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# What Cullman County voters should know about amendments on the Nov. 3 ballot

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Cullman County voters will help decide four statewide constitutional amendments and decide one local amendment in the Nov. 3 general election, with proposals affecting state government, public schools and property taxes for qualifying seniors.

The statewide questions address lieutenant governor vacancies, legislative pay and travel spending and mergers of neighboring county school systems. They also cover policies on the Pledge of Allegiance, student-led prayer and weekly presentation of the national anthem. Cullman County's local question would allow qualifying homeowners 65 or older to freeze the assessed value of their residences for property tax purposes.

**Statewide Amendment 1, proposed by Act 2026-341, combines changes to lieutenant governor vacancies, official pay and legislative travel spending into one question.** **» PAGE 8**

# Hanceville's Cipollari siblings to play Randy Travis Foundation fundraiser Nov. 7 at Terri Pines



COURTESY OF CIPOLLARI

*Cipollari, a bluegrass band made up of six siblings from Hanceville, will perform "Cipollari Live," a fundraiser for the Randy Travis Foundation, on Saturday, Nov. 7, at Terri Pines Country Club.*

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – A homegrown family band is lending its talent to a cause close to country music's heart. Cipollari, the bluegrass group made up of six Cipollari siblings from Hanceville, will perform "Cipollari Live: A Fundraiser for the Randy Travis Foundation" on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 6-8 p.m. at Terri Pines Country Club in Cullman.

Tickets are free and available at https://tinyurl.com/43596yeh.

**A family affair**

The band is made up of Savio, Thérèse, Cecilia, Rosalinda, Gianluca and Giovanni Cipollari, children of Fabio and Elizabeth Cipollari. Savio plays mandolin, Thérèse plays fiddle, Cecilia plays guitar, Rosalinda plays fiddle, Gianluca plays banjo and Giovanni plays dobro.

Local audiences may remember the siblings as the Cotton Pickin' Kids. According to past Tribune coverage, the name was born on the spot at a bluegrass festival band competition in Tennessee, when their father was asked for a band name at registration and answered, "Oh, it's those Cotton Pickin' Kids." The group went on to place second in that contest.

In 2020, the siblings celebrated the release of their first album, "Slemish Mountain," named for a mountain in County Antrim, Northern Ireland, with a release party at Berkeley Bob's Coffee House in Cullman. Since then, the band has grown a following online with videos of their performances, and Savio and Thérèse have written original songs for the group, including "Harvest Fair."

Fans can also support the band and get behind-the-scenes access through its Patreon page.

**Supporting the Randy Travis Foundation**

The Randy Travis Foundation was established after the country music legend suffered a life-altering stroke in 2013 that left him with aphasia. According to the foundation, its mission focuses on finding a cure for viral cardiomyopathy and providing opportunities for at-risk children to participate in arts and music programs.

"We want to make sure that every child that wants to learn music can learn music," Travis said in a 2023 interview with the Recording Academy.

For a band of siblings who grew up making music together, the cause is a natural fit.

**Event details**

- What: Cipollari Live – A Fundraiser for the Randy Travis Foundation
- When: Saturday, Nov. 7, 6-8 p.m.
- Where: Terri Pines Country Club, Cullman
- Free tickets: https://tinyurl.com/43596yeh
- For more on the band, visit www.patreon.com/cipollari.

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**Chantilly has a little meow, plenty of charm**



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CRIME

# Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 14

**Staff Reports**
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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 14, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**INCIDENTS**

**Oct. 8**
- harassing communications; CR 1372
- assault; CR 728
- harassment; 2nd Ave. NE

**Oct. 9**
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1141
- violation of protection order; Commercial St. NE

**Oct. 10**
- harassing communications; CR 1367
- possession of controlled substances; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- criminal mischief; CR 617

**Oct. 11**
- harassing communications; Mize Rd. N
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 222
- harassing communications; CR 617
- domestic violence; Hwy. 69N
- domestic violence; Hwy. 278W
- harassing communications; Hwy. 69S
- burglary; CR 346

**Oct. 12**
- possession of dangerous drugs; Self Ave. NE
- domestic violence; CR 310
- theft of property; CR 1805
- domestic violence; Schaeffel Rd.
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; burglary; theft of property; Hwy. 278W
- harassment; CR 1141
- possession of controlled substances; Hwy. 157

**ARRESTS**
No arrests reported.

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**INCIDENTS**

**Oct. 12**
- identity theft; person
- burglary-3rd degree; person; tools; $1,500; Hwy. 278E
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $55; Hwy. 157

**Oct. 13**
- burglary-3rd degree; theft of property-3rd degree; criminal mischief-2nd degree; person; miscellaneous, damaged property; Trammell Dr. NW

**ARRESTS**

**Oct. 12-13**

**Barnette-Graham, Noah A.; 20**
- theft of property-4th degree

**Williams, Jr., Jeremy L.; 21**
- FTA – run stop sign

**Williams, Michael C.; 34**
- possession of controlled substances
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Goodson, Jennifer L.; 43**
- FTA – insurance violation

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

# Hall (from Front)

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** - Cullman City Council President Kim Hall hopes her participation in a new North Alabama leadership program will lead to partnerships and ideas she can bring back to the council for consideration.

Hall is one of four Cullman County participants in the inaugural class of The Exchange, a nine-month Launch Regional Partnership program supported by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The class brings together 29 leaders from 13 North Alabama counties for five sessions across the region.

"I believe our communities can accomplish far more together than independently," Hall said.

The opening session took place Sept. 22-23 in Decatur and Morgan County. The University of North Alabama's Office of Regional Engagement developed and is delivering the program, which includes discussions, site visits and opportunities for participants to learn from one another.

Joining Hall in the class are Cullman County Commissioner Kelly Duke, Cullman Regional Airport Director Ben Harrison and Wallace State Community College Dean of Applied Technologies Jerry Murcks.

Hall said the program's emphasis on cooperation across North Alabama drew her interest. She wants to learn from neighboring communities and find ways Cullman's businesses and industries can connect with opportunities elsewhere in the region.

A visit to United Launch Alliance in Trinity reinforced that connection, she said. Hall said she was impressed by the reach of the company's work and its impact beyond the facility itself.

"Major industries create opportunities for suppliers, businesses, and workers across the region," Hall said. "For Cullman, the lesson is to recognize how our assets complement those of neighboring communities and how regional partnerships can create opportunities that benefit everyone."

The opening session's subjects included tourism, health care, workforce training and entrepreneurship. Hall said their connections stood out to her because each affects economic growth and quality of life.

"Rather than viewing these areas through individual community boundaries, we should look for ways to capitalize on our collective strengths, support one another, and create opportunities that benefit the entire region and state," Hall said.

With four local participants, Hall hopes the program will help strengthen partnerships within Cullman County as well as across county lines.

She said she is interested in connecting local businesses and industries with broader opportunities and identifying priorities the participants can pursue together.

"My hope is that these relationships continue well beyond the program and lead to meaningful collaboration," Hall said. "Ultimately, it's about moving from strategic thinking to strategic planning and, most importantly, strategic 'doing.'"

Hall said the City of Cullman paid her registration fee and she personally covers her travel expenses.

She plans to bring relevant ideas, successful practices and potential partnerships to fellow council members for consideration.

"My goal is to bring back actionable opportunities that align with Cullman's priorities and strengthen our role as a regional partner," Hall said.




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**PUBLIC NOTICE:**
The Welti Cemetery will be participating in the Wreaths Across American event honoring our deceased veterans. If you know of a deceased veteran buried at Welti whose grave does not have a military marker, please contact Gary Reid at 256-339-7236 by Dec. 1, 2026.

**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.
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For more information contact President of Alpha Theta Laurita Hogland 256-531-2298 or Presidents of Beta Delta Rhonda Vanzant 256-708-7980 or Lisa Hullett 256-962-4252.

**Church Services: Spirit Life Church**
- 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- 256-739-3326
- spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
- FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
- Friday, Oct. 16 – 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. 18 – 8:15 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call Aimee at 256-841-2060 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.
- Saturday, Oct. 17, at 10 a.m. Adult book club
- Saturday, Oct. 17, at 10 a.m. Colin Hyde is back by popular demand to talk about bats, their habitats and where to find them in the area
- Saturday, Nov. 7, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Mud Creek Festival and BIG BOOK SALE
- Wednesday, Nov. 11, Closed in honor of Veterans Day

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Storytime
- Nov. 18, Susan Melton
- Nov. 25, Closed for Thanksgiving
- Dec. 2, Dorenda Doyle as Mrs. Claus!
- Dec. 9, Anita Whitlock
- Dec. 16, Kerri with Cullman 4-H
- Dec. 23 and 30, No program
- Jan. 6, Beth Ellis will read "The After Christmas Tree"
- We have T-shirts for sale. Children's sizes are $15 and adult sizes are $20. Proceeds to assist the library's programs.

We are looking for community volunteers to read storytime on Wednesdays. Contact Teresa Rivera for details. Volunteers make our library successful, so we thank our local community.

**Chambers Family Reunion**
Sunday, Nov. 1, at 11 a.m. at the Berlin Community Center. Begins at 11, with dinner at noon. All family members and friends are invited to attend. Those attending, please bring a meat dish, vegetables and desert so there will be enough food. Also, bring family photos, stories and family research to be presented to others attending. If you are able to arrive early (9-10 a.m.) to assist in setup, it would be appreciated. Contact Rodger Walling at 256-734-8235 or 256-347-2092.

**Holly Pond Lions Club Pancake Breakfast**
Saturday, Nov 7, from 6-9 a.m. at the Holly Pond Lions Club Building. Enjoy pancakes, bacon, sausage and coffee or juice by eat-in or takeout for a donation. The proceeds will benefit the HP Lions Club project fund and the food pantry located between town hall and the fire department. Come join us! Everyone is welcome. Thank you in advance for your support.

# Chantilly (from Front)

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Chantilly doesn't need to make a fuss to get your attention. A delicate meow is this young cat's way of inviting you to spend a little time with her.

Chantilly, The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week, is an approximately 5-month-old domestic medium hair cat available for adoption at the Cullman County Animal Shelter.

Confident and well-mannered, she cherishes the company of her human companions. Bring out the toys, and you have an invitation to play. Her interest in playtime offers a way to get acquainted, while her fondness for people could make her a loving companion for someone ready to welcome a young cat into their home.

Chantilly is still growing, with plenty of time ahead to learn her new household's routines and find her favorite places to settle. For now, she is waiting for someone to answer that little meow with a chance at a forever home.

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

To learn more about Chantilly or meet her, visit the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. The shelter is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Contact the shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

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PREP FOOTBALL

# Good Hope, Addison face road tests as region races tighten

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** - Good Hope will try to extend its six-game winning streak at Cherokee County, while unbeaten Addison visits Red Bay in two of the area's leading region matchups this week.

The Raiders and Bulldogs enter the Oct. 15-16 schedule unbeaten in region play. Cold Springs also looks to strengthen its position near the top of its region, while Vinemont travels to Glencoe with a chance to pull even with the Yellow Jackets in the region standings.

Fairview and Hanceville will play at home Thursday. All 10 area teams have region opponents this week.

**Good Hope at Cherokee County**
Good Hope heads to Centre on Friday with a 6-1 overall record and a 5-0 mark in Class 4A, Region 8. Cherokee County is 4-3 overall and 4-1 in the region, making this a meeting between two of the region's top three teams by record.

The Raiders and Scottsboro enter the week with matching 5-0 region records. Cherokee County is one game behind them in the loss column.

Good Hope defeated Fairview 21-0 last week behind Parker Johnson's 145 rushing yards on 21 carries. Johnson scored on an 11-yard run, while Karson Hollis added touchdown runs of 6 and 10 yards. Hollis finished with 31 rushing yards, and Ayden Young caught three passes for 45 yards.

The Raiders held Fairview scoreless and stopped several Aggie possessions on downs. They now face a Cherokee County team coming off a 49-14 victory over Sardis.

**Addison at Red Bay**
Addison takes an 8-0 overall record and a 5-0 Class 1A, Region 7 record to Red Bay on Friday. The Tigers are 7-1 overall and 4-1 in region play.

The Bulldogs and Hackleburg are both unbeaten in the region, with Red Bay immediately behind them. Addison is scheduled to host Hackleburg next week, giving the Bulldogs consecutive games against the other two teams at the top of the standings.

Addison has outscored its eight opponents 414-13 and recorded six shutouts. Its latest was a 61-0 win over Cherokee, following shutouts of Oakman and Belgreen.

Submitted MaxPreps statistics from the Cherokee game credit Joey Wilson with 107 rushing yards on three carries. Elijah Roberts completed four of five passes for 56 yards, and Conner Lane had a 30-yard reception.

Red Bay defeated Waterloo 55-13 last week. Its only loss came against Hackleburg, 31-22, on Oct. 2.

**Southeastern at Cold Springs**
Cold Springs returns to Bremen on Friday at 6-1 overall and 4-1 in Class 2A, Region 5. Southeastern enters at 3-5 overall and 2-3 in the region.

The Eagles rebounded from their first loss with a 28-8 victory at Midfield last week. Cold Springs led 21-0 at halftime and returned to the win column after falling to Gordo the previous week.

Gordo leads the region at 5-0. Cold Springs and Lamar County both stand at 4-1, with the Eagles owning a 32-20 head-to-head victory over Lamar County.

A win would give Cold Springs its fifth region victory and keep it within reach of the top of the standings with one region game remaining.

**Vinemont at Glencoe**
Vinemont visits Glencoe on Friday at 4-4 overall and 2-3 in Class 3A, Region 6. Glencoe is 4-3 overall and 3-2 in the region, tied by record with Hokes Bluff behind unbeaten region leaders Etowah and Oneonta.

The Eagles are coming off a 29-28 loss to Hokes Bluff. Josh Rhodes scored on runs of 6 and 1 yards, while Karson Arbet added a 3-yard touchdown run and a 5-yard scoring pass to Brandon Johnson with 12 seconds remaining. Vinemont's two-point attempt was stopped short.

Glencoe defeated Holly Pond 49-6 last week. A Vinemont victory would leave the Eagles and Yellow Jackets with matching 3-3 region records heading into their final region games.

**Crossville at Fairview**
Fairview hosts Crossville on Thursday, Oct. 15, at Dafford Smith Stadium. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

The Aggies enter at 4-3 overall and 3-3 in Class 4A, Region 8. Crossville is 1-6 overall and 0-5 in region play.

Fairview will look to recover from its 21-0 loss at Good Hope. Conner Scott finished that game with 65 rushing yards and 44 passing yards, while Hagen Reese recovered a fumble.

The Aggies enter behind Good Hope, Scottsboro, Cherokee County and Guntersville in the region standings. After Thursday, Fairview has an open week before closing the regular season at Cherokee County on Oct. 30.

**Hokes Bluff at Hanceville**
Hanceville hosts Hokes Bluff on Thursday, Oct. 15, with kickoff scheduled for 7 p.m.

The Bulldogs are seeking their first victory at 0-7 overall and 0-5 in Class 3A, Region 6. Hokes Bluff comes in at 3-4 overall and 3-2 in the region following its one-point victory at Vinemont.

According to East Alabama Sports Today, Hokes Bluff's Dean Morgan completed six of nine passes for 93 yards and two touchdowns against Vinemont. Javin Norman caught touchdown passes of 37 and 14 yards, while Jace Hanks rushed for 68 yards on 12 carries and scored on runs of 22 and 39 yards.

Hanceville is coming off a 56-0 loss at Etowah.

**Phillips at Meek**
Meek returns to Arley to host Phillips with a 4-3 overall record and a 3-2 mark in Class 1A, Region 7. Phillips is 1-7 overall and 0-5 in the region.

The Tigers are fourth by region record behind Addison, Hackleburg and Red Bay. Meek defeated Belgreen 24-13 last week and has won all three of its home games this season.

Those home victories came against Winston County, Cherokee and Waterloo. Another home win would give the Tigers a winning region record heading into a home matchup with Red Bay on Oct. 23.

**Parker at Cullman**
Cullman hosts Parker on Friday with a 2-5 overall record and a 1-4 mark in Class 5A, Region 5. Parker leads the region at 5-0 and is 7-1 overall.

The Bearcats will try to end a four-game losing streak after falling 55-29 at Gardendale on Thursday, Oct. 8. Cullman's 29 points were its most in a game this season, but Gardendale scored 27 points in the fourth quarter.

Cullman is 2-1 at home this season. Parker enters one game ahead of Mortimer Jordan in the region loss column.

**Holly Pond at Susan Moore**
Holly Pond travels to Susan Moore on Friday for a Class 3A, Region 6 matchup between teams with identical records. Both are 2-5 overall and 1-4 in the region.

The Broncos are looking to end a four-game losing streak following their 49-6 loss to Glencoe. Holly Pond is 2-1 away from home this season.

Friday's winner will move to two region victories, with both teams entering behind Vinemont in the standings.

**West Point at Lawrence County**
West Point heads to Moulton on Friday still looking for its first win. The Warriors are 0-8 overall and 0-5 in Class 4A, Region 7. Lawrence County is 3-5 overall and 1-4 in region play.

West Point fell to Hamilton 48-13 last week, while Lawrence County lost to Brooks 27-0.

Deshler leads the region at 5-0, followed by Hamilton and West Morgan at 4-1. The Warriors can pull even with Lawrence County in the region standings with a victory.

COLUMBUS DAY FUN

# Families pack 4D Farm for fall festival

**Krystal Corely**
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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – With school out for Columbus Day and blue skies overhead, families from across the area spent Monday, Oct. 12, at 4D Farm's Fall Festival & Pumpkin Patch.

The farm, at 7066 County Road 703 in Cullman, opened from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. for the holiday, inviting guests to "come make some fall memories" with a day of farm fun and seasonal treats.

By lunchtime, a line stretched past the bright red welcome barn, and families filled the picnic tables near the food stands. Hudd Music played on the covered porch from 1 to 4 p.m. while kids raced from one attraction to the next.

**Something new this season**
The biggest new draw this year is the Happy Highland coaster. Riders in a train of bright orange cars climbed and dipped along the track throughout the day.

Other rides include the Farm Swings, Pony Carts for younger kids and the Cornado. Across the farm, children tumbled through the corn pit, burying their legs in kernels and making "corn angels" alongside their parents, and took turns on the giant slide and the rainbow jumping pillow.

**Pumpkins, pigs and more**
Visitors can wander the pumpkin patch to find the perfect pumpkin while enjoying the story of Spookly the square pumpkin, take a hayride through the countryside, find their way through the corn maze and feed the farm animals, including Dolly the Highland cow.

At 2 p.m., crowds gathered for the farm's pig races, and the day began and wrapped up with the candy cannon, showering eager kids with treats.

Food options include freshly made apple cider doughnuts, apple cider slushes, funnel cakes, milkshakes and fresh-dipped corn dogs, along with other festival favorites.

**Still time to visit**
The Fall Festival & Pumpkin Patch runs on select dates and times through Sunday, Nov. 1. Upcoming dates include Thursday, Oct. 15, and Friday, Oct. 16, beginning at 2 p.m.

For hours, more information and discounted tickets, visit www.4dfamilyfarm.com or email 4dfarmfun@gmail.com.



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

***Left to right are Calvin Wright, Linda Murray, Calvin Stansell, Sue Livingston, Lora Garnett, Huey Ray, Donald Tucker and Freeda Dockins at the 2019 Cullman County Fair Senior Day.***

# Senior Day (from Front)

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Seniors ages 55 and older will receive free admission to the Cullman County Fair from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, during the fair's annual Senior Day.

The event – Aveanna Home Health & Hospice Senior Citizens Day – will take place at the Cullman County Fairgrounds, 1501 Sportsman Lake Road NW.

Cullman County Commission on Aging Director Stephanie Lawson said the event will have free admission, free parking and free lunch for the first 400 in attendance.

"The Lions Club concession stand will also be open for business, offering additional select food items for purchase for those who would like to enjoy more food options throughout the day," Lawson said. "There will be live entertainment taking place (in) the theater, and attendees will have the opportunity to walk through and enjoy all the fair exhibits. While the exhibits will be open for viewing, rides will not be operating during Senior Day."

Lawson said Aveanna is the main event sponsor and continues to do a wonderful job helping make Senior Day a special occasion for the local senior community each year.

"Cullman County Commission on Aging extends our sincere appreciation to Aveanna, Premier Bank and the Lions Club for their support and partnership in making this event possible," she said. "The collaboration between Aveanna and the Lions Club helps provide a welcoming opportunity for seniors throughout the community to gather, enjoy entertainment and bring back memories of our younger years at the Cullman County Fair."

Lawson said her favorite thing about this event is truly just soaking it all in.

"Simply getting to be outside, especially when the weather cooperates – which we've been very blessed in my time here, with all the seniors," she said. "Watching them enjoy the entertainment and having a good time, it's all such a blessing."

Seniors seeking additional information about the Oct. 21 event can contact the Cullman County Commission on Aging at 256-734-1241.

The full fair schedule is available at www.cullmanfair.org.

# Curt's Closet (from Front)

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – With Christmas only two months away, local nonprofit Curt's Closet is busy preparing to help local families. Curt's Closet is holding its annual Curt's Christmas toy drive through mid-November, aiming to help provide Christmas for up to 600 local children..

Organizers wrote, "Every doll, game, ball, craft kit, and toy donated helps make sure a child in our community experiences the joy and excitement of Christmas morning."

In 2025 the organization reported that 200 families and over 500 children were able to wake up to "the kind of Christmas every child deserves, full of joy, surprises, and knowing they are deeply loved."

Through mid-November, donations can be dropped off at three locations:

• Rushforth Family Care – 1935 Alabama Highway 157, Suite C, Cullman; Office hours are Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

• Premier Bank of the South (main branch) – 101 First Ave. NW, Cullman; Office hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m.-noon

• RE Garrison Trucking – 1103 County Road 1194, Vinemont; always open

Curt's Closet is also looking for sponsors to help create an unforgettable Christmas experience. The organization stated that in addition to easing financial burdens on parents, donations children know that they are seen, valued and loved by their community.

"That kind of happiness stays with a family long after the wrapping paper is gone," they wrote.

The nonprofit called on businesses, churches, civic groups, families and individuals to act now to help ensure every child has someone supporting them through this season.

To sign up to be sponsor, visit https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/KE4B1CGHTC

**From Curt's Closet:**
"If your family would like to be considered for this year's program, be sure to submit your application before Friday, October 16.

"Before applying, please remember:

• Applicants must be Cullman County residents

• Families are selected through a random lottery drawing

• Submitting an application does NOT guarantee your family will be selected

• All families chosen through the lottery will be contacted during the week of Nov. 6

"Our goal is to make the selection process as fair as possible while serving as many local children as our sponsors allow. We encourage all families to apply, but please understand that completing an application is not a guarantee of participation in our program.

"Apply here- https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/EJGkn6W531"

For additional information, call 256-735-4557 or visit curtscloset.org.

# Hanceville (from Front)

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**HANCEVILLE, Ala.** – The Hanceville City Council addressed several matters involving city operations during its Thursday, Oct. 8, meeting, including additional funding for road repairs, proposed changes to employee vehicle use and the appointment process for municipal department heads. The Council also voted to uphold Mayor Nolan Bradford's removal of Fire Chief Chris Hardin following an executive session.

**Roads**
Councilmembers approved a $25,000 budget amendment for the Public Works Department to continue road patching throughout the city, with funding coming from gas tax revenue.

Rusty Fields of the Public Works Department explained that repairs had required more time and resources than originally anticipated because of differences in the size and depth of damaged pavement.

The department has been working with county crews and equipment to complete the repairs, with daily expenses estimated at approximately $5,000 to $5,500. Fields said more than half of the planned work had been completed, but additional funding was needed to address the remaining areas.

Officials also discussed the possibility of purchasing city-owned patching equipment in the future, although maintenance and operating expenses would need to be considered.

**Employee vehicle use**
Another major topic involved Resolution 2026-8, a proposed policy regulating employees' use of city-owned vehicles.

The proposal, introduced by Councilman Robert Powell, would limit routine take-home vehicle assignments to department heads and designated on-call employees.

Powell explained that the policy was intended to establish consistent standards for the use of city property while addressing expenses associated with fuel, maintenance, insurance and vehicle replacement.

During the discussion, officials reviewed a mileage-based estimate placing the annual cost of six take-home vehicles at approximately $17,000.

Fields expressed concerns about the proposed restrictions, explaining that Public Works employees frequently respond to emergencies involving fallen trees, flooding, severe weather and blocked roadways.

He said allowing employees to keep assigned vehicles at home helps reduce response times by eliminating the need to travel to city facilities before reporting to an emergency.

Fields also explained that emergency situations often require multiple employees, particularly when heavy equipment, traffic control or additional personnel are necessary.

Several employees raised concerns about losing a longstanding benefit, explaining that take-home vehicles had been provided during previous years when salary increases were limited.

Employees also discussed their use of personally owned equipment for city work, including chainsaws, mechanical tools and other supplies stored in their assigned vehicles.

Officials acknowledged that restricting vehicle assignments could require the city to purchase additional equipment.

Bradford questioned whether the potential savings justified changing the current arrangement, particularly considering the possible effects on employee morale and emergency response.

Councilmembers discussed several alternatives, including reimbursement for commuting expenses, gradually reducing take-home assignments and allowing exceptions for anticipated emergencies.

The Council voted to amend the proposed policy to include exceptions allowing department heads to temporarily authorize additional take-home vehicles when emergency conditions are reasonably anticipated.

The amendments also included a provision allowing six months from the resolution's effective date for existing vehicle assignments to end.

However, the Council postponed final consideration of Resolution 2026-8 until its next meeting.

A related Public Works budget amendment for purchasing additional tools was also postponed pending further discussion of the vehicle policy.

**Leadership**
Councilmembers additionally considered Resolution 2026-10, which proposed establishing a formal interview process for certain municipal leadership positions.

The proposed process could involve the mayor, mayor pro tem, city clerk and additional professionals with experience relevant to the position being filled.

The Council also discussed Ordinances 2026-12, 2026-13 and 2026-14, concerning the appointment processes for the fire chief, public works director and park director, respectively.

The proposals would give the Council a greater role in appointing certain department heads rather than leaving those appointments solely under the mayor's authority.

Bradford expressed opposition to changing the current structure, explaining that the mayor oversees daily departmental operations and should retain authority over the individuals responsible for managing them.

Other councilmembers argued that greater involvement in the appointment process would provide additional oversight and accountability.

The discussion also included proposed one-year appointment terms for certain positions, prompting questions about employment stability and salary adjustments.

Following the discussion, the Council postponed action on the proposed leadership changes to allow further review.

**Police**
The Council also discussed establishing a Policy and Procedures Committee as part of ongoing efforts to restore the Hanceville Police Department.

Officials discussed reviewing proposed police policies and procedures before submitting them to the city's insurance provider for consideration. The review was identified as a step toward reestablishing the department.

**Fire chief**
Following an executive session lasting approximately 40 minutes, the Council returned to open session and unanimously voted to uphold Bradford's removal of Hardin as fire chief.

Hardin had served in the position since March. No public explanation for the removal was provided during the meeting, and no replacement was announced.

During departmental reports, the Fire Department reported responding to 116 calls for service in September.

Officials also discussed firefighter training opportunities, including a traffic incident management course that would allow an employee to provide training locally to personnel who work along roadways.

**Miscellaneous**
Fields provided updates on maintenance at Mud Creek, including drainage concerns and ongoing upkeep responsibilities handled by the Public Works Department.

Councilmembers also discussed the possibility of seeking additional county assistance to help offset maintenance expenses.

Parks and recreation discussions included maintenance at the municipal pool and ongoing work at recreational facilities. Officials also addressed the need for separate physical addresses at TWWA Park to help distinguish facilities and improve emergency access.

The Council approved a $500 contribution to the North Alabama Agriplex, maintaining the amount previously allocated in the city budget rather than increasing the contribution to the $1,000 requested.

Councilman Cameron Rowe was appointed to the Hanceville Planning Commission, filling the position previously held by Bradford.

Resolution 2026-9, a proposed citywide credit card policy, was also postponed to allow councilmembers additional time to examine the proposed procedures.

**Up next**
The Hanceville City Council's next scheduled meeting is Thursday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**MYRA GARCIA,**
Plaintiff

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

**ADOLFO GARCIA LEDEZMA,**
Defendant

**NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION**

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

Done this the 9th day of September, 2026.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

Public Road Project: Repairs to Fields Road ½ Mile Long

Owner: Township of Colony
66 Byars Road
Hanceville AL 35077

Project Manager: Mayor Jasmine Cole

Invitation Date: October 15, 2026

The Township of Colony is accepting bids for the repair of Fields Road, approximately one half mile, consisting of scrapping to smooth, removing all old black top materials and resurfacing with gravel. Sealed bids shall be itemized, include bonding as required by state law, proof of general liability and workmen's compensation. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Bid Documents" to the Colony Town Hall by 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 29, 2026. Project must be completed by Thursday, November 19, 2026.

Jasmine Cole, Mayor

Town of Colony, AL

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Pursuant to Alabama Code 32-13-1 Mullins Body Shop LLC,

will offer for sale at Public Auction the following vehicles

on December 8, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at Mullins Body Shop

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**SAMPLE FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given

that Mid-America Roofing, Inc.
(*Contractor Company Name*)
Contractor, has completed the Contract for ☒(Construction) ☐(Renovation) ☐(Alteration) ☐(Equipment) ☐(Improvement) of (*Name of Project*):
Roof replacements at Fairview Elementary School in Cullman County AL

Cullman County Board of Education (Fairview Elementary School)

at
(*Insert location data in County or City*)
for the State of Alabama and the (County) (City) of Cullman, Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify
McKee & Associates, Inc.
631 S Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104
(*Architect / Engineer*)

Mid-America Roofing, Inc.
(Contractor)
110 Bolton Street, Sheffield, AL 35660

(Business Address)

NOTE: This notice must be run for a minimum of three weeks for projects of $100,000.00 or more. For acceptable methods of advertisement, see General Conditions of the Contract, Article 34. Proof of publication of the notice shall be made by the contractor to the authority by whom the contract was made by affidavit of the publisher or website owner and a printed copy of the notice published. A final settlement shall not be made upon the contract until the expiration of 30 days after the completion of the notice.

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**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

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

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

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

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

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

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

DONE this 28th day of September, 2026.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune
Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper and send an affidavit of publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

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**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

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

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

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

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

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

DONE this 29th day of September, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

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**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN RE: The Estate of** *
**OLAF NORMAN GREEN,** * **CASE NO.: PC2026-397**
**Deceased.** *

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

TAKE NOTICE that Ancillary Letters of Testamentary having been granted to Kim Vecchiarelli Padilla, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Olaf Norman Green, deceased, on the 9th day of October, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Kim Vecchiarelli Padilla
Personal Representative

Christopher S. Hamer
Hand Arendall Harrison Sale LLC
18001 Fifth Avenue North - STE 400
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

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

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

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

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**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF** *
**FLO ANN DYER,** * **CASE NO.: PC2026-046**
**DECEASED.** *

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to SETH WADE DYER as Administrator of the Estate of FLO ANN DYER, deceased, on this the 9th day of October, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County.**

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

**Seth Wade Dyer**
**Personal Representative**

**SMITH & KILGO LAW, LLC**
**Dean R. Smith**
**Attorney for the Administrator**
**421 3rd Ave SE, Ste. 245**
**Cullman, AL 35055**

**To: THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE**
**Cullman, AL 35055**

**Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper.**

**TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE**
**CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

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**STATE OF ALABAMA** *
**CULLMAN COUNTY** *
* **IN THE PROBATE COURT OF**
* **CASE NO.:** PC2026-395

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF HULEN BRISCOE, DECEASED**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

Letters Testamentary of said Deceased having been granted to the undersigned, Elizabeth Ann Chumley Pitmon, on the 5th day of October, 2026, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Dated this the 5th day of October, 2026.

Elizabeth Ann Chumley Pitmon
ELIZABETH ANN CHUMLEY PITMON
Personal Representative of the
Estate of Hulen Briscoe,
Deceased

PERRY D. KNIGHT
Attorney for the Petitioner
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**M IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
LARRY E. STRICKLAND,
Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC2026-161

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

*Petition for Probate of Will (Self-Proved Will)* received the 13th day of April, 2026, and made court record the 16th day of April, 2026, filed by David L. Strickland, Petitioner, through Attorney, G. Edward Coey.

A hearing on this matter has been set for the **21st day of January, 2027, at 10:30 a.m.** before Tammy Brown Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama.

DONE this 5th day of October, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served by either hand-delivery, by U.S. Mail, or by placing a copy of the same in the box provided for counsel in the Probate Court's office.

G. Edward Coey

Emily Dollar
Court Clerk

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**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
LELDON WAYNE MCCUTCHEON,
Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC2026-290

**NOTICE OF HEARING**
**PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

**TO:JOSHUA DEAN MCCUTCHEON, CONNOR SHANE MCCUTCHEON AND ANY KNOWN AND UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OF LELDON WAYNE MCCUTCHEON**

*Petition to Probate Will,* filed by Stacy McCutcheon, Petitioner, through Attorney, Pamela E. Nail has been set for hearing on **21st day of January, 2027, at 11:00a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

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

DONE this 5th day of October, 2026.

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

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**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

IN RE: The Estate of
BILLY JOE JACKSON,
Deceased.
Case No.: PC- 2026-341

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to Brandon Jackson, on the 9th day of October, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Brandon Jackson,
Personal Representative

Shelbie G. Hankey
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409 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055
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Tammy Brown, JUDGE OF PROBATE

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**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

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

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

Jessica Phillips
Personal Representative

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

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRCIT OF ALABAMA
NORTHEASTERN DIVISION

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 5:26-CV-00171-HDM

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA upon the relation and for the use of the TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY, Plaintiff

v.

AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY OVER 3.19 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OVER LAND IN CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, TRACEY ALVEY, a/k/a TRACEY MARGARET ALVEY, TRACEY M., MCDERMOTT, TRACEY ALVEY MCDERMOTT, TRACY MCDERMOTT, TRACY ALVEY, and TRACEY M. ALVEY, Defendant.

NOTICE OF FILING AN ACTION OF CONDEMNATION AS TO DEFENDANT TRACEY ALVEY, a/k/a TRACEY MARGARET ALVEY, TRACEY M., MCDERMOTT, TRACEY ALVEY, MCDERMOTT, TRACY, MCDERMOTT, TRACY ALVEY, and TRACEY M. ALVEY

TO: TRACEY ALVEY (BY PUBLICATION)

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 71.l(d)(2), you are hereby notified that the Plaintiff has commenced the above-titled action in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Northeastern Division to take an easement and right-of-way over 3.19 acres, more or less, over land in which you have or claim an interest. Said land and the interest taken therein is described in Attachment 1 which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The authority for the taking is the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 831 et seq.

You are further notified that if you desire to present any objection or defense to the taking of the property described in Attachment 1, you are required to file your answer with the Clerk of the Court and to serve it on the Plaintiff's attorney within 21 days after service of this notice upon you. Your answer shall identify the property in which you claim to have an interest, state the nature and extent of the interest you claim, and state all of your objections and defenses to the taking. Your failure to file and serve an answer constitutes consent to the taking and to the jurisdiction of the Court to proceed to hear the action and to fix the compensation. If you have no objection or defense to the taking of the property you may instead file with the Clerk of the Court and serve on the Plaintiff's attorney a notice of appearance designating the property in which you claim to be interested. Thereafter you will receive notice of all proceedings in this action affecting the property. In the event of a trial of the issue of just compensation, whether or not you have previously appeared or answered, you may present evidence as to the amount of compensation to be paid for your property, and you may share in the distribution of the award. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure71.l(d)(2)(B) requires that an address be provided within the district in which this action is brought where the Plaintiff's attorneys may be served. Such an address is John E. Pevy, Attorney, c/o Thomas M. Adams, Plant Manager, Guntersville Hydro Dam, Post Office Box 1176, Guntersville, Alabama 35976. However, Plaintiff prefers that service be made by mail addressed

37902-1401.

ATTACHMENT 1

A permanent easement and right-of-way, consisting of the perpetual right to enter and to erect, maintain, repair, rebuild, operate, and patrol lines of transmission line structures with sufficient wires and cables for electric power circuits and communication circuits, and all necessary appurtenances, including guy wires, in, on, over, and across said right-of-way, together with the perpetual right to clear said right-of-way and keep the same clear of structures (including but not limited to flagpoles, solar panels, buildings, signboards, billboards), trees, brush, stored personal property, and fire hazards; to destroy or otherwise dispose of such trees and brush; to prevent the drilling or sinking of wells within the right-of-way; and to remove, destroy, or otherwise dispose of any trees located beyond the limits of said right-of-way which in falling could come within five feet of any line, structure, appurtenance, facility, or conductor located thereon (including structures and conductors being on and over adjacent land), the Tennessee Valley Authority to remain liable for any direct physical damage to the land and annual growing crops resulting directly from the operations of the construction and maintenance forces of its agents and employees in the erection and maintenance of or in exercising a right of ingress and egress to said transmission line structures, all upon, under, over, and across the following-described land:

TRACT NO. BTH-94

A strip of land located in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 30, Township 11 South, Range 5 West of Cullman County, Alabama, as shown on Sheet P12 of US-TVA Drawing LW-8277, Revision 1 and Sheet P13 of US-TVA Drawing LW-8277, Revision 1, the said strip being 100 feet wide, lying 50 feet on each side of the centerline of the transmission line location, the centerline of the location and the end boundaries of the strip being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point where the centerline of the location crosses the common line of Tracey Alvey and Michael L. Downs, et ux. at survey station 64+30.2, said point being 185.3 feet, more or less north of a 1/2-inch Rebar Found at the common corner of Michael L. Downs, et ux., Tracey Alvey, and Flat Rock Methodist Church, as measured along the said common line; thence S. 72° 56' 18" W, 1345.38 feet to a point of intersection at survey station 77+75.58 and having state plane coordinates of North:1475139.16 East:2086155.18; thence N. 80° 31' 25" W., 45.42 feet to a point of ending on the centerline of the location at survey station 78+21.0 and being in the western section line of the said Section 30, the aforementioned section line also being a common county line of Cullman and Winston Counties, Alabama, the herein described strip being bounded on the east by Michael L. Downs, et ux. and on the west by the western section line of the said Section 30, the ends of said strip are shortened or extended to said Section and property lines.

The strip of land described above includes the centerline of the transmission line location for a net distance of 1390.8 feet and containing 3.19 acres, more or less.

Furthermore, the permanent easement rights include the perpetual right to install, maintain, and replace guy wires and necessary appurtenances outside the right-of-way for the transmission line structure located at survey station 77+75.58.

The coordinates, distances, and directions of lines are referred to the Alabama West State Plane Coordinate System, NAD83(2011) Horizontal Datum, NAVD88 Vertical Datum (US Survey Foot).

Record landowner as of the date of filing of the Declaration of Taking – Tracey Alvey (Deed Book 714, page 395, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama)

Tax Map and Parcel No. 20-09-30-0-000-016.000

# Obituary Announcements: Oct. 13-14

**Larry Cooper, 71**
Larry Cooper, age 71, of Hanceville, passed away on Monday, Oct. 12, 2026, at his residence. He will be laid to rest at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Vinemont at a private family service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Larry was born to Thomas Jefferson Cooper and Helen Mauter Cooper on Jan. 21, 1955. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Bevery Ann Cooper; daughter, Jennifer Cooper; grandson, Billy Wren; brother-in-law, Gerald Jones. He is survived by two sons, Christopher Cooper (Tabitha), and Nicholas Cooper (Samantha); grandchildren, Kayla Davis, and Blake Cooper (Haven) and Austin Davis (Erica), Josh Wren, Constance Wren, and Kaleb Davis; great-grandchildren, Nevaeh, Nova, Laz, Ava, Jackson, and Riley; sister, Janet Dyer (Robert); brother, Kent Cooper (Jean). Family remembers Larry as a hardworking, intelligent, and strong-willed man who devoted his life to caring for and providing for his family. He believed in figuring things out, standing his ground, and never giving up when life became difficult. Though stubborn and determined, with a mind of his own, those qualities were part of what made him unique. Beneath his strong exterior was a generous heart and a deep love for his family. He was always willing to help those in need and share his strength and knowledge with others. He proudly served his country in the United States Army and enjoyed traveling and discovering new places. Above all, he cherished the life he built with his beloved wife. They shared many years, ordinary days, and unforgettable moments that became treasured memories. Losing her so recently has made saying goodbye to him even more painful, but it brings comfort to believe that the woman he loved so dearly was waiting for him and that they are now reunited beyond sickness, sorrow, and goodbye. His family will miss his voice, advice, strength, and presence. They will miss the way he helped, the wisdom he shared, and even the stubbornness that made him uniquely himself. Though he is no longer here, the love he gave, the lessons he taught, and the memories he created will remain forever in their hearts. His life will be remembered through the family he loved, the lives he touched, and the lasting legacy he leaves behind.

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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.

Judge of Probate Cullman County, AL 1 Page(s) MW

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

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

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

Barry Camper, Jr.
Personal Representative

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

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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DONE this 29th day of September, 2026.

Tammy Brown
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JUDGE OF PROBATE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on November 9, 2026 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time, anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-54 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to speak. - Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 54
AMENDING THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Under the authority of Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Section 11-52-1 through Section 11-52-84, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and specifically Sections 11-52-77 and at the request of property owners, Wesley and Sherry Moore, the following describe the tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:
PPIN: 1366. Parcel No.: 22-01-11-0-000-032.000.
Property Address: 455 County Road 587, Hanceville, Alabama 35077.

Legal Description:
A tract or parcel of land containing 98.13 acres of land, more or less and being situated in Section 11, Township 11 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Begin at a found 5/8 inch rebar marking the locally accepted northeast corner of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of said Section 11, and run north 88 degrees 35 minutes 57 seconds west, along the north line as found, a distance of 1,323.24 feet to a found axle marking the locally accepted northwest corner of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of said Section 11; thence south 00 degrees 20 minutes 10 seconds east, along the west line as found, a distance of 1,324.27 feet to a found 5/8 inch rebar marking the locally accepted northeast corner of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of said Section 11; thence north 89 degrees 14 minutes 01 seconds west, along the north line as found, a distance of 888.08 feet to a point on the easterly right of way line of Cullman County Road No. 587; thence south 37 degrees 32 minutes 59 seconds west, along said right of way line, a distance of 14.74 feet to a point; thence south 45 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west, along said right of way line, a distance of 58.76 feet; thence south 51 degrees 28 minutes 11 seconds west, along said right of way line, a distance of 59.41 feet to a point; thence south 50 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds west, along said right of way line, a distance of 48.34 feet to a point; thence south 62 degrees 56 minutes 58 seconds west, along said right of way line, a distance of 46.26 feet to a point; thence south 58 degrees 56 minutes 05 seconds west, along said right of way line, a distance of 150.57 feet to a point; thence south 80 degrees 08 minutes 04 seconds east, departing said right of way line, a distance of 265.60 feet to a set rebar; thence south 82 degrees 16 minutes 51 seconds east, a distance of 101.60 feet to a set rebar; thence south 01 degrees 06 minutes 40 seconds east, a distance of 243.83 feet to a set rebar; thence north 89 degrees 04 minutes 51 seconds west, a distance of 283.96 feet to a point; thence south 00 degrees 54 minutes 51 seconds east, a distance of 424.10 feet to a point; thence south 75 degrees 34 minutes 16 seconds east, a distance of 218.64 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the left, having a central angle of 09 degrees 36 minutes 04 seconds, a radius of 1,395.00 feet, a chord bearing of south 80 degrees 22 minutes 18 seconds east, a chord length of 233.49 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 233.76 feet to the point of tangency; thence south 85 degrees 10 minutes 20 seconds east, a distance of 239.20 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the left, having a central angle of 11 degrees 49 minutes 59 seconds, a radius of 1,450.00 feet, a chord bearing of north 88 degrees 54 minutes 41 seconds east, a chord length of 298.93 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 299.46 feet to the point of tangency; thence north 82 degrees 59 minutes 41 seconds east, a distance of 278.00 feet to a point; thence south 04 degrees 16 minutes 34 seconds east, a distance of 200.23 feet to a point on the northerly right of way line of Cullman County Road No. 616; thence north 82 degrees 59 minutes 41 seconds east, along said right of way line, a distance of 161.65 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the left, having a central angle of 15 degrees 28 minutes 03 seconds, a radius of 895.00 feet, a chord bearing of north 75 degrees 15 minutes 40 seconds east, a chord length of 240.88 feet thence run along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 241.61 feet to the point of tangency; thence north 67 degrees 31 minutes 39 seconds east, a distance of 249.83 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the right, having a central angle of 02 degrees 26 minutes 52 seconds, a radius of 994.00 feet, a chord bearing of north 68 degrees 45 minutes 05 seconds east, a chord length of 42.46 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 42.47 feet to a point; thence north 05 degrees 29 minutes 39 seconds east, departing said northerly right of way line, a distance of 217.54 feet to the point of curvature of a non-tangent curve to the right, having a central angle of 21 degrees 01 minutes 01 seconds, a radius of 1,194.00 feet, a chord bearing of north 84 degrees 59 minutes 08 seconds east, a chord length of 435.53 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 437.98 feet to the point of tangency; thence south 84 degrees 30 minutes 21 seconds east, a distance of 631.78 feet to a point; thence north 37 degrees 32 minutes 37 seconds west, a distance of 991.39 feet to a found rock marking the locally accepted southeast corner of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of said Section 11; thence north 00 degrees 10 minutes 49 seconds east, along the east line as found, a distance of 1324.06 feet to the point of beginning.
within the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as AG-1 Agricultural District on the Zoning Map of the City of Cullman, Alabama under Ordinance No. 2004-03 and as may be reflected in any comprehensive master plan for the City of Cullman, Alabama, be, and is hereby changed from AG-1 Agricultural District to R-2 Residential District.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage in a newspaper with general circulation within the City of Cullman, Alabama, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and the second publication either verbatim or synopsized, with the last publication being at least 15 days prior to the date set for public hearing and passage of said ordinance.

SECTION 3. That a public hearing be held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 9th day of November 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

SECTION 4. That all notices as required by law be given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing, and in addition thereto, a certified letter be sent by the Clerk to all contiguous property owners at their last known addresses as shown by the tax records for the City of Cullman, Alabama.

SECTION 5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Cullman, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

SECTION 6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage or adoption as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended. Submitted by Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk.

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# After National Dessert Day, rise to the occasion with a sourdough class at Mavens & Makers

**Krystal Corley**
krystal@cullmantribune.com

**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Wednesday, Oct. 14, was National Dessert Day, and plenty of Cullman residents likely celebrated with a slice of pie or a scoop of ice cream. But for those whose sweet tooth leans toward a warm, crusty slice of homemade bread slathered in butter and honey, Mavens & Makers in downtown Cullman has just the thing.

The kitchen and home store will host "Sourdough Class with Anett" on Thursday, Oct. 29, at 5:30 p.m. at its shop, 302 Second Ave. SE. The two-hour, beginner-friendly class is presented with Danube Delights Bakery and costs $100.

"Ready to learn how to make beautiful, crusty sourdough bread from your own kitchen?" the event listing asks.

**From starter to loaf**

Participants will learn:

- How to feed and maintain a sourdough starter
- How to mix, shape, score and bake a loaf in a Dutch oven
- How to fit sourdough baking into a busy weekly schedule

Each participant will take home a live sourdough starter to keep baking long after class ends. Light refreshments, tea and water will be provided.

"Just bring your curiosity – we'll take care of the rest!" the listing reads.

**A gathering place for home cooks**

Mavens & Makers describes itself as a curated kitchen and home store born from "a love of gathering around the table." According to its website, the shop "began as a simple idea: create a place where people could find the tools and ingredients to make extraordinary meals at home."

Owned by Ashlea Chance, the store moved to its current downtown location on Second Avenue Southeast in June 2025. Chance previously told the Tribune the shop is "a cross between Williams-Sonoma and Whole Foods."

Shelves are stocked with premium cookware and kitchen tools from brands such as Staub, Demeyere, Made In, Castaway Carbon, USA Pan and Mason Cash, along with Messermeister knives and Peugeot salt and pepper mills. The store also carries artisan pantry goods, including Fiore olive oils, Ocean State Seasonings and Real Salt, as well as local and regional favorites such as stone-ground grits and cornmeal from McEwen & Sons, small-batch teas from Huntsville's Piper and Leaf Tea Company, and pastured meats from The Farm at Hidden Springs.

The shop's values center on "Quality First," "Local Roots" and "Community," with a focus on partnering with Alabama farmers and artisans.

**More than a store**

Mavens & Makers' demonstration kitchen hosts both hands-on classes, where guests prep, cook and eat what they make, and demonstration classes focused on technique, tips and tasting. Each session includes instruction, recipes and a shared meal.

The kitchen is also available for private events, including birthdays, bridal showers, corporate team outings and casual get-togethers, with menus customized to each group. To inquire about a private event, email info@mavensandmakers.com.

**How to sign up**

Space in the sourdough class can be reserved online at www.mavensandmakers.setmore.com. For more information, call 256-297-1097 or visit www.mavensandmakers.com.

Mavens & Makers is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Follow the shop on Facebook and Instagram at @mavensandmakers.




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# SAMPLE BALLOT

This is a common ballot, however, some offices will appear only in certain precincts which will apply to your districts.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT** — **GENERAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER**

TO VOTE YOU MUST BLACKEN THE OVAL ⬭ COMPLETELY! ⬬
IF YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT, DO NOT ERASE, BUT ASK FOR A NEW BALLOT.

**STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING**

- ⬭ ALABAMA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
- ⬭ ALABAMA REPUBLICAN PARTY

**FOR GOVERNOR** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ DOUG JONES (Democrat)
- ⬭ TOMMY TUBERVILLE (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ PHILLIP ENSLER (Democrat)
- ⬭ JOHN WAHL (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ EVERETT WESS (Democrat)
- ⬭ BARRY MOORE (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ AMANDA N. PUSCZEK (Democrat)
- ⬭ ROBERT B. ADERHOLT (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ JEFF McLAUGHLIN (Democrat)
- ⬭ KATHERINE ROBERTSON (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT NO. 4** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ GARLAN GUDGER (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT NO.** (Vote for One)

**FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, PLACE 7** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ BRAD MENDHEIM (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, PLACE 8** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ ASHLEIGH MEYER DUNHAM (Democrat)
- ⬭ GREG SHAW (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS JUDGE, PLACE 4** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ BENJAMIN M. BOWDEN (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS JUDGE, PLACE 5** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ MATT FRIDY (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS JUDGE, PLACE 4** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ MARY WINDOM (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS JUDGE, PLACE 5** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ RIGGS WALKER (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR SECRETARY OF STATE** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ WAYNE ROGERS (Democrat)
- ⬭ CAROLEENE DOBSON (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR STATE TREASURER** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ ROSILYN HOUSTON (Democrat)
- ⬭ YOUNG BOOZER (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR STATE AUDITOR** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ VIOLET EDWARDS (Democrat)
- ⬭ ANDREW SORRELL (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ RON SPARKS (Democrat)
- ⬭ COREY HILL (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, PLACE NO. 1** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ JAMES O. GORDON (Democrat)
- ⬭ MATT GENTRY (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, PLACE NO. 2** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ SHEILA D. McNEIL (Democrat)
- ⬭ JIM ZIG ZEIGLER (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT NO. 6** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ ANGELA MORGAN (Democrat)
- ⬭ CATHI BRADFORD (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR CULLMAN COUNTY CORONER** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ JEREMY L. KILPATRICK (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR MEMBER, CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ KENNETH WALKER (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR MEMBER, CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ RICHARD BARNETT (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR CULLMAN COUNTY REVENUE COMMISSIONER** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ MIKE PITTS (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ CHAD WHALEY (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR MEMBER, CULLMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, / DISTRICT NO.** (Vote for One)

**CONTINUE VOTING ON BACK**

THESE OFFICES RUN BY DISTRICT

**FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT NO. 11** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ HEATH ALLBRIGHT (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT NO. 12** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ CINDY MYREX (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT NO. 14** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ TIM R. WADSWORTH (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR MEMBER, CULLMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, FAIRVIEW / DISTRICT NO. 2** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ JEFF LAWSON (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR MEMBER, CULLMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, HANCEVILLE / DISTRICT NO. 4** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ KENNY BROCKMAN (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR MEMBER, CULLMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, VINEMONT / DISTRICT NO. 6** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ MICHAEL E. GRAVES (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

**FOR MEMBER, CULLMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, GOOD HOPE / DISTRICT NO. 7** (Vote for One)
- ⬭ KERRY NEIGHBORS (Republican)
- ⬭ Write-in

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

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT STATEWIDE**

**STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 1**

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

⬭ YES
⬭ NO

**STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 2**

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

⬭ YES
⬭ NO

**STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 3**

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

⬭ YES
⬭ NO

**STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 4**

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

⬭ YES
⬭ NO

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

**LOCAL AMENDMENT**

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

⬭ YES
⬭ NO

**END OF BALLOT**

# Amendments (from Front)

According to the Alabama Fair Ballot Commission, a vacancy in the lieutenant governor's office generally remains unfilled until the next regular election for that office.

The ballot describes filling a vacancy during the first two years of a term.

The proposed change to Section 127(f) of the Constitution, contained in Senate Bill 271, applies when a vacancy occurs "more than 60 days before the next general election" at which state officers are elected.

Voters would choose a replacement at that general election to serve the remainder of the term.

The amendment would also authorize the Legislature to set the pay of the lieutenant governor and officers of the House and Senate by joint resolution.

It specifies no salary amount or automatic raise. Legislative travel expenditures would require approval by an officer elected by the members of the respective chamber.

A yes vote would approve those provisions together, while a no vote would retain the current constitutional rules.

**Statewide Amendment 2, proposed by Act 2026-378, would establish a constitutional process for neighboring county school systems to combine under one multi-county board of education.**

House Bill 380 requires participating boards to approve a plan addressing existing debts, governance and the merger timetable.

Before consolidation, the State Board of Education would study the effects on students, families, educational quality, staffing, facilities and transportation.

The full text also lists "finances and taxes, community identity, and governance" among the subjects the study must examine.

The study must be published on the State Department of Education's website at least 30 calendar days before adoption of the formal resolution finalizing the merger.

A separate 30-day period after adoption would give voters time to submit written protests.

The amendment sets the protest threshold at "25 percent of the qualified electors" living within any affected school system.

The Fair Ballot Commission explains that reaching that threshold would require a referendum at the next regularly scheduled general election. The merger would need majority approval in each affected county and across the combined territory. Under the commission's explanation, a separate public vote would depend on enough qualified voters submitting protests.

A yes vote would create that process for future merger proposals. It would not automatically combine Cullman City Schools and Cullman County Schools. A no vote would leave the Constitution without this proposed process.

**Statewide Amendment 3, proposed by Act 2026-379, would require local school boards to adopt policies directing public K-12 schools to conduct the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of each school day and allow student-initiated, student-led prayer.**

House Bill 511 makes participation voluntary. It says the prayer must be initiated and led by a student and expressly limits what schools can require of other students.

"No student may be required to participate in a prayer," the proposed amendment states.

Students would have the right to opt out of either the Pledge or prayer based on their beliefs. Reported violations would be reviewed by the local superintendent.

Alabama Code Section 16-43-5 already requires schools to conduct the Pledge at the beginning of each school day and protects students who decline to recite it from punishment.

A yes vote would place the Pledge and student-led prayer policy requirements in the Constitution. A no vote would leave the Constitution unchanged and would not repeal the existing Pledge law.

**Statewide Amendment 4, proposed by Act 2026-424, would establish a weekly national anthem requirement in public K-12 schools. The proposed amendment directs schools to "broadcast The Star-Spangled Banner during school hours, at least once per week."**

Senate Bill 5 specifies the first stanza, or verse, and allows local boards to select a recording from the Library of Congress collection. As an alternative, a board could approve a performance by a band, choir, vocal group or vocalist using the archived original sheet music. The amendment does not direct every student to sing.

A legislative fiscal note identifies possible additional school-board administrative costs but provides no dollar estimate for those costs. The proposal sets no new tax.

A yes vote would add the weekly requirement to the Constitution, while a no vote would leave the Constitution unchanged.

**The final question, Cullman County's local amendment, proposed by Act 2026-141, would freeze qualifying seniors' assessed property values. House Bill 436 says the exemption "shall freeze the assessed value of the property" at the prior year's level.**

Applicants must be at least 65 and own single-family owner-occupied residential property that has been their principal residence for at least five years immediately before the tax year when first claimed. The text includes no income limit.

Claims could begin Oct. 1, 2027, using the property's value on Oct. 1, 2026. They must be submitted in writing to the Cullman County Revenue Commissioner between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31.

The freeze would continue while the property remains the owner's principal residence, and other available exemptions could still be claimed.

The amendment says property would remain "subject to any millage rate changes." Millage means the property tax rate. Those changes and later additions could still increase a tax bill despite the assessment freeze.

A yes vote would create the freeze for qualifying seniors. A no vote would retain existing property tax rules and exemptions.

Each amendment is a separate yes-or-no question. Voters can review the official sample ballot through the Cullman County Probate Office's elections webpage before Election Day.

Homeowners seeking details about existing exemptions or the proposed senior assessment freeze can contact the Revenue Commissioner's Office at 256-775-4776.