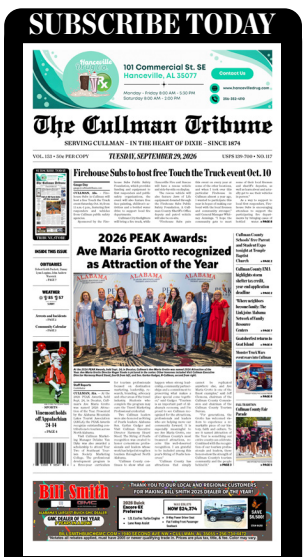
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Cullman City Council proclaims October Dyslexia Awareness Month, adopts amendment to Zoning Ordinance

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman City Council at its meeting on Monday, Sept. 28, proclaimed October 2026 Dyslexia Awareness Month. The Council also adopted an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

Lily Shadeck, a junior at Cullman High School and reigning Miss North Alabama's Teen, accepted the resolution from the Council.

Shadeck is the founder of the nonprofit Myth Busters Dyslexia Foundation, which brings awareness to and provides education about dyslexia beyond common misconceptions.

Her journey advocating for dyslexia began with her twin brother, Michael, she said. "I've watched him work twice as hard at things that seem to come so easily to others. I've also seen firsthand that dyslexia has absolutely nothing to do with intelligence or someone's potential."

Shadeck noted that the goal for Myth Busters Dyslexia Foundation is to educate, advocate and ensure families in the community don't have to navigate the challenges of dyslexia alone.

"This proclamation is more than a piece of paper," she said. "It starts conversations, brings awareness and, most importantly, tells every child with dyslexia in our community that they are seen, supported and capable of amazing things." » PAGE 5

Welcome to Cullman Oktoberfest! Oct. 1-4

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This feature originally ran in our Community Matters magazine.



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Cullman Mayor and 2025 Oktoberfest Burgermeister Woody Jacobs taps the keg to open Cullman Oktoberfest 2025.

CULLMAN, Ala. - There is something special about fall in Cullman.

The air begins to change, downtown comes alive and one of our community's most beloved traditions returns with the sights, sounds, flavors and fellowship that have made Oktoberfest a signature celebration for generations.

Each year, Oktoberfest gives Cullman a chance to welcome friends, families and visitors from across the region while celebrating the German heritage that helped shape our community. It is a festival rooted in history, but it is also a celebration of who Cullman is today: vibrant, growing, welcoming and proud of its people.

For those who call Cullman home, Oktoberfest is a reminder of the traditions that continue to connect generations. For visitors, it is an invitation to experience the hospitality, downtown energy and community spirit that make Cullman one of Alabama's most unique destinations.

"Oktoberfest is one of the best examples of what happens when a community comes together," Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs said. "It celebrates our heritage while showcasing the vibrant, welcoming city Cullman has become."

Jacobs said Cullman's German heritage remains an important part of the city's story.

"Cullman's German heritage is an important part of our story, and Oktoberfest provides an opportunity to celebrate that history while creating new traditions for future generations," Jacobs said.

That is what makes Oktoberfest so meaningful. It honors the past while continuing to grow into something new for children, families, longtime residents, first-time guests and everyone who gathers downtown to be part of the celebration.

From German food and the biergarten to live music, children's activities, vendors, downtown businesses and the festival atmosphere that fills the heart of Cullman, Oktoberfest has become one of those weekends people look forward to long before it arrives.

"Oktoberfest has become one of those weekends that people plan their calendars around because it brings together everything that makes Cullman special," Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports » PAGE 4

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Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 30

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
Sept. 29

- identity theft; person
- theft of property-1st degree; person; $8,850; cash
- theft of lost property; person; miscellaneous; 2nd Ave. NE

ARRESTS
Sept. 28-29

Lopez, Edwar T.; 23
- DUI

Clowers, Matthew T.; 56
- criminal trespass
- theft of property-4th degree

Bell, Jr., Vincent J.; 31
- possession of controlled substances
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- public intoxication

Timmerman, James B.; 43
- DUI

Griffin, Kenneth J.; 20
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

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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
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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.

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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.

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- 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- 256-739-3326
- spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
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- 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.
- 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.

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

Tipper (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Tipper has her own way of asking you to stay a little longer. A gentle reach of her paw, a graceful stretch and an almost upside-down turn are all part of this little kitten's effort to catch your attention.

Tipper, The Cullman Tribune's Pet of the Week, is an approximately 3-month-old domestic shorthair kitten with a tuxedo coat.

Available for adoption at the Cullman County Animal Shelter, she is an outgoing girl who puts her whole self into connecting with people.

With movements reminiscent of a tiny ballerina, Tipper reaches gently with her little paws, hoping someone will notice her.

Once she has your attention, her purring and cuddles offer plenty of reasons to linger.

Her affectionate nature suggests she could make a loving companion for someone who enjoys having a cat close by.

Still a young kitten, Tipper has plenty of growing ahead of her and is waiting for a home where she can grow up loved.

Tipper's adoption fee is $100 and includes spaying, vaccinations and microchipping.

Has Tipper already been adopted? Don't worry! Many more pets are waiting for their forever homes, and your perfect companion may be among them.

Visit the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. The shelter is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Contact the shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Cold Springs, Gordo meet for region lead; Thursday games open October slate

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CULLMAN, Ala. - A showdown for first place at Cold Springs, two Thursday road games and three first-time matchups highlight this week's local high school football schedule.

Addison and Cold Springs enter October with a combined 11-0 record. The Bulldogs will host Belgreen, while the Eagles welcome Gordo in a matchup between the only teams still unbeaten in Class 2A, Region 5 play.

Cullman will travel to Jasper for the AHSAA TV Network Game of the Week on Thursday, Oct. 1, while West Point visits Brooks that night. The other seven local games are scheduled for Friday, Oct. 2. Kickoffs are scheduled for 7 p.m.

Cullman at Jasper
Cullman (2-3, 1-2 Class 5A, Region 5) returns from its bye week looking to end a two-game losing streak when it visits Jasper (3-2, 2-1) at Ki-Ro/Gambrell Field.

The Bearcats last played Sept. 18, falling to Huffman 28-14. Jasper also had a bye last week after defeating Jackson-Olin 44-33.

Thursday will mark the schools' 78th meeting. Cullman leads the series 38-37, with two ties, but Jasper won last year's matchup 30-29.

West Point at Brooks
West Point (0-6, 0-3 Class 4A, Region 7) will travel to Killen on Thursday to face Brooks (3-3, 1-2).

The Warriors are seeking their first win after a 52-26 loss to Good Hope. Quarterback Max Patterson completed nine of 18 passes for 75 yards and two touchdowns in that game, connecting with JJ Minck and Bryant Moon for scores. Titan Thornton added a rushing touchdown, and Carter McAfee returned a kickoff 75 yards for another score. West Point is 0-3 against Brooks. The Lions won the schools' most recent meeting 41-30 in 2017.

Belgreen at Addison
Addison (6-0, 3-0 Class 1A, Region 7) will host Belgreen (2-3, 1-2) in the schools' first meeting.

The Bulldogs defeated Oakman 43-0 last week for their fourth shutout of the season. Addison has outscored its first six opponents 294-13 and shares the region lead with Hackleburg and Red Bay, both also 3-0 in region play.

Quarterback Elijah Roberts passed for 186 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for 103 yards and two scores against Oakman. Zane Smith added 111 combined rushing and receiving yards and two touchdowns.

Gordo at Cold Springs
Cold Springs (5-0, 3-0 Class 2A, Region 5) will put its unbeaten record on the line against Gordo (5-1, 3-0), with the winner taking sole possession of first place in the region.

The Eagles defeated Holly Pond 28-8 in their latest game. Cason Alexander scored on the opening drive, and Ethan Day added two touchdown runs as Cold Springs built a 21-0 lead through three quarters.

Gordo enters after a 42-26 win at Corner.

The schools have met only once. Cold Springs won that matchup 16-0 in 1993.

Brewer at Fairview
Fairview (3-2, 2-2 Class 4A, Region 8) returns from a bye week to host Brewer (2-4, 2-2).

The Aggies last played Sept. 18, defeating Sardis 41-2 to end a two-game losing streak. Friday's matchup gives Fairview an opportunity to move ahead of Brewer in the region standings.

The all-time series is tied 14-14. Fairview won the most recent meeting 38-0 in 2023.

Sardis at Good Hope
Good Hope (4-1, 3-0 Class 4A, Region 8) will host Sardis (1-4, 1-2) in the schools' first meeting.

The Raiders have won four straight since their season-opening 31-24 loss to Plainview. They scored a season-high 52 points in last week's 52-26 victory at West Point.

Karson Hollis rushed for 104 yards in the win. Parker Johnson added 64 rushing yards and four touchdowns on the ground and also scored on a 61-yard trick play.

Good Hope enters Friday tied with Cherokee County and Scottsboro at 3-0 in region play.

Susan Moore at Hanceville
Hanceville (0-5, 0-3 Class 3A, Region 6) will return from its bye week to host Susan Moore (1-4, 0-3).

Both teams are seeking their first region victory. Hanceville last played Sept. 18, falling to Glencoe 50-0.

Hanceville trails the all-time series 2-7. Susan Moore won the schools' last meeting 40-22 in 2017.

Holly Pond at Hokes Bluff
Holly Pond (2-3, 1-2 Class 3A, Region 6) will travel to Hokes Bluff (1-4, 1-2), with both teams looking to even their region records.

The Broncos are coming off a 28-8 loss to Cold Springs. Miguel Garcia rushed for 54 yards and scored Holly Pond's touchdown, while Hunter Tolbert added 43 rushing yards.

Friday will be the schools' first meeting in 60 years. Hokes Bluff won their only previous matchup 40-14 in 1966.

Waterloo at Meek
Meek (2-3, 1-2 Class 1A, Region 7) returns from a bye week to host Waterloo (1-4, 1-2).

The Tigers last played Sept. 18, falling to Addison 56-6. Waterloo enters after a 38-14 loss at Tharptown.

Meek has won all five previous meetings between the schools, including a 64-6 victory last season.

Etowah at Vinemont
Vinemont (4-2, 2-1 Class 3A, Region 6) will host Etowah (3-2, 3-0) in the schools' first meeting.

The Eagles have won two straight, most recently defeating Appalachian 24-14. Vinemont built a 24-0 halftime lead before stopping Appalachian's second-half comeback.

Caleb Slain opened the scoring with an 11-yard touchdown run. Lukas Ming caught a 20-yard touchdown pass, and Karson Arbet added a 1-yard scoring run before halftime.

Etowah enters tied with Oneonta for the region lead. A Vinemont victory would give the Eagles and Blue Devils matching 3-1 region records.

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Oktoberfest (from Front)

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Anderson said the festival's continued growth is intentional, but so is the effort to protect the traditions people love.

"Every year we look for ways to make Oktoberfest even better while protecting the traditions that people love," Anderson said. "Our goal isn't simply to host a festival, it's to create an experience that leaves families making memories and visitors wanting to come back to Cullman throughout the year."

That work has helped Oktoberfest grow into one of Alabama's premier festivals and one of the Southeast's best downtown German festival experiences.

"Oktoberfest has grown into one of Alabama's premier festivals because it offers something for everyone," Anderson said. "From authentic German traditions and incredible food to live music, children's activities and one of the Southeast's best German festival downtown atmospheres, it's a celebration we're proud to share with tens of thousands of guests from across the region."

Of course, an event of this size does not happen by accident. It takes the work of city leaders, parks and recreation staff, volunteers, sponsors, businesses, vendors, performers and countless community members who help make Oktoberfest possible each year.

"An event of this size only happens because of an incredible partnership between our city, volunteers, sponsors, businesses, staff and countless community members," Anderson said. "Oktoberfest belongs to Cullman, and we're honored to help bring it to life each year."

Inside this special section, we hope you find stories, information and features that help you enjoy the festival and appreciate the people and traditions behind it.

Whether you are here for the food, the music, the biergarten, the family activities, the shopping, the fellowship or simply to enjoy downtown Cullman at its best, we are glad you are here.

Welcome to Cullman! Welcome to Oktoberfest! And welcome to a tradition that continues to bring our community together!

Oktoberfest runs Oct. 1-4, at Depot Park. Get more details at www.cullmanoktoberfestival.com.

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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.

Council (from Front)

Zoning Ordinance
The Council adopted Ordinance No. 2026-43, updating Cullman's residential zoning rules and establishing additional design standards for qualifying developments. Detached single-family homes remain permitted in R-1, R-2 and R-3 residential districts. In R-4 districts, those homes are permitted only on property zoned R-4 before Jan. 1, 2026.

The ordinance replaces Sections 62-52 through 62-55 governing residential districts, establishes Design Quality Standards under Section 62-56 and replaces Section 62-93 governing attached single-family dwellings. It received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission.

The design standards give builders an option to construct homes on smaller lots where the city approves that approach, provided the homes meet stricter architectural, construction and landscaping requirements. For example, a qualifying detached home in an R-1 district can be built on a lot measuring at least 12,000 square feet instead of the standard 15,000 square feet. Requirements include specified exterior and roofing materials, covered front entries, minimum main-floor ceiling heights of 9 feet and landscaping.

The ordinance also permits attached single-family homes, such as townhouses, in R-1 and R-2 districts when they meet the Design Quality Standards. In R-1, R-2 and R-3 districts, attached homes cannot be developed between two occupied detached homes along the same street frontage within a block. The attached-home rules limit each group to eight dwelling units and require sidewalks at least 5 feet wide along the applicable street frontage.

At a previous Council meeting, Chief Building Inspector Brandon Lewis noted that the Building Department had shared the proposed changes with groups such as local Realtors and builders and received positive feedback and cooperation. He also stated that the changes would give builders more options while requiring higher-quality construction.

Personnel
The Council also adopted Ordinance No. 2026-51, which removes and replaces Section 181 "Adoption of Personnel Policies" from Chapter 2 "Administration" from the Code of Ordinances. The ordinance also removes and replaces Section 182 "Election of Officers" from the same chapter. This gives the city clerk, city treasurer, police and fire chief, who, already having some level of authority, the ability to maintain that authority pertaining to city employees and to have a say in the creation of policies.

Section 182 now reads, in part, "The city clerk, city treasurer, police chief, and fire chief may only be removed by a two-thirds vote of the city council elected to serve. All officers listed above must report to their designated committee chair, at least once per month, to keep the city council informed of the operations of their department. In addition to the normal duties of their respective departments, these officers shall set formal procedures for personal conduct of the employees within their departments not inconsistent with the policies set by the city council.

"The following officers shall be appointed by majority vote of the city council shall continue to serve until their successors are elected and qualified:

"1) City attorney.
The city attorney shall be appointed by a majority vote of the city council. The appointment of the city attorney shall be subject to the approval of a contract. The term of the contract shall not exceed one year. The city attorney shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed by the city council.

"2) City prosecutor.
The city prosecutor shall be appointed by a majority vote of the city council. The appointment of the city prosecutor shall be subject to the approval of a contract. The term of the contract shall not exceed one year. The city prosecutor shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed by the city council. The positions of city attorney and city prosecutor may be combined by a two-thirds vote of the council elected to serve. Once the offices of city attorney and city prosecutor have been combined, a two-thirds vote of the council elected to serve is necessary to separate those positions.

"3) City judge.
The city judge shall be appointed by a majority vote of the city council. The appointment of the city judge shall be subject to the approval of a contract. The term of the contract shall not exceed two years. The city judge shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed by the city council. The mayor may appoint a special judge to any case before the city court which the city judge has a conflict or recuses himself. The city judge, or his designee, may appoint a special prosecutor to prosecute any case in which the city prosecutor has a conflict or recuses himself. The city attorney may be appointed by the court to act as city prosecutor if the court so orders.

"All appointees in this section, who by statute require a bond(s) for their performance, shall have said bond(s) approved by the mayor and such premiums for bond(s) shall be paid out of the city treasury."

Changed meeting times
The Council adopted Ordinance No. 2026-52, which moves the Council's regular meetings from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. Work session will now be at 5:30 p.m.

Resolutions
The following resolutions were adopted:

• Resolution No. 2026-152 will allow First National Bank funding assistance for a deceleration lane on U.S. Highway 278, through a 772 agreement, an economic development

• Resolution No. 2026-153 will allow the Council to enter into an agreement with Safety Holdings, Inc. for SambaSafety driver reporting – this agreement will be renewed for four years and will provide training to the Street Department

On Sept. 22, the Council received a bid in the amount of $63,079 for a 4WD crew cab truck. The Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-154 to award the bid to Long-Lewis Automotive Group of Cullman.

During the Mayor's Report, Mayor Woody Jacobs thanked Zach Lee for his service on the City of Cullman Housing Authority Board, as he will soon be concluding his service.

Special events approved
• Cullman First Baptist Church will have a Hot Dogs and Handlebars preschool family fellowship event on Third Avenue Southwest on Sunday, Oct. 4, from 4-6 p.m.
• Friday, Oct. 23, The Link of Cullman County will hold a trunk or treat event on Elizabeth Street Northeast from 6-8 p.m.
• The Cullman Caring for Kids Ho Ho Ho Christmas Car Show will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 402 Arnold St. from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The next Cullman City Council meeting will be Monday, Oct. 12, 2026, at 6 p.m. in the city hall auditorium, with a work session beginning at 5:30.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF ELECTION

State of Alabama
Cullman County
Probate Office Elections

TO: ALL CULLMAN COUNTY VOTERS

In accordance with Section 17-9-5 of the Code of Alabama, notice is hereby given that a General and Constitutional Amendment Election will be held in Cullman County, Alabama on November 3, 2026. The following offices will be on the ballot:

FEDERAL OFFICES
• UNITED STATES SENATOR
• UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, 4th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE OFFICES
• GOVERNOR
• LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
• ATTORNEY GENERAL
• STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT NO. 4
• STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT NO. 11
• STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT NO. 12
• STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT NO. 14
• ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, PLACE 7
• ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, PLACE 8
• COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS JUDGE, PLACE 4
• COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS JUDGE, PLACE 5
• COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS JUDGE, PLACE 4
• COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS JUDGE, PLACE 5
• SECRETARY OF STATE
• STATE TREASURER
• STATE AUDITOR
• COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES
• PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, PLACE NO. 1
• PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, PLACE NO. 2
• STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT NO. 6

COUNTY OFFICES
• CULLMAN COUNTY CORONER
• MEMBER, CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT 1
• MEMBER, CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT 2
• CULLMAN COUNTY REVENUE COMMISSIONER
• CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF
• MEMBER, CULLMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION/

FAIRVIEW/DISTRICT NO. 2
• MEMBER, CULLMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION/

HANCEVILLE/DISTRICT NO. 4
• MEMBER, CULLMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION/

VINEMONT/DISTRICT NO. 6
• MEMBER, CULLMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION/

GOOD HOPE/DISTRICT NO. 7

"Shall the following Amendment to the Constitution of Alabama be adopted?"

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT STATEWIDE

STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 1
Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to provide for the election of a Lieutenant Governor if the Office of Lieutenant Governor becomes vacant during the first two years of a term, to authorize the Legislature to set the salary of the Lieutenant Governor and officers of the Legislature, and to require any expenditure of legislative funds for travel to be approved by a legislative officer. (Proposed by Act 2026-341)

( ) Yes
( ) No

STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 2
Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to provide a process for the creation of a consolidated county school system by merging two or more contiguous county boards of education; to require the State Board of Education to conduct an impact study on the potential effects fo the consolidation; to require publication of the impact study; to provide a procedure for protesting a proposed consolidation of two or more county school systems; and to require the State Board of Education to adopt rules. (Proposed by Act 2026-378)

( ) Yes
( ) No

STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 3
Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to require local boards of education to adopt policies requiring each public K-12 school to recite The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag at the beginning of each school day; and to require local boards of education to adopt a policy authorizing student-initiated and student-led prayer. (Proposed by Act 2026-379)

( ) Yes
( ) No

STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 4
Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to require local boards of education to adopt policies requiring each public K-12 school to broadcast or sanction the performance of the first stanza of The Star-Spangled Banner at least once per week during school hours. (Proposed by Act 2026-424)

( ) Yes
( ) No

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF LOCAL APPLICATION TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT IN ONLY THE COUNTY OF APPLICATION

LOCAL AMENDMENT 1
Relating to Cullman County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to authorize a qualified taxpayer 65 years of age or older to claim a senior property tax exemption for real property under certain conditions. (Proposed by Act 2026-141)

( ) Yes
( ) No

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Haynes (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Christian School's Asa Haynes has been named a semifinalist in the 2027 National Merit Scholarship Program, one of the nation's most prestigious academic honors for high school students.

The school announced the honor on social media, calling it "an outstanding achievement" that "reflects tremendous dedication, academic excellence, and a commitment to success."

"We are incredibly proud to celebrate Mr. Asa Haynes on being named a National Merit Semifinalist," the school said. "We are excited to celebrate this well-deserved honor and look forward to all that Asa will accomplish!"

More than 1.2 million juniors from about 20,000 high schools entered this year's program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

More than 16,000 students were named semifinalists, representing less than 1% of U.S. high school seniors. Semifinalists are the highest-scoring entrants in each state, with each state's number proportional to its share of the nation's graduating seniors.

To advance to finalist, semifinalists must submit a detailed scholarship application, have an outstanding academic record, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay and earn SAT or ACT scores that confirm their earlier test performance. About 95% of semifinalists are expected to become finalists.

About half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship.

Roughly 6,700 scholarships worth nearly $24 million will be awarded, with winners announced in four nationwide releases from April through July 2027.

Banquet (from Front)

Krystal Corley
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Hunters, outdoor enthusiasts and families are invited to a night of food, raffles and auctions when the Cullman County chapter of Ducks Unlimited hosts its annual banquet Thursday, Oct. 15, at 6 p.m. at The Venue at Cotton Creek, 417 Third Ave. SW.

Tickets are available online at ducks.org or can be purchased at the door. JW Steakhouse will cater the evening.

"There will be tons of raffles, great food and a night full of fun," Chapter Chairman Zack Drake said.

The banquet is the chapter's biggest fundraiser of the year, and organizers said the night will be packed with chances to win.

Raffle prizes include firearms, hunting supplies, household decorations and more, and a silent auction and a live auction will feature items such as hunting trips to Africa and Argentina, DU-exclusive merchandise and special anniversary items, including Ducks Unlimited's firearms of the year.

The featured raffle package includes a SureLock Security Constitutional gun cabinet, eight guns and other prizes. Only 100 tickets will be sold, at $100 each, and the drawing will be held the day of the banquet.

Families are encouraged to attend, and the chapter will hold special raffles just for children.

Conservation close to home
All proceeds benefit Ducks Unlimited's wetlands conservation work across the United States, which organizers said helps protect wildlife and ensure future generations can enjoy the outdoors. That work reaches into north Alabama, including projects at the Swan Creek Wildlife Management Area in Decatur and along the Tennessee River.

Founded in 1937, Ducks Unlimited describes itself as the world's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving wetlands and waterfowl habitat across North America. According to the organization, it has conserved more than 19 million acres to date, including more than 1 million acres in 2024 alone, and has conservation projects in all 50 states supported by more than 1 million members and supporters.

Wetlands supported by DU help improve water quality, reduce flooding, store carbon, support fish and wildlife and create outdoor recreation opportunities, according to the organization.

Because nearly 75% of America's remaining wetlands are on private land, DU partners with farmers, ranchers and landowners to improve habitat while keeping land productive.

Learn more at ducks.org.

Sponsorships available
Local businesses can put their names in front of hundreds of attendees by sponsoring the event. Three sponsorship levels are available, and all are tax deductible:

Mallard Sponsor, $2,500: dinner for eight, a gun off the gun list, one chance in the safe raffle and recognition throughout the night.

Pintail Sponsor, $1,500: dinner for eight, a gun off the gun list, one chance in the safe raffle and recognition throughout the night.

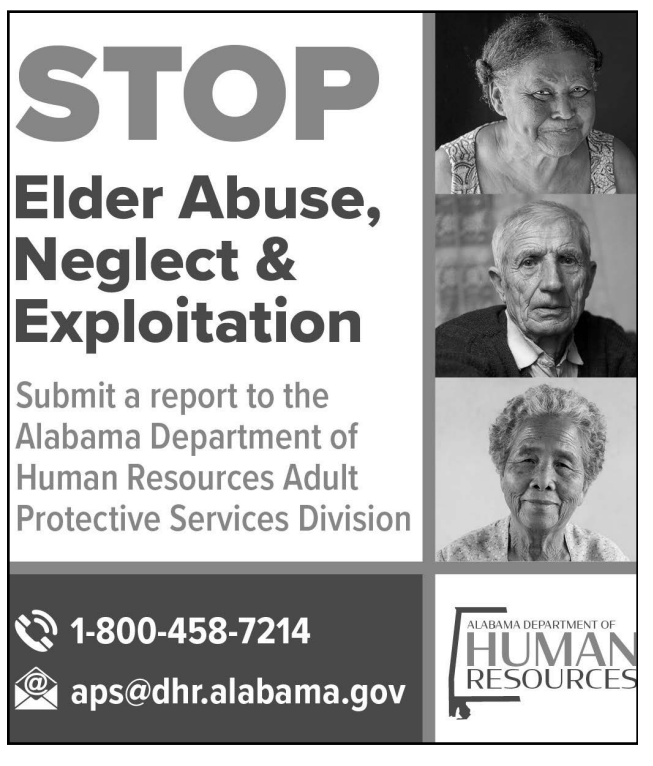
Coot Sponsor, $750: dinner for eight, one chance in the safe raffle and recognition throughout the night.

Sponsor tables can be reserved through the website or by contacting Drake, who will add businesses to the sponsor list.

Drake, like the rest of the chapter's organizers, volunteers his time. He served as co-chairman for 10 years before stepping into the chairman's role this year.

The chapter said it looks forward to a great year for conservation and to helping preserve nature for years to come.

For more information or questions about tickets and sponsorships, contact Zack Drake at 256-620-1672.



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Cullman, Al 35058

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Abandoned vehicle sale Cullman Towing & Recovery Inc., 821 AL Highway 157. Cullman, Al 35058 In accordance with Motor Vehicle Code 32-13-1, the following vehicles may be sold at 821 Al Highway 157, Cullman, AL, 35058, on Thursday November 26, 2026 to the highest bidder for purpose of collecting fees against said vehicle. Any Questions Call 256-734-0433.

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City of Cullman
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.

Judge of Probate
Cullman County, AL
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
ROBERT MATTHEW LEWIS, * CASE NO.: PC 2025-272
An Adult in Need of Protective Services. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
EMERGENCY PETITION FOR PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND/OR PLACEMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF A SUCESSOR GUARDIAN (AND A CONSERVATOR IF NECESSARY),
AMENDED PETITION FOR PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND/OR PLACEMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF A SUCCESSOR GUARDIAN (AND A CONSERVATOR IF NECESSARY) and MOTION TO APPOINT A SUCESSOR GUARDIAN

TO: Gwenna Jo Dilbeck, Donovan Lewis and any known or unknown Next-of-kin or interested parties

Please take notice that a hearing in regard to the *Emergency Petition for Protective Services and/or Placement and Appointment of a Successor Guardian (and a Conservator if Necessary)* and *Amended Petition for Protective Services and/or Placement and Appointment of a Successor Guardian (and a Conservator if Necessary)* filed by Susan Cupps, APS Social Worker, Cullman County Department of Human Resources, through Attorney Diane L. Dunning, and *Motion to Appoint a Successor Guardian* filed by Cullman County Department of Human Resources through Attorney M. Leigh Tyson.

A hearing has been **scheduled for the 12th day of November, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** in the office of TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama.

DONE this 29th day of September, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Diane L. Dunning
M. Leigh Tyson
Assistant Attorney General
State of Alabama
Department of Human Resources
PO Box 13248
Birmingham, Alabama 35202-3248

TO THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Please publish once a week for three (3) successive weeks and send Proof of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
DOYLE SADLER, * CASE NO.: PC2025-369
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Barry Camper, Jr., as Personal Representative of the Estate of DOYLE SADLER, deceased, on the 29th day of September, 2026, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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

Barry Camper, Jr.
Personal Representative

Daniel F. Aldridge
Attorney for the Petitioner
P.O. Box 2125
Huntsville, AL 350804

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 29th day of September, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
HENRY CHARLES GUTHERY, JR., * **CASE NO.: PC2026-279**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted to JESSICA PHILLIPS as Personal Representative of the Estate of HENRY CHARLES GUTHERY, JR. deceased, on the 29th day of September, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Jessica Phillips
Personal Representative

Clinton W. Kelly
Attorney for Petitioner
100 Wagon Yard Plaza
Carrollton, Georgia 30117

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

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
)
JAMES R. STORY AKA)
JAMES RICKIE STORY,) CASE NO.: PC2026-226
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
(SELF-PROVED WILL)

TO: BILLY RANDALL STORY, GARY EMMETT STORY, SAMUEL LYNN STORY, ROBERT STORY, SANDRA FAYE STORY WRIGHT, BOBBY MILFORD STORY AND ANY KNOWN AND UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KINS OR INTERESTED PARTIES OF JAMES R. STORY AKA JAMES RICKIE STORY.

Petition for Probate of Will (Self-Proved Will) filed by Courtney Breanna Barrett and Tyler Jacob Barrett, Petitioners, by and through Attorney, Jeffrey N. Cotney has been set for hearing on **7th day of January, 2027, at 10:30a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

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

DONE this 28th 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 three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper and send an affidavit of publication to the Judge of Probate.

Jeffrey N. Cotney
Cotney Elder Law
717 Kerr Drive
Gardendale, Alabama 35071

NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST

State of Alabama
Cullman County
Probate Office Elections

TO: ALL CULLMAN COUNTY VOTERS

There will be a PUBLIC TEST held for the Precinct Ballot Counter for the Tuesday, November 3, 2026, Alabama Statewide General and Constitutional Amendment Election.

The public test will be held Tuesday, October 20, 2026, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm at the Cullman County Court Referral Building, 2051 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County

NOTICE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION
Alabama Statewide General and Constitutional Amendment

Election November 3, 2026

State of Alabama

Cullman County

Probate Office Elections

TO: All Cullman County Voters

There will be a School of Instruction held for all election workers in Cullman County on October 6th, 7th, & 8th between the hours of 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM, pursuant to Ala. Code §17-8-9 (a). All election workers selected by the Appointing Board are required to attend one of these schools.

Thank you for your service.

Tammy Brown

Judge of Probate

Cullman County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

MYRA GARCIA,
Plaintiff

vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2026-000287.00**

ADOLFO GARCIA LEDEZMA,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Adolfo Garcia Ledezma, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Myra Garcia's Divorce Complaint by November 16, 2026, or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2026-000287.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 9th day of September, 2026.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER:
Myra Garcia
183 County Road 1304
CULLMAN, AL 35057

TO PUBLISHER: BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 24th, 2026 PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR (4) SUCCESSIVE WEEKS IN CULLMAN TRIBUNE.

*PLEASE BILL PLAINTIFF FOR THE COST OF PUBLICATION IF HE/SHE DOES NOT PAY WHEN THIS IS DELIVERED TO YOU.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Ron M. Roberson and Brenda C Roberson in favor of Peoples Bank of Alabama, dated September 15, 2023, and recorded in Book 2063 starting at Page 96 on or about September 20, 2023 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama; the undersigned Peoples Bank of Alabama, as mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Cullman County Courthouse in the City of Cullman, Cullman County, Alabama, on October 7, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all its right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 25 and 26 of Lakeshore West Subdivision, Phase II, as shown and known on the recorded plat thereof in Map Slide B-285-B, in the Probate Records of Cullman County, Alabama

The property address is: 55 County Rd 142, Crane Hill, AL 35053

THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, ENCUMBERANCES, AND EXCEPTIONS REFLECTED IN THE MORTGAGE AND THOSE CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SITUATED. THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED AS TO THE TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The mortgagee/transferee reserves the right to bid for and to purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the sale of the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

Michael R. Lunsford
Mortgagee
Attorney for Mortgagee
Peoples Bank of Alabama
Porterfield, Harper, Mills, Motlow & Ireland, P.A.
1912 Cherokee Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055
22 Inverness Center Parkway, Suite 600
Birmingham, AL 35242
(205) 980-5000

TO BE PUBLISHED: September 17, 2026, September 24, 2026, and October 1, 2026.

NOTICE OF ELECTION OFFICIALS

STATE OF ALABAMA

CULLMAN COUNTY

TO THE PROBATE JUDGE OF SAID COUNTY AND STATE:

We, the undersigned, constituting the Appointing Board of Election Officials of Cullman County, Alabama, hereby certify that this is a true and correct list of the Election Officials to hold a Statewide General and Constitutional Amendment Election, to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, in Cullman County, Alabama.

Absentee Box

Susan Richardson	Inspector
Lisa Andrews	Chief Clerk
Debra Ball	Clerk
Debbie Nelson	Clerk

Arkadelphia Fire Department — Precinct 7

Kristy Gable	Inspector
Diane Boyd	Chief Clerk
Susie Curtis	Clerk
Ivy Gable	Clerk
Leon Smith	Clerk

Baileyton Senior Center — Precinct 20 Box 1

Greg Hendrix	Inspector
Joan Weaver	Chief Clerk
Bobby Martin	Clerk
Mark McKely	Clerk
Mark Walker	Clerk

Baldwin Family Life Center — Precinct 33

Bonnie Marty	Inspector
Ginger Laws	Chief Clerk
Larry Buck	Clerk
Pamela Buck	Clerk
Patricia Moore	Clerk

Battleground Fire Department — Precinct 16

Randy Wynn	Inspector
Rhonda Wynn	Chief Clerk
Mary Asherbranner	Clerk
Michelle Naylor	Clerk
Gail Wynn	Clerk

Beat 8 Community Center — Precinct 8

Carolyn Calvert	Inspector
Frankie Williams	Chief Clerk
Rita Light	Clerk
Julie Mauldin	Clerk
Barbara Woods	Clerk
Rita Starnes	Clerk

Berlin Community Center — Precinct 23

Jennifer Lambert	Inspector
Emily Lambert	Chief Clerk
Joann Bullock	Clerk
Beatrice Garrison	Clerk
Lorie Pendergrass	Clerk

Bethel Community Center — Precinct 14 Box 2

Lyrie Joe Kent	Inspector
Patricia Kent	Chief Clerk
Phillip Fincher	Clerk
Denise Striker	Clerk

Bethsadia Fire Department — Precinct 13

Michael Brown	Inspector
Sandra Rhodes	Chief Clerk
Wendi McHann	Clerk
Anita Kilpatrick	Clerk
Maxie Rhodes	Clerk

Bolte White Grove Church — Precinct 36

Ben Jester	Inspector
Stanley Sandlin	Chief Clerk
Traca Hunkeapillar	Clerk
Sandra Peppers	Clerk
Robin Sandlin	Clerk

Bremen Fire Department — Precinct 10

Freda Dooley	Inspector
Avery Dooley	Chief Clerk
Robert Hancock	Clerk
Gwenda Mullins	Clerk
Jean Shelton	Clerk

Brooklyn Community Center — Precinct 20 Box 2

Clarence Benefield	Inspector
Paulette Porters	Chief Clerk
Anita Batemon	Clerk
Lucy Benefield	Clerk
Earl Porters	Clerk

Brushy Pond Community Center — Precinct 26

June Campbell	Inspector
Beverly Mullenix	Chief Clerk
Donna Blik	Clerk
Philip Mullenix	Clerk
Sharron Sims	Clerk

Center Hill Community Center — Precinct 31

Keith Burns	Inspector
Tara Meharg	Chief Clerk
Wendy Jenkins	Clerk
Sheila Nuss	Clerk

Cold Springs Community Center — Precinct 9

Ann Freeman	Inspector
Debra Graves	Chief Clerk
Roy Dickerson	Clerk
Laurita Hogland	Clerk
Will Jackson	Clerk
Kay Lenard	Clerk

Colony Education Complex — Precinct 6 Box 2

Gwendolyn Purifoy	Inspector
Evelyn Timmons	Chief Clerk
Margaret Dimbo	Clerk
Mervin Green	Clerk
Kim Twitty	Clerk

Courthouse Conference Room — Precinct 1 Box 6

Toby Monts	Inspector
Lynn Bradford	Chief Clerk
Brian Monk	Clerk
Rachel Monk	Clerk

Crane Hill Fire Dept Comm Bldg — Precinct 12

Callie Garmon	Inspector
Robbie Calvert	Chief Clerk
Alice Burrow	Clerk
Roberta Bush	Clerk
Gabriele Davis	Clerk
Jan Williams	Clerk

Cullman City Hall — Precinct 1 Box 5

Seth Thompson	Inspector
Catherine Haggard	Chief Clerk
Dennis Berse	Clerk
Shannon Berse	Clerk
Charlotte Slatton	Clerk

Cullman County Health Dept. — Precinct 34

Dale Moody	Inspector
Denise Schuman	Chief Clerk
Diane Smothers	Clerk
Mark Smothers	Clerk

Cullman Office Bldg (Basement) — Precinct 1 Box 4

Jason Murphree	Inspector
Judy Boike	Chief Clerk
Doug Boike	Clerk
Joan Calvert	Clerk
Ernest Hauk	Clerk
Susan Hauk	Clerk

Dodge City Community Center — Precinct 2 Box 2

Heather Langley	Inspector
Heaven Rivers	Chief Clerk
Jerry Langley	Clerk
Pat Windsor	Clerk

Donald E. Green Senior Center — Precinct 1 Box 1

Linda Romine	Inspector
Mark Aderhold	Chief Clerk
Becky Kirk	Clerk
Johnny Kirk	Clerk
Patricia Marsh	Clerk

Donald E. Green Senior Center — Precinct 1 Box 2

Rebecca Parker	Inspector
Debra Butler	Chief Clerk
David Abney	Clerk
Emily Abney	Clerk
Patti Brown	Clerk

Donald E. Green Senior Center — Precinct 1 Box 3

Robert Allison	Inspector
Brenda Allison	Chief Clerk
Nina Davis	Clerk
Donna Tinsley	Clerk
Beverly Price	Clerk

East Point Community Center — Precinct 35

Leslie Calloway	Inspector
Ronald Barnes	Chief Clerk
Tim Sellers	Clerk
Melanie Vincent	Clerk
Deborah Williams	Clerk

Fairview Fire Dept A-K — Precinct 28 Box 1

Darrell Bailey	Inspector
Sherry Bailey	Chief Clerk
Jason Bryan	Clerk
Jimmie Grimes	Clerk

Fairview Town Hall L-Z — Precinct 28 Box 2

Amy Haynes	Inspector
Hugh Harris	Chief Clerk
Debbie Shedd	Clerk
Randall Shedd	Clerk
Diana Waldrop	Clerk

Friendship Baptist Church — Precinct 30

Dennis Swafford	Inspector
Jan Alldredge	Chief Clerk
Jimmy Alldredge	Clerk
Deborah Davis-Hood	Clerk
Ellis Folsom	Clerk
Joe Kampis	Clerk

Friendship Methodist Church — Precinct 17 Box 2

Mary Jones	Inspector
Debra Baxter	Chief Clerk
Heather Hill	Clerk
Albert Jones	Clerk
James Jones	Clerk
Franchot South	Clerk

Garden City Town Hall — Precinct 4

Sheila Kretzschmar	Inspector
Cherrie Haney	Chief Clerk
Marcia Pender	Clerk
Mary Swann	Clerk

Gold Ridge Community Center — Precinct 19

Anthony Graham	Inspector
Rick Davis	Chief Clerk
CL Arrington	Clerk
Charles Hesterley	Clerk
Jody Graham	Clerk
Jeffery Wren	Clerk

Good Hope City Hall — Precinct 2 Box 1

Wendy Waldrep	Inspector
Willard Waldrep	Chief Clerk
Christie Chamblee	Clerk
Tammy Howard	Clerk
Cynthia Shabel	Clerk

Grandview Community Center — Precinct 29

Linda Pace	Inspector
Brenda Wilkinson	Chief Clerk
Helen Dunn	Clerk
Sue Carol Livingston	Clerk
Laura Reeder	Clerk

Hanceville City Hall — Precinct 3 Box 1

Angie Widner	Inspector
Anna Gotch	Chief Clerk
Latrice Colvin	Clerk
Yvonne Grund	Clerk
Christine Larkins	Clerk

Hanceville Civic Center — Precinct 3 Box 2

Brenda Carter	Inspector
Patricia Tucker	Chief Clerk
Danie Nail	Clerk
Donna Schulte	Clerk
Larry Tucker	Clerk

Holly Pond Fire Department — Precinct 22

Danny Alldredge	Inspector
Vickie Alldredge	Chief Clerk
Tanya Hays	Clerk
Robbi Kimberly	Clerk
Carol Watts	Clerk

Jones Chapel Fire Department — Precinct 15

Ellen Pigg	Inspector
Phyllis Little	Chief Clerk
Karen Hale	Clerk
Connie McMinn	Clerk
Robin Sterling	Clerk
Wanda Sterling	Clerk

Joppa Fire Department — Precinct 21 Box 1

Joan Creel Harper	Inspector
Brenda Creel	Chief Clerk
Valery Murphree	Clerk
Austin Murphree	Clerk
Caroletta Scofield	Clerk

Logan Fire Department — Precinct 14 Box 1

Elaine Johnson	Inspector
John Stark	Chief Clerk
Charlotte Brock	Clerk
Robert Harbison	Clerk
Donna Miller	Clerk
Joanna Stark	Clerk

Moody Town Union Hill Church — Precinct 6 Box 1

Christy Gamble	Inspector
Terry Lee Gamble	Chief Clerk
Jamey Hammock	Clerk
Jenny Hammock	Clerk
Wanda Mahaffey	Clerk

New Canaan Senior Center — Precinct 21 Box 2

Angel Casey	Inspector
John Casey	Chief Clerk
Dori Poole	Clerk
Dorinda Poole	Clerk

Providence Fire Department — Precinct 18 Box 2

Andy Dyer	Inspector
Edward Green	Chief Clerk
Bridgett Rodgers	Clerk
Heath Rodgers	Clerk
Stacey Smith	Clerk

Simcoe Community Center — Precinct 32

E.J. Carter	Inspector
Sherry England	Chief Clerk
Edwin Dixon	Clerk
Madison Kovar	Clerk
Brenda Maynard	Clerk

Stouts Mountain Baptist Church — Precinct 5

Randall Waldrep	Inspector
Royce Russell	Chief Clerk
Linda Russell	Clerk
Leann Waldrep	Clerk
Kerrie Wigley	Clerk

Trimble Fire Department — Precinct 11 Box 1

Brenda Twilley	Inspector
Wanda Woody	Chief Clerk
Kim Barelare	Clerk
Bruce Whitlock	Clerk
Beatrice Whitlock	Clerk

Valley Grove Community Center — Precinct 11 Box 2

Connie Baker	Inspector
Kelley Baker	Chief Clerk
Jamie Hancock	Clerk
Cindy Knight	Clerk
James White	Clerk

Vinemont Community Center — Precinct 18 Box 1

Kathy Waddell	Inspector
Gary Waddell	Chief Clerk
Judy Dodson	Clerk
Frank Gingrich	Clerk
Nina Justice	Clerk
JoAnn Oakley	Clerk

Walter Community Center — Precinct 24

Phillip Hicks	Inspector
Angela Robertson	Chief Clerk
Debra Delamont	Clerk
William Sinyard	Clerk

Welti Mt. Zion Church — Precinct 25

Vanessa McDaniel	Inspector
Kristi Baker	Chief Clerk
Joyce Allen	Clerk
Merry Duke	Clerk

West Point Community Center — Precinct 17 Box 1

Derinda Jones	Inspector
Linda Blackwood	Chief Clerk
Vicki Blankenship	Clerk
Wayne Blankenship	Clerk
Tammy Lackey	Clerk
Terence Lackey	Clerk

White City Community Center — Precinct 27

Candy Reeves	Inspector
Beverly Wright	Chief Clerk
Frances Boike	Clerk
Mark Reeves	Clerk





Festival (from Front)

Lauren Estes
lauren@cullmantribune.com

FALKVILLE, Ala. – The 29th annual Falkville Fall Festival will take place Saturday, Oct. 10, from 7 a.m.- 2 p.m. in downtown Falkville, near town hall.

Town of Falkville Marketing and Event Coordinator Brooke Jones said the event opens with a 7 a.m. pancake breakfast at the fire station, and all donations will benefit the Falkville High School Marching Band.

"We will have several staple events returning like the tractor show, car show, live music entertainment, food trucks, Bingo and our arts and craft vendors," she said. "All proceeds for bingo are for the Falkville High School cross country team."

The event is a free, family friendly affair.

"I truly enjoy seeing the community come together and eat at some delicious food trucks, shop local vendors and grab goodies," Jones said. "I also love working and organizing the 5K. It's so exciting to see who will finish first in each division, and runners coming out to support our town."

According to the event site at www.falkville.org/event-applications/page/falkville-fall-festival-details, "We've got something for everyone, including delicious food trucks, a wide variety of vendors, live entertainment, bingo, a mechanical bull, car show, kids zone, and much, much more!"

The Color Me Downtown 5K and walk will be held at South Park beginning at 8 a.m. with on-site registration at 7:30 am.

The car show is at 9 a.m. Live entertainment will include Dry Creek Bluegrass, Josh/Paul, Empty Pockets, Drew Long and Buckshot, featuring special guest T-MAN.

Get more information at www.Falkville.org.

Obituary Announcements: Sept. 29-30

Larry Coleman Creel, 77

Funeral services for Larry Coleman Creel, 77, of Hanceville will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Welti, Alabama. Burial will follow the service at Welti Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday, Oct. 2, from 5-8 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Creel was born April 24, 1949, in Empire, Alabama to the late Elzie Creel and Lizzie Hutchens. He passed away Sept. 27, 2026, in Hanceville, Alabama. Larry Creel was a proud veteran who honorably served his country in both the United States Navy and the National Guard. His dedication to serving others continued throughout his life, including through his many years as a school teacher at Hanceville High School, where he had the opportunity to influence and encourage countless students. Larry was a faithful member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, where his faith and church family were an important part of his life. Larry had a deep love for animals of all kinds—anything with fur or without it could capture his attention and affection. He enjoyed many hobbies and interests, including collecting and admiring knives and guns, as well as riding and enjoying motorcycles. He had a unique personality and was known for his dry sense of humor. Mr. Creel is survived by his wife of 53 years, Margaret Creel; children, Elijah Creel, and Jacob Creel (Kasey); and his grandchildren, Collin Creel, Lizzie Creel, Zeb Watson, Zac Watson, Zoe Watson, Jude Creel, Lucy Creel, and Max Creel. Mr. Creel was preceded in death by his parents, Elzie Creel & Lizzie Hutchens. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Creel family.

Mary Jean Hancock, 80

Mary Jean Hancock, 80, of Hanceville, Alabama, passed away on Sept. 27, 2026. Born Nov. 27, 1945, Mary Jean will be remembered for the steady compassion she extended to others, the devotion that anchored her life, and the kind-hearted spirit that made those around her feel welcomed and cared for. A true God loving Christian woman, she lived her faith with quiet sincerity and enduring grace. Mary Jean found simple joys in the moments shared with family, especially in the companionship of her husband. Whether yard saleing and visiting thrift stores or spending time fishing together, she cherished the everyday blessings that became lasting memories. Mary Jean is survived by her husband, Charles Hancock. Visitation will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055, on Sept. 29, 2026, from 5-8 p.m. A Celebration of Life will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055, on Sept. 30, 2026, from 1-2 p.m. A Committal Service will follow at Bethlehem United Methodist Church Cemetery, 2830 County Road 216, Hanceville, AL 35077, on Sept. 30, 2026, from 2-3 p.m.

Michael Lee Jackson, 67

Michael Lee Jackson, age 67 of Cullman, passed away on Monday, September 28, 2026, at his residence. He was born, October 29, 1958 to Huey Lee Jackson and Mary Nell Jackson. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his daughter, Jozi (Blake) Harris; son, Austin (Payton) Jackson; three grandchildren; mother of his children, Deann Wells Jackson; brother, Mark Jackson; sister, Susan Jones; and a host of other family and friends. There are no services planned at this time for Mr. Jackson.

Bruce AC Barrett, 77

Funeral services for Bruce AC Barrett, 77, of Hanceville will be 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 5, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Laodicea cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday, Oct. 4, from 5-8 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. With great sadness Bruce has gone home. He came into this world Feb. 25, 1949, and left on Sept. 27, 2026. Bruce is survived by his wife, Brentis; sons, Al, and Stuart (Pat); his grandsons, Dre (Brandilyn), Chace, Joey, and Jared (Rebecca); seven great grandkids; sister-in-laws, Debora and Kathy (Larry); and his brother-in-law, James (Teena). Bruce was a great husband, dad, granddaddy, brother-in-law, and friend. He was a 32° master mason, custom gunsmith, and worked on commercial refrigeration. In lieu of flowers the family request donations to the charity of your choice.

James Roger Lay, 74

James Roger Lay, 74, of Cullman, Alabama, was born March 12, 1952, and passed away Sept. 27, 2026. From his early years, Roger learned the value of steady effort and perseverance. Growing up in Cullman, he picked cotton alongside his brothers and sister, experiences that shaped a man known for hard work, honesty, and a quiet bravery. He also found joy in simple, lasting pleasures—playing basketball at Vinemont High school and fishing with his brothers—moments that reflected the kind-hearted spirit so many came to cherish. Roger served in the Army and was stationed in Germany, where he received several awards for his service. He carried that same sense of duty, integrity, and commitment into civilian life, becoming a very well-known and respected drywall business owner. More than 30 years ago, Roger was saved and began a lifelong walk of faith that remained an important part of who he was. Through the years, he remained generous in the ways that mattered most—showing up, lending a hand, and offering steady support. His kindness, faith, and willingness to help others earned him the respect and affection of all who knew him, making him deeply beloved by his family, friends, and community. In retirement, Roger's days were often spent enjoying his dogs and grandchildren while sitting on his front porch, a familiar and comforting presence to those around him. Roger was preceded in death by James Ted Lay, father; Jewell Angenette Lay, mother; William Bill Lay, brother; and Laverne Roberts, sister. Roger is survived by Delisha Goodwin (Keith), daughter; Barbara Ann Lay (Brett Gordon), daughter; Josh Lay, son; Zack Lay, son; Jon Lay, son; Jo Lay, sister-in-law; Terry Lay (Brenda), brother; and Rick Lay (Sheila), brother and host of grandchildren. The family wishes to express heartfelt gratitude for his caregiver, Libby, who was amazing to him and truly was his best friend. Roger never said goodbye—he always said "later." We miss you Roger and we love you. Rest in peace. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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