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Firehouse Subs to host free Touch the Truck event Oct. 10

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Firehouse Subs in Cullman will host a free Touch the Truck event Saturday, Oct. 10, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., featuring first responders and vehicles from Cullman public safety agencies.

Sponsored by the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, which provides funding and equipment to first responders and public safety organizations, the event will also feature free face painting, children's activities and a bottled water drive to support local fire departments.

Cullman City firefighters will bring a fire truck, while Hanceville Fire and Rescue will have a rescue vehicle and side-by-side on display.

The rescue vehicle will also feature Jaws of Life equipment donated through the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. A Cullman County Sheriff's Office deputy and patrol vehicle will also be on-site.

"Firehouse Subs puts this event on every year at some of the other locations, and when I took over this particular Firehouse in Cullman almost a year ago, I wanted to participate this year in hopes of making our bond with the local firemen and community stronger," said General Manager Whitney Jennings. "I hope the community gets to meet some of their local firemen and sheriff's deputies, as well as learn about and actually get to see their vehicles in person."

As a way to support to local first responders, Firehouse Subs is encouraging attendees to support the participating fire departments by bringing cases of bottled water. » PAGE 8

2026 PEAK Awards: Ave Maria Grotto recognized as Attraction of the Year



VISIT CULLMAN

At the 2026 PEAK Awards, held Sept. 24, in Decatur, Cullman's Ave Maria Grotto was named 2026 Attraction of the Year. Ave Maria Grotto Director Roger Steele is pictured in the center. Other honorees included Visit Cullman Executive Director Harmony Heard Steed, fourth from left, and Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, second from right.

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — At the 2026 PEAK Awards, held Sept. 24, in Decatur, Cullman's Ave Maria Grotto was named 2026 Attraction of the Year. Presented by the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association (AMLA), the PEAK Awards recognize outstanding contributions to tourism across North Alabama.

Visit Cullman Marketing Manager Delaine Van Dyke was also awarded a scholarship to attend Year Two of Southeast Tourism Society Marketing College. The professional development program is a three-year curriculum for tourism professionals focused on destination marketing, leadership, research, branding, advocacy and other areas of the travel industry. Students who complete the program may earn the Travel Marketing Professional credential.

Two Cullman leaders were also honored as String of Pearls leaders: Alabama Sen. Garlan Gudger and Visit Cullman Executive Director Harmony Heard Steed. The String of Pearls recognition was created to honor cornerstone professionals and leaders whose work has helped strengthen tourism throughout North Alabama.

"Cullman County continues to show what can happen when strong leadership, community partnerships and a commitment to preserving what makes a place special come together," said Gudger. "Tourism is an important part of Alabama's economy, and I'm proud to see Cullman recognized for the attractions, professionals and leaders who are helping move our community forward. It is especially meaningful to see Ave Maria Grotto, one of Cullman County's most treasured attractions, receive this well-deserved recognition. I am grateful to be included among this year's String of Pearls honorees."

"Cullman County has attractions that simply cannot be replicated anywhere else, and Ave Maria Grotto is one of the finest examples," said Jeff Clemons, chairman of the Cullman County Commission and chairman of the Cullman County Tourism Bureau.

"For generations, the Grotto has welcomed visitors to experience a remarkable piece of our history, faith and culture. To see it named Attraction of the Year is something our entire county can celebrate. Combined with the recognition of our tourism professionals and leaders, these honors show the strength of Cullman County's tourism community and the people behind it." » PAGE 3

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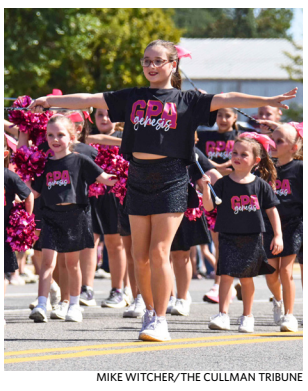
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 28

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 28, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Sept. 24

- criminal mischief; CR 216
- burglary; CR 395
- harassing communications; CR 747
- theft of property; CR 655
- burglary; CR 575
- domestic violence; CR 565
- harassment; Main St. NE Hanceville
- obstructing governmental operations; CR 1371

Sept. 25

- sell-distribute drugs; Hwy. 91
- harassing communications; CR 46
- domestic violence; CR 1598
- menacing; CR 1485
- sell-distribute drugs; trafficking drugs; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Megan Ln.
- domestic violence-strangulation; CR 223
- theft of property; CR 1084
- elder abuse; assault; CR 1160
- theft of property; Railroad Ave. SE
- criminal mischief; CR 1338
- assault; CR 1338
- theft of property; Main St. SE Hanceville

Sept. 26

- possession of controlled substances; possession of drug paraphernalia; I65NB MM 308
- theft of property; CR 782
- harassment; CR 1615
- assault; CR 1545
- criminal mischief; CR 437
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437

Sept. 27

- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69S
- assault; Clint Warren St. NE
- domestic violence; Clint Warren St. NE
- theft of property; CR 222
- domestic violence; reckless endangerment; obstructing governmental operations; CR 1246
- criminal mischief; CR 437
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Doc Clemmons Rd.

ARRESTS

Sept. 24-27

Abernathy, April B.; 34

- obstruction-governmental operations

Allred, Terry D.; 48

- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Boone, John T.; 42

- auto theft

Borden, Daniel G.; 35

- FTA – theft-miscellaneous
- FTA – counterfeiting
- FTA – forged instrument

Brown, Ian C.; 29

- public intoxication

Burnett, Amanda M.; 45

- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Collins, Stacie D.; 55

- FTA – driving while license suspended
- FTA – DUI (controlled substances)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Collins, Trendon D.; 20

- minor in possession of alcohol

Cox, Paul E.; 61

- assault-domestic-menacing-gun

Green II, James M.; 55

- sexual abuse of a child less than 12 years old-forcible fondling (5 counts)

Hancock, Karli R.; 38

- possession of amphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Higginbotham, Aaliyah K.; 23

- DUI (alcohol)

Horton, Dallas W.; 30

- assault-domestic-reckless endangerment
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- obstruction-governmental operations
- public intoxication

Hudson, Bobby R.; 35

- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- sell/distribute – methamphetamine

Ingram, Destiney B.; 31

- negotiation worthless instrument (2 counts)

Jackson, Brodie; 22

- forged instrument
- theft of property-4th degree – other motor vehicle – does not exceed $500
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Jeffreys, Courtney L.; 42

- sell/distribute – opium or derivative
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- drug trafficking
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of methamphetamine

Jones, Kevin D.; 41

- FTA – sell/distribution of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, $500-less than $1500 (2 counts)

Killings, Matthew J.; 31

- assault-domestic violence-strangulation or suffocation

Kirkland, Jennifer M.; 46

- FTA – possession of opium or derivative (2 counts)
- possession of opium or derivative
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Minter, Brandon D.; 45

- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family

Needham, Jason M.; 46

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Nichols, Haley J.; 47

- drug trafficking
- sell/distribute – opium or derivative
- possession of dangerous drugs
- promote prison contraband
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Pate, Bobby L.; 44

- FTA – possession stolen property
- FTA – burglary-non-residence-no force

Pearson, Cody B.; 41

- sex offense-failure of adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement and/or comply with residential restrictions
- FTA – possessing forged instrument
- FTA – theft of property-2nd degree, $1500-2500

Pendergraft, Unique N.; 34

- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family

Scott, Tyra A.; 48

- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- promote prison contraband

Shearin, Amanda N.; 35

- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Stephenson, Wanda F.; 62

- FTA – assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)

Weaver, Patricia K.; 61

- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Whitehead, Joshua N.; 42

- FTA – burglary-non-residence-no force
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – theft-shoplifting, less than $500

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 22

- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '24 GMC Denali; $2,000; 4th St. SW

Sept. 25

- theft of property-4th degree; Dollar General; miscellaneous; $125; 4th St. SW
- harassment; person; Logan St. SW
- organized retail theft; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $475; Olive St. SW

Sept. 26

- theft of property-3rd degree; person; desk; $800; 1st Ave. SE
- organized retail theft; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $464; Olive St. SW
- harassing communications; person
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '22 GMC Sierra; $1,500; Cherokee Ave. SW
- criminal mischief-2nd degree; person; damaged windshield; $700; Marktplatz Ctr. SW

ARRESTS

Sept. 25-26

Jackson, Brodie; 22

- FTA – criminal trespass-2nd degree
- FTA – attempt to elude
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Pendergraft, Unique N.; 34

- FTA – false information to law enforcement

Davis, Tiffany; 41

- organized retail theft

Robinson, Malinda R.; 59

- organized retail theft

Wallace, Savannah L.; 25

- organized retail theft

Hansen, Brendan M.; 32

- organized retail theft

Dodd, Richard D.; 49

- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hagood, Daniel M.; 62

- DUI
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Cannady, Owen K.; 19

- DUI

Bolding, Douglas L.; 43

- retail theft of property-2nd degree

Jackson, Clark A.; 38

- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Steer, Norville D.; 28

- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

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Expo (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman County Schools will host a free Parent and Student Expo tonight, Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Temple Baptist Church, 30 County Road 1184, Cullman.

The event will focus on "online safety, the hidden dangers of social media and ways to keep your children and family safe."

There will also be dinner and multiple giveaways, including Yeti coolers, Turtle box speakers and various gift cards. The first 500 registrants will get a free Zaxby's dinner and a free student bowling pass.

The event is aimed at parents of K–12 students, as well as students in middle and high school.

- 4:30-5:15 p.m. Dinner and giveaway registration
- 5:30-7 p.m. Program and giveaways

Credit (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman County residents who install a qualifying storm shelter this year could receive an Alabama income tax credit of up to $3,000, but waiting until tax-filing season to apply could cost them their eligibility.

The Cullman County Emergency Management Agency is reminding residents that applications and supporting documents must reach the Alabama Emergency Management Agency during the same calendar year the shelter is constructed or installed.

For qualifying installations completed in 2026, that means submitting a complete application by Dec. 31.

"Waiting until the following year can make you ineligible," Cullman County EMA said in its informational post.

The credit equals 50% of eligible shelter construction, purchase and installation costs, up to a maximum of $3,000.

A shelter with $4,000 in eligible costs, for example, could qualify for a $2,000 credit.

Eligible costs of $6,000 or more would reach the $3,000 maximum, subject to approval and the taxpayer's state income tax liability.

The credit is nonrefundable, meaning it cannot reduce that liability below zero. Unused credit cannot be carried forward to another tax year or transferred to someone else, according to the Alabama Department of Revenue.

Costs covered or expected to be covered by reimbursements, grants or other government assistance must be excluded from the eligible amount.

To qualify under AEMA's current application guidance, the shelter must have been installed on or after Jan. 1, 2026, at the taxpayer's primary residence in Alabama.

Cullman County EMA said qualifying shelters or safe rooms must be designed to provide protection from an EF5 tornado.

AEMA specifies compliance with FEMA P-320, dated March 2021; FEMA P-361, dated April 2021; and ICC 500, the 2020 edition. Applicants must provide engineered documentation demonstrating compliance.

Required documents include a shelter or safe room specification sheet bearing an engineer's seal dated 2021 or later, proof of primary residence and proof of shelter costs.

Examples of residency documentation include a county property tax record, deed or electric bill.

AEMA lists an invoice showing a zero balance as proof of acquisition or installation costs.

Residents considering a purchase can send a complete set of engineered drawings to AEMA for review before committing to a shelter.

The application and tax claim are separate steps. Residents first submit their application and documentation to AEMA. If approved, the agency issues a Storm Shelter Tax Credit Certificate.

The taxpayer must then submit a credit claim through My Alabama Taxes before filing an Alabama income tax return.

The Department of Revenue says the claim must use the name and identifying information of the person listed on the certificate, including when filing a joint return.

A My Alabama Taxes account is not required to complete that process.

After approval, the credit is reported on Schedule OC with the state income tax return. The department says the credit must be claimed for the tax year in which the certificate is issued.

Statewide credits are capped at $2 million annually. The Department of Revenue lists the program as available through the 2028 tax year, but each applicant must still meet the deadline tied to the year of construction or installation.

Application information and the submission portal are available on AEMA's Alabama Storm Shelter Tax Credit webpage at https://ema.alabama.gov/resources/alabama-storm-shelter-tax-credit.

For eligibility and application questions, contact AEMA at 205-280-2200 or sheltertaxcredit@ema.alabama.gov.

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Award (from Front)

For Heard Steed, the recognitions demonstrate the strength of collaboration throughout Cullman County's tourism industry.

"This was an incredibly special day for Cullman," she said. "From one of our treasured attractions being recognized, to professional development for our team, to leadership honors that celebrate a commitment to tourism, each recognition tells part of Cullman's story. None of this happens alone. It happens because of strong partnerships, people who believe in our community and a shared desire to keep moving Cullman forward. I am honored to be recognized alongside Senator Gudger and so proud of Delaine, Roger (Steele) and the entire Ave Maria Grotto team."

The Attraction of the Year honor adds another chapter to the story of Ave Maria Grotto, the historic St. Bernard Abbey attraction featuring more than 125 miniature structures created by Brother Joseph Zoettl.

The attraction has welcomed generations of visitors and continues to preserve and share a one-of-a-kind piece of Cullman's history and culture.

"This recognition means so much because Ave Maria Grotto has been part of Cullman's tourism story for generations," said Steele, director of Ave Maria Grotto. "Brother Joseph created something truly remarkable, and today we have the privilege and responsibility of caring for his work and sharing it with visitors from near and far.

"Attraction of the Year is a wonderful honor for our entire team, St. Bernard Abbey and everyone who continues to support the Grotto."

Visit Cullman said it is proud to celebrate each of these honors and the continued momentum of tourism throughout Cullman County.

"Together, local attractions, tourism professionals, community leaders and partners are helping visitors find even more than they expected in Cullman."

For more information, visit www.VisitCullman.com.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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

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. 30 – 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, Oct. 2 – 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, Oct. 3 – 4-8 p.m. Fall festival
- Sunday, Oct. 4 – 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. 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.

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

Vinemont holds off Appalachian 24-14

Ryan Guthery
Tribune Correspondant

ONEONTA, Ala. – Vinemont built a 24-point halftime lead and stopped Appalachian's late comeback attempt Friday night, defeating the home Eagles 24-14 on the road.

Vinemont received the opening kickoff and marched down the field for the game's first score.

Caleb Slain capped the possession with an 11-yard touchdown run, giving Vinemont an 8-0 lead.

The defense created another opportunity early in the second quarter when Brennan Marlow intercepted an Appalachian pass and returned possession to Vinemont.

Four plays later, Josh Rhodes connected with Lukas Ming for a 20-yard touchdown, extending the lead to 16-0 midway through the period.

Vinemont forced a three-and-out on Appalachian's next possession before adding to its advantage.

Karson Arbet finished the ensuing drive with a 1-yard touchdown run, pushing the lead to 24-0 with 2:16 remaining in the first half.

Appalachian began cutting into the deficit early in the third quarter, scoring on a touchdown pass to make it 24-8.

The host Eagles found the end zone again late in the fourth quarter, trimming Vinemont's lead to 24-14.

Appalachian then recovered the ensuing onside kick to give itself an opportunity to make it a one-possession game.

Vinemont's defense responded by forcing a three-and-out, however, and the offense picked up the first downs it needed before ending the game in victory formation.

The win was Vinemont's second straight and improved the Eagles to 4-2 overall. They remain 2-1 in Class 3A, Region 6 play.

Vinemont will return home Friday, Oct. 2, to resume region play against Etowah. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

PREP FOOTBALL

Cold Springs defeats Holly Pond 28-8, improves to 5-0

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HOLLY POND, Ala. – Cold Springs built a 21-0 lead through three quarters and answered Holly Pond's fourth-quarter touchdown with another score to secure a 28-8 victory Friday, Sept. 25, remaining unbeaten at 5-0.

Ethan Day rushed for 79 yards for the Eagles, while Cason Alexander and Cooper Johnson added 49 yards apiece.

Cold Springs held the Broncos scoreless until the fourth quarter, handing Holly Pond its third loss of the season.

The Eagles limited Holly Pond to six yards on the game's opening possession before putting together a 13-play scoring drive.

Alexander finished the possession with a touchdown, and Cold Springs took a 7-0 lead.

The Broncos' next possession carried into the second quarter, but Holly Pond remained unable to reach the end zone.

Day scored on a 20-yard run during the period, helping the Eagles extend their advantage to 14-0 at halftime.

Cold Springs punted on its first possession of the second half, but an interception gave the Eagles the ball back. Day followed with another touchdown as Cold Springs pushed its lead to 21-0 in the third quarter.

Holly Pond broke through in the fourth quarter when Miguel Garcia scored on a touchdown run.

The Broncos added a 2-point conversion to cut the deficit to 21-8 with 8:40 remaining.

Cold Springs responded with its final touchdown of the night to finish off the 28-8 victory.

Garcia rushed for 54 yards and a touchdown for Holly Pond. Hunter Tolbert added 43 rushing yards.

Cold Springs will host Gordo on Friday, Oct. 2. Holly Pond (2-3) will travel to Hokes Bluff that night.



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PREP FOOTBALL

Addison blanks Oakman 43-0 to remain unbeaten

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ADDISON, Ala. – Addison entered Friday night unbeaten and left A.G. Hicks Stadium with another dominant victory.

The Bulldogs scored 29 points during a decisive third quarter and recorded their fourth shutout of the season, defeating Oakman 43-0 to improve to 6-0.

Addison (6-0, 3-0 Class 1A, Region 7) has outscored its first six opponents 294-13. The Bulldogs have shut out Winston County, Lynn, Phillips and Oakman while allowing touchdowns only against Waterloo and Meek.

Oakman fell to 1-5 with the non-region loss.

Addison opened the scoring with a touchdown at the 6:26 mark of the first quarter. The point-after attempt was successful, giving the Bulldogs a 7-0 lead.

The Bulldogs added their second touchdown with 5:26 remaining in the second quarter. Another successful extra point sent Addison into halftime leading 14-0.

Any chance of an Oakman comeback disappeared quickly after the break.

On Addison's first offensive snap of the third quarter, the Bulldogs broke a touchdown from midfield. The point-after attempt extended the lead to 21-0 with 11:45 remaining in the quarter.

Addison struck again at the 8:04 mark. The extra point made it 28-0.

The Bulldogs needed only 14 seconds of game time to find the end zone again. Addison scored its fifth touchdown with 7:50 remaining in the third, then converted a two-point attempt at 7:41 to build a 36-0 advantage.

Addison completed its 29-point third-quarter surge with another touchdown at the 3:15 mark. The ensuing extra point produced the final 43-0 margin.

Oakman never reached the scoreboard, and Addison's defense protected the shutout throughout the fourth quarter.

The Bulldogs' unbeaten start has been powered by an experienced group that includes senior quarterback Elijah Roberts, senior running back Zane Smith, junior receiver and defensive back Conner Lane and junior linebacker Joey Wilson.

Entering Friday's game, Roberts led Addison with averages of 120 rushing yards and 108.6 passing yards per game. Smith had scored a team-high 11 touchdowns, Lane led the Bulldogs in receiving and Wilson paced the defense with 6.2 tackles per game.

Addison entered the matchup with a 19-8-1 advantage in its all-time series with Oakman. Friday marked the schools' first meeting since the Bulldogs defeated the Wildcats 41-0 in 2009.

The Bulldogs will return to region play Friday, Oct. 2, when they host Belgreen. Oakman will host Curry in a Class 3A, Region 5 matchup.



BRANDON EVANS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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PREP FOOTBALL

Good Hope pulls away from West Point 52-26

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WEST POINT, Ala. - Good Hope broke open a tied county matchup with 34 unanswered points Friday night, pulling away from West Point for a 52-26 victory.

The Raiders scored three touchdowns during the final four minutes of the first half and added two more early in the third quarter. Good Hope improved to 4-1 with its fourth consecutive victory, while West Point fell to 0-6.

West Point went three-and-out on its opening possession, but Skyler Echols recovered a muffed punt at the Good Hope 27-yard line to give the Warriors another opportunity.

Quarterback Max Patterson moved the Warriors downfield with short completions to Bryant Moon and Teagan Heaton before finding JJ Minck for a 6-yard touchdown. The extra-point attempt was unsuccessful, giving West Point a 6-0 lead.

Good Hope began its opening possession at its 46-yard line. Karson Hollis broke a 19-yard run, and the Raiders later faced fourth-and-1 from the West Point 27. Parker Johnson ran around the left side for 22 yards, and a pair of penalties moved the ball to the 1.

Johnson scored two plays later on a 1-yard run. The extra-point attempt was unsuccessful, leaving the game tied at 6.

Good Hope forced West Point to punt on its next possession, and the Raiders overcame a 6-yard loss to begin the ensuing drive. Johnson completed consecutive passes of 9 and 8 yards to Ayden Young to keep the possession alive.

Less than a minute into the second quarter, Web Buchanan connected with Kayden Collins for a 34-yard touchdown. The extra-point attempt missed, but Good Hope had its first lead at 12-6.

Canaan Burgess recorded a third-down sack to force another West Point punt, but Justice Crawford recovered a Good Hope fumble on the return. The teams continued exchanging possession until the Warriors assembled another scoring drive late in the half.

Patterson completed passes to Minck and Heaton to move West Point into scoring position before finding Moon for a 12-yard touchdown. The extra-point attempt was unsuccessful, tying the game at 12 with just over four minutes remaining in the second quarter.

Good Hope took control from there.

Facing third-and-4 from the West Point 33, Hollis broke through the right side for 25 yards. Johnson scored his second touchdown two plays later on a 5-yard run, then connected with Young for the 2-point conversion to give Good Hope a 20-12 lead.

Young's long punt return placed the Raiders at the West Point 19 on their next possession. Johnson scored again two plays later, extending the advantage to 27-12.

The Good Hope defense forced another three-and-out, and the Raiders used a trick play to score once more before halftime. From the Good Hope 39, Buchanan completed a short pass to Young, who lateraled the ball to Johnson. Johnson carried it the rest of the way for a 61-yard touchdown, sending Good Hope into the locker room with a 33-12 lead.

The Raiders needed only two plays to score after receiving the second-half kickoff. Buchanan ran for 37 yards to the West Point 18, and Johnson scored on the following snap to make it 40-12.

The teams traded interceptions, with Nolan Franklin making the play for West Point and Burgess picking off a pass for Good Hope. Kamden Collins later recovered a West Point fumble at the 7, and the Raiders scored on the next play to increase their lead to 46-12.

Carter McAfee answered for the Warriors by returning the ensuing kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown, trimming Good Hope's lead to 46-19.

Kayden Collins broke a 35-yard run on Good Hope's next possession, and Eli Drake finished the drive with a 3-yard touchdown run to make it 52-19.

Titan Thornton closed the scoring with a 1-yard touchdown run for West Point, producing the 52-26 final.

Hollis led Good Hope with 104 rushing yards. Johnson added 64 yards and four touchdowns on the ground and scored on the 61-yard trick play. Buchanan completed three passes for 100 yards and two touchdowns and added a 37-yard run.

Ross Clark, Burgess and Mason Wright each recorded a sack for the Raiders. Burgess added an interception, and Kamden Collins recovered a fumble.

Patterson completed 9 of 18 passes for 75 yards and two touchdowns for West Point. Minck and Moon each caught a touchdown pass, Thornton scored on the ground and McAfee returned a kickoff for a score.

Franklin recorded an interception for the Warriors, while Echols and Crawford each recovered a fumble.

Good Hope will host Sardis in a nonregion game Friday, Oct. 2. The Raiders remain 3-0 in Class 4A, Region 8.

West Point will resume Class 4A, Region 7 play at Brooks. Both games are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Cold Springs splits games with Fairview; week 5 scoring recap

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CULLMAN, Ala. - We're at the halfway point of the season, and the games are proving to be more and more important when it comes to who is getting into the playoffs. The Fairview Aggies hosted the Cold Springs Eagles, the Holly Pond Broncos traveled to take on the Cullman Bearcats, the West Point Warriors hosted the Vinemont Eagles and the Addison Bulldogs traveled to take on the Good Hope Raiders.

The Cold Springs Eagles knocked off the Fairview Aggies in the Fireplug game, 20-6, and the Aggies ended up taking care of the Eagles in the Wee-Wee game, 27-6. The Cullman Bearcats rolled past the Holly Pond Broncos in the Fireplug game, 33-6. The Broncos routed the Bearcats, 33-6, in the Wee-Wee game, and Cullman collected a 14-0 shutout win over Holly Pond to close out their day.

In a low-scoring affair, the Vinemont Eagles shut out the West Point Warriors, 7-0. The Warriors knocked off the Eagles in the Wee-Wee game, 14-7, and it was all Vinemont in the Pee-Wee game, as they ended up getting past West Point, 39-6. The Good Hope Raiders picked up a 30-16 win over the Addison Bulldogs in the Fireplug game. Good Hope collected a 37-6 win over Addison in the Wee-Wee matchup, and the Bulldogs shut out the Raiders in the Pee-Wee game, 29-0.

Scores

- Cold Springs 20 - Fairview 6 (Fireplug)
- Fairview 27- Cold Springs 6 (Wee-Wee)
- Cullman 33 - Holly Pond 6 (Fireplug)
- Holly Pond 33 - Cullman 6 (Wee-Wee)
- Cullman 14 - Holly Pond 0 (Pee-Wee)
- Vinemont 7 - West Point 0 (Fireplug)
- West Point 14 - Vinemont 7 (Wee-Wee)
- Vinemont 39 - West Point 6 (Pee-Wee)
- Good Hope 30 - Addison 16 (Fireplug)
- Good Hope 37 - Addison 6 (Wee-Wee)
- Addison 29 - Good Hope 0 (Pee-Wee)

Week six schedule (Oct. 3)

- Vinemont at Cullman (9 a.m.)
- Hanceville at Holly Pond (9 a.m.)
- Cold Springs at West Point (9 a.m.)
- Good Hope at Fairview (4 p.m.)

The West Point Warriors and the Holly Pond Broncos will play their make-up games on Tuesday night at 6 p.m. The games will be played under six-minute quarters. There will be a five-minute halftime, and a two-minute break between contests.



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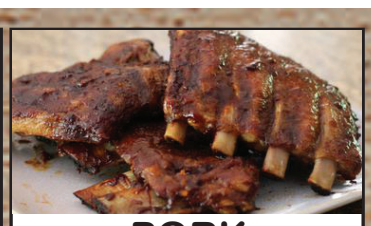
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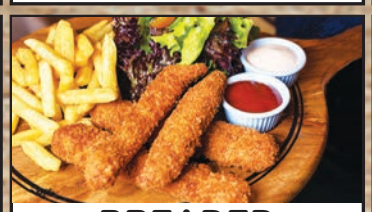
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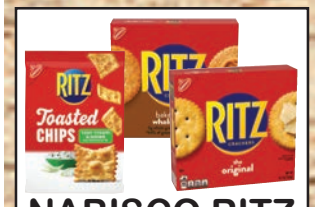
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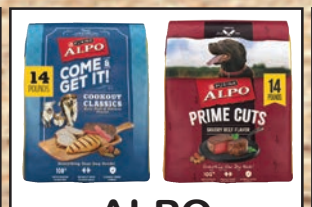
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FLAG FOOTBALL

Wallace State extends winning streak to 34 behind Kile's 11 touchdown passes

Staff Reports
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Emma Kile threw 11 touchdown passes Sunday as Wallace State's flag football team improved to 8-0 with two conference victories at the ACCC Battle for the State, hosted by Southern Union.

The Lady Lions defeated Calhoun 31-0 and Enterprise State 46-6, outscoring the two opponents 77-6.

According to information provided by Wallace State, the sweep stretched the program's winning streak to 34 games overall and 28 in conference play.

Kile finished the day with 366 passing yards, completing 29 of 37 attempts. Taylor Kindred scored three receiving touchdowns across the two games and added an interception return for a touchdown against Calhoun.

Kindred accounted for three of Wallace State's five touchdowns in the opener. She caught scoring passes of 8 and 49 yards and returned an interception 52 yards for another score. She also recorded a sack.

Kile completed 15 of 21 passes for 181 yards against Calhoun. In addition to her two touchdown throws to Kindred, she connected with Mariah Ragland for a 26-yard score and Destinee Ealy for a 10-yard touchdown.

Romajah Walton's seven flag pulls and Ma'Kyla Williams' two sacks helped Wallace State hold Calhoun scoreless.

Against Enterprise State, Kile distributed seven touchdown passes among six receivers while completing 14 of 16 attempts for 185 yards.

Ealy caught two touchdown passes. Kindred finished with three receptions for 54 yards and a touchdown, while Telecia Ransom added three catches for 35 yards and a score.

Takaya Binder, Ragland and Lilly Waldrop each contributed a touchdown reception.

Waldrop also intercepted three passes to lead the defense. Walton added four flag pulls and a sack as the Lady Lions allowed just one touchdown across the two games.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Cold Springs sweeps 1A-2A titles at Kudzu Hills Invitational

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BREMEN, Ala. - Cold Springs swept the Class 1A-2A team championships at the Kudzu Hills Invitational Saturday, Sept. 26, with Reese Swidecki leading a perfect-score performance by the Lady Eagles and Logan Perdue winning the boys' individual title in the division.

The host Lady Eagles claimed the first five places in the 1A-2A standings to finish with 15 points, well ahead of runner-up West End's 72.

Cold Springs' boys scored 63 points to finish ahead of J.B. Pennington with 83 and Ohatchee with 84.

Fairview, Hanceville, Holly Pond, St. Bernard and West Point also competed. Fairview's girls placed sixth in the 3A-4A standings, while West Point's boys finished eighth.

Cold Springs

Reese Swidecki paced the Lady Eagles over the 5K course in 18:52.83. Gemma Swidecki followed in second at 19:16.59, with Kynzlie Myrex third in 19:41.51, Claire Hancock fourth in 21:32.64 and Ally Mavers fifth in 21:50.28.

Allison Rice added a seventh-place finish in 22:37.65. Leslie Jones placed 16th in 24:22.62 and Lila Cates finished 18th in 24:40.29.

Perdue won the boys' 1A-2A individual title in 17:26.99, finishing 9.61 seconds ahead of J.B. Pennington's Gavin Watts. Carson Rice placed third in 17:44.54, and Caleb Dill gave the Eagles another top-10 finisher, taking ninth in 18:27.63.

James Baggett finished 13th in 19:15.06, followed by Lucas Freeman in 38th at 21:39.82, Easton Freeman in 41st at 21:47.51 and Jacob Winfrey in 57th at 23:11.55.

West Point

Lincoln Parker led West Point's boys with a 13th-place finish in the 3A-4A division, completing the course in 18:01.95. Griffin Jones placed 22nd in 18:59.21, and Collin Clark finished 29th in 19:15.16.

Ayden McGhee ran 21:01.40 for 80th, while Carson Duke finished 116th in 23:09.80 to round out the Warriors' first five finishers. West Point totaled 203 points for eighth place among 17 scoring teams.

Jake Terkildsen placed 125th in 23:31.48, Brandon Salter was 126th in 23:33.75, John Lombardi finished 197th in 37:03.49 and James Lombardi was 199th in 43:10.95.

Raelynn Lindley led West Point's girls with a 12th-place finish in 22:42.46. Judy Salter placed 16th in 23:26.05, and Raelynn Mergen finished 29th in 24:20.37.

Fairview

Fairview's girls scored 162 points to finish sixth among 11 scoring teams in the 3A-4A division. Eliana Hunt led the Lady Aggies in 20th place at 23:43.04.

Nicole Herrera finished 32nd in 24:44.21, and Kayla Santos placed 34th in 24:50.91. Joselin Parra took 53rd in 26:47.73, while Alianna Wunderlich completed Fairview's first five in 63rd at 28:15.16.

Ella Carter finished 65th in 28:23.32, AnnaBelle Smith was 68th in 28:28.63 and Jazmin Mateo placed 70th in 29:03.95.

The Lady Aggies also received finishes from Paisley Hopper, 90th in 31:59.07; Catallaya Benns, 100th in 34:19.27; Emilia Aleman, 112th in 38:56.09; Emma Buckelew, 116th in 41:39.73; Luna Castaneda, 118th in 43:17.88; and Jasmine Walker, 119th in 46:11.97.

Crockett Dunn paced Fairview's boys in 58th place at 20:20.58, followed by Danny Martin in 68th at 20:40.97. Contreras Santiago finished 115th in 23:08.16, Iker Gallardo placed 127th in 23:40.50, David Payes was 136th in 23:59.69 and Omar Gomez finished 140th in 24:11.09.

The Aggies scored 367 points to finish 15th in the 3A-4A team standings.

Holly Pond

Khison Alldredge led Holly Pond's boys with a 21st-place finish in the 3A-4A division, running 18:58.21. Levi Redd finished 104th in 22:27.10, and Xander Lambert placed 167th in 26:07.63.

Kynleigh Wood paced the Lady Broncos in 39th place at 25:19.33. Kyleigh Floyd finished 54th in 26:56.06.

Hanceville

Ely Stinson led Hanceville's boys in 107th place at 22:35.47. Camdin Ballenger finished 120th in 23:21.80, Elijah Minor was 133rd in 23:55.17 and Lincoln Jones placed 143rd in 24:20.32.

Cash Cone finished 191st in 32:40.96, and Bear Armstrong placed 192nd in 32:55.56. The Bulldogs totaled 467 points to finish 17th in the 3A-4A team standings.

Ameya Harper represented Hanceville in the girls' results, finishing 50th in 26:19.33.

St. Bernard

Jesus Sanchez led St. Bernard's boys with a time of 20:50.79, while Kieran Gargan finished in 23:27.36.

Anamari Alonzo paced the Lady Saints in 29:31.50. Lily Kerber followed in 29:56.38, and Yulissa Wang completed the course in 37:35.61.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Hampton breaks CCS two-mile record at Twilight meet

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HUNTSVILLE, Ala. - Chasen Hampton broke his own Cullman Christian School boys' two-mile record and earned a top-10 finish Saturday, Sept. 26, leading the Lions at On Twilight at PR'ville at John Hunt Running Park. Hampton finished 10th in the boys' junior high/JV two-mile race with a time of 11:56.50.

According to Cullman Christian Athletics, the performance lowered the school record he set at Fairview two weeks earlier by 2.27 seconds and improved on his previous week's time of 12:22.54 by 26.04 seconds.

The school reported an eighth-place team finish for the boys and personal-best times for all nine of its two-mile runners.

Elisabeth DeCicco added a season-best performance in the girls' open 5K.

Cutter Gibbs was the Lions' second finisher in the boys' two-mile race, placing 43rd in 13:02.59. Gavin Stidham followed in 47th at 13:11.89, while Caleb Randolph finished 81st in 14:32.78 and Elijah Rutherford placed 87th in 14:51.89. Colton Olinger completed the course in 17:19.63 to finish 119th.

Olinger recorded the largest improvement among the CCS boys, cutting 3:09.62 from his previous week's time, according to the school. Rutherford improved by 1:35.56, Stidham by 1:25.34, Gibbs by 1:21.13 and Randolph by 29.17 seconds. Meribelle Brock led the Lady Lions in the girls' junior high/JV two-mile race, finishing 21st in 15:22.95.

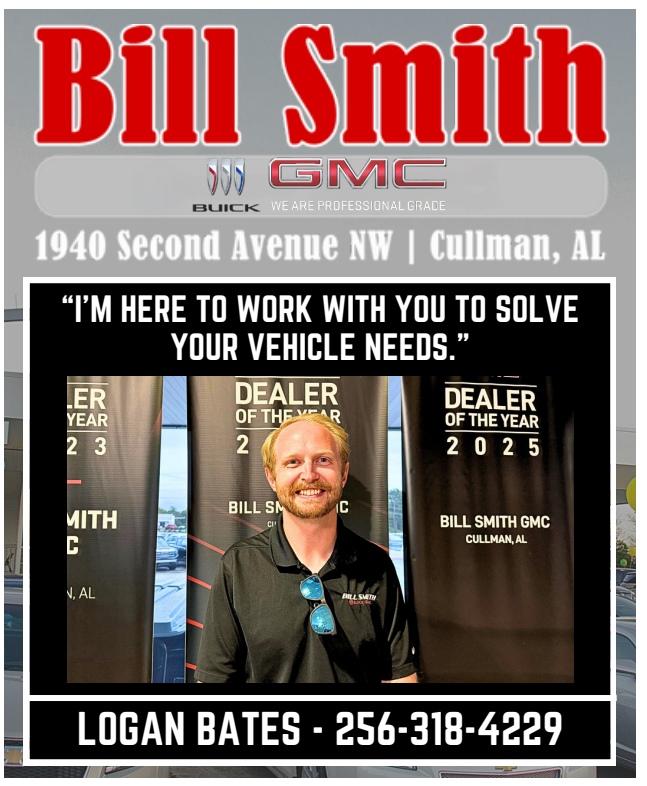


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Arden Brock placed 41st in 16:37.60, and Aubrie Claire Rigsby finished 56th in 18:00.97.

Arden Brock cut 4:49.42 from her previous week's time, the largest improvement among the school's two-mile runners. Rigsby improved by 2:44.39, while Meribelle Brock lowered her time by 1:28.59, according to CCS. DeCicco finished 49th in the girls' open 5K with a time of 24:34.27.

Her season-best effort was 2:22.84 faster than the 26:57.11 she recorded the previous week, according to the school.



Fall tradition

The Cullman County Fair Parade took place in downtown Cullman on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026. The annual community event is always a sure sign that autumn is around the corner.



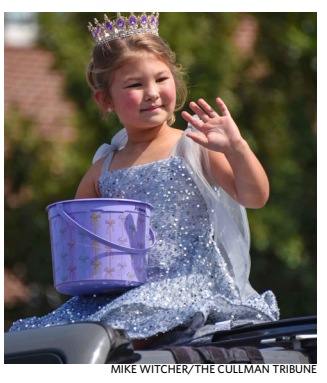
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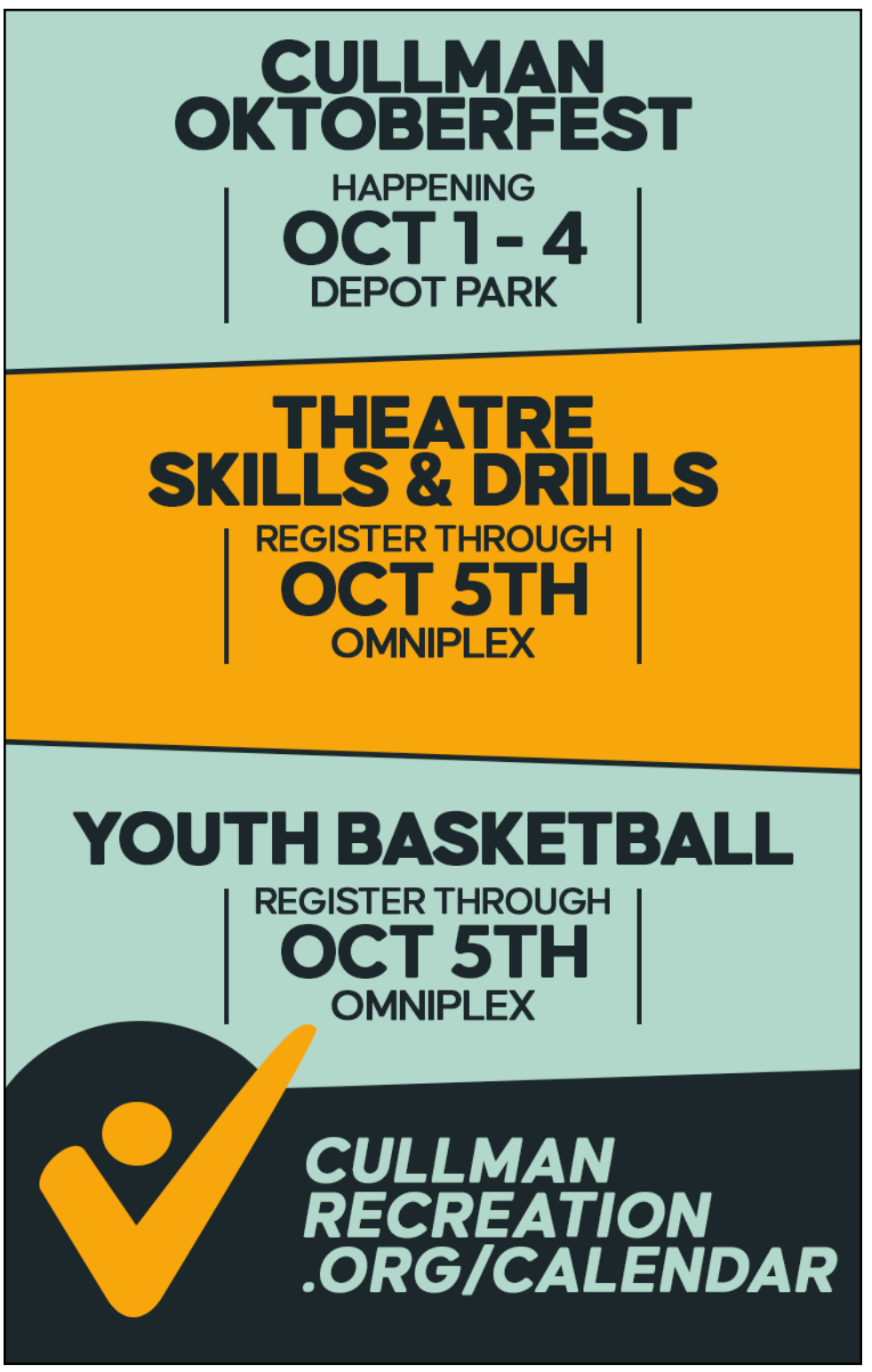
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SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

Cyclospora Cases Emphasize the Need for Food Safety

Maggie Gaddy
Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. - This summer, the U.S. saw a large uptick in reported cases of cyclosporiasis, a foodborne illness caused by the microscopic parasite Cyclospora. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently connected this year's outbreak with iceberg lettuce and issued a recall. The investigation is still ongoing, with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention looking into other outbreaks and illnesses from other sources.

This situation has brought the importance of proper food safety practices to the national spotlight. Experts like Camila Rodrigues, an Alabama Extension food safety and quality specialist at Auburn University, are helping consumers understand the current outbreak and guard against future issues.

Cyclosporiasis symptoms

Symptoms of cyclosporiasis include frequent and watery diarrhea, abdominal cramps, bloating and increased gas, nausea, loss of appetite, fatigue, weight loss and a low-grade fever in some cases. In some instances, Rodrigues said these symptoms can start to improve but then return later.

"The major difference with cyclosporiasis is that other foodborne illnesses caused by bacteria and viruses tend to resolve within a few days," Rodrigues said. "Cyclosporiasis can take several days and sometimes weeks, so it lingers longer and requires specialized treatment."

Cyclosporiasis requires specialized laboratory testing and a specific antibiotic to diagnose and kill the parasite. Individuals with persistent symptoms or signs of dehydration should contact their healthcare provider.

Food safety best practices

Each year, the summer months create an ideal environment where bacteria and parasites are more prone to appear in foods. Paying careful attention to recalls and handling produce correctly are always important food safety practices to follow.

For future food safety, Rodrigues said consumers should not be afraid to purchase fresh produce. There are simple steps that people can take to make produce safer for consumption. These include washing hands before handling food, discarding outer layers of produce, rinsing produce thoroughly, being cautious with prewashed or precut produce and refrigerating cut produce promptly.

"Consumers can cook most produce if they are afraid of eating it," Rodrigues said. "For example, blueberries can be made into jams and jellies. So, something like that is an alternative for consumers to feel a little safer."

According to the CDC, cooking produce to at least 158 degrees Fahrenheit will kill bacteria and parasites.

More information

For more information about Cyclospora and cyclosporiasis, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/cyclosporiasis. For information on food-safety practices, visit aces.edu/blog/category/food-safety.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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,

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

Personal Representative
Carolin Dial

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.

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

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, 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.

Sherry H. Barrett
SMITH & SMITH ATTORNEYS, LLC
Attorney for Petitioners
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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
Personal Representative of the
Estate of Bonnie Jean Pritchard Bradford,
Deceased

PERRY D. KNIGHT
Attorney for the
Estate of Bonnie Jean Pritchard Bradford, Deceased
412 First Avenue SE
Suite 101
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-4090

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
Judge of Probate

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Louisa Roden Peak, Richard Peak to CitiFinancial Corporation dated January 31, 2002; said mortgage being recorded on February 4, 2002 in Deed Book 1230, Page 98 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2180, Page 661 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on November 5, 2026 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

COMMENCE AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 12, RANGE 5 WEST AND THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 22, AND GO SOUTHEAST ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE COUNTY ROAD NO. 22, A DISTANCE OF 380 FEET, THEN GO DUE SOUTH 360 FEET, THEN GO DUE WEST 365 FEET TO POINT ON WEST LINE OF THE QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION AND THEN GO NORTH ALONG WEST LINE OF THE QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION 550 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Said property is commonly known as **20938 County Rd 222, Crane Hill, AL 35053**.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. Bidders must perform their own due diligence. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

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.

ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, went into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including nonjudicial foreclosures) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. As part of this Rule, purchasers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and the source of funds used in the reportable transaction, if applicable.* The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

* The Rule is the subject of ongoing litigation in several jurisdictions. We suggest that you seek your own legal counsel if you have questions about the status of the Rule and its applicability to your sale, if any.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258, if applicable.

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST
as holder of said mortgage
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NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by James Israel, an unmarried person, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as moartgagee, as nominee for The Federal Savings Bank, its successors and assigns dated March 31, 2022; said mortgage being recorded on April 5, 2022 in Deed Book 2008, Page 749 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to U.S. Bank National Association by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2121, Page 809 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, U.S. Bank National Association, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on March 12, 2026 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 2, according to the Survey of Cotton Row, as recorded in Map Book B, Page 63A in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 123 County Road 1407, Cullman, AL 35058.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. Bidders must perform their own due diligence. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

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AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until April 23,

2026, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

Cullman Tribune, April 9, 2026

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until June 4, 2026, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

Cullman Tribune, May 14, 2026

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until July 16, 2026, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

Cullman Tribune, June 4, 2026

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until August 27, 2026, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

Cullman Tribune, August 13, 2026

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until October 8, 2026, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

Cullman Tribune, September 29, 2026

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The Link (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. - The Link of Cullman County celebrated its accreditation and membership in the Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers on Friday, Sept. 25.

Executive Director Melissa Betts said there were many moving parts on the journey to becoming a Family Resource Center.

"I started at the Link on Feb. 1, 2020. It's funny now, but then, I didn't know until a few weeks later that our world would look very different," Betts said. "The story of how we got here to become a Family Resource Center: We don't call people clients, we call people neighbors. Long before I knew anything about FRCs, and back when I first started — the term they used instead of 'client' was 'neighbor.' That was a term I knew — it was modeled to me through my parents, my community and my church — the neighbor who is struggling, and might be messy. That neighbor needs to be loved and supported and know that they don't have to figure it out by themselves. When I heard the term 'neighbor' used (at) the Link, something felt right for me."

For Betts, a "neighbor" meant a relationship, and a "client" meant a transaction. She said becoming a Family Resource Center means being a community and statewide resource for neighbors.

"It's not the work of one person, it's a community connection," she said. "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 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 Folsom Jr., was governor," she explained. "She recognized that families across Alabama needed places where they could access coordinated resources and support through trusted organizations in their own communities."

Betts shared a quote from Helen Keller she said she feels represents The Link: "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!"

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

"Families rarely experience needs in isolation," Betts 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 now 28 Family Resource Centers across Alabama.

"The Link is now the 28th, with several additional centers expected to join the network before the end of 2026," Betts continued. "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, supporters staff and volunteers."

Most importantly, she said, they want participants to see how the many services offered through The Link work together.

"Our goal isn't simply to address one immediate need," Betts 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 28th Family Resource Center is another important step toward making that vision a reality. 'Where neighbors become family' — this is the new slogan for The Link. It marries the past to the future. We are so excited for our future."

Find out more about The Link and its services at www.linkingcullman.org.

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.

Obituary Announcements: Sept. 26-28

Robert Keith Puckett, 69
Robert Keith Puckett, 69, passed away on Friday, Sept. 25, 2026, at Keller Landing in Tuscumbia, Alabama. He was born Sept. 18, 1957, to William Harold and Doris Evelyn Puckett. He is preceded in death by his father, Harold Puckett. Survivors include his sisters, Delores Maner and Kathy Bates, a brother, Charles Puckett, and his mother, Evelyn Puckett. He will be buried at Macedonia Cemetery. No other services are planned at this time.

Danny Lynn Loggins, 64
Funeral services for Danny Lynn Loggins, 64, of Hanceville will be 1 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 30, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Bethlehem Cemetery in Locust Fork. Bro. Chuck Kennedy will be officiating services. The family will welcome friends for visitation at Hanceville Funeral Home on Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Danny was born on Aug. 5, 1962, to the late Dudley Howard and Cathryn (Hopkins) Loggins in Cullman, Alabama. After a brief illness, Mr. Loggins passed away on Sept. 26, 2026, at UAB Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Loggins was a true giver who never hesitated to help anyone in need. For more than 40 years, he devoted his working life to Children's Hospital, quietly serving and contributing to a place dedicated to caring for children and families. Outside of work, he carried that same giving spirit into the lives of those around him, helping countless people without ever seeking recognition or expecting anything in return. Much of what he did for others was done quietly, simply because that was the kind of person he was. His generosity, compassion, and willingness to help will be a lasting part of the legacy he leaves behind. Those he leaves behind to cherish his legacy are his wife, Lea Loggins; children, Scott Loggins (Lisa), Bridget Yeadon (Ricky), Brian Logan and Bradley Logan; grandchildren, Seth Loggins, Emma Loggins, Anthony Logan, Timothy King, Matthew King, Hannah Logan, Brandon Logan and Hunter Logan; siblings, Sandy Loggins and Monica Loggins; and a host of nieces and nephews. Mr. Loggins was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Cathryn Loggins; brother, Randy Loggins; and sister, Leisha Loggins. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Loggins' Family.

John Andrew Warwick, 82
John Andrew Warwick, 82, of Hanceville, Alabama passed away peacefully at home on Sept. 24, 2026, surrounded by family, friends and the Holy Mass. Andy was born on Dec. 15, 1943, in Honesdale, Pennsylvania to Dr. Edmund V. Warwick and Esther Fuller Warwick. Andy's lineage goes back to the Mayflower on his mother's side. His daughter, Tracey Lynn Warwick preceded him in death. He is survived by his devoted wife Judy Warwick of 61 years, their daughters Tina Warwick Fitzgerald and Catherine Warwick; his grandchildren Connor John-Warwick Fitzgerald and Caroline Maryelizabeth Fitzgerald as well as his two son-in-laws Daniel "Fitz" Fitzgerald and Stan Mucinic. He received his BS in Economics and Statistics at the University of Scranton and worked in the financial field. He retired to his favorite job at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Courses. Andy loved the Dallas Cowboys and the game of golf. He was a kind and loving husband and enjoyed going to the beach each year with his wife. He was an amazing father and was a very proud Grandpa. Andy was also a great father-in-law and role model. He was a very devout Catholic and was dedicated to two hours of Adoration a week and the Miraculous Medal Novena. A visitation and rosary will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Cullman, Alabama on Thursday, Oct. 1, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The funeral Mass will he held at the same church on Friday, Oct. 2, with the Divine Mercy Chaplet beginning at 10:30 a.m., Holy Mass at 11 a.m., followed by the graveside service. The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Eubanks, Dr. Moore, and Dr. Patrick Tomeny who never left his care. We also want to express our most sincere thanks to his caregivers Lisa, Lynette, Manuel, and Luke for their overwhelming love, attention, dedication and prayers as well as all of our friends who came to visit and/or prayed. We cannot thank you enough and are humbled and blessed by all. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church or have Holy Masses said for Andy and the family.

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Firehouse (from Front)

Anyone who donates a pack of 24 or more bottles of water will receive a free "Hook and Ladder" sub that day. Donated water will be divided between Cullman Fire Rescue and Hanceville Fire and Rescue.

The event will also offer early access to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Pups, plush dogs based on three real first responder dogs working in the field.

The collection includes a German Shepherd, Dalmatian and Golden Retriever, each wearing a Firehouse bandana. Proceeds from the purchases will benefit the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.

For more information, contact Firehouse Subs Cullman at 256-841-5600.

Firehouse Subs Cullman is located at 1302 Second Ave. SW, Ste G, Cullman, AL 35055.





Monster Truck Wars event roars into Cullman

Monster Truck Wars brought "BIG trucks, huge action and family friendly fun" to the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center on Sept. 26, 2026. Pictured are Halston Patrick from Jasper and Lukas Brothers from Albertville.



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Halston Patrick from Jasper



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Lukas Brothers from Albertville

Goatoberfest returns to Goat Island

Goat Island Brewing held its sixth annual Goatoberfest event on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026. The celebration included German food, cold craft beer, live music and activities for the entire family.



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Fall at 4D Farm

4D Farm opened for the fall season on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026. Fall at 4D Farm will run through Nov. 1. Visit www.4dfamilyfarm.com for the most up-to-date hours and special-event information and tickets. 4D Farm is located at 7066 County Road 703 in Cullman.



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