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‘This will outlast most of us’

City of Cullman closer to development of comprehensive strategic plan

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council, on Monday, Oct. 15, adopted Resolution No. 2026-155 which authorizes Mayor Woody Jacobs to enter into professional services contract with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood for the development of a comprehensive strategic plan for the city.

At the City of Cullman Planning Commission’s meeting in April 2026, Chairman Michael Sullins advised that the Commission would be recommending the city start the process of updating the plan.

Statute 11-52-8 of the Code of Alabama requires a planning commission to adopt a master plan for the physical development of the municipality. These plans generally need to be updated every 5-10 years.

Section 3 of the resolution adopted by the Council reads: “City Council’s role. Development of this comprehensive strategic plan does not delegate the City Council’s legislative authority. The City Council retains responsibility for the vision of the City, for the long-range planning, and for every appropriation of public funds by the City of Cullman, Alabama. The completed plan shall be pre- » PAGE 8

Listerhill Credit Union holds grand opening, presents $10K to Cullman County Schools



CHASADY WOODS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Listerhill Credit Union commemorated the grand opening of its new Cullman location with a ribbon cutting on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2026.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Listerhill Credit Union on Thursday, Oct. 15, held a grand opening for its new Cullman branch at 702 Industrial Dr. SW. Listerhill broke ground on the new location back in November 2025 and moved in Sept. 16, 2026.

The credit union gave special thanks to Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, Cullman County Sheriff-elect Chad Whaley, Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, Good Hope Mayor Jerry Bartlett, Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Jamie Troutman, Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center President Joey Orr and Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette.

Listerhill Board Chairman Mark Linder told the audience, “It’s good to be here today! Thank you for your hospitality!”

Linder said it felt as though he was just at this location for the groundbreaking ceremony last November. “What a process this has been!” he exclaimed. “I come and represent six other members of our board. We’re ecstatic to have this footprint and this exposure in your market, your community.”

He continued, “We’re so excited about this » PAGE 8



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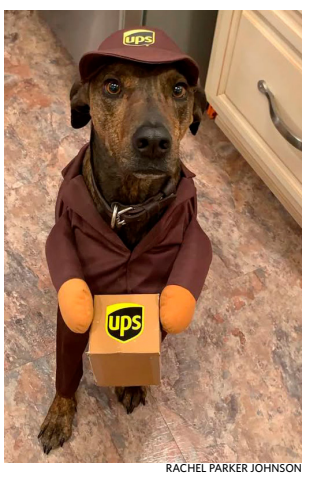
Listerhill Credit Union presented a $10,000 check to Cullman County Schools on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2026. Pictured are, left to right, VP of Marketing Drew Edwards, Cullman Branch Manager Alyssa Harlan and Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 16

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 16, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Oct. 13

- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; CR 1805
- assault; criminal mischief; Hoenig Rd.
- theft of property; CR 1488
- harassment; CR 1564
- theft of property; CR 447
- burglary; CR 1545
- trespassing; Commercial St. NE
- possession of dangerous drugs; Cherokee Ave. SW

Oct. 14

- attempt to elude law enforcement officer; College Dr. NE
- possession of controlled substances; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69S
- criminal mischief; CR 1354
- harassment; College Dr. NE
- domestic violence; CR 1809
- violation of protection order; Hwy. 91
- discharging firearm into unoccupied dwelling; CR 1384
- theft of property; CR 1459
- domestic violence-criminal mischief; CR 735

ARRESTS

Oct. 8-15

Aderhold, William Z.; 47
- possession of methamphetamine

Aldridge, Dena J.; 47
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – permitting dogs to run at large

Allison, Amanda A.; 51
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs

Baker, Mark D.; 50
- DUI (alcohol)

Bartlett, Christy L.; 51
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- DUI (alcohol)

Bentley, Jonathan S.; 39
- theft-miscellaneous, $1500-2500

Bloodworth, Crystal S.; 49
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – promote prison contraband (others)

Bonds, Dana M.; 37
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Bryan, Staci L.; 49
- FTA – public intoxication

Goodson, Jennifer L.; 43
- GJ – auto theft
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled
- FTA – expired tag
- FTA – failure to dim lights

Hall, David R.; 71
- criminal trespass

Haney, Michael T.; 29
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Harris, Nicholas V.; 19
- attempting to elude a police officer

Hubbard, Irene E.; 47
- court appearance

Jordan, Craig D.; 42
- driving under the influence of alcohol and/or 0.08 percent or more by weight of alcohol in blood

Lemsky, Jan D.; 54
- assault-domestic-reckless endangerment

Marsh, Dalton S.; 24
- assault-child abuse-aggravated-family

Mauro, Robert E.; 38
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

McClusky, Drew A.; 25
- public intoxication

McCown, Katelynn M.; 33
- possessing of counterfeit object
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

McGraw, Layla A.; 25
- harassing communications

McKinney, William R.; 74
- assault-harassment

Mitchell, Angela E.; 45
- possession of dangerous drugs

Morrow, Benji C.; 48
- possession of cocaine
- DUI (controlled substances)

Mosher, Erik L.; 56
- GJ – theft-miscellaneous

Myrick, Brandi M.; 49
- possession of dangerous drugs
- public intoxication

Odom, Jr., Michael D.; 41
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Ortiz, Francisco A.; 34
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Parsons, Styles H.; 21
- GJ – sex offense-force
- GJ – sodomy

Ridgeway, Cy J.; 33
- drug trafficking

Stephens, David L.; 48
- FTA – possession of burglary tools
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – criminal mischief-damage to private property
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, less than $500

Tolbert, Jr., Johnnie W.; 68
- assault-harassment
- damaged property-criminal mischief

Villa, Jr., Antonio; 46
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Washburn, Jodie R.; 45
- PROBATION VIOLATION – escape
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft-miscellaneous

Weaver, Gregory S.; 50
- DUI (alcohol)

Wisener, Jr., Mark H.; 45
- FTA – fraud-identity theft

Worthy, Alexander C.; 23
- assault-harassment

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Oct. 11
- theft of property-1st degree; person; AC Unit; Denson Ave. SW

Oct. 14
- theft of property-4th degree; criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $34; Hwy. 157
- criminal mischief-1st degree; receiving stolen property-4th degree; person; damaged property; Denson Ave. SW
- retail theft of property-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; tools; $534; Hwy. 157

Oct. 15
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Crestview Dr. SW
- assault-3rd degree; harassment; person; 4th St. SE
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; Mary Carter Store; damaged property; 4th St. SE
- theft of property-1st degree; person; miscellaneous; St. Joseph St. NW
- domestic violence-harassment; person; 2nd Ave. NE

ARRESTS

Oct. 12-15

Bice, Macy N.; 28
- theft of property-4th degree
- criminal trespass

Bryan, Staci L.; 49
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Skelton, Alan D.; 66
- criminal mischief-1st degree
- receiving stolen property-4th degree

Bridges, Mickey F.; 36
- criminal mischief-1st degree
- receiving stolen property-4th degree

Pierre, Cyrill W.; 39
- theft of property-1st degree

Aldridge, Dena J.; 47
- FTA – fail to register vehicle
- FTA – driving without license
- FTA – improper tires

Hallmark, Lillian A.; 21
- retail theft of property-3rd degree

Williams, Jeremy O.; 40
- FTA – criminal trespass-1st degree

Calvey, Crystal D.; 65
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – driving without license
- FTA – failure to dim lights

Caudle, James C.; 52
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Middleton, Daniel C.; 26
- possession of controlled substances
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of synthetic urine

Harrison, Jr., Kenneth W.; 32
- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

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Vendor spots available for Vinemont Band Booster Winter Craft Show Nov. 20-21

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VINEMONT, Ala. – This year's annual Vinemont Band Booster Winter Craft Show will take place Friday, Nov. 20, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Cullman Church of Christ located on 4545 Alabama Highway 157 Cullman.

The craft show hosts local vendors, allowing them to represent unique gifts and crafts while also benefiting the Vinemont High School Marching Eagle Band.

In 2025, organizers reported, "We had a great turnout for our show this year and we are already planning the next one."

They also noted that outdoor spots are available. If you or someone you know would be interested, email vbbcraftshow@gmail.com.

Bread Zeppelin-Sourdough, owned by Megan McDaniel, will be among the many vendors attending the craft show.

She specializes in fresh sourdough, and advised that though the menu isn't completed she will also have jalapeno cheddar sourdough.

In addition to the savory, homemade bread, they will offer Kashmir cookies (brown butter chocolate chip), oatmeal cream pies, dinner rolls, simmer pots, pumpkin maple glazed scones and a to-be-determined fudge pops.

"I'll have some of my strawberry raspberry jam, soaps, salts and a handful of gift baskets," McDaniel said.

Find out more about the Vinemont Band Booster Winter Craft Show at www.facebook.com/vinemont-bandboostercraftshow.

Man (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. - Jonathan Patrick Young, 44, of Cullman, faces elder abuse, terroristic threat and kidnapping charges following a domestic violence call Friday, Oct. 16, that ended with his surrender to police, according to the Cullman Police Department.

Officers responded at approximately 10:50 a.m. near the 1700 block of Third Avenue Southwest, where they encountered an elderly man who had exited a residence with visible injuries, the CPD said.

Officers were told the man's elderly wife and their son remained inside the home and that the son was armed.

A CPD negotiator established contact with Young, who confirmed he was armed and refused to leave the residence, according to the department.

Negotiators continued their efforts while officers and tactical personnel coordinated the response.

During negotiations, the CPD's Tactical Unit safely removed the elderly woman from the home. She was placed in the care of Cullman EMS for medical evaluation and assistance.

Police later coordinated ng's surrender.

"Young exited the residence and surrendered to officers without incident," the department said.

Young has been charged with second-degree elder abuse and neglect, first-degree making a terroristic threat and second-degree kidnapping, according to the CPD.



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jonathan Patrick Young

The response involved CPD patrol officers, investigators, negotiators and its Tactical Unit, along with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, Cullman Fire Rescue, Cullman EMS and Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker.

The CPD also thanked the Cullman Power Board for its assistance and Chick-fil-A for providing meals to personnel involved in the response.

The department's earlier public safety notices identified the area as Third Avenue Southeast near King Edward Street and asked people to stay away. Its subsequent press release placed the incident near the 1700 block of Third Avenue Southwest.

Investigators were continuing to process the scene and investigate, according to the release.

CPD said no additional information would be released at that time.

Young is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in court.

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Auditions Oct. 20, 22 for 2027 Bownes Memorial For Kids' Sake Variety Show

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Do you sing, dance, play an instrument or have another special talent? The Cullman Regional Foundation wants to see what you can do.

The Foundation is holding auditions next week for the 2027 Bownes Memorial For Kids' Sake Variety Show, an annual talent show that raises money for the Nursery and Pediatrics Fund at Cullman Regional.

Audition dates

- Tuesday, Oct. 20, 4-7:30 p.m. – Christ Hall at St. John's Church
- Thursday, Oct. 22 – By appointment; call Maria Stanford at 256-339-1097

The audition application form is available online at https://bit.ly/4sms42B.

"Do you have a talent to share? The For Kids' Sake Talent Show is looking for talented performers to take the stage!" the Foundation said in its announcement. "We can't wait to see the amazing talent in our community!"

A Cullman tradition since 1993

The variety show was started in 1993 by the late Dr. Eugene Bownes, a beloved Cullman pediatrician who noticed that many of his young patients had musical and theatrical talent. According to Cullman Regional Foundation Executive Director Maria Stanford, Bownes "felt their enthusiasm should be shared with the community." The show was later named in his memory.

In the decades since, the show has given local children a chance to shine on stage while raising more than $100,000 for nursery and pediatric care at the hospital. Last year's show featured more than 60 young performers.

Performers help raise funds by making a donation at their audition and by selling tickets and sponsorships for the show.

Caring for the youngest patients

Proceeds from the show support the Nursery and Pediatrics Fund at Cullman Regional, which helps provide care for the hospital's youngest patients. Past proceeds have purchased a variety of patient care items for nursery and pediatric services.

"We encourage the community to take part and show your support for this cause benefiting the nursery and pediatric care at Cullman Regional," Stanford said ahead of last year's show.

Show date and venue for the 2027 performance will be announced later.

For more information, call Maria Stanford at 256-339-1097 or contact the Cullman Regional Foundation at 256-737-2565 or crmcfoundation@cullmanregional.com.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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.

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
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- Grow through leadership and professional opportunities
- Serve your school, community and beyond
- Celebrate the important work of women educators

Your dedication to education matters. Your voice matters. You belong with us.
For more information contact President of Alpha Theta Laurita Hogland 256-531-2298 or Presidents of Beta Delta Rhonda Vanzant 256-708-7980 or Lisa Hullett 256-962-4252.

Church Services: Spirit Life Church

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

3rd Annual Spooktacular Storybook 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run
Saturday, Oct. 24, at 8 a.m. beginning at the Cullman County Public Library. Hosted by the Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County. The library is located at 200 Clark St. NE Cullman. To register, go to www.storybook5k.com.

Off-Road Candy Crawl Trunk or Treat
Saturday, Oct. 24, from 2-4 p.m. at Goat Island Brewing. The event will benefit the Cullman County Animal Shelter. Hosted by Muddy Misfits and Goat Island Brewing. For more information, visit Facebook/Muddy Misfits or www.facebook.com/goatislandbrewing. Goat Island is located at 1646 John Cooper Dr. Cullman.

Seventh Street Baptist Church Fall Celebration
Sunday, Oct. 25, from 5-7 p.m. Balloons, Photo Prop area, face painting, candy and hot dogs. All events will be in the gym. 708 Seventh St. SW, Cullman.

Cullman Police Department 9th Annual Trunk or Treat
Friday, Oct. 30, from 6-8 p.m. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/cullmanpd. The CPD is located at 601 Second Ave. NE.

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.

Cullman NARFE Chapter Meeting with Federal BCBS Representative
Monday, Nov. 9. This meeting will be held at the Cullman Golden Corral. Starting with a senior special Dutch lunch (11 a.m.) followed by the informative meeting. All interested parties are welcome and urged to attend!! 256-708-5326.

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Willow Path (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Mayor Woody Jacobs recently proclaimed October Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Cullman. The Willow Path, a local nonprofit that helps survivors of domestic violence, recently launched "Rocks of Solidarity" to help spread awareness.

Executive Director Jessica Atchley credited "Rocks of Solidarity" to Residential Shelter Director Leasia Murphee.

"She loves painting rocks," Atchley explained. "She said, 'We just need to spread positivity.'"

Conversations about domestic violence are not usually easy. Atchley said with the joyful painted rocks, The Willow Path is able to provide a positive image to the community.

As the rocks make their way across the community, they carry a very impactful message: survivors are seen and are supported.

What to do if you find one:

- Pick it up and read the message
- Share the message
- Re-hide the rock – take it somewhere new for the next person to find

You can also take a picture and tag #WillowPathRocks on social media, spreading awareness to more people.

Karma's Coffee House is partnering with The Willow Path by placing the organization's Domestic Violence Awareness Month stickers on each cup of coffee. The stickers contain The Willow Path's crisis line: 256-734-6100.

"This helps make it a part of everyday conversation," Atchley remarked.

The stickers provide the opportunity for those who may need it to use it. It also opens the door for conversations.

The Willow Path urges that, as these acts of awareness lead to individuals sharing their stories, you shouldn't ask questions such as:

- "Why did you stay?"
- "Why did you go back?"
- "Why didn't you tell me?"
- "Why haven't you left?"

If you want to support a survivor, instead try:

- "I believe you."
- "This isn't your fault."
- "You don't deserve to be treated this way."
- "How can I support you?"

Knowing the signs of abuse can save you or a loved one. The Willow Path wrote, "Domestic violence doesn't always leave a bruise."

It can be various acts of controlling a partner. This can be preventing them from leaving their home and dictating where they are "allowed" to go. This possessiveness can go from monitoring their cellphone, messages and locations to controlling access to money.

A few more examples The Willow Path advised of that are signs of abuse:

- Threatening them, their children, their pets or the things they care about
- Constantly accusing them of cheating
- Isolating them from friends and family
- Making them feel afraid of what will happen if they say no

"Domestic violence is not defined by whether someone has been physically hit. At its core, abuse is about power and control," they advised.

The best way to help someone is to be able to recognize abuse patterns. By doing this you can not only help support someone, but you can also save a life. Survivors need support and community to acknowledge the many ways that domestic violence can occur.

"Awareness is where we start. Action is what comes next," the nonprofit stated.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence call The Willow Path's crisis line at 256-734-6100.

Find out more at www.thewillowpath.org.





‘BE OUR GUEST’

Cullman Community Theatre bringing ‘Beauty and the Beast JR’ to the stage Oct. 22-24

Krystal Corley
krystal@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. – A tale as old as time is coming to Cullman, as the Cullman Community Theatre presents Disney’s “Beauty and the Beast JR” in the Cullman High School auditorium.

The production features young performers from across the community, who will bring the beloved story to life “through music, dancing, laughter, adventure, and a little bit of magic,” according to the CCT.

Showtimes

- Thursday, Oct. 22, 6 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 23, 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 24, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online at CullmanCoTheatre.ludus.com or at the door. Children 3 and younger will be admitted for free.

A tale as old as time

The musical tells the story of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, a prince placed under an enchantress’s spell. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved before time runs out, the curse will be broken, and he and his household of enchanted castle objects will return to human form.

“Beauty and the Beast JR” is a one-act, roughly 60-minute version of the Broadway musical adapted especially for young performers by Music Theatre International’s Broadway Junior program. It features music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice and a book by Linda Woolverton, and includes favorites such as “Belle,” “Gaston,” “Be Our Guest,” “Something There,” “Human Again” and the title song, “Beauty and the Beast.” The show’s large cast of characters, from Lumiere and Cogsworth to Mrs. Potts and Chip, gives plenty of young actors a chance to shine.

“Come experience a tale as old as time and support these talented young performers as they take the stage,” the CCT said. “We can’t wait to welcome you to the castle!”

Community theater for all ages

The CCT is a volunteer-driven organization operated through Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism and dedicated to bringing quality live theater to the community. According to its website, the group offers productions, educational opportunities and a love for the arts that aims to entertain, inspire and connect audiences of all ages.

The CCT was revived in 2018, when Cullman High School Theatre Director Wayne Cook partnered with CPRST to bring community theater back to Cullman. At the time, Cook told The Tribune the group would be open to all ages and residents across Cullman County, saying, “It fills a need, fills a gap (with something) that we currently don’t have.”

Most recently, the group staged “My Fair Lady” in August in the Cullman High School auditorium, with a cast that mixed seasoned performers with first-time actors and many younger ensemble members.

What’s next

The curtain won’t stay down for long. Auditions for Agatha Christie’s mystery “The Mousetrap” will be held Saturday, Nov. 14, with performances scheduled Feb. 4-7.

The CCT is also forming the new Cullman Community Choir, which will rehearse regularly and perform at local events such as Oktoberfest, Christkindlmarkt, the Strawberry Festival and a spring concert.

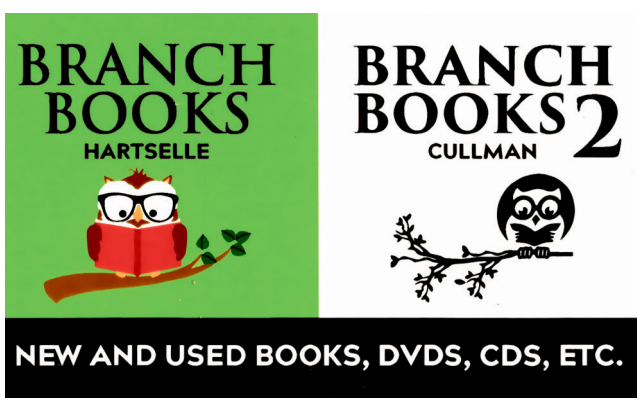
Not a performer? The CCT is looking for behind-the-scenes volunteers, too, including stage crew, set builders and painters, sound and lighting technicians, box office help and hair, makeup and wardrobe assistants.

For more information, visit www.cullmanrecreation.org/cullman-community-theatre, call Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism at 256-734-9157 or email info@cullmanrecreation.org.





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LEGALS

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 Kimberly Carolyn Williams, a single person, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for DAS Acquisition Company, LLC, its successors and assigns dated September 29, 2022; said mortgage being recorded on October 6, 2022 in Deed Book 2030, Page 298 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Servis One, Inc. DBA BSI Financial Services by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2145, Page 209 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Servis One, Inc. DBA BSI Financial Services, 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 December 21, 2026 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST; THENCE S 88 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS E 600.00 FEET TO AN EXISTING T-POST; THENCE S 8 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 09 SECONDS E 30.20 FEET TO AN EXISTING IRON AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 88 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECOND E 275.20 FEET TO AN EXISTING IRON ON THE WEST R.O.W. OF A PAVED COUNTY ROAD; THENCE S 8 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 31 SECONDS E 149.60 FEET TO AN EXISTING IRON ON SAID R.O.W.; THENCE N 88 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 20 SECONDS W 275.13 FEET TO AN EXISTING IRON; THENCE N 8 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 35 SECONDS W 149.95 FEET BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.93 ACRES MORE OR LESS, SAID LAND LYING IN THE SW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SEC. 8, T-9-S, R-1-W, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

Said property is commonly known as **1625 County Road 1564, Baileyton, AL 35019**.

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.

SERVIS ONE, INC. DBA BSI FINANCIAL SERVICES
as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
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Birmingham, AL 35203
Telephone: (205) 216-4238
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
)
WILLIAM DAN KEEL,) CASE NO.: PC2024-044
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
Petition of JUDSON BLAIR KEEL, for the Probate of the Will and for Issuance of Letters Testamentary for the ESTATE OF WILLIAM DAN KEEL, Deceased and OBJECTION TO ADMITTANCE OF LOST LAST WILL & TESTAMENT AND OBJECTION TO GRANT OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY and MOTION TO DISMISS FOR FAILURE TO PROSECUTE OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MOTION TO SET FINAL HEARING

TO: JUDSON BLAIR KEEL AND ANY KNOWN AND UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES OF WILLIAM DAN KEEL

Petition of Judson Blair Keel, for the Probate of the Will and for Issuance of Letters Testamentary for the Estate of William Dan Keel, Deceased, filed by Judson Blair Keel, through Billy W. Jackson and Roy Williams, which have withdrawn as Attorney of record.

Objection to Admittance of Lost Last Will & Testament and Objection to Grant Letters Testamentary filed by Zackary Edkar Knight, heir-at-law, through Attorney, William S. Pylant.

Motion to Dismiss for Failure to Prosecute or, in the Alternative, Motion to Set Final Hearing filed by William S. Pylant, Attorney for Zackary Edkar Knight, heir-at-law of William Dan Keel, deceased.

A hearing on these matters has been scheduled for the **15th day of December, 2026, at 10:00a.m.** before Tammy Brown Judge of Probate.

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

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

DONE this 1st day of October, 2026.

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

William S. Pylant
100 Washington Street NE, Suite 204
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
)
DELRINE HALE,) Case No.: PC-2026-398
)
DECEASED.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to Brandi Langford McKinney 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.

Brandi Langford McKinney
Personal Representative

Shelbie G. Hankey,
Hankey Law Firm, LLC
409 2nd Ave SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055
(256) 736- 8744

To the publisher of ***THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE:***

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Re the Estate of)
)
Evelyn N. Hays,) Case No. PC 2026-311
)
Deceased)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Deborah A. Drinkard as Personal Representative of the Estate of Evelyn A. Hays, deceased, on the 1st day of October, 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.

Deborah A. Drinkard
Personal Representative
Deborah A. Drinkard

To the Publisher of the Cullman Tribune:
Please publish the above notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

ERIC BURTON,)
Plaintiff,)
)
v.) Civil Action No.: 25-CV-2026-900286.00
)
A Parcel of Land in Cullman County,)
Alabama, et al.,)
Defendants.)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

To: JACKIE ALBERT HALE, JR., BARRY WILLINGHAM, REVENUE COMMISSIONER, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL, U.S., DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, STATE OF ALABAMA DEPT OF REVENUE, , WENDY HALE, J & W CUSTOM CABINET PAINTING, Estates of, any heirs or devisees, and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES, whose whereabouts are unknown, and which cannot be ascertained after the exercise of reasonable diligence, who may have some right, title, interest in or claim to the real property which is the subject of this litigation as described in EXHIBIT A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if set out in full.

Please take notice that a Verified Complaint to Foreclose Right of Redemption, Quiet Title in Rem, and for Ejectment has been filed by ERIC BURTON was filed on August 6, 2026 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama, and the following are the names of all parties to the lawsuit: JACKIE ALBERT HALE, JR., BARRY WILLINGHAM, REVENUE COMMISSIONER, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL, U.S., DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, STATE OF ALABAMA DEPT OF REVENUE, , WENDY HALE, J & W CUSTOM CABINET PAINTING,, Estates of, any heirs or devisees, and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES, whose whereabouts are unknown, and which cannot be ascertained after the exercise of reasonable diligence, who may have some right, title, interest in or claim to the real property which is the subject of this litigation as described in EXHIBIT A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if set out in full.

You are hereby notified that you must file an answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint within thirty (30) days after the last date of publication of this notice, or thereafter a default judgment may be entered against you.

NOTICE PURSUANT TO AL CODE § 40-10-197(c)(3): A person with a right to redeem the property may do so at any time prior to the entry of final judgment in this action by filing a timely answer or motion in the court. A judgment quieting title may cause a person with an interest in or claim on the property to lose their interest or claim. Any person claiming an interest in the property may appear in this action. Any person who is entitled to redeem may request that the property be sold at public auction. IN SUMMARY, IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO LOSE ANY INTEREST OR EQUITY, OR BOTH, YOU MAY HAVE IN THE PROPERTY, YOU MUST TAKE ALL REQUIRED MEASURES TO APPEAR IN AND RESPOND TO THIS TAX LIEN FORECLOSURE ACTION.

Done on this 4th day of September, 2026.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Cullman County, Alabama

Jimmy Ray Earley Jr., Esq.
201 20th Street South
Irondale, AL 35210

EXHIBIT A

Legal Description:
Three (3) acres, more or less, out of the NW part of the SW Quarter of the NW Quarter of Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 3 West, described as beginning 70 yards South of the NW Corner of said forty (40), thence East 210 yards, thence South 70 yards, thence West 210 yards, thence North along the section line 70 yards to the point of beginning.

Tas Assessor Legal Description:
2.2 AC, BEG 210 S & 172 E NW COR SW1/4 NW1/4, TH E 455(S), S 210, W 455(S), TH N 210 TO POB

Cullman County PIN: 8241;
Cullman County Parcel ID: 09-05-22-0-001-011.000;
Commonly known as 0 County Road 1339, Vinemont, AL 35179.

Legal Notice

Surplus property of Wallace State Community College (Hanceville Campus) will be offered for sale on the website www.govdeals.com Various sales will occur on this website, please check the www.govdeals.com website weekly to see any current sales. This is a government auction website and you MUST be registered on the website to bid on any items. You may view the surplus property to be sold without registration. The govdeals.com website will contain detailed information including descriptions and photos. Items may be inspected by APPOINTMENT ONLY: Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact Wesley Sams at inventory@wallacestate.edu to schedule any appointments. All items listed are to be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS". Wallace State Community College reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

INVITATION FOR BID

Sealed Bids for the construction of Project No. 285-M, Natural Gas Facilities, Section 1: 6-Inch Steel Natural Gas Line from Morris to Renewable Natural Gas – Gardendale Facility, will be received by the Cullman-Jefferson Counties Gas District, Owner, located at 321 Dana Road, Warrior, Alabama, until 2 P.M (local time) on Thursday, October 29, 2026, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The scope of work shall include the installation of the following approximate items of work and quantities of these items:

SECTION 1: 6" Steel Pipe (Open Trench), 19,070 L.F.; 6" Steel Pipe by Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD), 1,680 L.F.; 6" Steel Valve, 4 Each; 8" Hot-Tap Connection (Line Stopper Fitting), 1 Each.; Cathodic Test Station, 3 Each and other miscellaneous necessary items.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained in electronic form from Gas Meter Engineers, Inc., 689 Highway 36, Chelsea, AL 35043 (telephone 205-678-6210).

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all informalities and technicalities therein. No Bidder will be allowed to withdraw his Bid, without Owner's consent, for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of actual bid opening.

Bidders must meet the "Cullman-Jefferson Counties Gas District – Approved Contractor Requirements" and submit required documentation with their bid.

Each Bidder shall be a licensed Contractor in accordance with the regulations of the State of Alabama and must include the license number, expiration date and classification on the outside of the sealed bid envelope.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

JUSTIN ALLEN YOUNG,
Plaintiff

vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2026-900276.00**

ALYSSA CHERIE CENTANNI,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Alyssa Cherie Centanni, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Justin Allen Young's Divorce Complaint by December 14, 2026, or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case number 25-DR-2026-900276.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 15th day of October, 2026.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
215 MAIN AV SW
CULLMAN, AL 35055

TO PUBLISHER: BEGINNING OCTOBER 22nd, 2026 PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR (4) SUCCESSIVE WEEKS IN CULLMAN TRIBUNE.

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

STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS the Alabama Legislature at its 2026 Regular Session enacted Act No. 2026-141 (HB436), which ordered an election to be held on a proposed amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022 relating to Cullman County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS notice of this election, together with the proposed amendment, is required by law to be given by proclamation of the Governor, to be published once a week for four successive weeks preceding the date appointed for the election in each newspaper qualified to run legal notices in the county affected;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, an election will be held in Cullman County, Alabama, in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of 2022 of the State of Alabama:

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2026-141

(a) In Cullman County, an individual 65 years of age or older may claim a senior property tax exemption for ad valorem tax purposes on real property located in the county which is owned by the individual, classified as single-family owner-occupied residential property, and used as the principal place of residence of the individual for not less than five years immediately prior to the tax year for which the individual first claims the senior property tax exemption. The senior property tax exemption shall freeze the assessed value of the property for the year immediately prior to claiming the exemption.

(b) The following provisions shall apply to the individual claiming the senior property tax exemption:

(1) The taxpayer shall continue to receive the senior property tax exemption as long as the taxpayer continues to use the property as his or her principal place of residence.

(2) The individual shall continue to be eligible to claim a homestead exemption and any other exemption authorized by law on the property.

(3) The property shall continue to be subject to any millage rate changes on the property.

(4) The assessed value of any additions to the property after claiming the senior property tax exemption shall be added to the assessed value of the property and subject to ad valorem tax based on the increase in the assessed value of the addition after the taxpayer claims the senior property tax exemption.

(5) This exemption may be claimed beginning October 1, 2027, for the value of the property on October 1, 2026.

(6) This exemption must be claimed in writing with the Cullman County Revenue Commissioner between October 1 and December 31.

FURTHER, I proclaim and direct that this proclamation shall be published once a week for the four successive weeks immediately preceding Tuesday, November 3, 2026, in each newspaper qualified to run legal notices in Cullman County, Alabama.

Prior to entering any Alabama school or child care center, an up-to-date Certificate of Immunization must be submitted for each child.

www.alabamapublichealth.gov/imm

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Obituary Announcements: Oct. 15-16

Edward Eugene Shelton, 76

Edward Eugene Shelton, age 76, of Cullman, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2026, at his residence. He was born Oct. 4, 1950, in El Paso, Texas, to Jack and Erminda Shelton. He was preceded in death by his wife, Diane Shelton; and parents. Survivors include daughter, Tracy (Jeff) Powers; daughter, Karen Blanks; daughter, Marsha (Rodney) Schlueter; grandchildren, Katie (Jess) Ford, James Powers, Betty (Josh) Drummond, Brandi (Steven) McGuffin, and Lindsey (Shad) Ormsbee; great grandchildren, Makayla Lopez, Devin Lopez, Alex Ford, Rosalie Ford, Savannah (Wesley) Smith, Aiden McGuffin, Sasuke Ormsbee, Makota Ormsbee, Erika Rodriguez, Rainey Rodriguez, and Marcos Rodriguez; great-great granddaughter, Eri Smith; brother, Micheal Shelton.

Beki Vandiver Thomas, 49

Beki Vandiver Thomas passed away on Oct. 9, 2026, at her home after a brief illness. She was born on June 16, 1977. She was preceded in death by her parents, Glynda and Jimmy Vandiver. She is survived by her two sons who are her greatest joy and accomplishments, Jayden Lynch Thomas (Trinity) and Asher Kole Thomas; her brother, John Mark Vandiver, her nephew, John Reed Vandiver, great-nephew, Cash Alan Vandiver, great-niece, Annie Lynn Vandiver; many other relatives, friends and loved ones. Details for a Celebration of Life service are pending.

Deborah Jane Wilson, 73

In Loving Memory of Jane Wilson A Life of Faith, Love, and Service Some people spend their lives making a living, while others spend their lives making a difference. Jane Wilson did both, but above all, she spent her life loving others. Jane was born to Verda Lee and Guy Giles of Hanceville, Alabama. From an early age, she possessed a servant's heart, a compassionate spirit, and a deep love for the Lord that would guide her throughout her life. A devoted wife, extraordinary mother, and cherished grandmother, Jane's greatest joy was always her family. She loved nothing more than spending time with her grandchildren, sharing sweet conversations, enjoying a little girl talk, and simply being together with the people she loved most. To Jane, it was never about grand occasions or extravagant things. It was about the precious moments spent together, the laughter shared, and the memories made. Jane dedicated much of her life to the care and comfort of others. She proudly graduated as a member of the very first nursing class at Wallace State Community College, beginning what would become a remarkable career of compassion and service. She went on to own and operate The Dodson House, an assisted living facility, and served as Director of Nursing at Woodland Village. But perhaps one of her most treasured roles was being known simply as "Nurse Jane." For more than a decade, she cared for, comforted, and loved countless children. To so many families, she was much more than a nurse. She was a reassuring voice, a gentle hand, a warm smile, and a source of comfort when it was needed most. The number of lives she touched cannot be measured, and the love she gave will never be forgotten. Jane had a remarkable gift for making people feel cared for. Whether she was tending to a patient, loving on her grandchildren, or sharing a conversation with family, she gave freely of herself. She was a woman of grace, strength, kindness, and unwavering faith. Above all, Jane loved Jesus. Her faith was not simply something she spoke about; it was something she lived. She was truly a servant of the Lord, showing His love through her kindness, generosity, and the way she cared for everyone around her. While our hearts are broken by her passing, we find immeasurable peace in knowing that Jane is now in the presence of the Savior she loved so dearly. Her work on earth is finished, her pain is gone, and she has received the greatest reward of all: eternal life in Heaven. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." — Matthew 25:21 Jane leaves behind a legacy far greater than any title or accomplishment. Her legacy lives in the family she adored, the children she comforted, the patients she cared for, and the countless hearts she touched along the way. She was a wonderful wife, an irreplaceable mother, a treasured grandmother, a beloved nurse, and, above all, a faithful child of God. What a beautiful life she lived. What a difference she made. And what a glorious homecoming she has received. Until we meet again, sweet Jane. Funeral Service for Deborah Jane Wilson, age 73 of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Andy Heis officiating; burial at Bethsadia Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Clark Dewayne Henderson, 52

Clark Dewayne Henderson, of Walter, passed peacefully on Oct. 15, 2026. He was born to Lee Roy and Wanda Henderson on Oct. 18, 1973. Clark was a dedicated father to two children and a loyal friend to many. He chose to spend his life doing what he loved with those he loved most. Many summer nights were spent camping and sitting around a fire. Many evenings were spent catching more fish than anyone, despite helping the kids untangle lines and take fish off the hooks. He enjoyed golfing with his friends, cracking jokes, and generally loving his quiet life. Clark played his best round of golf on October 14th. Clark is preceded in death by his father Lee Roy Henderson, and his best dog Duke. He is survived by his mother Wanda Henderson, his two children, Brett and Jessie Henderson, his two brothers, Randall (Denise) Henderson and Kerry Henderson, nieces and nephews, and a host of friends. Clark leaves behind a legacy of love, hard work, and laughter. His influence on those around him will never be forgotten. Services to honor his life will be held on October 24, 2026, at Holly Pond Funeral Home. Visitation will begin at 2 p.m. and service will begin at 3 p.m. Mr. Henderson's obituary was written with love by his children. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Henderson family.

Patricia Eileen Grills, 81

Patricia Eileen Grills, 81, of Cullman, Alabama, was born Nov. 20, 1944, in Terre Haute, Indiana, and passed away Oct. 14, 2026. Mrs. Grills will be remembered with deep respect and lasting affection for the devotion she showed to those she loved and the compassionate spirit that shaped the way she lived. A beloved presence in the lives of many, she offered steady care and quiet strength, leaving an enduring imprint on her family. Mrs. Grills loved to read, crochet, and make crafts, finding simple joy in the work of her hands and the comfort of a good book. Most of all, she cherished time spent with her family, holding close the moments that mattered most and making them the center of her days. She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Robert Lee Grills, and her granddaughter, Amanda Henshaw. She is survived by her beloved daughter, Tricia Grills; her sons, James Grills (Annette) and Michael Grills (Deb); and her grandchildren, Eric Grills, Kimberly Grills, Zachary Henshaw (Riley), Ryan Grills (Shelly), Lindsay Grills, and Garrett Grills (Rachel). She is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Ella Griffin, Jackson Henshaw, Hudson Henshaw, Owen Henshaw, Wyatt Grills, and one more on the way. Moss Services Funeral Home directing.

Patsy Lynn Smith, 84

Patsy Lynn (Jones) Smith passed away on September 27th in Cullman, Alabama. She was born on Oct. 23, 1941, in Blountsville, Alabama to James and Sibyl Jones. She attended J.B. Pennington School, then married James Melvin Smith in 1958. They were married for 37 years until his passing in 1995. Patsy considered her life's work caring for the elderly. She spent years caring for the elderly including a period of time in which she owned her own assisted living facility, Amberly House. But, her proudest accomplishment was without a doubt, being Mom and Granny Patsy (G.P.) to her kids, grandkids and great grandkids. She will most likely be remembered for her humor and love of family and friends whom she wanted to be constantly surrounded by. This included cousins who were more like brothers and sisters and nieces and nephews who felt more like her own kids. Patsy was preceded in death by her husband James Melvin Smith; parents James Jones and Sibyl Pike; and brothers Jimmy Jones and Bobby Jones. She is survived by her children Tammy(Danny), Tracey(Mark), Todd, Steven, and Amber(Jeremy); nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; brother Billy Jones and sisters Kim Taylor and Leslie Dial. A celebration of life will be held at Center Hill Baptist Church in Center Hill, Alabama on Nov. 14 at 6 p.m.

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Listerhill (from Front)

opportunity that you have afforded us as a community to be more entrenched in your day-to-day lives to offer you affordable financial services. It just goes to show you that if you do it for the right reasons and plant the seed in the right soil, it will produce. We expect this branch to produce a lot for this community."

Listerhill Credit Union CEO Brad Green was welcomed to the podium and stated, "It is very fitting that today happens to be International Credit Union Day. It is a day that across the world we celebrate the cooperative financial concept of credit unions. I can't think of a better way for us to celebrate that than to gift a community a new facility. That is the epitome of what we do and why we do it!"

Linder and Green both spoke of seven employees from the Reynolds Metals plant who each put in $5, making a total of $35, to help employees at the local factory in Florence, Alabama in 1952. This started Listerhill Credit Union.

"Today we have assets over $1.5 billion, 92,000 members," Linder noted.

Green told the audience that these seven individuals were told that their coworkers were being victimized for predatory lending. "They pooled their money and started the Listerhill Credit Union so it can help people borrow more affordably and borrow from traditional sources.

"In Cullman, we actually got here by the way of the Americold compressor plant," Green mused. "We had a single employee that worked in an office within that plant. That's how Listerhill came to Cullman!"

Green noted that as the union grew, it set up in multiple locations throughout Cullman, including the most recent on Cherokee Avenue.

"Everyone that walks through this door is not a customer; they're an owner. That's different. That's what the cooperative financial model is all about," he said.

"We do this – it's just like anything else we do. Whether it's rates on loans and deposits, our services we deliver, our technology we deploy – we have one motive. We have one reason we do that. That's to give value back to our member owners," he concluded.

In addition to providing door prizes and food to members and others in attendance, Listerhill presented a $10,000 check to Cullman County Schools, accepted by Barnette.

Find Listerhill online at www.listerhill.com or www.facebook.com/listerhillcu or call 256-383-9204.

Veterans Day (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The annual Cullman Veterans Day Celebration will return to Cullman Regional Airport Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Hosted by the Cullman Elks Veterans Committee, the celebration will feature historic military aircraft, live demonstrations, military displays and opportunities to honor local veterans. Admission and parking are free, and the event will be held rain or shine.

"Each year, we invite all Alabama citizens to gather at Cullman Regional Airport in Vinemont to honor the 7,000 military veterans and their families who live in Cullman County," organizers shared on the event's official website. "Rare warbirds, decorated speakers, living history and flyovers together create an event unlike any other in the Southeast."

One of this year's new featured attractions will be a Messerschmitt ME-262, recognized as the world's first operational jet fighter and the first jet fighter to see combat. The event organizers say the aircraft's appearance will mark the first time an ME-262 has been displayed in the South.

Additional historic aircraft scheduled to appear include a D-Day C-47 and a Royal Air Force Spitfire. Visitors will have opportunities to view the aircraft up close and learn more about their roles in military aviation history. The Bell UH-1 Huey helicopter will also be on display, giving attendees an opportunity to climb aboard and get an up-close look at one of the most recognizable military helicopters of the Vietnam War era.

This year's celebration will also feature retired Chief Warrant Officer Mike Durant, a former U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopter pilot who was shot down during the 1993 Battle of Mogadishu in Somalia, an operation depicted in the film "Black Hawk Down."

Durant survived the crash and was held captive for 11 days before being released. He will share his firsthand account of the mission, his captivity and the experiences of those who served alongside him. Durant will begin speaking at 10:30 a.m.

A Skydive Alabama parachute jump carrying the American flag will be among the day's aerial demonstrations, along with the crowd favorite precision flyovers. Additional military vehicles and living history actors will also be available for visitors to explore and learn from.

As part of the celebration, a free hot lunch will be provided to veterans in appreciation of their service.

For additional information and event updates, visit cullmanveterans.com or follow the event page on Facebook at Cullman Veterans Day Celebration.

Cullman Regional Airport is located at 231 County Road 1360 in Vinemont.

Project Ark (from Front)

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ARKADELPHIA, Ala. - A1 Composites LLC proposes a $9.785 million aerospace and defense-related manufacturing project that would create 170 new full-time jobs in Arkadelphia, according to economic development records provided by the Cullman County Commission.

Identified as Project Ark, the proposal calls for the company to acquire, improve, equip and operate a facility at 4005 County Road 35.

Although the property has a Hanceville mailing address, the county resolution places it in the unincorporated Arkadelphia community.

A preliminary employment exhibit lists an average wage of approximately $28 per hour, excluding benefits, based on current offer materials.

That figure is subject to final state approval and is not identified as a starting wage for every position.

The Commission adopted Resolution 2026-41 on Aug. 11, approving an agreement form that would provide up to $160,000 in county assistance for parking and entrance improvements.

The company would have to pay for eligible work and meet the agreement's conditions before receiving reimbursement.

The agreement copy provided to The Tribune bears county officials' signatures but no company signature.

The supplied records do not establish whether a separately signed version exists or whether the company has since completed the property purchase.

The preliminary schedule in Exhibit B on page 21 calls for 41 qualified jobs in the first performance year and 77 in the second.

Employment would rise to 114 in the third year and 148 in the fourth before reaching 170 in the fifth year and remaining at that level through the 10th year.

The final state incentive documents would govern the schedule.

Those performance years would begin when regular commercial manufacturing operations start, rather than necessarily following the calendar year.

Qualified jobs must be new, full-time, permanent positions at the facility that meet the applicable state requirements.

The investment and employment figures are targets set out in the county-approved agreement form, not evidence of spending or hiring already completed.

The form calls for at least $9,785,000 in investment and a final commitment of at least 170 qualified jobs.

The agreement identifies Angelo D'Urso as A1's president and lists a company mailing address in Fridley, Minnesota.

The county resolution describes aerospace and defense-related production without identifying specific products or customers.

The infrastructure work would include grading, drainage, paving and related improvements to an employee parking and circulation area, along with widening the entrance from County Road 35.

The parking area would remain private rather than becoming a public parking facility.

The $350,000 funding plan allocates the first $30,000 in eligible costs to a separate Cullman County Industrial Development Authority contribution.

That contribution would require no company match, but would depend on the authority's own approval and agreement.

The County Commission would not guarantee it.

After that allocation, the County Commission and A1 would split the remaining eligible costs equally, with the Commission's share capped at $160,000.

If the full budget is spent and approved, the plan calls for $30,000 from the authority, $160,000 from the Commission and $160,000 from A1.

A1 would pay its contractors first and submit documentation for reimbursement.

The assistance would not cover purchasing the property or manufacturing equipment, and the company would be responsible for cost overruns.

The supplied packet does not document any reimbursement payments.

The agreement sets May 7, 2027, as the deadline for acquiring the property, completing the improvement project and beginning regular manufacturing operations, unless the Commission approves an extension.

Failure to meet those requirements could allow the county to terminate the agreement and recover county funds previously paid.

The proposed terms also include a 10-year performance period. Employment shortfalls could require the company to repay a portion of the assistance, while a permanent closure could make the remaining repayment obligation immediately due.

Recorded security documents protecting the county's repayment rights would be required before reimbursement.

The May 7 deadline is not a confirmed opening date. The supplied agreement leaves the state-approved production start date blank, and the records do not establish whether manufacturing has begun.

Plan (from Front)

sented to the City Council for review. The City Council shall be responsible for adopting the comprehensive strategic plan. The plan, once approved by the City Council, shall serve as a guide for subsequent budgets, capital investments, projects, programs, and policy decisions. The plan may be amended by the Council as necessary."

The comprehensive strategic plan, or master plan, is essential for long-range planning and determining the appropriate use of public funds by the City of Cullman.

Cullman City Council President Kim Hall advised that the plan will be developed by the mayor, all city department heads, council members, departments within city hall and, most importantly, residents.

"We need a lot of engagement for this to be your plan," Hall said.

The Council called on Sullins to speak about the plan. He reflected on his recent Oktoberfest walking tours, during which he spoke of Colonel John Cullmann. Sullins said Cullmann's planning for the city included the historic downtown grid-system and wide streets.

"It is important that the citizenry not only take the time to engage us with the guidance from Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, but they also need to educate themselves," Sullins said. "We're going to provide those tools for the citizenry so they can educate themselves and be a part of this plan."

He stated this plan will involve "the city departments, economic development, chamber of commerce, and I would also like to encourage the small businesses with subject matter experts, engineers, architects and so on. They need to be a part of this."

Sullins said the more input given, the better it will be for the city and for guidance for the City Council and Jacobs.

"This will outlast most of us," he emphasized. "This is something that is very important – maybe one of the most important things in our lifetime – because it will guide our city for many years to come."



CHASADY WOODS/FILE PHOTO/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman City Hall

First reading, no action

The Council held the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-53, a request to annex multiple properties along County Road 616 in Hanceville into the city of Cullman as R-2 Residential District. This received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission at its meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

Public hearing

The Council set a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2026-54, which would rezone 98.13 acres at 455 County Road 587 in Hanceville from AG-1 Agricultural District to R-2 Residential District. This request also received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission at its meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

This public hearing will be held on Monday, Nov. 9, 2026, at 6 p.m.

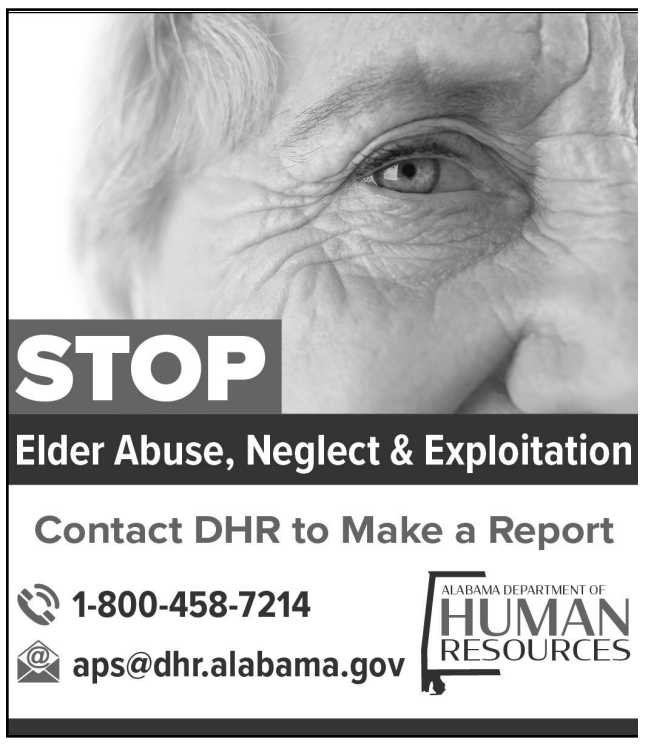
Special events

The Council approved a special event permit for the Cullman High School Soccer Booster Club to have their Santa Chase 5K, 10K and 1-mile Fun Run to benefit the soccer program. This will take place on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 8 a.m. at 510 13th St. NE.

The Council also approved a special event permit for Cullman Moose Lodge to hold its annual turkey shoots. They will be held at 1729 Eva Road NE every Saturday in November through Dec. 12, beginning at 8 a.m.

Up next

The next Cullman City Council meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 26, at 6 p.m. at Cullman City Hall.





BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Christ Church on St. Simons Island

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



When I travel, I usually ask a local resident what we should see and where we should eat. In Brunswick, Georgia, the first thing the young hotel clerk told us that we should see was Christ Church. She said, "You have to visit Christ's Church on St. Simons, as well as the lighthouse there, and Driftwood Beach on Jekyll Island." She also told us if we have any interest in old graveyards to check out the one at Christ Church. Since I am fascinated by old church buildings and graveyards, I put those at the top of our agenda.

We passed the church while we searched for the ruins of the community of Frederica and the fort. When we went back to see the church, we walked among the tombstones first. I found some who were buried there in the early 1800s. The oldest one dated back to 1803. The cemetery was quite beautiful with its old historic tombstones and massive hovering oaks. A waist-high brick wall wrapped around the perimeter of the graveyard. Every few feet, the brick mason had left out bricks in order to form holes in the wall in the shape of crosses.

A historic marker pointed out the Wesley Tree. That was the very spot where Charles Wesley, along with British General James Oglethorpe and about 20 local settlers, had prayer on March 14, 1736. Rev. Wesley also preached there that day. A month later, his brother, John Wesley, took charge of the new mission which had been established there by the Church of England. Rev. John Wesley, who was rector of Christ Church Episcopal Church in Savannah, was then appointed to also serve the new mission, then under the name of St. James.

Some 40 years later, the church survived the Revolutionary War. During the American Civil War, the church also survived, but the church building did not. The first church building was badly damaged during the Revolutionary War and then completely destroyed in 1862 during the Civil War. After the building was destroyed, worship services were once again held under the oaks, just like back in the beginning with the Wesley brothers.

Some 17 years later, Anson Greene Phelps Dodge Jr. arrived on the island to work in his family's lumber mill. He found the ruins of the church and fell in love with the idea of reviving it. He became more interested in the church than in the lucrative family lumber business. Then, in 1880, he also fell in love with his cousin, Ellen Ada Phelps Dodge and married her. Three years later, while on a trip to India, his wife contracted cholera and died. Rev. Dodge brought her body back to the island and buried her in the cemetery there.

Under Rev. Dodge's leadership, construction began on the new church building. Dodge was named as rector of the church and ordained to the priesthood. In 1884, the new sanctuary was dedicated to the memory of his late wife and her body was exhumed and reburied under the altar in the church. When Dodge died in 1898, he was buried in the church graveyard and his wife was once again exhumed and reburied beside him. Several other Dodge family members were buried in the family plot, including Dodge's second wife Anna Gould Dodge. Her grandfather served as the lightkeeper of the island's only lighthouse.

If this story sounds familiar, American author Eugenia Price wrote a New York Times bestselling trilogy in the 1960s and 70s, based on the Gould and Greene families and their lives on St. Simons Island.

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: Oct. 17, 1929

From the files of Oct. 17, 1929

CULLMAN COUNTY LIBRARIES

"We read to learn and for pleasure."

During the past school year 79 unit libraries with a total of 2300 volumes were purchased with state aid. Twenty libraries of 1556 volumes were bought by local funds exclusively.

There are 76 libraries with 3054 books circulating from the office of the county superintendent to the 96 rural schools. During the last session 8683 different children read a total of 27,489 books; while 1479 adults read a total of 2590. There are 1648 different children who read 5 or more books each and received the State Young People's Circle Certificate.

There were $1415.78 spent for state aid libraries this year. During the same period $1810.53 was spent on the circulating libraries. Twenty schools spent $1000.00 locally for libraries. At present there are 48 schools in the county which own 9515 books worth approximately $9537.00.

The circulating libraries now consist of 3054 books worth $2,200.00. Equipment for these libraries is valued at $137.50. The entire value of all library books available for schools in the county is about $11,874.50.

"There will be $582.24 state aid available for Cullman county for libraries before January 1, 1930. A large portion of this will be matched with county funds to purchase circulating libraries. After January 1, there is generally a large amount of state aid available from the redistribution of library funds. It is hoped that the Junior and Senior high schools will take advantage of such aid this year and purchase individual libraries.

Some time in the future the library of the Coterie Club and the county circulating library will be housed together in a room of the courthouse. This will give the general reading public a greater opportunity for library service.

Cullman city and county has long needed a real public library and it is hoped that this will be a step toward arousing interest for a library in the city of Cullman in the near future.

"We are what we are plus the books we have read."

Joseph T. Yeager, County School Librarian.

PINE HILL NEWS

Cullman R. 5, Oct. 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Price of Jasper, were the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Price, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Kilpatrick had for their guests Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Vest, Mrs. Cora Christopher, Miss Dollie Vest, Mrs. England, Clarence Canant and Albert Kilpatrick.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Woods and Arnold Bridges visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Garner of East Union Grove Sunday.

Mrs. Cora Christopher and little son, Ferrel, of Cleveland, O., who are visiting relatives here, spent first of the week with her sister, Mrs. W. E. Bridges.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bridges, Miss Eva and Flois Bridges attended the singing in Cullman Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ola Woods and Jewell Bridges were the guests of Miss Vauneeil Thompson Sunday afternoon.

Miss Louise Johnson was the guest of Miss Verna Dye Sunday afternoon.

Miss Myrtle Harris of Midway, visited her sister, Mrs. Jessie Ransom, Sunday night.

John Pace was the escort of Miss Eunice Ridgeway Sunday night.

Hudon Law was the caller of Miss Elsie Blair Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wisener were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Almer Brown Sunday.

Mrs. Mae Vest, who has been on the sick list for some time is slowly improving.

Everybody is invited to the singing at this place the third Sunday afternoon. Come and bring some one with you.

BERLIN NEWS

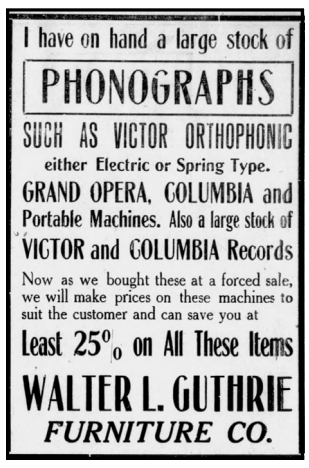
Cullman R. 8, Oct. 15.—We regret to say that James Jones died on the ninth. He had been badly swollen for some time and for several years had asthma so badly that he usually sat up at night after a hard day's work. He leaves a wife and six children, besides several brothers, his father and three sisters. He was a member of the Baptist church and had been for several months, telling his friends and family that he would not live long. He told his baby girl on the afternoon before his death at noon the next day, that he would not be with her the next afternoon. Rev. Whitaker, who until the past year was his pastor, preached the funeral.

A. A. Jones, Will and Amond Jones of Jones Chapel, and Mrs. John Cooke attended the bedside of their brother here.

Mrs. Shoemaker of Haden, Blount county, attended her brother's funeral.

The B. Y. P. U. box social was well attended and about fifty dollars was realized.

On account of the unexpected death of Mr. Jones, the Morris quartette was not so well attended as was expected, but the singing was a delight to music lovers.



POET'S CORNER

The Author

Randy C. Hale

I pause before an open door

to take an unknown path.

My mind ventures from before

where lies my history last.

A step of faith that I must take,

as the future nears.

And hope and pray, as I move forth,

to grasp what is not clear.

I trust in one who leads me there,

for one thing, I am certain.

God is the author of it all,

behind my future curtain.

"Looking unto Jesus the Author and finisher of our faith." Hebrews 12:2

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

OCT. 17

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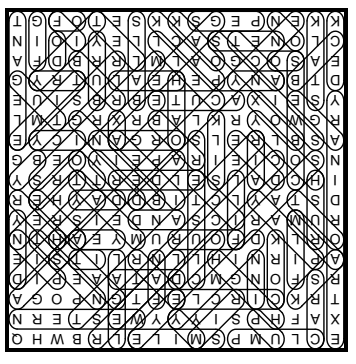
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PREP FOOTBALL

Meek defeats Phillips 54-6 for 3rd straight win

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ARLEY, Ala. - Meek defeated Phillips 54-6 Thursday night in Class 1A, Region 7 play, extending its winning streak to three games and remaining unbeaten at home.

The Tigers improved to 5-3 overall and 4-2 in the region, while Phillips fell to 1-8 overall and 0-6 in region play. Meek followed consecutive victories over Waterloo and Belgreen with its fourth home win of the season.

The Tigers defeated Waterloo 46-0 on Oct. 2 and won at Belgreen 24-13 on Oct. 9. Thursday's victory joined earlier home wins over Winston County, Cherokee and Waterloo, giving Meek a 4-0 record in Arley.

The Tigers will host Red Bay on Friday, Oct. 23, in their final region game before closing the regular season at Berry on Oct. 30.

PREP FOOTBALL

Fairview scores 6 1st-quarter touchdowns in 41-6 win over Crossville

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. - Fairview's offense and defense combined for six first-quarter touchdowns in a reported 41-6 victory over Crossville Thursday night at Dafford Smith Stadium.

Conner Scott threw touchdown passes to Konnor Dunkin and Ayden Batz.

Then the Aggies had two rushing touchdowns, an interception return for a touchdown and Joseph Harbison's fumble return for a score.

Fairview led 41-0 after the opening quarter, and the second half was played with a running clock.

The reported victory puts Fairview at 5-3 overall and 4-3 in Class 4A, Region 8. Crossville falls to 1-7 overall and 0-6 in the region.

Fairview entered Thursday following a 21-0 loss at Good Hope.

The Aggies have won three of their four home games this season, with earlier victories over Hayden and Brewer.

Fairview is off next week before traveling to Cherokee County on Friday, Oct. 30, for its final regular-season game.

PREP FOOTBALL

Hanceville falls to Hokes Bluff in region play, 49-8

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. - Hanceville fell to Hokes Bluff 49-8 Thursday night in Class 3A, Region 6 play at Ray Talley Stadium.

The reported result leaves Hanceville at 0-8 overall and 0-6 in the region. Hokes Bluff moves to 4-4 overall and 4-2 in region play.

The Eagles entered Thursday with consecutive victories over Holly Pond and Vinemont.

Hokes Bluff defeated Holly Pond 37-12 on Oct. 2 before holding off Vinemont 29-28 on Oct. 9.

Hanceville will host Oneona on Friday, Oct. 23, in its final region game.

The Bulldogs will then travel to Elkmont on Friday, Oct. 30, to close the regular season.



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PREP VOLLEYBALL

West Point, Meek and Holly Pond claim area championships as 7 local teams advance

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CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. - West Point, Meek and Holly Pond captured area championships while Fairview, Addison, Cold Springs and Vinemont also secured places in the next round of the AHSAA volleyball playoffs.

Seven of the 12 Tribune-area teams that competed during three days of area tournament play advanced.

West Point defeated Fairview 3-1 for the Class 4A Area 13 title, Meek swept Addison 3-0 for the Class 1A Area 13 crown and Holly Pond swept Vinemont 3-0 for the Class 3A Area 10 championship.

Cold Springs finished runner-up in Class 2A Area 9.

Cullman, Good Hope, Hanceville, Cullman Christian and St. Bernard Prep were eliminated.

WEST POINT WINS CLASS 4A AREA 13

WEST POINT, Ala. - West Point completed a championship run on its home floor with victories over Hayden and Fairview.

The Lady Warriors swept Hayden 3-0 in the opening semifinal. Fairview survived a five-set battle with Good Hope, winning 3-2 to earn the second berth in the championship match.

West Point then defeated Fairview 3-1 to claim the area title. The championship added another trophy to a late-season run that began with West Point repeating as Cullman County champion.

West Point and Fairview will return to the court Monday, Oct. 19, in the Class 4A subregional round. West Point will host the Class 4A Area 14 runner-up while Fairview will travel to the Area 14 champion.

Good Hope's season ended with its semifinal loss. Hayden was also eliminated after falling to West Point.

MEEK SWEEPS TO CLASS 1A AREA 13 TITLE

ARLEY, Ala. - Meek did not drop a set on the way to the Class 1A Area 13 championship at Meek High School.

Phillips opened the tournament with a 3-0 victory over Vina, earning a semifinal matchup with the host Lady Tigers. Meek swept Phillips 3-0 to secure a place in the championship match and the subregional round.

Addison claimed the other championship berth with a 3-0 semifinal victory over Hackleburg.

Meek completed the title run by sweeping Addison 3-0 in the final. The result gave the Lady Tigers an area championship and reversed Saturday's four-set loss to the Lady Bulldogs at the Winston County tournament.

Both local teams will continue their seasons Monday. Meek will host the Class 1A Area 14 runner-up while Addison will travel to the Area 14 champion.

COLD SPRINGS EARNS CLASS 2A AREA 9 RUNNER-UP

CARBON HILL, Ala. - Cold Springs won its opening match and earned a subregional berth before falling to Carbon Hill in the Class 2A Area 9 championship.

The Lady Eagles defeated Phil Campbell 3-1 in the first semifinal. Host Carbon Hill swept Winston County 3-0 in the second semifinal, then defeated Cold Springs 3-0 for the area title.

Cold Springs will travel to the Class 2A Area 10 champion Monday, Oct. 19. Carbon Hill will host the Area 10 runner-up.

CULLMAN FALLS IN CLASS 5A AREA 12 SEMIFINAL

JASPER, Ala. - Cullman's season ended with a 3-0 loss to host Jasper in the Class 5A Area 12 semifinals.

Hartselle swept Arab 3-0 in the other semifinal. Jasper followed its win over Cullman with another three-set victory, defeating Hartselle 3-0 to claim the area championship.

Jasper and Hartselle advanced to the Class 5A subregional round. Cullman and Arab were eliminated.

HOLLY POND SWEEPS TO CLASS 3A AREA 10 TITLE

VINEMONT, Ala. - Holly Pond did not drop a set Wednesday on its way to the Class 3A Area 10 championship at Vinemont High School.

Vinemont swept Susan Moore 3-0 in the opening semifinal to secure the area's first subregional berth. Holly Pond followed with a 3-0 victory over Hanceville to claim the other championship berth.

The Lady Broncos established control early in the final, building a 9-6 advantage in the opening set before stretching the margin to 21-15. Holly Pond scored four of the final five points to win the set 25-16.

Holly Pond moved ahead 10-6 in the second set then extended its lead to 19-13. The Lady Broncos scored the final three points of a 25-15 victory to take a two-set advantage.

The Lady Broncos carried a 17-9 lead into the closing stretch of the third set and completed the sweep with a 25-11 win.

Holly Pond will host the Class 3A Area 9 runner-up Monday, Oct. 19, while Vinemont will travel to the Area 9 champion. Hanceville and Susan Moore were eliminated in the semifinals.

CULLMAN CHRISTIAN, ST. BERNARD ELIMINATED IN AREA 8

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. - Cullman Christian and St. Bernard Prep saw their seasons end Thursday during the Single A Area 8 tournament at Whitesburg Christian Academy.

St. Bernard fell to Sumiton Christian 3-0 in the opening round. Whitesburg Christian followed with a three-set victory over Sumiton in the first semifinal.

Decatur Heritage swept Cullman Christian 3-0 in the second semifinal, ending the Lady Lions' postseason run.

Whitesburg Christian defeated Decatur Heritage 3-1 in the championship match. The Lady Warriors claimed the Area 8 title while Decatur Heritage finished runner-up.

Neither Cullman Christian nor St. Bernard advanced to the Single A super regional tournament.





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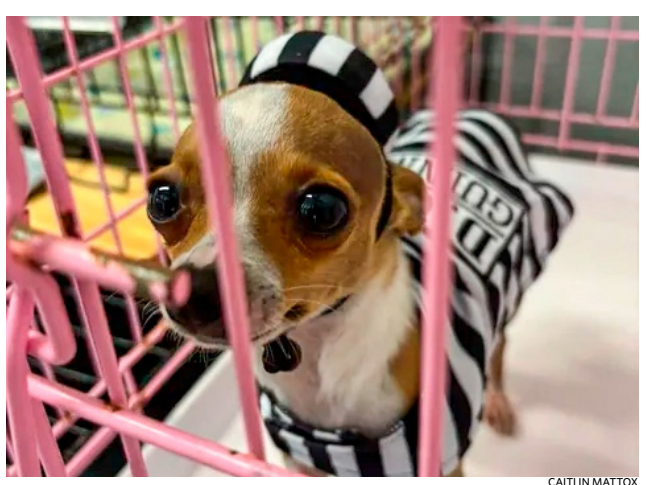
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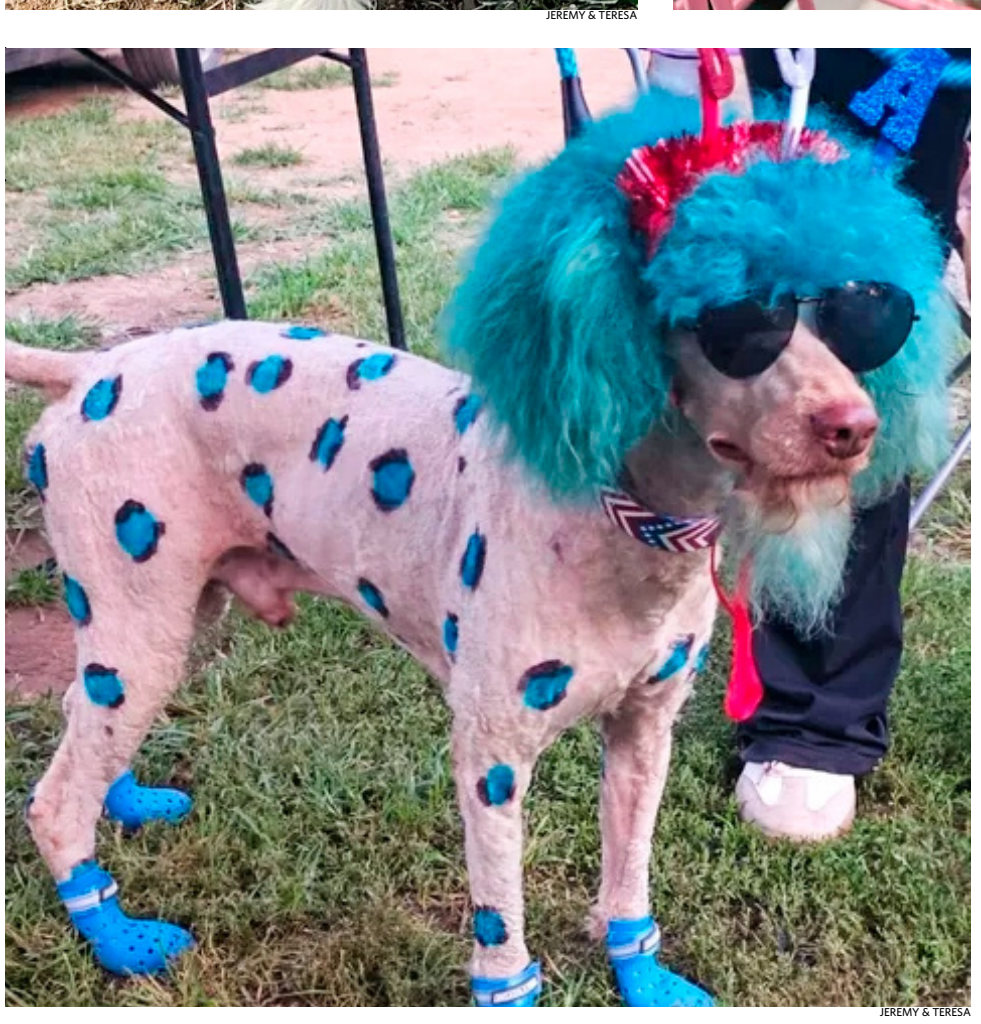
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Howl-O-Ween (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Calling all fur babies! Cullman Today is inviting pet owners across Cullman County to dress up their furry friends for the Howl-O-Ween Pet Costume Contest, presented by First National Bank of Cullman.

All pets are welcome to enter. To participate, snap a photo of your pet in costume and send it in a message to Cullman Today on Facebook by Wednesday, Oct. 28.

The winner will be announced Friday, Oct. 30, and will take home a surprise, pet-inspired swag bag courtesy of First National Bank of Cullman.

Whether your pup is a pumpkin, your cat is a vampire or your bunny is a witch, we want to see your best Halloween looks!

To enter, find Cullman Today on Facebook and send your photo through Messenger.

'EVERYONE BELONGS HERE'

Cullman Therapeutic Recreation Halloween Party set for Oct. 24

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Halloween is even sweeter when everyone gets to be part of the fun, and that's exactly the goal of the upcoming Cullman Therapeutic Recreation Halloween Party.

The party is set for Saturday, Oct. 24, at 5 p.m. at Palomino RV Resort at Burrow-Hamilton Farm, 1315 County Road 222 in Cullman.

"Spooky fun for EVERYONE!" organizers said in announcing the event.

"We're counting down the days until our Cullman Therapeutic Recreation Halloween Party, and you're invited to join the fun!"

A 'SPOOK-tacular' evening

The evening will feature costumes, candy and a costume contest, so participants are encouraged to come dressed in their best Halloween looks. Officers with the Cullman Police Department will be on-hand grilling hot dogs for the crowd.

One of the highlights will be a special closed trick-or-treating experience just for Therapeutic Recreation members and RV resort guests, giving participants a safe, comfortable and accessible way to enjoy the holiday tradition.

Palomino RV Resort is an ADA-accessible facility, and the event is presented with support from the resort, the Cullman Police Department, Omni Sports Academy and Leldon's Locally Curated Goods.

Cullman's Therapeutic Recreation program provides recreational and social opportunities for members of the community with special needs and disabilities.

RSVP by Oct. 19

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Monday, Oct. 19, by emailing Ashley Morton at amorton@cprst.org.

At a resort that invites guests to find your people, organizers hope the evening shows just that. As they put it, "Everyone belongs here!"



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