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Aging out? Federal lawsuit filed against CRMC by former physician could be coming to a close

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CULLMAN, Ala. - A U.S. District judge has scheduled a hearing at the request of Cullman Regional Medical Center to dismiss a federal lawsuit filed in 2022 by a former physician alleging age discrimination. The hearing is set for Oct. 23, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. in Courtroom V of the United States Courthouse in Huntsville.

A June 2022 proposal to change physician compensation at Cullman Regional Medical Center included a prediction about Dr. Hansel Noffsinger regarding his bonus formula.

"Noffsinger – Move to % of collections (this will make him leave)," read the attachment to Lisa Courtney's June 6 email, "Summary Talking Points for James." (The email is referencing James Clements, CRMC CEO.)

Courtney, then vice president of physician services, said the parenthetical predicted his reaction rather than expressing a desire for his departure.

"I noted that this change would make him leave. But, that note was not an expression of my desire for him to leave," she said in "Declaration of » PAGE 6

3rd annual Spooktacular Storybook 5K coming Oct. 24



CULLMAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

Top row, left to right, are Rebecca Bouldin, Amber Thornton and Julie Freeman. Middle row, left to right, are Rachel Atwood, Shelby Creekmore and Dakota Trammel. Front row, left to right, are Thomas Messersmith, Krysti Shallenberger and Ezekiel McBrayer.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County (FPLCC) will host the third annual Spooktacular Storybook 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run Saturday, Oct. 24, at 8 a.m. beginning at the Cullman County Public Library.

FPLCC President Julie Freeman said they are excited to see familiar and new faces decked out in their favorite literary character costumes for their Halloween running event.

"We have a new route this year that we're eager for people to test their running prowess on," Freeman said. "Most importantly, we love people showing up to support their public library. Every one of us has fond memories of our favorite librarian showing us a new book as a child or adult. We love seeing the outpouring of support from the community."

Freeman said the race starts and ends at the Cullman County Public Library, and they wouldn't be here without the staff's support and hours they put in to make this event fun for everyone.

"Running Lane will time our events; they will time our event for the second year in a row, and many of our sponsors have repeated their generous donations," she said. "Because of their support, we can invest in a quality race and raise funds for our library. We have an amazing graphic designer, Ashley Trawick, who has designed our logo for the last two years – we're excited to show off her work on our T-shirts.

"Our Friends of the Public Library volunteers have gone above and beyond to organize this race, especially Thomas Messersmith and Krysti Shallenberger, and have invested a lot of time and resources outside of their other obligations. We take notes on what to improve for next year so that people keep returning and keep supporting our library."

The library is launching its official Capital Campaign this month, and Freeman said they are thrilled to be the main kick-off event for this 12-month campaign.

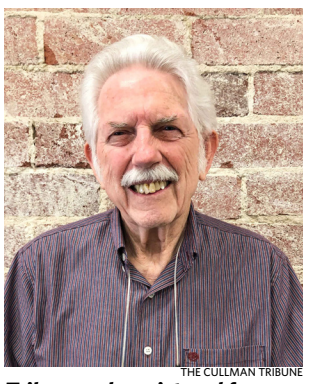
Cullman County Public Library System Assistant Director Shelby Creekmore said the Capital Campaign will focus on both fundraising and awareness for the upcoming library changes and expansion.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 5

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 5, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Oct. 1

- assault; CR 657
- discharging firearm into unoccupied dwelling; menacing; CR 1087
- domestic violence; CR 657
- possession of controlled substances; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; 2nd Ave. SW
- permitting dogs to run at large; criminal mischief; CR 798
- menacing; CR 1759
- violation of protection order; Speegle Rd.
- menacing; CR 223

Oct. 2

- attempt to elude law enforcement officer; I65SB MM 293
- domestic violence; CR 641
- domestic violence; CR 431
- possession of controlled substances; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 54
- criminal mischief; CR 1282
- theft of property; Hwy. 278E
- domestic violence; 2nd Ave. SW
- theft of property; CR 1235
- theft of property; CR 1402
- harassing communications; CR 1701
- violation of elder abuse protection order; CR 1043

Oct. 3

- possession of marijuana; CR 437
- criminal mischief; Hwy. 91
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; US. 31
- possession of controlled substances; possession of drug paraphernalia; I65SB MM 298
- harassing communications; CR 307
- reckless endangerment; CR 1294
- violation of protection order; CR 544
- menacing; CR 1233

Oct. 4

- domestic violence; CR 675
- trespassing; criminal mischief; CR 515
- domestic violence; CR 1579
- theft of property; US. 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69S

ARRESTS

Oct. 1-5

Bigham, Emily K.; 31
- FTA – improper lane usage
- FTA – DUI (controlled substances)

Billings, Axil S.; 29
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Brown, Jnet D.; 60
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Cabanas, Ignacio S.; 24
- DUI

Christ, Laura O.; 19
- FTA – speed above 45 mph

Cobb, Kevin D.; 50
- arson-other building
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree – criminal mischief-2nd degree
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Coleman, William B.; 56
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Cooper, Austin V.; 28
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Cribb, Gregory W.; 55
- theft-miscellaneous (2 counts)
- forgery-forged instrument (2 counts)

Davis, Maria C.; 41
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Davis, Zachary O.; 21
- assault-domestic-menacing-gun

Glover, Elizabeth E.; 45
- DUI
- attempting to elude a police officer

Hargrove, Corey L.; 32
- public intoxication

Hitt, Michael K.; 54
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- assault-harassment

Hopper, Matthew J.; 28
- GJ – sex offense-force
- GJ – sexual abuse of a child less than 12 years old-sexual assault with an object
- GJ – sex offense-incest with minor

Lewis, Ashton D.; 29
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of dangerous drugs

Marlow, Anthony J.; 24
- assault-domestic-menacing-gun (2 counts)
- discharging firearm into unoccupied building, railroad, aircraft, automobile, truck, or watercraft (4 counts)

McKinnon, Alan D.; 69
- assault-harassment (harassment/intimidation)

Moore, Mathais K.; 36
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of drug paraphernalia

Owens, Kelly J.; 51
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Port, Joseph A.; 47
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Pugh, Barry E.; 58
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Rogers, Joshua D.; 34
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Sanford, Christopher L.; 42
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possessing stolen property

Schulte, Donna A.; 66
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Stapleton, Justin K.; 37
- theft-from coin machine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Tamayo-Sanchez, Gustavo; 51
- DUI (alcohol)

Thornell, Jeriod N.; 48
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Walker, Sarah J.; 32
- public intoxication

Whitney, Nathan S.; 23
- burglary-residence-no force
- criminal mischief-damage to private property

Wilson, Jonathan K.; 32
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 28
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157

Oct. 1
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $250; Hwy. 157

Oct. 2
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damaged mailbox; $150; Kim Ln. SE
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Morgan Ave. SW
- theft of property-2nd degree; person; jewelry; $2,924; Arnold St. NE
- forgery; theft of property-2nd degree; Sherwin Williams; forged check
- theft of property-4th degree; Dollar General; general merchandise; 4th St. SW
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '25 Ford Ranger; $6,000; Commerce Ave. NW

Oct. 3
- theft of property-4th degree; Dollar General; general merchandise; 3rd St. SE
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; damage to '13 Chev. Equinox
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '13 BMW; $2,200; 1st Ave. NW

Oct. 4
- theft of property-2nd degree; person; miscellaneous; St. Joseph St. NW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $67; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

Oct. 2-4

Clements, Rachel G.; 33
- FTA – driving without license (2 counts)
- FTA – insurance violation

Lamb, Elizabeth D.; 42
- chemical endangerment of child
- possession of controlled substances
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Preiss, Lindsay M.; 33
- public intoxication

Watts, Christopher J.; 20
- DUI
- minor in possession/consumption of alcoholic beverage

Addie, Keisha S.; 38
- FTA – driving without license
- FTA – no seat belt

Peterson, Blake T.; 28
- public intoxication

Leight, Jody M.; 47
- theft of property-4th degree
- resisting arrest

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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5k (from Front)

Library building and also raise awareness of how library funding is structured and what we have to offer our community," Creekmore said.

"For this 12-month campaign, we will emphasize advocacy and long-term support of library programs and services."

Freeman added that they now have a need for a bigger library space.

"Our library exists to provide resources and books at no cost to our community. We have fun events for all ages, and our summer reading program has grown exponentially the past couple of years," she explained. "Our wonderful Library Director Amber Thornton and our Assistant Director Shelby Creekmore have truly led the library to new levels of excellence. Watching our patrons and friends show up to this race and bring more people to support us, with so many creative and eye-catching costumes — it's one of the biggest highlights of the year for us."

Freeman said they will have awards for the fastest male and female overall winners, age group awards and the winner of the costume contest.

The Cullman County Library is located at 200 Clark St. NE, Cullman. To register, go to www.storybook5k.com.

Tidwell (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. - In Robert Tidwell Sr.'s stories, a family dinner, a visit from a great-grandchild or a conversation with an old friend could become something worth sharing with the whole town.

Through his "Funny Things from Yesterday" columns in The Cullman Tribune, Tidwell wrote about the people closest to him and the Cullman he remembered. His subjects included childhood adventures, life with his wife Rudene, his time on the city council and friendships formed thousands of miles from home.

Tidwell died Sunday afternoon, Oct. 4, 2026, on his 92nd birthday, according to Friends of Frankweiler, which said his family notified the organization of his death. The group said he died around 2:30 p.m. following a lengthy decline in his health.

"Robert Tidwell was a wonderful person and a true southern gentleman," Gaylyn Hawkins said in a comment on the organization's announcement.

On The Tribune's announcement, Janice Cook offered another remembrance.

"He was a kind and gentle man," Cook said.

Readers of Tidwell's columns came to know Rudene, whom he often called Granny, and the younger generations whose visits supplied him with stories.

He wrote about their daughter Robin and son Robert Jr., grandchildren and great-grandchildren, preserving conversations and small family moments alongside memories of earlier years.

In an October 2020 birthday column, he described preparing a meal with Rudene, relatives arriving for the celebration and children heading outside to play kickball.

A great-grandchild helped open presents. Family members wanted him to retire a favorite old jacket from his Auburn days, but he was reluctant to part with it.

"We have always enjoyed our family," Tidwell wrote.

That attachment was especially clear in his writing during the COVID-19 pandemic, when the Sunday meals he and Rudene had hosted for years were interrupted.

In a Jan. 31, 2021, column, he described the surprise of coming inside from the garage to find his twin great-grandsons visiting. They ate applesauce, tried jellybeans and played with a book that made the sound of a flushing toilet.

"We love those little rascals and had a wonderful visit with them," he wrote.

The same column moved from the twins to a drive along the old Highway 31, where the road brought back memories of hauling poultry to Indiana and Illinois as an 18-year-old truck driver.

An afternoon with family and a familiar highway could both give him a reason to look back.

The Tribune's online archive preserves his columns dating to at least Sept. 15, 2019, with additional entries through Jan. 31, 2021.

His column subjects ranged from nickel movies at The Lyric Theatre and childhood sandwich trades to hearing problems, pets and family gatherings.

He also recalled studying pharmacy at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, later renamed Auburn University, in a December 2020 tribute to a longtime friend named Don.

Public service supplied stories, too. In September 2019, Tidwell recalled traveling with a Cullman delegation to a National League of Cities meeting in Washington.

In January 2021, he wrote about a new city fire truck and a conversation with Fire Chief Walker.

His memories gave readers a view of local life through the people, places and conversations he remembered.

Tidwell's connection to Cullman extended to its sister city, Frankweiler, Germany.

Friends of Frankweiler said Sunday that Robert and Rudene were among the club's founding members. An AlabamaGermany Partnership newsletter identified Robert as a past president and charter member.

In his account published in the partnership's December 2018 newsletter, Tidwell recalled traveling to Frankweiler in 1987 with Rudene, Mayor Jack Sides and Sides' wife Ruth for the sister-city twinning. Tidwell was serving on the Cullman City Council at the time.

Their hosts, Richard and Hannalore Nerding, became recurring hosts on later sister-city visits. Robert and Rudene also became close friends with Basil and Ingrid Holmes, traveling with them and welcoming them to the United States.

Tidwell recalled being with the Holmeses in Berlin when the wall came down and visiting Ingrid's relatives in East Berlin.

In a September 2019 Tribune column following Basil's death, he remembered how a visit to Cullman had helped deepen their friendship. After returning from a cross-country bus trip, Basil and Ingrid stayed with the Tidwells while awaiting their flight home.

"From that day on we were very good friends," Tidwell wrote.

Those relationships continued over decades. In May 2024, Friends of Frankweiler President Ernest Hauk told The Tribune that visiting German club members had contacted Robert and Rudene to help plan their trip to Cullman.

On Sunday, Drew Green recalled his own travels with Tidwell.

"Many fond memories of Mr. Tidwell. Especially our time together in Germany," Green said in a comment on the Friends of Frankweiler announcement.

The organization's announcement and The Tribune's post drew condolences and prayers for Rudene and the Tidwell family.

"He was such a fine gentleman and will be greatly missed," Dorothy Stansell Fowler said on the Friends of Frankweiler post.

"Our prayers and love to the Tidwell family!" Judy Boike said on The Tribune's post.

Tidwell's columns remain part of the newspaper's record: stories of children growing up, friends growing older and a family gathering around the table. In them, readers can still find his humor and the affection he expressed for the people in his life.

Funeral arrangements had not been announced as of Sunday evening, Oct. 4, according to Friends of Frankweiler.

According to Tidwell's obituary:

"Robert is survived by his wife of almost 70 years, Rudene Jean Tidwell; daughter, Robin (Danny) Skipper; son, Robert Jr. (Glenda) Tidwell; grandchildren Leanna (Heath) Bedard, Tyler (Dana) Skipper, Trey (Erin) Tidwell, Will (Jennifer) Tidwell, and Emmalee (boyfriend Wale Oduru) Tidwell. Great grandchildren, Emma Grace and Anna Beth Tidwell, Crosby, Alder, and Posey Skipper, Rhett and Vaughn Bedard, and Bennett Lee Tidwell (due in January 2027).

"We want to express sincere appreciation to Tonya Hipp, who was a caregiver to Robert for two years, Southern Care New Beacon Hospice for three years, and the staff on Moody Hall at Hanceville Nursing Home for their compassionate care of Robert.

"Visitation will be held at Moss Service Funeral Home from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2026. A celebration of life service will follow at 1 p.m. A committal service will follow at Cullman City Cemetery."

Crash (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – A Blountsville woman was killed in a single-vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 1:14 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, in Cullman County. Alabama State Troopers identified the victim as Tonya M. Beasinger, 52.

Troopers said Beasinger was fatally injured when the 2026 Toyota Corolla she was driving left the roadway, struck a ditch and a tree and then caught fire. She was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The crash occurred on Alabama Highway 67 near the 6 mile marker, approximately 3 miles southeast of Baileyton, in Cullman County.

Nothing further is available as Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate.

Register (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Alabama Sec. of State Wes Allen is reminding Alabamians that the deadline to register to vote before the Nov. 3, 2026, General Election is Monday, Oct.19, 2026.

"I encourage all eligible Alabamians to register to vote or verify their voter registration status ahead of the General Election in November. Take the time now to make sure you are registered, informed and ready to vote on Nov. 3," Allen said.

Electronic voter registration may be completed by visiting www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/register-to-vote. A paper voter registration form may be delivered in person or by mail to your local Board of Registrars.

To be eligible to vote in Alabama, one must be a citizen of the United States, reside in Alabama and be at least 18 years old on or before election day. One must not be barred from voting due to a disqualifying felony conviction or have been judged "mentally incompetent" by a court of law.

On Election Day, polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Voters are required to present a valid form of photo identification when voting at their polling place or by absentee ballot. Cumulative unofficial election results will be posted on the Alabama Secretary of State's website at www.AlabamaVotes.gov.

For questions about registering to vote in Alabama, please call the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's office at 334-242-7210 or your local county Board of Registrars.

Verify your voter registration status at https://myinfo.alabamavotes.gov/VoterView.

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Grace Episcopal Church Cheeseball Sales are Underway! Place Your Holiday Order by Oct. 16.
The Grace Episcopal Church Women are currently selling their popular cheeseballs for the holidays! This year we are offering nine cheeseball flavors. The deadline to order has been extended to Friday, Oct. 16. 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 [a] 256-739-3326
- spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com

FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
- Wednesday, Oct. 7 – 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. 9 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
- Sunday, Oct. 11 – 8:15 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

Shirley Burden Public Library in Hanceville
The library is open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed from noon-1 p.m.) and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on Facebook for weekly details or please feel free to call us at 256-352-0685. Follow Facebook/Hanceville Public Library for event details.
- October-November, regular Wednesday 10 a.m. storytime continues. Please visit the Facebook page for weekly detailed information.
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The Good Hope High School varsity cheerleaders will host an afternoon of free pumpkin painting and hayrides at Gibbs Garden Center.

CULLMAN, Ala. – For the third year, the Good Hope High School varsity cheerleaders will host an afternoon of free pumpkin painting and hayrides at Gibbs Garden Center. This year's event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Families are invited to bring the kids, pick out a pumpkin, paint a masterpiece and take a hayride. Pumpkins for painting can be purchased at the garden center, and all proceeds from pumpkins bought for the event will be donated to the Good Hope varsity cheerleaders.

An ice cream truck will also be on-site, and the first 300 participants will receive free ice cream.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Susan Moore pulls away from Hanceville 61-18

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Susan Moore broke open Friday night's Class 3A, Region 6 matchup with a 28-point third quarter and defeated Hanceville 61-18 at Ray Talley Stadium.

The Susan Moore Bulldogs carried a 13-0 lead out of the first quarter and added 13 more points in the second. Hanceville got on the scoreboard before halftime, but Susan Moore took a 26-6 advantage into the locker room.

Susan Moore delivered its biggest surge after the break. The visitors scored 28 points in the third quarter while Hanceville added 6, pushing the margin to 54-12 entering the fourth.

Hanceville continued battling and scored 6 more points in the final period. Susan Moore answered with seven to finish the 61-18 region victory.

The 18-point performance was Hanceville's highest-scoring game since the Bulldogs posted 28 in their season opener against Carbon Hill. Hanceville had been held scoreless in its previous two games against Holly Pond and Glencoe. Friday's contest also served as Hanceville's homecoming game. Susan Moore improved to 2-4 overall with the win. The victory snapped a three-game losing streak for the visiting Bulldogs after setbacks against Glencoe, Hokes Bluff and Etowah. Hanceville fell to 0-6 overall.

Both teams return to action Friday, Oct. 9. Hanceville travels to Etowah for a 7 p.m. kickoff, while Susan Moore hosts Oneonta at 7 p.m.

PREP FOOTBALL

Vinemont falls to Etowah, 35-12

Ryan Guthery
Tribune Correspondant

VINEMONT, Ala. - Etowah scored 35 consecutive points and defeated Vinemont 35-12 in Class 3A, Region 6 action Friday night at Eagle Stadium.

The loss snapped Vinemont's two-game winning streak and dropped the Eagles to 4-3 overall and 2-2 in region play. Etowah improved to 4-2 overall and remained unbeaten in the region at 4-0.

Vinemont received the opening kickoff but was forced to punt. The Eagles' defense answered by forcing Etowah into a three-and-out. Etowah broke the scoreless tie late in the first quarter. A drive aided by multiple Vinemont penalties ended with a touchdown, giving the Blue Devils a 7-0 lead with 1:25 remaining in the period.

Etowah added to its lead early in the second quarter, returning an interception for a touchdown to make it 14-0 with 10:56 remaining in the half. Vinemont responded on the final play of the second quarter when Josh Rhodes connected with Brandon Johnson for a 22-yard touchdown, cutting Etowah's lead to 14-6 at halftime.

The Eagles recovered an onside kick to begin the third quarter, but Etowah stopped Vinemont on fourth down. The Blue Devils scored after taking possession to extend their advantage to 21-6.

Etowah added another touchdown midway through the third quarter, increasing the margin to 28-6. The Blue Devils scored again in the closing minute of the period to carry a 35-6 lead into the fourth quarter.

Vinemont completed the scoring midway through the fourth when Travis Speer reached the end zone on a 2-yard run, trimming the final margin to 35-12.

The teams exchanged punts and turnovers on downs for the remainder of the game.

Vinemont will remain at home to face Hokes Bluff in another Region 6 matchup Friday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. Etowah will host Hanceville in region play the same night.

PREP FOOTBALL

Good Hope defeats Sardis 47-6, improves to 5-1

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – The Raiders started hot and never looked back against Sardis, earning a 47-6 victory Friday, Oct. 2, to improve to 5-1 overall and 4-0 in Class 4A, Region 8.

Good Hope opened the game with a kick return by junior Ryker Hancock that gave the Raiders excellent field position. Four plays later, Hancock scored on a short run, helping Good Hope take a 7-0 lead.

Sardis' initial drive ended with a fumble, giving the Raiders possession.

Good Hope made the most of its next drive as senior Karson Hollis found a hole in the Sardis defense and scored a touchdown, helping extend the lead to 14-0.

Sardis ended the first quarter with a turnover on downs, giving the Raiders the ball to start the second quarter.

On Good Hope's first possession of the second quarter, Hancock found the end zone again, helping push the lead to 21-0 with seven minutes remaining before halftime.

Sardis continued to struggle on offense as its next drive stalled, giving the ball back to the Raiders.

On its next possession, Good Hope marched down the field, and Hancock found the end zone for the third time as the Raiders extended their lead to 28-0.

Sardis again gave the ball back to Good Hope, and the Raiders scored once more before halftime. The extra point attempt missed, leaving Good Hope ahead 34-0 at the break.

Sardis opened the third quarter with a drive that ended without points. Good Hope followed with another touchdown, helping extend its lead to 41-0.

The Lions answered with a touchdown late in the third quarter, but their extra point attempt missed, making the score 41-6.

Good Hope scored its final touchdown early in the fourth quarter to stretch the lead to 47-6.

Sardis' next possession ended with an interception, and the Raiders ran out the clock to secure the victory.

Good Hope will host Fairview on Friday, Oct. 9.

PREP FOOTBALL

Fairview rallies past Brewer 37-27

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Fairview overcame an early deficit, scored 23 points in the second quarter and answered a second-half Brewer rally to defeat the Patriots 37-27 Friday night at Dafford Smith Stadium.

The Class 4A, Region 8 victory lifted the Aggies to 4-2 overall and 3-2 in region play. Brewer fell to 2-5 overall and 2-3 in the region.

Brewer struck first with a touchdown pass in the opening quarter. The Patriots added the extra point and carried a 7-0 lead into the second.

Fairview responded with its biggest quarter of the season. The Aggies struck twice through the air, added a rushing touchdown and received a safety from the defense during a 23-point second period. By halftime, Fairview had turned the seven-point deficit into a 23-7 advantage.

Brewer changed the momentum immediately after the break. The Patriots returned an interception for a touchdown early in the third quarter, although the extra-point attempt failed, cutting Fairview's lead to 23-13.

Later in the quarter, Brewer scored on the ground and completed a two-point conversion. The 14 unanswered points pulled the Patriots within 23-21 entering the fourth.

Fairview regained control with a rushing touchdown and successful extra point early in the final period, extending its lead to 30-21.

Brewer answered with another touchdown pass, but the Patriots missed the extra point and remained behind 30-27.

The Aggies then delivered the game's final score on another rushing touchdown. The extra point pushed the margin to 37-27, and Fairview's defense protected the 10-point lead the rest of the way.

The win was Fairview's second straight and followed a 41-2 region victory at Sardis. It also gave first-year Aggies coach Brian Simmons another important region result after Fairview entered Friday tied with Brewer at 2-2 in league play.

Fairview has now won five consecutive meetings against Brewer, including a 38-0 road victory in the teams' most recent matchup in 2023.

The Aggies will travel to Good Hope for another Region 8 matchup Friday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. Brewer will return home to face Scottsboro at 7 p.m.

PREP FOOTBALL

No. 2 Addison blanks Belgreen 59-0, improves to 7-0

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ADDISON, Ala. – Addison wasted little time taking control of its first recorded meeting with Belgreen on Friday night.

The second-ranked Bulldogs built a 21-point lead in the opening quarter, carried a 45-0 advantage into halftime and closed out a 59-0 Class 1A, Region 7 victory at A.G. Hicks Stadium.

Addison improved to 7-0 overall and 4-0 in region play with its fifth shutout of the season. Belgreen fell to 2-4 overall and 1-3 in the region.

The Addison Bulldogs were on the scoreboard early and continued to create short turnarounds between scores. The NFHS Network replay showed Addison leading 7-0 with 7:59 remaining in the first quarter. The margin had grown to 13-0 by the 6:23 mark, and Addison carried a 21-0 lead into the second quarter after pushing across another score with 52.7 seconds left in the opening period.

The second quarter put the game out of reach.

Addison stretched its lead to 27-0 by the 10:49 mark, then added three more scores in a span of just over six minutes. The Addison Bulldogs led 33-0 with 9:15 remaining, 39-0 at the 8:07 mark and 45-0 with 4:37 left before halftime.

With a running clock after the break, Addison added 14 more points while its defense preserved the shutout.

The result continued a dominant start for coach Mark Hastings' Bulldogs. Addison has outscored its first seven opponents 353-13 and has held Winston County, Lynn, Phillips, Oakman and Belgreen scoreless. Waterloo and Meek are the only teams to score against Addison this season, combining for 13 points.

Addison entered Friday averaging 367.2 yards per game, including 217.3 on the ground.

Senior quarterback Elijah Roberts came into the matchup averaging 117.2 rushing yards and 121.5 passing yards per game. Senior running back Zane Smith led the Bulldogs with 13 total touchdowns and averaged 37 receiving yards per game.

On defense, junior linebacker Joey Wilson entered the night averaging 6.2 tackles per game.

Junior linebacker Major Snoddy had recorded two sacks, while junior defensive back Conner Lane had collected two interceptions.

The victory was Addison's seventh straight and its fourth at home. The Bulldogs have scored at least 43 points in six consecutive games and have reached 52 points five times during that stretch.

Addison will return to region play Friday, Oct. 9, when the Bulldogs travel to Cherokee for a 7 p.m. kickoff.



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PREP FOOTBALL

Cold Springs suffers first loss of the season to Gordo, 35-13

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BREMEN, Ala. - Cold Springs controlled possession throughout the first quarter, but Gordo scored on its first two drives and pulled away in the second half to defeat the Eagles 35-13 in Class 2A, Region 5 play Friday night.

The loss was Cold Springs' first of the season, dropping the Eagles to 5-1 overall and 3-1 in the region.

Cold Springs received the opening kickoff and began at its own 3-yard line. Cooper Johnson gained 11 yards on his first three carries, including a first-down run, and Ethan Day helped move the Eagles downfield with a pair of 14-yard runs.

Day completed an 8-yard pass to Brandon Chasteen on third-and-8, and Johnson added another third-down conversion with a 4-yard run. The Eagles maintained possession through the end of a scoreless first quarter, keeping Gordo's offense off the field.

Cold Springs advanced to the Gordo 5-yard line early in the second quarter, but an incomplete fourth-down pass ended the drive.

The Green Wave picked up a first down after a Cold Springs offside penalty, then scored on an 83-yard touchdown run to take a 7-0 lead with 7:53 remaining in the half.

After forcing a three-and-out, Gordo overcame a bad snap that cost it 9 yards. A 20-yard completion extended the possession, and a 41-yard touchdown run two plays later pushed the lead to 14-0 with just over three minutes remaining.

Cason Alexander gained 9 yards for a first down on Cold Springs' next possession, and Day added another first-down run. The Eagles could not score before halftime and trailed 14-0 at the break.

Gordo received the second-half kickoff and extended its lead on the opening possession. A 26-yard completion and a 15-yard run set up a 2-yard touchdown run, making it 21-0.

Cold Springs responded with its first scoring drive. Alexander gained 3 yards before Day broke loose for a 24-yard run. Day left the game after that play and did not return.

Two penalties pushed the Eagles back, but Chasteen completed a 29-yard pass to Eli Voce to keep the possession moving. A pass interference penalty against Gordo later moved the ball to the 9-yard line, and Johnson scored on a 2-yard run to cut the deficit to 21-7 with 2:44 remaining in the third quarter.

Gordo answered 13 seconds later with a 58-yard touchdown run, extending its lead to 28-7.

Jordan Garmon picked up a first down with a 5-yard run on the Eagles' next drive. Following a penalty, Chasteen completed a 7-yard pass to Voce before Gordo intercepted his next attempt.

The Green Wave used a 29-yard completion and two runs to reach the Cold Springs 12-yard line. Three plays later, a 2-yard touchdown run increased the margin to 35-7.

Johnson and Chasteen helped move the Eagles downfield on their final scoring possession. A face mask penalty against Gordo extended the drive, and Johnson added another first down before Chasteen connected with Voce for a 28-yard touchdown to complete the scoring.

Chasteen finished 3-for-4 passing for 64 yards and a touchdown, with Voce catching all three completions. Day rushed for 84 yards, and Johnson added 64 rushing yards and a touchdown.

Cold Springs will travel to Midfield for another Region 5 game Friday, Oct. 9.

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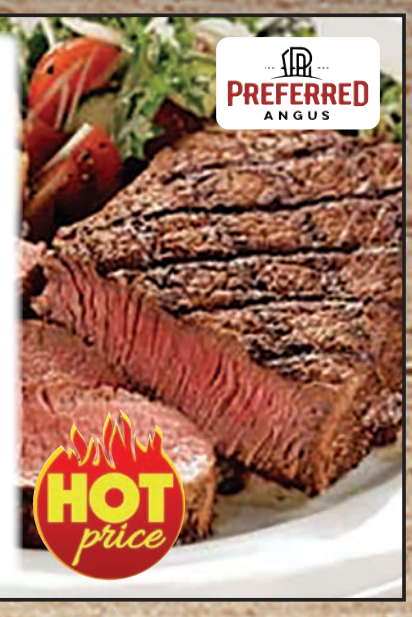
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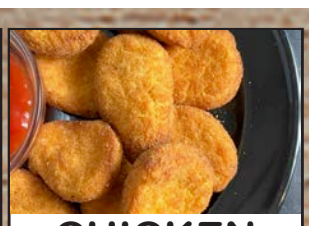
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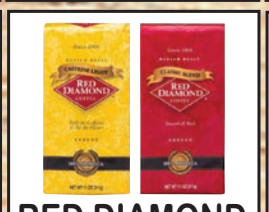
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PREP FOOTBALL

Holly Pond falls at Hokes Bluff 37-12

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HOKES BLUFF, Ala. - Hokes Bluff defeated Holly Pond 37-12 in Class 3A, Region 6 action Friday night at Mike Robertson Stadium.

The loss dropped Holly Pond to 2-4 overall and 1-3 in region play. Hokes Bluff improved to 2-4 overall and 2-2 against region opponents.

Holly Pond entered the matchup looking to rebound from consecutive home losses to Vinemont and Cold Springs. The Broncos opened the season with a 20-0 victory at J.B. Pennington before falling to Oneonta, defeating Hanceville and dropping their next two contests.

Hokes Bluff entered Friday having lost two straight following its 33-14 region victory at Susan Moore. The Eagles had fallen to Oneonta and White Plains in their previous two outings before returning home to face the Broncos.

Hokes Bluff's defense limited Holly Pond to 12 points, the Broncos' second-lowest total of the season. Holly Pond has scored 118 points through six games this fall.

The result extended Holly Pond's losing streak to three games and gave Hokes Bluff its second victory of the season.

Holly Pond will return to Thomas-Michelfelder Field to host Glencoe in another Region 6 matchup Friday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. Hokes Bluff will travel to Vinemont for a 7 p.m. region game the same night.

PREP FOOTBALL

Meek blanks Waterloo 46-0

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ARLEY, Ala. – Meek put the game away before halftime Friday night, building a 46-point lead through two quarters and shutting out Waterloo 46-0 in a Class 1A, Region 7 matchup at Meek Field.

The Tigers (3-3, 2-2) returned from their open week with their most complete defensive performance of the season. Meek held Waterloo off the scoreboard from the opening kickoff through the final horn and improved to 3-0 at home.

Meek established control almost immediately. The Tigers held an 8-0 advantage with 10:31 remaining in the first quarter, then carried a 14-0 lead into the second.

The margin grew quickly from there. Meek pushed its lead to 30-0 with 6:21 left before halftime and added two more scores before the break, sending the Tigers to the locker room with a 46-0 cushion.

Neither team scored in the second half, leaving Meek with its first shutout of the season. The Tigers' defense kept Waterloo from mounting a comeback while the offense protected the commanding lead it created over the first 24 minutes.

Friday's result gave Meek its third victory of the year and moved the Tigers back to .500. It also provided a decisive response to a 56-6 loss at Addison on Sept. 18, Meek's final game before its scheduled open date.

Waterloo (1-5, 1-3) entered the game after a 38-14 loss at Tharptown. The Cougars' lone victory came Sept. 18, when they defeated Phillips 41-0.

The win continued Meek's control of the series. The Tigers defeated Waterloo 64-6 last season and have won all six recorded meetings between the programs.

Meek will remain in region play next week when it travels to Belgreen. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9.

CPD (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. - The Cullman Police Department will host its ninth annual Trunk or Treat in the CPD parking lot on Friday, Oct. 30, from 6-8 p.m.

Police Chief Joey Duncan said they will have around 75,000 pieces of candy to give out to attendees this year.

"We're looking forward to another great Cullman Police Department Trunk or Treat," Duncan said. "There will be plenty of candy, some great costumes, and I can tell you our officers are having fun getting their trunks and costumes ready."

Duncan said attendees can park across the street from the police department; the road will be closed from Young Street Northeast to Oak Drive Northeast.

"We're expecting a good crowd, so there may be a few lines, but we'll have officers around helping things move along," he said.

"Most of all, this is just a great night to get out with the kids, have some fun and let our officers spend some time with the families we serve. We can't wait to see everyone."

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/cullmanpd. The CPD is located at 601 Second Ave. NE.

Render Aid (from Front)

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. - Render Aid Alabama will host its fourth annual Boo Festival on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 4-8 p.m. at Randall Shedd Community Park in Fairview.

Founder Candi Jones said the event is free, and there will be food and drink trucks on-site if attendees want to purchase food or drinks.

"Drew Long will be our live music from 5-7 p.m.," Jones said. "We're also doing our domestic violence awareness walk. We will be lining up at 12 p.m. to kick off the event." Jones said this event is for domestic violence prevention and awareness.

"We have events that focus on life-threatening issues that could be prevented," Jones said. "We started in 2022. Our dad was a victim of elder abuse and he passed Dec. 29, 2021. The details behind his death is what started Render Aid Alabama. Our goal is to get people to 'speak up and be the change' that saves lives. We urge people to call 911 when they see or hear of life-threatening situations."

All vendors will be giving out candy, and Jones encourages participants to bring their kids and dress up in costume and have a great time."There will be a touch-a-truck, helicopter landing, motorcycles courtesy of BACCA, car/truck show, a hay ride, inflatables, food trucks, music and more," she said.

"Participants can get involved by reaching out to me or our page. We are looking for resource vendors and volunteers to help with the event."

Jones said the community can help with their organization by coming to events or contacting them directly. They will also have a donation jar set up at the Boo Festival.

For more information or to donate, visit https://renderaidalabama.wixsite.com/renderaidalabama or Facebook/Render Aid Alabama. To contact Jones, email renderaidalabama@gmail.com.

Muddy Misfits (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Muddy Misfits and Goat Island Brewing will host the Off-Road Candy Crawl Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 2-4 p.m. at the brewery. The event will benefit the Cullman County Animal Shelter.

Event organizers and Muddy Misfits founding members Angel Knighten and Jenny Smith said this is the second year for this event and they look forward to many more years of it.

"We wanted to do something fun for the children in our community and love that Goat Island is family friendly and also does a lot for the community, so we reached out to them about partnering for this event," Knighten said. "Attendees can go to the Goat Island or the Muddy Misfits Facebook page for more information. As an attendee, the only requirement is to come and have a good time! As a participant, come with candy to give out and a smile! Anyone is welcome to participate."

Knighten said all donations will go to the Cullman County Animal Shelter, which will also be on-site with adoptable pets.

"Showing up is the best support," Knighten said. "Bringing donations of food, supplies, treats, collars or funds will be appreciated."

The Muddy Misfits is a group of friends who like to get together for off-roading, quality fun and helping in the community, Smith added.

"We started our group after realizing we don't necessarily fit the Jeep 'mold' and were looking for something a little different," Smith said. "We are currently based in Cullman County with members in Morgan and Franklin County, and continuing to grow."

Goat Island Taproom Manager Mandy Hamm said they look forward to the event.

"It will be a great day for the entire family," Hamm said. "Come and support this fun event! Cheers!" For more information, visit Facebook/Muddy Misfits or www.facebook.com/goatislandbrewing. Goat Island is located at 1646 John Cooper Dr., Cullman.



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Dauchsunds (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Some of Cullman Oktoberfest's fastest, lowest-to-the-ground competitors took the track Saturday, Oct. 3, as the annual Wiener Dog Races drew a packed crowd to Wüffenplatz in Depot Park.

The races, one of the most popular contests at the festival, ran from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Spectators lined the wooden fence around the grassy track several rows deep, phones raised, while owners carried their dachshunds to the starting line.

Before each heat, owners stood behind a row of brightly painted, Bavarian-style starting gates, holding their racers, from sleek short-haired reds to fluffy long-haired creams, as the dogs waited for their chance to sprint for glory and, in the festival's words, "probably a treat at the finish line."

Some families came ready to cheer. Supporters of one racer wore matching "Team Nadia" T-shirts printed with their dog's portrait, while another fan sported a "Team Kerfuffle" shirt with the motto "Full speed, zero plan."

Presented by Citizens Bank & Trust

The Wiener Dog Races were presented by Citizens Bank & Trust.

Alan Wood of Citizens Bank & Trust in Cullman welcomed the crowd on the bank's behalf. "We're glad to sponsor this event," Wood said. "Great fun, family event. We're glad to see everyone show up."

Wiener dogs of all ages and sizes were eligible to enter. Pre-registration was required, with a $10 fee per dog and limited slots per age group, and dogs had to stay on a leash at all times when they weren't racing.

Wüffenplatz was new to Oktoberfest. Located near the center of Depot Park, just north of Arnold Street, the grassy space was designed for dogs and their owners to play and relax during the festival.

The OktoFURfest dog costume contest was scheduled immediately after the races at Wüffenplatz, with dogs dressed in their best Oktoberfest looks, from lederhosen and tutus, WWE wrestler to opossum costumes, competing for top honors.

Registration for the costume contest was first come, first served, in person just before the races. The four-day festival closed out Sunday, Oct. 4.

For more information, visit www.cullmanoktoberfestival.com.



Ivey proclaims October Farm to School Month In Alabama

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Gov. Kay Ivey has proclaimed October Farm to School Month in Alabama, celebrating the vital connection among local farmers, schools and students.

Since October 2020, the Alabama Farm to School Program has been given $2.195 million from the state legislature for the Farm to School incentive program.

Since then, schools have spent $5,908,487.44 purchasing from local farmers, and they have served 14,332,643 meals featuring Alabama products.

"Farm to School is about more than putting Alabama-grown food on the lunch tray. It gives students a better understanding of where their food comes from, while creating another market for the Alabama farmers who grow it," said Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries Commissioner Rick Pate. "During Farm to School Month, we are proud to recognize the farmers, educators and school nutrition staff who are helping agriculture become a meaningful part of students' everyday lives."

Farm to School Month is an opportunity to recognize and show appreciation to the farmers who work hard to grow food, the school staff who bring it to students' plates and the students that benefit from these partnerships.

Throughout the month, schools across Alabama will host special events, classroom activities and hands-on learning experiences that connect students directly with agriculture.

"The positive impact of Alabama's Farm to School Program can be seen in the numbers. They show how the program reaches beyond the cafeteria by creating opportunities for our farmers and keeping more food dollars here in Alabama," said Farmers Market Authority Interim Director Beth Spratt. "We want to sincerely thank Governor Ivey and the Alabama legislature for providing funds for us to incentivize Alabama schools making local purchases."

The Alabama Farm to School Program, under the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, connects local farmers with schools to bring fresh, Alabama-grown products into cafeterias.

The program supports Alabama farmers and strengthens local economies while also teaching students where their food comes from.

The program also encourages school gardens, farm field trips and classroom activities that promote healthy eating and agricultural awareness.

For additional information about the Alabama Farm to School Program, visit agi.alabama.gov/fts.

Part 1 (from Front)

Lisa Courtney."

CRMC terminated Noffsinger's employment June 15, 2022. He later sued, alleging age discrimination. CRMC denies discrimination and has asked the federal court to dismiss the case through summary judgment.

U.S. District Judge Harold D. Mooty III scheduled a hearing on that request for Oct. 23, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. in Courtroom V of the United States Courthouse in Huntsville. The Sept. 25 text order sets a hearing, without setting a deadline for a decision.

Courtney sent the talking points to Chief Financial Officer Nesha Donaldson. In her declaration, she described conversations with Donaldson and Schinley Land about the hospital's finances before sending the proposal.

"They told me that the financials for May were looking bad and that CRMC was going to have a bad overall fiscal year, which ended on June 30, 2022," Courtney said.

The attachment proposed changes in six clinic groups, including closing Occupational Health, moving the South clinic to the North location and changing several physicians' compensation arrangements.

For Noffsinger, Courtney proposed replacing a bonus based on work relative value units, or RVUs, with one based on collections for his services.

"Payment based on collections ensured that CRMC was paying doctors commensurate with amounts CRMC actually received for the physicians' work," she said.

"Payment based on RVUs worked also required bonus payments to physicians even if payors delayed or never paid," she said on the same page. Courtney attributed the termination decision to documentation delays, coding problems and workplace complaints. "The reasons we discussed for terminating Dr. Noffsinger boiled down to profitability and professionalism," she said.

Courtney said an initial audit found overbilling by one level in seven of 10 reviewed records. She described a second audit involving 178 records.

"In 136 of those records, Dr. Noffsinger overbilled by one level," she said.

Courtney said CRMC repaid money and incurred costs correcting charges. Noffsinger's attorney, Allen D. Arnold, disputed the support for that repayment claim. "Defendant provided no evidence to support Courtney's statement that it repaid insurers," Arnold wrote in "Plaintiff's Brief in Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment."

Arnold also challenged CRMC's financial explanation using a cash-payment report produced during the lawsuit. His brief lists $527,876.99 in cash payments for Noffsinger's services against $474,965.50 in salary and bonuses for July 2021 through June 2022. It contrasts the $52,911.49 difference with figures for three younger internal medicine physicians CRMC retained.

Courtney described the report's contents in her deposition.

"This is just the cash that hits the bank. This doesn't have any expenses showing for their MA's, their salaries or anything like that," she said.

Donaldson testified that the hospital's reporting had changed since 2022.

"We do a report currently that compares physician salaries to cash collections, but we were not doing that back in '22," she said.

"We look at it by clinic. We do P&Ls by clinic," Donaldson said on the same transcript page.

In its discovery-dispute statement, CRMC addressed whether Courtney consulted a financial report before reaching her conclusion.

"Did Ms. Courtney run a report or look at a specific revenue figure to reach that conclusion? No," CRMC stated in its portion of the "Joint Statement for Discovery Dispute Telephone Call."

The hospital said Courtney relied on her knowledge, training and experience concerning Noffsinger's documentation and coding practices. It also stated, "Dr. Noffsinger's revenues were only one factor in Ms. Courtney's decision-making process."

CRMC's attorney, Robert C. Lockwood, requested dismissal in the hospital's reply brief.

"Based upon the foregoing, CRMC requests that this Court grant summary judgment and dismiss this action, with prejudice," Lockwood wrote in "CRMC's Reply Brief Supporting Summary Judgment."

The supplied docket through Sept. 25 shows the Oct. 23 hearing scheduled.

Source documents and paragraph references

- Paragraph 1 begins "CULLMAN, Ala." Each stand-alone quotation counts as a paragraph. Headlines, the subheadline and byline are not counted.
- Paragraph 3: "Summary Talking Points for James," attachment to Lisa Courtney's June 6 email, Document 25-26, p. 2.
- Paragraph 5: "Declaration of Lisa Courtney," Document 28, p. 22.
- Paragraph 7: Sept. 25 text order scheduling the Oct. 23 hearing, Document 34. No page number supplied.
- Paragraph 9: "Declaration of Lisa Courtney," Document 28, p. 21.
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STATE OF ALABAMA *
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
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 undersigne HENRY EUGENE BRADFORD, on the 18th day of September, 2026, by the Ho Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby give that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present th 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,
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To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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

TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JOYCE ANNETTE HAMMOND, * CASE NO. PC 2026 - 384
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Amelia Kathryn Hammond as Executor of the Estate of Joyce Annette Hammond, deceased, on the 1st day of October, 2026, all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Amelia Kathryn Hammond
Executor

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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

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Judge of Probate, Tammy Brown
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City of Cullman
Zoning Board of Adjustments

On Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Variance request at 1416 Legion Drive NW for a rear deck

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

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.

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Obituary Announcements: Oct. 3-5

Charlett Ann Milton, 79
Funeral service for Charlett Ann Milton, 79, of Vinemont was at 2 p.m., Monday, Oct. 5th, 2026, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Blair Methodist Cemetery, Rev. Andrew Shaw and Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. The family received friends at the funeral home from noon-2 p.m. on Monday. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Charlett passed away Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026, at CRMC. She was born June 12, 1947, to Harper T. and Trudy Shoemaker Henson. She was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church. She had a career of 30 years with the Headstart program and Community Action. She loved her flower gardens, drawing, hummingbirds, butterflies and mostly her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her grandparents Henry Calvin Shoemaker, Bessie Ann McAbee Shoemaker, Berchal Lawrence Henson, Lena Bell Sheats Henson; parents, Harper T. Henson, Trudy Arzela Henson; brother, Larry Joe Henson. Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Keith Andrew Milton, Jr.; daughter, Janet (Tim) Dye; daughter, Mary (Oliver) Shaw; brother, Gene (Pat) Henson; grandchildren, Christy (Dustin) Smith, Tyler Shaw, Andrew (Alivia) Shaw, Zach (Kyleigh) Shaw, Levi Shaw, Brian Shaw; great-grandchildren, Malia Smith, Axl Smith, Henry Shaw, John Andrew Shaw; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Jane Suggs, 91
Funeral Service for Jane Suggs, age 91 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Stephen Stringer officiating; burial at Etha Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Suggs passed away on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026, at the University of Alabama Hospital. She was born, Jan. 15, 1935, to Dewey Stringer and Earsel Stringer. Jane was the matriarch of the family—the heart of it all. She was the one who took care of everyone, loved everyone, and always made sure her family was okay. Her love was felt in so many ways, through her kindness, her strength, her sacrifices, and the countless things she did for the people she loved. She was a constant source of comfort and a place where family could always turn. Her presence brought everyone together, and her love helped make the family what it is today. Her absence will be deeply felt, and there will be an emptiness that can never truly be filled. But the love she gave, the memories she created, and the family she cared for so deeply will carry her legacy forward. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Harold and William Aubrey Stringer; sisters, Maurice Bailey, Reba Teague, baby Inez Stringer; and son-in-law, Greg Mize. Survivors include her husband, Charles "Buddy" Suggs; daughters, Leshia (Curtis) Armstrong, Melissa Mize, and Dana (Richard) Walker; grandchildren, Stacia (John) Henderson, Benjamin (Sarah) Nobrega, Megan (Landon) Mathis, Kimalea (Aaron) Avery, Wesley (Grace) Walker, Kile Weaver, Will (Rachel) Barnett, and Jamie Cofer (JC) Raynor; great grandchildren, Anna-Catherine and Trent Henderson, Maelee-Jane and Mason Mathis, Charlie, Avery, Ryan and Madi Nobrega, Riley Avery, Kaitlyn Barnett, Kalissa and Corbin Thompson, Jaylee Borseth; sister, Gail Martin; sister-in-law, Dean Stringer; brother-in-law, Bobby Teague; and a host of other family and friends.

Donna Jo Butler, 69
A celebration of life for Donna Jo Butler, 69, of Cullman will be on Tuesday, October, 6, at 6 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Officiating the celebration of life will be Gary Couch and Malcom Carter. A gathering will be held prior to the celebration of life at 5 p.m. The family requests' everyone in attendance to dress comfortable and casual. Donna was born on July 19, 1957, in Cullman to her late parents. She passed away on Oct. 1st, 2026. Known as the "Brittle Lady," Donna was well-known for her famed brittle. She found joy in making the brittle, as well as meeting people who came to buy it. Whoever came up to her brittle booth was never a stranger to her, and she greeted every customer with warmth and tenderness. Before selling her brittle, Donna was employed by Nicholson File, as well as Mercedes-Benz. She was known to be very independent and enjoyed handling tasks by herself. Prior to her work, she was also a proud graduate of the 1975 batch at Hanceville High School. In her free time, Donna enjoyed a plethora of activities. She loved riding Harley Davidson motorcycles with David, fishing, watching sunsets, and taking any chance to go on a trip. She especially loved going to the lake and beach with her family and spending time with them. She also enjoyed going to church and was a proud member of Temple Baptist Church. Above all else, Donna loved her family. She loved her kids, grandkids, nieces, and nephews fiercely, and made sure to teach them valuable lessons such as learning how to fish. Rosie's Cantina in Huntsville became a place of family tradition, and she would enjoy eating out with her family there. Donna is survived by her husband, David H. Butler; children, Chris Putman, Kyle (Simret) Putman, Katie (Aaron) Birt, Kristi (Zac) Wood, Kelsie (Wesley) Mayfield; grandchildren, Zane Putman, Jace Putman, Kendra Putman, Reed Putman, Liya Putman, Cody (Makenzy) Hasenbein, Cooper Hasenbein, Brooklyn Birt, Ben Birt, Olivia Wood, Nick Wood, Alex Wood, Wilson Wood, Deklyn Mayfield; great-granddaughter, Maezy Hasenbein; siblings, Dedra (Chuck) Killough, Sandy (Gary) Chapman, Randy (Annette) Hollis, Joyce Dossey; and a host of nieces and nephews. Donna was preceded in death by her parents, Gordon E. and Virginia Hollis. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Butler family.

Wilma Lee Campbell, 81
Funeral services for Wilma Campbell, 81, of Hayden will be on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Officiating the service will be Richard Hackney and Charlie Aldridge. Burial will follow the service at Fairview West Cemetery. Visitation will be the night prior from 6-8 p.m. Mrs. Campbell was born on March 26, 1945, to the late Larkin and Ludy Bales in Blount County. She went to meet the Lord on Oct. 3, 2026. Mrs. Campbell was known for her immense love of flowers and gardening. She had an extraordinary green thumb and was known to even nurse dying flowers back to health. She had a natural affinity for gardening and would spend hours caring for her plants. Mrs. Campbell is survived by her husband of 64 years, Troy Campbell; children, Lamar Campbell, Mark Campbell; grandchildren, Michael Campbell, Gabrielle Campbell, Arielle Campbell, Katie (Weston) Moon, Jack (Autumn) Campbell, Vivian Gorff; and great-grandchildren, AJ Campbell, Grayson Campbell, and Tara Moon. Mrs. Campbell was preceded in death by her parents and her five siblings. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Campbell Family.

Lindsay Brooke Athow, 40
Lindsay Brooke Athow, a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, granddaughter, friend, and ray of sunshine to everyone who knew her, entered into the presence of her Heavenly Father on Sept. 30, 2026, at the age of 40. Lindsay was born Dec. 20, 1985, in Decatur, Alabama, to Donna Lynn Higginbotham and Kevin Harden Athow. Lindsay graduated from Arab High School and spent much of her life pouring into others. She later worked as a substitute teacher at Parkside Elementary School, where she was loved by many of the children she encountered. Lindsay had a special way of making people feel seen, heard, and cared for, and the lives of many children were touched by her kindness and joyful spirit. From the moment Lindsay walked into a room, she brought sunshine with her. Her smile could light up a room, and her hilarious personality could make anyone laugh. She loved her people deeply and was always willing to listen. Lindsay was a giver in every sense of the word, constantly thinking of others before herself and going above and beyond for the people she loved. She loved birthdays and any opportunity to celebrate the people who were important to her. Whether it was a special occasion or simply spending time together, Lindsay made the people around her feel loved and valued. Lindsay was also an incredibly artistic and creative person. She could craft just about anything and had a gift for taking ordinary things and making them beautiful. She loved fashion and makeup and always enjoyed finding ways to express her creativity. She was also always ready for an adventure, going with the flow and being willing to join in on whatever fun plans came her way. One of Lindsay's greatest passions was caring for animals. She had an enormous heart for every animal in need and could never turn one away. She especially loved cats, earning herself the affectionate reputation of being a "crazy cat lady." Her love for them was so great that once a kitten found its way into Lindsay's care, it was hard for her to ever let it go. She spent countless hours tending to her many animals and making sure they were cared for and loved. Lindsay also enjoyed gardening and found joy in tending to the things she had planted and watching them grow. Above all else, Lindsay was devoted to her daughter, Caitlynn. She was immensely proud of her and was her biggest cheerleader. There was hardly a soccer or basketball game where Lindsay could not be found in the stands, proudly supporting her daughter. She never missed an opportunity to show Caitlynn how much she loved her and was always there to celebrate her accomplishments, encourage her, and cheer her on. Being Caitlynn's mother was one of Lindsay's greatest joys. Lindsay loved the Lord and had placed her faith in Jesus Christ. Her love for others, her servant's heart, and the way she cared for those around her were a reflection of the love she carried in her heart. Those who knew Lindsay will remember not only her beautiful smile and contagious laughter, but also the countless ways she made life brighter for the people and animals around her. Lindsay's life was celebrated on Monday, Oct. 5, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Arab Cemetery, with Pastor Scott Campbell officiating. Connor Smith, Johnny Menke, Guy Higginbotham, David Culbert, Logan Suter, Casey Knight, and Greg Hendrix served as pallbearers. Lindsay was preceded in death by her father, Kevin Harden Athow. Those left to cherish Lindsay's memory include her husband, Kevin Sullivan; her daughter, Caitlynn Sullivan; her mother, Donna Lynn Higginbotham; her sisters, Brittney Ward (Johnny Menke) and McKenzie Smith (Connor Smith); her niece, Avery James Smith; her grandmother, Virginia "Memaw" Roden; and a host of extended family, friends, and all of the children, animals, and countless people whose lives she touched. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Lindsay's memory to UAB NICU or to Westside Veterinary Hospital under the account name of Lindsay Athow. Donations to Westside Veterinary Hospital will go toward caring for Lindsay's many beloved kittens, continuing the love and compassion she showed to animals throughout her life. Lindsay's beautiful spirit, contagious smile, generous heart, and love for her people will never be forgotten. She leaves behind a lifetime of memories, a daughter who will forever carry her love with her, and countless people who are better for having known her. She will be deeply missed until the day we meet her again. Ms. Athow's obituary was lovingly written by her family. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Athow family.

William Howard Goddard, 95
William (Bill) Howard Goddard, 95, passed away on Oct. 2, 2026. Born Dec. 30, 1930, William was a longtime resident of Crane Hill, Alabama, and will be remembered with deep respect and enduring gratitude by all who knew him. He is survived by his beloved wife of 67 years, Betty Goddard; his daughter, Cathy Trucks; his granddaughters, Jenna Brock (Jason) and Courtney Lowery (Zach); his great grandchildren, Chloe Brock, Chance Brock, Memphis Lowery and Sloane Lowery; his sisters, Caroline Merell and Judy Praytor; and his sister-in-law, Beverly Goddard. He was preceded in death by his brother, Tyson Goddard, and his son-in-law, Mike "Skeet" Trucks. A Graveside committal Service was held at Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery, 1612 County Road 201, Crane Hill, AL 35053, on October 5, 2026, at 1 p.m. In-leu of flowers the family ask that donations be made to Smith Lake Baptist Church in Honor of Mr. Goddard where he was a faithful member and deacon. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

Rodney Dale Lawrence, 54
Rodney Dale Lawrence, 54, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away Oct. 2, 2026, surrounded by his family and loved ones. Rodney was born on April 27, 1972, to Roger and Polly Lawrence. He was a loving father, grandfather, son, brother, and friend whose presence will be deeply missed by everyone who knew and loved him. Rodney was happiest driving a big truck or doing anything outdoors. He had a lifelong love for hunting and fishing. Some of his favorite days were spent in the woods or on the water. Whether he was waiting patiently for that perfect catch, heading out before daylight for a hunt, or simply enjoying the peace and quiet of nature, those were the times he felt most at home. The memories made on those hunting and fishing trips will forever be treasured by the family and friends who were lucky enough to share them with him. More than anything, Rodney loved his family. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, his big heart, his strength, his stubbornness, his story telling, how hard he worked, or anything else special about him. He leaves behind countless memories, stories, and lessons that his family will carry with them for the rest of their lives. Although, our hearts are broken, we find comfort knowing that he is at peace. We will think of him every time we see a big truck, hear the woods come alive at daylight, see the sun shining across the water, or cast a line into one of his favorite fishing spots. "Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts—until we meet again!" Rodney is survived by his daughters, Tiffanie Lawrence, Trisha Phillips; his father, Roger Lawrence; his brothers Shane (Wendy) Lawrence and Wesley (Nicole) Lawrence; and nieces and nephews, family and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Polly Lawrence; his granddaughter RynLee Hunt, and other loved ones. Funeral arrangements for Rodney Dale Lawrence are Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026, at Cullman Funeral Home, U.S. Highway 278 East. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. with the funeral service beginning at 2 p.m. Burial following at the Blair Methodist Church Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy Jane Sexton, 91
Funeral services for Dorothy Jane Sexton, age 91, of Vinemont, AL, will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, with interment to follow at Mt. Zion Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Sexton passed away at her home in Vinemont, Alabama. She was born Oct. 5, 1934, in Cullman, Alabama. Mrs. Sexton was a longtime resident of Birmingham, where she worked as an Insurance Claims Supervisor for Associated Doctors and Life of Georgia Insurance. She was a loving wife, mother, and mother-in-law who adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mrs. Sexton moved back to her family homestead in Vinemont following her late husband's retirement. Dorothy grew up in Cullman and experienced both the joys and challenges of a full childhood. She learned the value of hard work early in life, helping her family on the farm and facing difficult seasons together. After graduating from Cullman High School in 1953, Dorothy took a train to Birmingham and began building a life of her own. It was there that she met her husband, William "Bill" Sexton. Together, Dorothy and Bill worked hard to build a life and provide for their family, and in time, they were able to enjoy the fruit of those years of hard work. They also enjoyed traveling together, making memories and seeing places beyond their home in Alabama. Dorothy, affectionately known as "Mee-Maw", treasured her family and took great pride in watching her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren grow. She also had a love for shopping, especially at Belk, where she could happily spend time browsing—even when she didn't need to buy anything. Dorothy genuinely enjoyed people and the little social moments of everyday life, whether spending time at the local senior center and enjoying their holiday gatherings, having long conversations on the phone, or simply running into someone she knew and stopping to catch up. Her life was a testament to perseverance, hard work, and the joy that comes from sharing what you have with the people you love. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Sexton; her father, Henry Yarbrough; and her mother, Harriette Drake Yarbrough; her beloved grandmother, Fannie Jane Drake along with five siblings, Fred Yarbrough, Russell (Cush) Yarbrough, Frank Yarbrough, Joe Yarbrough and Ferrell Yarbrough. Survivors include her daughter, Judy (Larry) Bell of Cullman, Alabama; sons, Steve (Denise) Sexton of Panama City, Florida, and Stanley (Diane) Sexton of Panama City, Florida; grandchildren, Matt (Cristi) Sexton, Mark (Alisia) Sexton, Michael (Jennifer) Sexton, Meghan Sexton, Todd (Amanda) Sexton, Jodi (Scott) Koloc, Amanda (Trevor) Cofer, and Zac Bell; brother, Ronald Yarbrough; sister, Patsy Yarbrough; along with a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other family and friends.

Sandra Jane Morgan, 68
Funeral services for Sandra Jane Morgan, 68, of Cullman, will be noon, Wednesday, Oct. 7, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Bethlehem East Cemetery in Hanceville. Pete Grund will be officiating services. The family will welcome friends for visitation on Wednesday prior to the service from 10 a.m.-noon. Mrs. Morgan was born Oct. 29, 1957, to the late JC and Ima Quick in Cullman, Alabama. She passed away on Oct. 2, 2026, at UAB Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama. Sandra always enjoyed being on the water and especially the beach. It was always one of the places she was happiest. To so many, she was known as 'Memaw' because she had a way of making everyone feel like family. She loved deeply, gave freely and always put others before herself. Her greatest gift was the love she gave to others. Survivors include her children, Blake (Monica) Morgan and Shawn (Anna) Morgan; grandchildren, Mason (Victoria) Isbell, Bailey Isbell, Christopher (Mia) Isbell, Jr., Raiden (Isabella) Morgan, Malorie Morgan, Shawn Tyler Morgan, Jr., and Matty Morgan; great grandchildren, Ja'Noah Whiteside, Krue Morgan, Alexander Isbell, Bennett Jones, Andruw Jones; siblings, Denise (Jackie) Johnson, Jeff (Vickie) Quick, Mike (Karen) Quick; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins; best friend, Kay Hardin; and her beloved dog, Teddy. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Morgan was preceded in death by her son, Heath Isbell; siblings, Ronnie Quick and Carol Chambers; and sister-in law, Linda Quick. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Morgan Family.

Larry Thomas Hammons, 72
Larry Thomas Hammons, 72, of Oneonta, Alabama, passed away on Oct. 1, 2026. Born Feb. 26, 1954, in Alabama, Larry lived a life marked by steady devotion, quiet strength, and a thoughtful way of moving through the world. Born in Alabama to Milo and Evelyn Hammons, Larry attended Mortimer Jordan High School in Jefferson County. From those early years forward, he carried himself with a calm patience, speaking softly and often keeping to himself, yet leaving a clear impression on those who truly knew him. Larry worked as a ceramic tile contractor and took genuine pride in his craft. Hard-working and careful by nature, he approached each project with the kind of attention that reflected both skill and respect—work done not just to be finished, but to be done well. Away from the jobsite, Larry fou d his peace in the simple joys he loved most. He enjoyed fishing in Smith Lake to the point you would almost have to force the fishing pole out of his hand by the day's end. He also loved playing the guitar and singing, and he was an avid Alabama football fan. Though quiet, Larry could also be playfully ornery at times, with a dry humor that surfaced when you least expected it and stayed with you long after. Larry has three daughters, Brooke (Todd) Goodwin, Stacy (Jason) Shaffer, and Tracy (Rob) Kuri; and two sons, Trent (Courtney) Hammons, and Jeremy Hammons. He also has 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Larry is survived by his brother, Jimmy (Brenda) Hammons; and sister Judy (Alfie) Duke. He is preceded in death by his brother, Jerry Hammons. Larry will be remembered with respect and affection—for his patience, his steady work ethic, his thoughtful presence, and the quiet, humorous spirit that made him unmistakably himself.

Robert Noel Tidwell, Sr., 92
Robert Noel Tidwell, Sr., 92, of Cullman, Alabama passed away peacefully at Hanceville Nursing Home on Oct. 4, 2026. He was born on Oct. 4, 1934, in Logan, Alabama to Noel E and Goldie Belle McAfee Tidwell. Robert graduated from Cullman High School in 1952 and API (Auburn University) Pharmacy School in 1956. He met his wife, Rudene, at a church social function and they married on Christmas Day 1956. Robert worked as a pharmacist for 13 years and then worked in the family business, Cullman Banana Supply Trucking Corporation until his retirement in 1995. Following his retirement, he returned to work as a relief pharmacist and retained his license until 2018. Robert had a deep love for his family, church, and friends. He was a faithful member, deacon, and Sunday School teacher at Seventh Street Baptist Church and First Baptist Church in Cullman, Alabama, and was always willing to help with anything that they needed. He was also a Gideon. He was a member of the Cullman County Auburn Club and loved to attend Auburn football games with his family for over 60 plus years. Family vacations, holidays, birthdays, and Sunday dinners were always a joyful occasion when the family was together. Robert loved Cullman and served as a Reserve Sheriff Deputy for many years. He served on the Cullman City Council from 1984 – 1992 during which time the twinning of Cullman and Frankweiler, Germany took place. He was a founding member of the Friends of Frankweiler Club. He and Rudene formed many friendships with the Frankweiler people and hosted many families and individuals throughout the years. Robert was a fun loving and humorous man. He had a gift for writing and many of these fun loving, happy memories were printed as articles in the Cullman Tribune newspaper un the title of "Funny Things from Yesterday." Robert will be deeply missed but his loving, kind spirit will be forever in the hearts of his family and friends. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Noel and Goldie Tidwell; his sister, Frances Williamson; and his brothers, Dale Tidwell and James (Jim) Tidwell. Robert is survived by his wife of almost 70 years, Rudene Jean Tidwell; daughter, Robin (Danny) Skipper; son, Robert Jr. (Glenda) Tidwell; grandchildren Leanna (Heath) Bedard, Tyler (Dana) Skipper, Trey (Erin) Tidwell, Will (Jennifer) Tidwell, and Emmalee (boyfriend Wale Oduru) Tidwell. Great grandchildren, Emma Grace and Anna Beth Tidwell, Crosby, Alder, and Posey Skipper, Rhett and Vaughn Bedard, and Bennett Lee Tidwell (due in January 2027). We want to express sincere appreciation to Tonya Hipp, who was a caregiver to Robert for two years, Southern Care New Beacon Hospice for three years, and the staff on Moody Hall at Hanceville Nursing Home for their compassionate care of Robert. Visitation will be held at Moss Service Funeral Home from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026. A celebration of life service will follow at 1 p.m. A committal service will follow at Cullman City Cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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Cullman Primary School students celebrate Oktoberfest with StoryWalk

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The event was built around the Cullman Oktoberfest book, "The Magical Adventures of Hans & Frieda Hay."

"A StoryWalk takes the pages of a book and displays them along a walking path, allowing students to move from page to page while reading the story and completing fun, interactive activities along the way," Hilary Nix, media specialist at Cullman City Primary School, explained. "We thought this would be a great way to celebrate Cullman's Oktoberfest while bringing reading to life!"

Students walked the StoryWalk path with their teachers, reading "The Magical Adventures of Hans & Frieda Hay" along the way.

"The story introduces them to the history and culture of Cullman, including John Cullmann leading families by train to their new home," Nix said. "Along the way, Hans and Frieda visit familiar Cullman landmarks such as Sacred Heart Church, Ave Maria Grotto, Clarkson Covered Bridge, the old train depot, the Cullman County Museum, local restaurants and, of course, Cullman Oktoberfest."

Each stop featured an interactive activity tied to that part of the story. Nix explained that projects like this combine literacy with local history and social studies while also incorporating movement and active learning. Students practice listening comprehension, sequencing, making connections between a story and real places, following directions and learning new vocabulary.

"But most importantly, it gives them a fun way to learn more about the history and culture of their own hometown while building excitement about reading," she said.



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Thomas Messersmith speaks at Cullman County Historical Society meeting

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CULLMAN, Ala. – At the last meeting of the Cullman County Historical Society, guest speakers included

Thomas M. Messersmith PhD and 2026 Oktoberfest Burgermeister Edgar Veigl.

Veigl was welcomed to the podium by the Society President Beverly Wilkinson. He expressed his gratitude about being selected as this year's Burgermeister. He was accompanied by his wife, Beth Veigl.

Messersmith spoke of the very first Oktoberfest and how beer and more influenced the festival.

He explained that the original Oktoberfest wasn't actually a festival, but a public, royal wedding celebration that lasted up to five days. This was in Munich, Germany on Oct. 12, 1810, for the Crown Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese. The wedding took place in a large meadow outside the city, which is now named Theresienwiese. This translates to "Therese's Meadow."

Messersmith said beer wasn't the main focus of Oktoberfest until the late 1800s. It saw its first large beer hall in 1898, erected by Georg Lang. This replaced many of the smaller, independent booths.

It originally focused on agricultural aspects such as horse races and a sort of "market" for local farmers and breeders to showcase their skills and be awarded. The last official horse race at the Munich Oktoberfest was held in 1960. Several smaller-scale celebrations have been held since, but not a part of the main festival.

In terms of beer, Messersmith provided insight on the traditional Oktoberfest brew. It was a dark and strong Munich Dunkel-style lager or a late-season Marzen (March) beer. "Marzen beer" was brewed in March because it was seen as a health risk to be brewed from April to September because of bacteria that flourished in the heat.

He also spoke of the very first, and, allegedly, the "worst" Burgermeister, Thomas Wimmer. He was the original Munich Burgermeister and took 17 strikes to tap the keg in the opening ceremony in 1950.

When he finally succeeded, Messersmith said, he said, "O'zapfst is!" which translates to, "It is tapped!"

The Cullman County Historical Society will meet next on Sunday, Oct. 18, at 2 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex, 1714 Tally Ho St., Cullman.



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Thomas M. Messersmith PhD, Historical Society President Beverly Wilkinson and 2026 Cullman Oktoberfest Burgermeister Edgar Veigl

