Tigers Friday, Sept. 18, 2026, 56-6.

Huffman 28, Cullman 14
By Gary McGriff

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Cullman surrendered two first-quarter touchdowns after turnovers and could not complete a second-half comeback in a 28-14 region loss at Huffman.

Parker Berry intercepted Huffman freshman quarterback Semaj Williams on the Vikings' opening drive, but Cullman lost a fumble on its first offensive snap.

Zyon Perkins returned it 28 yards for a touchdown, and the extra point put Huffman ahead 7-0 with 10:15 left in the first quarter.

Williams connected with Ja'Korey Barber for a 50-yard touchdown to make it 14-0.

Cullman responded when Clayton Colvard found Nelson Hollingsworth for a 64-yard touchdown pass.

Brooks West's extra point cut the deficit to 14-7 with 25 seconds remaining in the first.

Williams threw an 18-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter.

Cullman later lost another fumble after a Colvard completion to Hollingsworth, and a face-mask penalty helped move Huffman to the 5.

Simeon Conner scored from there to give the Vikings a 28-7 halftime lead. Huffman outgained Cullman 236-112 in the opening half.

Neither team scored in the third quarter.

Kolby Holt's 38-yard punt return gave Cullman the ball at the Huffman 20 in the fourth, and Holt converted a fourth down with a 3-yard run.

Colvard then hit Samuel Ellerbee for a 9-yard touchdown, and West's extra point made it 28-14 with 5:59 to play.

Cullman's onside kick was touched before it traveled 10 yards.

The Bearcats got the ball back once more, but a 16-yard pass to Ellerbee on fourth-and-23 came up short, allowing Huffman to run out the clock.

Cullman fell to 2-3 overall and 1-2 in Class 5A, Region 5. The Bearcats have an open date Sept. 25 before visiting Jasper on Thursday, Oct. 1, for the AHSAA Game of the Week.

Ardmore 15, West Point 10
By Jared Spears

ARDMORE, Ala. — West Point's defense gave the Warriors repeated chances, but Ardmore made its early lead stand and stopped a late drive to defeat West Point 15-10.

The Tigers opened the scoring with 5:16 remaining in the first quarter, but a missed extra point left the margin at 6-0.

West Point's defense forced a fumble late in the period.

The Warriors got on the board in the second when Logan Campbell made a 26-yard field goal, but Ardmore answered with a field goal in the final minute to take a 9-3 lead into halftime.

Quarterback Gage Patterson moved West Point in front near the midpoint of the third quarter with a touchdown pass to JJ Minck.

Campbell added the extra point for a 10-9 edge. Ardmore answered less than two minutes later with a touchdown of its own.

The conversion failed, but the Tigers reclaimed a 15-10 lead. West Point missed a field-goal attempt later in the quarter.

The Warriors mounted another fourth-quarter drive, but Ardmore intercepted Patterson with 3:51 remaining.

West Point got one final chance and moved inside the Tigers' 30 before officials ruled a fumble, allowing Ardmore to secure the victory.

West Point's posted statistics credited Patterson with 200 passing yards and the touchdown to Minck.

Patterson also ran for 38 yards. Carter McAfee led the Warriors with 75 receiving yards, Bryant Moon added 57 and Minck finished with 56 and the score.

Campbell went 1-for-2 on field goals and made his only extra-point attempt.

Julio Fuentes led West Point with 12 tackles, including one for loss, and recovered a fumble. Moon had eight tackles, three for loss and a forced fumble.

Titan Thornton finished with seven tackles, two for loss and a fumble recovery.

Nolan Franklin added six tackles and three for loss, McAfee intercepted a pass and Ayden Shoemaker forced two fumbles.

West Point fell to 0-5 overall and 0-2 in Class 4A, Region 7. The Warriors host Good Hope in a county matchup Sept. 25.

Glencoe 50, Hanceville 0
By Noah Galilee

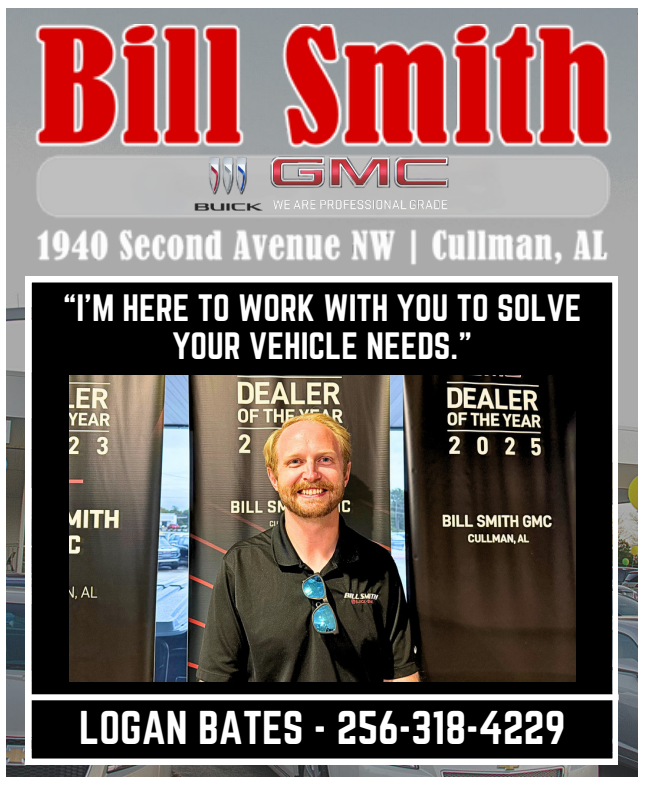
GLENCOE, Ala. — Glencoe scored 35 points in the first quarter and handed Hanceville a 50-0 region loss.

The Yellow Jackets added eight points in the second quarter to carry a 43-0 lead into halftime.

Neither team scored in the third period, and Glencoe closed the scoring with a fourth-quarter touchdown.

Hanceville fell to 0-5 overall and 0-3 in Class 3A, Region 6. It was the Bulldogs' second consecutive shutout loss and the third straight game in which they allowed at least 50 points. Hanceville has an open date Sept. 25.

Records and schedules are through games played Sept. 18, 2026.



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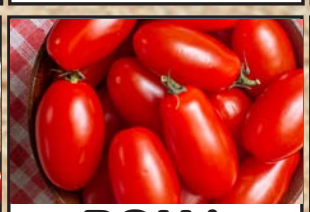
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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Crocker, Sanchez lead local runners at Southern Showcase, Scottsboro Invitational

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman senior Henry Crocker finished 34th in a field of 250 runners with a time of 15:53.20 to lead local competitors at Saturday's Southern Showcase at John Hunt Park in Huntsville.

Cullman fielded scoring teams in both championship divisions, Cullman Christian placed 11th in the middle school boys race and St. Bernard Prep's Jesus Sanchez recorded a fourth-place finish at the Scottsboro Invitational.

SOUTHERN SHOWCASE

Cullman boys

Crocker led Cullman to 23rd place among 28 scoring teams in the championship boys division. The Bearcats totaled 571 points, produced a five-runner average of 17:16 and had a 2:29 spread between their first and fifth scorers.

Junior Avin Dempsey finished 112th in 16:45.30, followed by junior Mason Gobble in 151st at 17:16.80. Senior Benjamin Stidham placed 202nd in 18:02.50 and junior Dawson Helton completed Cullman's five-man scoring lineup in 214th at 18:23.00.

Freshmen Ripkin Oliver and Trajan Norrell finished almost together. Oliver placed 222nd in 18:40.10 and Norrell was 223rd in 18:40.40. Sophomore Thatcher Lucas followed in 225th at 18:44.30 and senior Sean Gilfoyle finished 238th in 19:44.40.

Three additional Bearcats competed in the 438-runner Blue boys division. Freshman Jacob Dunn placed 232nd in 19:23.88, junior Lincoln Medina finished 337th in 20:36.99 and junior Sawyer Eifert was 353rd in 20:54.15.

Cullman girls

Freshman Madeline Stidham led the Cullman girls with a 49th-place finish in the 160-runner championship field, completing the 5K course in 20:10.70.

Senior Addison Vogelaar followed in 75th at 21:02.51. Junior Khloe Nalley placed 129th in 22:29.94, sophomore Aubree Lawrence finished 134th in 22:43.58 and freshman Tinley Alldredge completed the Bearcats' scoring five in 137th at 22:47.85.

Cullman finished 17th among 19 scoring teams with 418 points. The Bearcats posted a team average of 21:50 and a 2:37 spread between their first and fifth runners.

Senior Mabry Free finished 140th in 23:10.14, freshman Sophie Robinson placed 149th in 23:39.85 and senior Victoria Waldrop was 151st in 23:43.85.

Cullman Christian

Seventh-grader Chasen Hampton led Cullman Christian's middle school boys team with a 14th-place finish among 185 runners. Hampton completed the 2-mile course in 12:22.54.

Seventh-grader Cutter Gibbs placed 86th in 14:23.72, seventh-grader Gavin Stidham finished 91st in 14:37.23, eighth-grader Caleb Randolph was 106th in 15:01.95 and seventh-grader Elijah Rutherford completed the Lions' scoring lineup in 139th at 16:27.45.

Freshman Landon Jones finished 156th in 17:29.20 and freshman Colton Olinger placed 177th in 20:29.25.

Cullman Christian totaled 279 points to place 11th among 15 scoring teams. The Lions recorded a five-runner average of 14:34.

Three Cullman Christian runners competed in the 119-runner middle school girls race. Seventh-grader Meribelle Brock led the Lions in 52nd place with a time of 16:51.54. Seventh-graders Aubrie Claire Rigsby and Arden Brock placed 93rd and 99th, respectively, with times of 20:45.36 and 21:27.02.

The Lions did not record a girls team score because they had fewer than five finishers.

Senior Elisabeth DeCicco represented Cullman Christian in the Teal girls 5K and finished 68th among 214 runners with a time of 26:57.11.

SCOTTSBORO INVITATIONAL

Sanchez led St. Bernard Prep at the Scottsboro Invitational in Scottsboro, placing fourth in the Class 1A-3A JV boys division with a time of 13:46.69 on the 2.1-mile course.

Stephen Bissot finished 20th in the division at 17:49.71 and Jacob Thurston placed 28th in 19:14.86.

Anamari Alonzo represented St. Bernard in the Class 1A-3A JV girls race and placed 13th with a time of 20:18.13.

In varsity competition, Kieran Gargan finished 89th in the boys 5K at 26:39.57. Yulissa Wang placed 60th in the girls 5K with a time of 46:19.25.



CHAMP CROCKER
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Walmart (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Walmart's multiyear modernization of its Cullman Distribution Center continues, with a building permit valued at approximately $29.55 million issued this summer for work at the south Cullman facility.

The July 23 permit lists Walmart as the project owner, MYCON General Contractors Inc. as the contractor and 2200 Seventh Ave. SW as the project address.

The permit is the latest substantial construction activity associated with the distribution center during Walmart's ongoing $350 million modernization of the Cullman operation.

Walmart announced the broader project in June 2023, describing plans to introduce robotics, automation and software systems intended to substantially increase the amount of merchandise the regional distribution center can process.

The Cullman City Council approved a tax abatement associated with the project in 2023. At the time, Cullman Economic Development Agency officials described the $350 million commitment as the largest single capital investment announced in Cullman County's history.

The facility opened in 1983 and had approximately 1,300 employees when the modernization was announced, according to information provided to The Tribune at the time.

City economic development officials said Walmart expected to retrain employees as new technology was introduced rather than reduce the facility's workforce as a result of automation.

The July permit is not the first major construction permit reported at the property during the modernization.

In November 2024, separate permits valued at $44 million and approximately $17.29 million were reported for work associated with the Cullman distribution center.

Contractors listed for those projects included Hutton Construction Inc. and MYCON General Contractors Inc.

Another permit valued at $2 million was reported in May 2026, with Reich Installation Services Inc. listed as contractor.

Those permit valuations should not be added to Walmart's previously announced $350 million investment as separate spending. They represent construction permits issued during the larger modernization period, and the relationship between each permit and Walmart's overall capital budget has not been independently established.

Walmart's original plans called for the modernization to increase the facility's capacity, with the company saying the upgraded operation would eventually be capable of shipping nearly twice as many cases as before.

The Link (from Front)

Folsom Jr., was governor. She recognized that families across Alabama needed places where they could access coordinated resources and support through trusted organizations in their own communities."

Betts said this is an important milestone for The Link because becoming an accredited Family Resource Center validates the comprehensive, family-centered work they've been doing in Cullman County.

"Families rarely experience needs in isolation," she said. "A family that comes to us needing food may also be struggling with housing, employment, parenting, education or recovery. The Family Resource Center model allows us to look at the whole family, connect them with the right resources and help them move from an immediate crisis toward long-term stability."

There are currently 26 Family Resource Centers across Alabama, Betts said.

"The Link will become the 27th, with several additional centers expected to join the network before the end of 2026," she explained. "We are very proud for Cullman County to be part of this growing statewide network. We want this to be both a celebration and an opportunity for our community to better understand what becoming a Family Resource Center means for Cullman County. Representatives from the Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers will join us, along with community leaders, partners, supporter staff and volunteers."

Most importantly, Betts said, The Link wants participants to see how the many services offered through nonprofit work together.

"Our goal isn't simply to address one immediate need," she said. "We want families to have a place where they can build connections, find stability, strengthen their families and discover opportunities for long-term growth. For me, this accreditation is really about what comes next. The Link has grown tremendously since it was founded in 2013, and becoming an accredited Family Resource Center gives us a strong framework for the next chapter. We believe strong communities begin with strong families. Our vision is to see strong families growing and leading in the region for generations to come. Becoming Alabama's 27th Family Resource Center is another important step toward making that vision a reality."

Betts said they would love for community members, partners and supporters to join them on Sept. 25 at 10 a.m. to celebrate this milestone.

"Beyond the event, there are many ways to be involved with The Link throughout the year," she said. "People can volunteer, donate, partner with us, support our programs or simply help connect individuals and families who need assistance with our services."

Find out more about The Link at https://linkingcullman.org. It's located at 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman.

Hope Horses (from Front)

confidence, improving communication and social skills, developing relationships and reaching physical milestones. The expanded arena will give participants a more dependable space to continue working toward those goals.

"We are incredibly grateful to Cullman Savings Bank for believing in the mission of Hope Horses and choosing to invest in our future," Scott said. "Their support will allow us to make improvements that will impact our participants not just today, but for many years to come. When a community partner says yes to Hope, they are saying yes to every child, adult and family who comes through our gates looking for an opportunity to grow, achieve and belong."

The arena sponsorship is part of the nonprofit's larger Grow Hope Capital Campaign, which is focused on expanding the Hope Horses facility and developing the infrastructure needed to serve more individuals and families throughout North Alabama.

Community members will have an opportunity to learn more about those plans during the 2026 Grow Hope Dinner on Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Hope Horses facility.

The dinner will bring together Hope Horses families, supporters, businesses and community partners while giving attendees an opportunity to learn more about the Grow Hope Capital Campaign, hear stories from those impacted by the organization's services and see what Hope Horses hopes to accomplish through the expansion.

White Oak Transportation will serve as the presenting sponsor for this year's Grow Hope Dinner.

For more information about Hope Horses, its services or the upcoming 2026 Grow Hope Dinner, call 256-507-4088, email krice@hopehorsesinc.com or visit www.hopehorsesinc.com. To learn more about the Grow Hope Capital Campaign, visit hopehorsesinc.com/about-1-1.

Hope Horses, Inc. is located at 1301 Convent Road NE, Cullman, AL 35055.

Goatoberfest (from Front)

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Goat Island Brewing will host its sixth annual Goatoberfest event this Saturday, Sept. 26, from 11 a.m.- 11 p.m. at its original brewery and taproom at 1646 John Cooper Dr.

The celebration will feature German food, cold craft beer, live music and activities for the entire family, plus it's dog friendly.

"The entertainment lineup includes Justin and Tab, the authentic German music of the Cullman German Band, The Daltons and Sipsey Falls," Goat Island's Mike Mullaney said. "Guests can enjoy Goat Island's Oktoberfest beer along with a German meal featuring wiener schnitzel, beer brats, German potato salad and more. Family activities will include face painting, friendly goats and a variety of local vendors."

At 6 p.m., attendees can test their strength in Goat Island's stein-hoisting competition.

"The winners will qualify to compete in the Alabama state championship at Cullman Oktoberfest," Mullaney said. "Goatoberfest will be held at Goat Island Brewing, 1646 John H. Cooper Dr. in Cullman. Bring the whole family and celebrate German food, music and tradition — Goat Island style."

Taproom Manager Mandy Hamm said Goatoberfest began six years ago, and the tradition has grown into one of the things they look forward to most every year.

"There's just something so special about bringing our Goat Island family and community together for a day filled with the best craft beer, great music from our talented local musicians, great German food and even better memories," Hamm said. "We couldn't be more excited to raise a stein and celebrate six years of Goatoberfest! Here's to the memories we've made, the friendships we've built and an amazing day still yet to come. Cheers to Goatoberfest."

Get more information at www.facebook.com/goatislandbrewing or 256-747-5556.



Bingo (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — United Way of Cullman County's Designer Bag Bingo will return Thursday, Nov. 12, at Cotton Creek Venue in Cullman

UWCC Executive Director Tyler Hooper said the evening will kick off with a pre-party at The Goat at Cotton Creek beginning at 4 p.m. Doors to the event venue will open at 5:30.

"Designer Bag Bingo began in 2019 and has grown into one of United Way of Cullman County's largest and most anticipated annual fundraising events," Hooper said. "It has become a great way to bring people together for a fun evening while raising funds that stay right here in our community."

He said Designer Bag Bingo is a fun night out, but there's a much bigger purpose behind it.

"Funds raised through the event help United Way of Cullman County support 18 local nonprofit partner agencies and programs, including 2-1-1 and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library," Hooper explained. "United Way of Cullman County serves more than 70,000 people annually across Cullman and Winston counties through our work in four key areas: healthy communities, youth opportunity, financial security and community resiliency. Events like Designer Bag Bingo help us continue investing in the organizations and programs that are meeting needs and making a difference for people throughout our communities."

Guests can expect a fun, high-energy evening featuring multiple rounds of bingo with designer handbags as prizes, he said.

"Tommy Warhurst will serve as the emcee, helping keep the evening lively and entertaining," Hooper shared. "It's a great opportunity to get a group of friends or coworkers together, enjoy a night out and support a great cause at the same time. We want people to have a lot of fun, but we also hope the event gives them an opportunity to learn more about United Way and the impact their support has throughout Cullman and Winston counties."

Hooper encouraged anyone planning to attend with a group to purchase their tickets or table early.

Tickets and tables can be purchased online at https://UWCC2026DBB.eventbrite.com. Tickets can also be purchased in person at the United Way of Cullman County office, located at 104 Austin Ave. SW in Cullman, on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m.-noon.

"We are extremely grateful to Listerhill Credit Union for serving as the Presenting Sponsor of this year's Designer Bag Bingo," Hooper said. "Their support, along with the support of all of our sponsors, volunteers, businesses and attendees, makes an event like this possible. We also want to give special thanks to our Women United ladies, who play a major part in making this event happen. Their time, energy and dedication are invaluable to the success of Designer Bag Bingo."

Find out more at www.facebook.com/uwaycc.org or www.uwaycc.org.



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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY J. MARKS, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC 2026-353**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Angela DeBoer, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Dorothy J. Marks, deceased, on the 3rd day of September, 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.

Angela DeBoer
Personal Representatives

Andrea Gullion
Attorney for the Estate
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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Re the Estate of
Perry V. Dial, Deceased
Case No. PC 2026-373

Notice to Creditors

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Carolin Dial as Personal Representative of the Estate of Perry V. Dial, deceased, on the 18th day of September, 2026, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate,

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Personal Representative
Carolin Dial

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

G. Edward Coey
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 834
Hanceville, Al 35077
256-352-2090

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LARRY WAYNE KENNEY, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC2026-309**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to SHANNON KENNEY as Personal Representative of the Estate of LARRY WAYNE KENNEY, deceased, on the 3rd day of September, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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Shannon Kenney
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Norma M. Wells
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Planning Commission

On Tuesday October 6, 2026, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Rezoning request at 455 County Road 587 – 98 acres – AG-1 to R-2

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WANDA W. HOGAN, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC2026-331**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to James Byron Hogan as Personal Representative of the Estate of Wanda W. Hogan deceased, on the 3rd day of September, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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James Byron Hogan
Personal Representative

Matthew K. Carter
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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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STATE OF ALABAMA * **IN THE PROBATE COURT OF**
CULLMAN COUNTY * **CASE NO.** PC2026-370

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BONNIE JEAN PRITCHARD BRADFORD, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said Deceased having been granted to the undersigned, HENRY EUGENE BRADFORD, on the 18th day of September, 2026, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that 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

Dated this the 18th day of September 2026.

Henry Eugene Bradford
HENRY EUGENE BRADFORD
Personal Representative of the
Estate of Bonnie Jean Pritchard Bradford,
Deceased

PERRY D. KNIGHT
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Estate of Bonnie Jean Pritchard Bradford, Deceased
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TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

STATE OF ALABAMA	*	IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN	*	CASE NO. PC2026-357

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF J.E.E.IIU, a minor child (DOB 10/19/2021)

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

Notice to: ANY UNKNOWN/UNNAMED FATHER OF J.E.E.III

Please take notice that a Petition for Name Change of a Minor was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Carl Vernon Evans and Janet Turner Evans, Petitioners, to change the name of J.E.E.III, a minor child born to Kayla Danelle Evans on October 19, 2021, in Cullman, Alabama. If you should contest this name change, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days from the date of last notice of publication herein with counsel for said Petitioners, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this 3rd day of September, 2026.

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

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.

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Harvest in motion: Share the road with farmers this fall

Maggie Gaddy
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — As combines roll through fields and crops make their way from fields to market, Alabama drivers should expect to share rural roadways with farmers and farm equipment this fall.

"Farmers have spent months growing corn, cotton, peanuts and soybeans," said Alabama Farmers Federation President Jimmy Parnell. "Now, it's time to get those crops out of the field and into the hands of people who depend on them. Farmers are providing for the folks they share the road with. Those drivers have places they need to get to safely, and their farmer friends do, too."

Parnell said farmers try to avoid moving machinery during high-traffic times and pull over to allow cars to pass. However, some congestion is inevitable due to speed limitations of farm equipment. He encourages all drivers to be alert, slow down and practice patience.

"We know our neighbors are in a hurry to get to school, work or other appointments," Parnell said. "Saving a few minutes is not worth endangering yourself, the farmer or other drivers by passing on a solid yellow line, swerving around a tractor or approaching slow-moving vehicles at high speed."

Parnell said drivers can quickly close the distance between a vehicle and farm equipment. It takes just 5 seconds for a car moving 55 mph to close a gap the length of a football field with a tractor moving 15 mph.

To stay safe on the roads, drivers should:

- Slow down when they see a piece of agricultural equipment. Most farm equipment is designed to travel 15 to 25 mph.
- Watch for slow-moving vehicle (SMV) signs. The orange triangles identify vehicles traveling less than 25 mph.
- Look for electronic or hand turn signals. A tractor veering right does not necessarily mean the operator is pulling over to allow vehicles to pass. Large farm equipment often requires extra room to make wide turns.
- Pass farm equipment cautiously. Even when passing safely and legally, machinery may sway.
- Keep all tires on the road. Expect equipment operators to do the same. Driving with one set of tires on loose-surface shoulders increases risk of rolling over.
- Watch for flashing amber lights. This often marks the far right and left of farm equipment. Also watch for reflective tape marking extremities and sides of equipment.

Always remember agricultural vehicle operators have a right to drive equipment on the road.

National Farm Safety and Health Week is Sept. 21-25. Learn more at www.necasag.org/nationalfarmsafetyandhealthweek.

Obituary Announcements: Sept. 19-21

Tommy Levure Lang, 84
Tommy Levure Lang, 84, affectionately known as "Papa Tom" to his grandchildren and "Coach Lang" to the community of Piedmont, Alabama, passed away peacefully on Sept. 17, 2026 in Cullman, Alabama. Tommy was born Dec. 1, 1941, in Albertville, Alabama, to James Sidney Lang and Emma Iduma Bowen Lang . He was the second-oldest of four children, alongside siblings Aaron, Freddy, and Katie, the youngest. He attended Albertville High School and went on to graduate from Jacksonville State University. Tommy married the love of his life, Dena Katherine Bryan, and they had two children, Lesa and Bryan. The two remained happily married for 61 years until Dena's passing in 2024. After college, Tommy and Dena settled in Piedmont, Alabama, where he spent 31 years as a Physical Education teacher and drove the school bus for many years. Dena taught in the same school system, and together they built a life centered on their students and their family. Upon retiring, they traded the classroom for the shores of Smith Lake in Cullman, Alabama, where Tommy could fully embrace his love of the outdoors — his farm animals, RVing, fishing, hunting and more. Tommy cherished his family and prioritized his grandchildren with every opportunity. He was their biggest supporter and never missed a ballgame or event. He loved nothing more than hosting family reunions at their lake house. Tommy will be remembered for his charm and his kindness. To know him was to love him. He led by example, and his life's work was making a positive impact on his students, his children, and his grandchildren. In 2011, Tommy faced the unimaginable loss of his daughter, Lesa. Rather than let grief have the final word, he turned it into one of the greatest impacts of his life. Lesa had started a medical equipment donation ministry before her passing, and Tommy immediately stepped in to carry it forward through First United Methodist Church of Cullman. Under his leadership for more than ten years, the FUMC Medical Equipment Ministry grew to serve over 100 families a year, free of charge. The ministry continues to thrive today as a living piece of both his and Lesa's legacy. Those who knew Tommy will remember his signature phrase of encouragement: "Sounds like a winner!" He was, without question, a winner at life. Tommy was preceded in death by his daughter, Lesa Lang Holland Hawkins; his wife, Dena Katherine Lang; and his siblings, Aaron, Freddy, and Katie. He is survived by his son, Thomas Bryan Lang; and his grandchildren, Taylor Lang Holland, Bailey Holland Baker (Brett), and Ryan Thomas Lang (Ashley). A Celebration of Life will be held at First United Methodist Church of Cullman, with details to be announced later. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the First United Methodist Church - Medical Equipment Ministry. See www.CullmanFUMC.com.

Misty Blakely Loyd, 46
Misty Blakely Loyd, age 46, of Cullman, Alabama passed away peacefully into the arms of her Savior on Sept. 19, 2026 at CRMC Hospital in Cullman, Alabama surrounded by her family. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026, at Etha Baptist Church, 8417 County Road 1545, Cullman, AL 35058 with interment in Center Grove Cemetery, 4607 County Road 1545, Cullman, AL 35058, Dr. Tim Lipsey, Bro. Steve Rodgers, Bro. Harold Coe will officiate. The body will lie in state at the church from 11-1. Visitation was Monday evening at Cullman Funeral Home, 461 U.S. Highway 278 E, Cullman, AL 35055 from 5-8 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com. Misty was born on June 19, 1980, to Timothy Franklin and Theresa Kay Blakely. Misty is preceded in death by her grandparents, Herbert Franklin and Ruby Ashley Blakely, Radford Rex and Faye Cornelius Crawford; mother-in-law, Sheila Jean Loyd and very close friend, Heather Garrison. Misty is survived by her husband of ten years, Jonathan Trent Loyd, only son, Jonathan Bentley Loyd; father, Timothy (Tammy) Blakely; mother, Theresa (Roy) Clanton; brother, Matthew (Jessica) Blakely; nephews, Lucian (Kayla) Blakely, Grayson Blakely; father-in-law, Eugene Loyd; and, brother-in-law, Chris Loyd, and several aunts, uncles and cousins. Misty was a 1998 graduate of West End High School. She was employed for 24 years at Summer's Law Firm in Center Point, Alabama. Misty enjoyed her free time camping, the lake, traveling, cooking, helping teach kids in VBS and Sunday School, watching General Hospital, enjoying time with friends, family and especially with her husband and son. Misty had a very beautiful smile that was noticeable and Misty was loved by many family and friends. In September 2025, Misty was diagnosed with breast cancer which she fought very courageously until the lord completely healed her and called her home to be with Him. Pallbearers will be Lucian Blakely, Grayson Blakely, Mark Crawford, Jeremy Summers, Chris Loyd, Rusty Jennings, Shane Brown and Tim Lollar. Honorary pallbearers will be Griffin Eddy, Brian Drake, Mickey Gay, Cordale Gay, Cody Harris, Tony Gay, Matthew Blakely. In lieu of flowers make donations to Little Pink Houses of Hope, 2442 Tribek Ct, Burlington, NC 27215 and/or Forge Breast Cancer Survivor Center, 1321 19th St. South, Birmingham, AL 35205.

Hollis Henry Jones, 60
Funeral Service for Hollis Henry Jones, age 60 of Arab, was at 1 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 21, 2026, at Ryan Baptist Church with Michael King and Terry Hudson officiating; burial at Ryan Cemetery. Visitation was from noon-1 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 21, 2026, at Ryan Baptist Church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Jones passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026, at his residence. He was born, June 29, 1966, to Henry Wesley Jones and Ovallion Jones. He was preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his mother, Ovallion Jones-Gilley; sister, Wren (Mike) Yeager; daughter, Sydney (Patrick) Johnson; grandson, Hunter Paul Johnson; nieces, Amber (Larry) Thompson and Brittan (Jeremy) George; great niece, Finley George; great nephew, Truett George and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, family & friends. Hollis Henry Jones was a one-of-a-kind man. As a young boy, he discovered a deep love and interest for training and showing racking horses. For years he worked closely with the Latham family of Latham Stables. He was quite the thrill seeker as he enjoyed scuba diving, bungee jumping, riding his motorcycles, even engineering his own motorized bicycle before that was a thing. Hollis, much like his father, loved to pull a prank. Between this and his many thrill seeking adventures, left for many amazing stories. If he liked you, you would be given a nickname and it would stick. Hollis had a continuous desire to learn and create. If you needed something repaired, he was your man. He was an excellent welder and established this reputation at a young age when he began his own successful business, Hulaco Welding. He was a giver. Hollis would give you his last dime and not bat an eye. He had a huge heart for the elderly and those in need. While all of these qualities alone made up for an amazing person, what mattered the most was his heart. When Hollis was 8 years old, he prayed and asked Jesus to be his savior and to forgive him of his sins. He soon was baptized in believers baptism. For this, we have hope. For this we only weep for his earthly absence because we know that if we too have asked Jesus to be the Lord of our lives, we will be reunited with Hollis in Heaven one day. He will be forever loved and forever missed by his family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to the Alabama Baptist Children's Home. Paul Bearers: David Latham, Brad Smith, Micheal Powell, Frankie Humphries ,Kevin Chisom, Dan Burmeister, and Mark Humphries. Honorary Paul Bearers: Lynn Harper, Larry Latham, Dennis Latham and Danny Wright.

Derek Lynn Smith, 44
Derek Lynn Smith, 44, of Athens, Alabama, passed away peacefully Friday evening, Sept. 18, 2026, at his residence after a courageous battle with cancer. Derek was born Dec. 23, 1981, to William "Chuck" and Linda Smith of Athens, Alabama. He was a true outdoorsman who loved fishing, listening to music, and enjoying the simple moments that made life special. More than anything, Derek will be remembered for the love he had for his family and friends and the special place he held in the hearts of everyone who knew him. Although his battle with cancer was difficult, Derek faced it with strength and courage. His life was a testament to the love and memories he shared with those around him. His time with us may have been cut short, but the impact he made on the lives of others will never be forgotten. Derek leaves behind his two children, Jordan Smith and Aerial Smith, and his three grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters, Karen (Lamont) Freeman of Athens, Alabama, and Dana Smith (Reese) Wright of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; his brother, Chris Smith of Athens, Alabama; and his exceptional friends, David "Buster" Williams, Lori Ussery, and Jeff McLaughlin, all of Athens, Alabama. Derek was preceded in death by his beloved parents, William "Chuck" and Linda Smith and exceptional mentor Doug Wells of Athens, Alabama. Derek will be deeply missed by his children, grandchildren, family, and friends. Though he is no longer here to share a fishing trip, a ROLL TIDE! a song, a laugh, or a simple conversation, the memories he created will remain forever in the hearts of those who loved him. Rest peacefully, Derek. Your fight is over, but your memory and the love you gave will live on forever. Decatur Brown Service Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Janet Lee DeHeer, 84
Graveside service for Janet Lee DeHeer, 84, of Cullman will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026, at Cullman City Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. DeHeer passed away Sept. 17, 2026, at CRMC. She was born May 8, 1942, in Montgomery, Alabama to Nelson Burt Lee and Mary Kate Boswell Lee. She was a member of the First Methodist Church of Cullman. She retired after working many years for Jefferson County. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, John DeHeer. Survivors include her brother, Lenwood Lee; nephew, Nelson Patrick Lee; special friends during her illness, Tammy McClanahan, Laurie Payne, friends and family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Luther Ray Roberts, 83
It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our father, Ray Roberts, age 83, of Cullman, Alabama. The Lord our God called him home on Sept. 18, 2026, at 7:38 p.m. Ray was born on March 2, 1943. He was a devoted and faithful member of Mission Grove Baptist Church. He worked at Cullman Products for 40 years before retiring. His coworkers nicknamed him "Radio", although the reason remains a mystery to his family. Ray loved building houses, fishing, gardening, and he LOVED to talk about God and politics. He was also an active member of the RNC. Ray was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Millie Roberts, and his parents, Luther and Vivian Roberts. Ray is survived by his children, Regina Hailes (Lee), Lynn Hood (Billy), and Darrell Roberts (Joanne); his grandchildren, Nathan, Daniel, Kaylee, Shailyn, Nicholas, Jeff, Corey, and Blake; nine great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his brothers, J.D. Roberts and Wayne Roberts (Shirley), and his sisters, Geraldine Baker (Milford), and Rhonda White (Gary). A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2 p.m. on October 11, 2026, at Mission Grove Baptist Church on Shafer Road in Cullman, Alabama. Family and friends are invited to attend, share memories, and join us in honoring and celebrating the life of Ray Roberts. Arrangements entrusted to Scottsboro Funeral Home.

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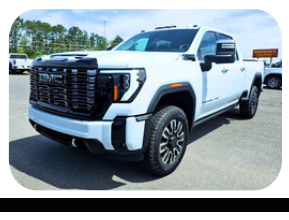
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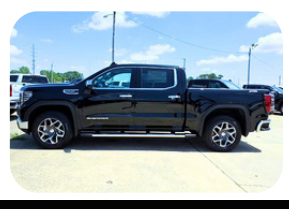
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