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# Cullman City School Board approves Superintendent Kallhoff's contract through 2030

**Chasady Woods, Noah Galilee**

**CULLMAN, Ala.** – The Cullman City School Board approved a renewed employment agreement for Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff during its Tuesday, Oct. 20, meeting, extending his employment through June 30, 2030.

The agreement raises Kallhoff's base annual salary by 5%, from $211,800 to $222,390. It also provides $2,000 per month in fixed vehicle and expense allowances and requires the board to contribute an additional 3% of his annual salary to his Alabama RSA-1 account.

The proposed extension was included on the meeting agenda as an action item. Board President Jill Bradberry said the agenda was distributed to board members Friday, Oct. 16, but the final draft of the agreement was not received until Tuesday morning.

Board member Mark Britton moved to postpone consideration until the board's Nov. 17 » PAGE 8

# West Point's Isabella Jones crowned 2026 Miss Cullman County Fair's Teen

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – The midway lights were glowing, the smell of funnel cakes drifted through the fairgrounds and inside the Coca-Cola Theater, every seat seemed to hold someone cheering for a daughter, a sister, a classmate or a friend.

Then came the moment the crowd had been waiting for.

Isabella Jones of West Point High School was crowned the crowned 2026 Miss Cullman County Fair's Teen Tuesday night, earning the crown, the title and a $3,000 scholarship in front of a packed house.

For one night, the fair's brightest lights weren't on the Ferris wheel. They were on the stage.



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*Isabella Jones of West Point High School was crowned 2026 Miss Cullman County Fair's Teen Tuesday night, Oct. 20, 2026, at the Coca-Cola Theater.*

**The best of Cullman County**

The pageant, traditional known as the Cullman County Fair Queen Pageant, brings together representatives from each of the eight public high schools in Cullman County, along with Cullman Christian School and Cullman County Home School, all competing on an equal footing for the crown and its scholarship. It is a preliminary for the Miss Alabama's Teen Pageant.

**This year's representatives were:**

- Lainey Gerstman, Cold Springs
- Elizabeth Smith, Cullman
- Molly Kilpatrick, Cullman Christian
- Abby Maples, Cullman County Home School
- Cadence Daniel, Fairview
- Aby Black, Good Hope
- Callie Aker, Hanceville
- Samantha Payne, Holly Pond
- Jenny Price, Vinemont
- Isabella Jones, West Point

Each young woman took the stage carrying the pride of her school and her community, and the crowd made sure every one of them felt it.

**Honors of the night**

Aby Black of Good Hope High School was named first runner-up and received a $2,000 scholarship. Lainey Gerstman of Cold Springs High School was named » PAGE 5


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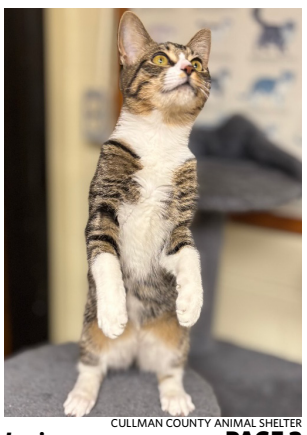
*The Alabama Association of Regional Councils has named Alabama Senate President Pro Tempore Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, (center) its 2026 Senate Leader of the Year.*


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**Environmental deputy Ron Wood removes up to 35 tons of litter from Cullman County roads annually** » PAGE 7

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**Lexi brings toys and conversation**

CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

*Lexi*

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CRIME

# Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 21

**Staff Reports**
Contributor

**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 21, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

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

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**
**INCIDENTS**
**Oct. 14**
• criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damage to '22 Jeep; $500; Olive St. SW

**Oct. 19**
• harassment; person; 2nd Ave. NW
• domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; 2nd Ave. NW

**ARRESTS**
**Oct. 19**
**Delgado, Michael E.; 68**
• theft of property-4th degree

**James, Jason R.; 50**
• FTA – insurance violation

**Pate, Joey B.; 48**
• domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

**Pate, Hollie J.; 48**
• domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

**McDonald, Steven S.; 41**
• criminal trespass-2nd degree
• attempt to elude
• resisting arrest

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**
No arrests or incidents reported.

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

# Berlin (from Front)

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**BERLIN, Ala.** – The Berlin Town Council at its Oct. 19 meeting discussed Halloween and town improvements.

The Berlin Farmers Market will welcome visitors for a night of trunk-or-treating on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 6-8 p.m.

Town Clerk Kierstyn Montgomery bragged about the involvement of local churches and announced that all trunk or treat bays have been filled. Participants will be given a parking chart to make the organization flow easier the night of the event.

The market is located at 50 Mt. Carmel Dr. If you have questions regarding parking, please contact Montgomery at 256-736-3138 or clerk@berlinal.gov prior to the event.

In other business, Mayor Patrick Bates advised that the contract is pending for road improvements on County Roads 1619 and 1920. As this contract is addressed more information will be provided.

The council voted on a salary adjustment for the town clerk. Bates advised that it would be just under a 5% increase. Her current salary is $63,000 a year and will increase to $66,000.

This adjustment was approved.

The Berlin Town Council will meet next on Monday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. at Berlin Town Hall.

# ALEA renews call for information as 11th anniversary of Connie Ridgeway's unsolved homicide approaches

**Staff Reports**
Contributor



ALEA

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY, Ala.** – Eleven years have passed since Connie Ridgeway was found murdered inside her Rogersville apartment, but the search for answers continues.

As the anniversary of her death approaches on Friday, Oct. 23, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) is renewing its call for the public's assistance in bringing justice to Ridgeway and closure to the loved ones she left behind.

On Oct. 23, 2015, Ridgeway, 59, was found murdered inside her apartment on Meadowland Drive in Rogersville, located in Lauderdale County.

More than a decade later, her homicide remains unsolved, but ALEA investigators continue working the case and pursuing information that could help identify those responsible.

"Eleven years is far too long for a family to live without answers. Connie Ridgeway was more than the victim of a homicide. She was a mother, a loved one and a person whose life mattered deeply to those who knew her," said ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor.

"While time has passed, our commitment to seeking justice has not changed. We owe it to Connie, her family and her loved ones to continue searching for the truth. Someone may hold the missing piece of information that could help bring this case closer to a resolution, and we are asking that person to come forward."

As part of ALEA's renewed efforts to generate leads, the Agency has launched a dedicated online tip page that allows individuals to submit information anonymously. ALEA Special Agents encourage anyone with knowledge of Ridgeway's murder, regardless of how minor or insignificant that information may seem, to share what they know.

A $5,000 reward is being offered for information that leads to the resolution of the investigation.

**Anyone with information is encouraged to:**
• Submit an anonymous tip online: Visit www.alea.gov/unsolved-homicide-connie-ridgeway and select the anonymous tip submission link.
• Call or text a tip: 334-865-0693 to provide information related to the case to SBI.

Special Agents stress that information shared today could be just as valuable as information provided in the days immediately following Ridgeway's death. A conversation overheard, a detail remembered or information someone previously hesitated to share could provide the breakthrough needed to advance the investigation.

Eleven years later, Connie Ridgeway has not been forgotten. Her case remains open, and ALEA remains committed to finding answers.

Relationships change over time; it is not too late for you to provide information. If you or someone you know has information related to this case, please submit a tip. Your information could be the key to bringing justice to Connie Ridgeway and long-awaited answers to her family.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**
The Cullman County Special Education Program is seeking to locate children with disabilities ages 0-21 within the Cullman County School District. Ages 0-3 call Kristie Smith, 256-734-3253. Ages 3-21 call Katie Meigs, Special Education Coordinator, 256-739-0486, Ext 2.
The system is also seeking to locate intellectually gifted and talented children, with the emphasis on second-grade students.
Contact Special Education Coordinator Katie Meigs at 17600 U.S. Highway 31 N, Cullman, Al 35058.

**The Poetry of Recovery: Recovery Support Group**
Every Saturday at 10 a.m. at 514 Cleveland Ave. SW in Cullman. Facebook/The Poetry of Recovery. Contact Jeff at 727-542-6413 or John at 256-636-0612.

**Cullman County Historical Society Meetings**
We meet the fourth Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex Heritage Building. Each meeting features a specific program or speaker. Join us!

**Attention Senior Citizens**
If you are 60 or over, please come to the Cullman Senior Center at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW and have some fun with us and eat lunch. Good fun, good friends and good food. Different things going on Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-noon.
Volunteers needed to deliver meals to homebound. Call Commission on Aging for info. 256-734-1241.

**Cullman County Republican Women Monthly Meetings**
Second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Cullman VFW. President Cathi Bradford: "We are going to begin training to track legislation in Montgomery. If you need information, you can directly message me on Facebook." Full meals at 5:30. Meetings start at 6.

**The Crossing Food Bank**
The Crossing is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. We are located at 1503 Second St. SW, Cullman (in the Housing Authority).

**Cullman Low Vision Support Group Meetings**
Third Tuesday of every month, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Alabama Career Center, 1201 Katherine St. NW in Cullman. Contact Olivia Wade, case manager, at 256-389-2502.

**Baileyton Bargain Days**
First Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park. Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items. A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted. Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

**Alcoholics Anonymous**
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

**TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings**
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at the Donald E. Green Adult Active Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW. The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

**Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings**
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

**Cullman Al-Anon Meetings**
The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. The Cullman Serenity Al-Anon Group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a Zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The Courage to Change Al-Anon Family Group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at 305 Arnold St. NE in the Carriage House, located between the church and the Arnold House on the corner. For more information call 256-734-2231 or 256-531-4429.

**The Pantry at The Link**
• 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
• Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

**Alpha Delta Kappa Invitation**
Are you a woman educator looking to connect, grow, serve, and make a difference? We want to invite you to contact our local Cullman chapters Alpha Theta or Beta Delta. Alpha Delta Kappa is a national honorary organization of more than 25,000 women educators who share a commitment to valuing all people and promoting quality education.
• Build lifelong friendships
• Connect with educators who share your passion
• Grow through leadership and professional opportunities
• Serve your school, community and beyond
• Celebrate the important work of women educators
Your dedication to education matters. Your voice matters. You belong with us.
For more information contact President of Alpha Theta Laurita Hogland 256-531-2298 or Presidents of Beta Delta Rhonda Vanzant 256-708-7980 or Lisa Hullett 256-962-4252.

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

**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, 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 Veterans Day Celebration**
Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Cullman Regional Airport. 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. One of this year's new featured attractions will be a Messerschmitt ME-262. Additional historic aircraft scheduled to appear include a D-Day C-47 and a Royal Air Force Spitfire. 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."

**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.

# Lexi (from Front)

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – If Lexi could pack a bag for her forever home, toys would take up most of the room. This playful young cat loves having plenty to choose from, especially when someone joins in the fun.

Lexi, The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week, is an approximately 5-month-old tabby-and-white cat available for adoption at the Cullman County Animal Shelter.

Her upbeat personality makes an invitation to play hard to resist.

She also has something to say. With a musical meow, Lexi chats with her human companions, adding a little conversation to the time they spend together.

Her interest in people and enthusiasm for play could make her a loving companion for someone ready to welcome a young cat into their life.

A few favorite toys and time together would be a good way to begin getting acquainted.

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

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

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

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## CORRECTION

In the Oct. 20, 2026, edition of The Cullman Tribune, the article "Treats, tacos and a whole lot of heart: The Link hosting Trunk or Treat Night Oct. 23" contained outdated information. The corrected article can be found at www.CullmanTribune.com.

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SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

# Country Wok features new menu

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A local Hanceville eatery has new dishes on the menu. Country Wok, owned and operated by Kenny Lee, opened earlier this year and has become Hanceville's go-to Chinese restaurant.

Lee said he often asks for feedback that will help him improve the menu. He previously told The Tribune that the menu remains compact so as to not overwhelm staff. He also continues to get ingredients from local sources, so customers know exactly where their food comes from.

**Country Wok's new menu items include:**

**Ramen**
• Shoyu Ramen: Savory shoyu chicken broth, chashu pork, jammy egg, scallions, seasoned bamboo shoots and scallion oil
• Tori Paitan Ramen: Rich, creamy chicken broth, chashu pork, jammy egg, scallions, seasoned bamboo shoots and black garlic oil
• Miso Ramen: Rich miso broth, chashu pork, jammy egg, scallions, seasoned bamboo shoots, scallion oil, butter and sweet corn.

**Japanese Hot Dogs**
• Kewpie mayo, nori strips, bonito flakes and Japanese rice seasoning

**Hong Kong Wontons**
• Hong Kong-style thin-skinned pork and shrimp wontons served with Triple Street Sauce, which contains sweet soy, peanut butter sauce and hot sauce

**Matcha Cannoli**
• Crispy cannoli shell with matcha filing

The selection of ramen and wontons offers a savory taste that enhances the Korean wings and Japanese Hot Dog street food duo. Then you can end your meal with a sweet treat – the Matcha Cannoli.

For online orders visit www.countrywok.com or place an order through Doordash or by calling 256-887-1360.

Country Wok is located at 107 Bangor Ave, Suite A, Hanceville, and is open Tuesday-Saturday, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.



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*Shoyu Ramen and Match Cannoli at Country Wok, located at 107 Bangor Ave, Suite A, Hanceville*

# Fall into downtown Hanceville: 16th annual Mud Creek Arts & Crafts Festival set for Nov. 7

**Krystal Corley**
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**HANCEVILLE, Ala.** – Historic downtown Hanceville will be filled with fall colors, handmade treasures and the smell of festival food next month as the Mud Creek Arts & Crafts Festival returns for its 16th year.

The free festival is set for Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. along Commercial Street, centered at 106 Commercial St. NE. Organized by Friends of the Festival, the event promises street vendors, arts, crafts, food and fun for the whole family.

**Something for everyone**
Shoppers can stroll the street and browse booths filled with handmade goods and gifts. Past festivals have featured woodwork, jewelry, seasonal décor, handmade cutting boards, 3D-printed pieces, frozen candy treats and homemade foods, making it an easy place to get a jump on holiday shopping.

Food trucks and local eateries will keep visitors fed, and kids can burn off energy with bounce houses and other activities throughout the day.

Downtown merchants traditionally keep their doors open during the festival, giving visitors a chance to explore Hanceville's shops along the way.

"There's something for everyone," event organizer and now Mayor Nolan Bradford told The Tribune ahead of last year's festival, which he said is all about "bringing people together in the heart of Hanceville."

**Shining a light on downtown**
The Mud Creek Arts & Crafts Festival was created to bring more attention to Hanceville and its historic downtown, and it has grown into one of the city's signature fall traditions.

Bradford, a longtime champion of downtown Hanceville's revitalization, thanked the sponsors, vendors, food vendors, city employees and volunteers who helped make the festival possible "on behalf of Hanceville Friends of the Festival and our downtown merchants."

**Vendors and sponsors welcome**
There's still time for local artists, crafters and businesses to take part. Vendor booths (10 feet by 10 feet) are $40. The festival is rain or shine, and vendors are asked to stay for the entire event unless they sell out.

Businesses can also support the festival through sponsorships ranging from $50 to $1,000. Sponsorships must be received by Sunday, Nov. 1, to be included on the sponsorship banner, and Silver sponsorships and above include free exhibit space.

Applications and payment can be mailed to Friends of the Festival, P.O. Box 600, Hanceville, AL 35077, or vendor fees can be paid through PayPal at www.paypal.me/FriendsOfTheFestival.

For more information, contact Nolan Bradford at 205-249-5588 or friendsofthefestivalal@gmail.com, or follow www.facebook.com/mudcreekfestival.

# Sacred Heart's 'Christmas in September' raises $7.8K for St. Vincent DePaul Food Bank




LAJUAN TALLO/SACRED HEART ALTAR SOCIETY

*Sacred Heart Catholic Church's annual "Christmas in September" sale, which features gently used donations of holiday decorations, is sponsored by the Sacred Heart Altar Society and the Knights of Columbus Council 1484. This year's sale raised $7,800 for the St. Vincent DePaul Holiday Food Bank, and will provide holiday meals for those in need. Left to right are St. Vincent DePaul President Karen Woods; Jim King, Grand Knight, K of C 1484; Dan and Vevyette Crane, event co-chairs; Carol McTamney, Altar Society president and Kim Roberson, Altar Society treasurer.*

# Ivey commutes Toforest Johnson's death sentence to life without parole

**Noah Galilee**
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**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** – Gov. Kay Ivey on Tuesday commuted Toforest Johnson's death sentence to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole, citing concerns about whether there was enough direct evidence to justify an execution.

Johnson remains convicted of capital murder in the 1995 shooting death of Jefferson County Deputy William G. Hardy. The governor's action changes his punishment but does not overturn the conviction, grant him a new trial or release him from prison.

"When presented with Mr. Johnson's case, I had concerns there was not enough direct evidence to carry out the most serious punishment, death," Ivey said. "My decision is not a determination of innocence, but a recognition that the circumstances of this case justify commuting his death sentence to life imprisonment, without possibility of parole."

In a letter dated Oct. 20, Ivey directed Alabama Department of Corrections Commissioner Greg Lovelace to replace the death sentence with life imprisonment without parole.

The letter cites the governor's commutation authority under the Alabama Constitution and a state law barring parole eligibility when a governor commutes a death sentence.

Ivey said she notified a designated representative of Hardy's family before exercising that authority and also notified Attorney General Steve Marshall.

Hardy, a 23-year law enforcement veteran, was shot and killed July 19, 1995, in the parking lot of the Crown Sterling Suites hotel in Birmingham. He was off duty from the sheriff's office and working security at the hotel.

Johnson's initial trial ended in a mistrial when jurors could not agree on a verdict. A second jury convicted him of capital murder in 1998 and recommended the death penalty by a 10-2 vote. The trial court imposed the death sentence.

Johnson has maintained his innocence, and questions surrounding the evidence have persisted for years. Jefferson County District Attorney Danny Carr formally urged a court to grant Johnson a new trial in 2020 and renewed that position in a detailed 2024 filing.

Carr's office said its review included prosecution and law enforcement files, trial and post-conviction transcripts, witness interviews and consultations with Hardy's family.

The district attorney took no position on Johnson's guilt or innocence but concluded the conviction was unreliable enough to require a new trial.

According to Carr's filing, no physical evidence or eyewitness account placed Johnson at the crime scene.

The prosecution's case centered on Violet Ellison, who testified that she overheard Johnson confess during a three-way telephone call.

The filing said Ellison received $5,000 for her testimony and that credible alibi witnesses later placed Johnson across town at the time of Hardy's killing.

It also said Jeff Wallace, the lead prosecutor who obtained Johnson's conviction and death sentence, now supports a new trial based on information he did not have when the case was prosecuted.

The Alabama Attorney General's Office has continued defending Johnson's conviction and sentence. Ivey thanked the office's Capital Litigation Division for its work on the case.

Ivey emphasized that the decision does not signal a change in her support for capital punishment.

She said her administration has overseen 27 executions and will continue using the death penalty while reviewing each case carefully.

Johnson will spend the remainder of his life in prison with no opportunity for parole.

"Today, I pray for Deputy Sheriff Hardy's loved ones," Ivey said. "Deputy Sheriff Hardy died a hero, working hard to protect his fellow citizens."



# Cullman Tree Commission prepares for 2026 Festival of Trees

**Leanne H. West**
Contributor

**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Christmas may still be a couple of months away, but the City of Cullman Tree Commission is already making plans for one of the community's annual holiday traditions, the Festival of Trees.

During its Oct. 20 meeting, the Commission discussed preparations for the 2026 event, which will once again feature Christmas trees decorated by students from local public and private schools, along with the Cullman County Public Library. The decorated trees will be displayed in the foyer of the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center (CWAC), where residents and visitors can enjoy them free of charge during regular operating hours.

Participating schools and the library will decorate their trees Dec. 2–3, with judging scheduled for 1 p.m. on Dec. 3. The Festival of Trees opening ceremony will follow at 5. The decorated trees will remain on public display from Dec. 4-27, giving residents and visitors an opportunity to enjoy the students' creativity and holiday spirit.

Commission members are reaching out to participating schools and coordinating the details that help bring the event together each year. Commission member Jason Fowler confirmed that local Boy Scouts will assist with setting up and taking down the display.

In other business, the Commission discussed upcoming grant opportunities, plans for the Arbor Day Poster Contest and the Dec. 2 deadline for submitting the City's Tree City USA and Growth Award applications. Members also discussed opportunities for additional training and professional guidance from arborists.

The Commission scheduled an additional meeting for Monday, Nov. 16, at 10 a.m., as preparations for the Festival of Trees continue.

The Festival of Trees is free and open to the public during CWAC's regular operating hours.

# Cullman City Primary School turning on the lights with STEM project

**Staff Reports**
Contributor

**CULLMAN, Ala.** - Cullman City Primary School students became "light scientists in-training" this month as part of a clever Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) project.

Students started by learning about how light travels in a straight line and what happens when it hits different materials, as well as how messages could be sent with light using Morse code. Then students headed to the lab to investigate with their own mini-STEM kits loaded with mini flashlights, clear discs, colorful see-through stones, wood, an assortment of plastic gems, mirrors and Morse code cards.

Students tested all the materials, and divided them up into four categories: transparent, translucent, opaque and reflective. Once they figured out how each material reacted to light, they set up their own signal stations to position mirrors so they could use their flashlights to send Morse code messages with short and long flashes of light.

Students learned how to send short messages and words including "SOS," "Hi," "Cat" and "Dog" to a partner across the room via mirrors.

"Students approached this lab with so much enthusiasm," CCPS STEM & Math Intervention Teacher Anna Anderson said. "I was so impressed to hear them use scientific vocabulary correctly in conversation and see them apply learning outside the materials I supplied, like when a student held the flashlight up to his palm and exclaimed, 'My hand is translucent!'"

Anderson said it was a great opportunity to connect the lesson to real-life use cases, showing students how things they use everyday function with the exact same principles.

"This science is everywhere: windows, sunglasses, blackout curtains, car headlights and lighthouses," Anderson said.

"Ships still signal each other with flashing lights, and the internet actually sends information as tiny pulses of light through glass fiber cables. So, in a way, our students were learning the same basic science that helps bring Disney+ to their TVs."




CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

*Cullman City Primary School students became "light scientists in-training" this month as part of a clever Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) project.*

## Jones (from Front)

second runner-up and received a $1,000 scholarship.

Jenny Price of Vinemont High School was named Miss Congeniality, which includes a $200 award from the Cullman Lions Branch Club. Samantha Payne of Holly Pond High School won the talent competition, which comes with a leadership scholarship from Wallace State Community College.

Jones' scholarship, presented by the Cullman County Fair Association, will be paid to the school she chooses to attend.

She also received a diamond pendant from Doug Doggett Jewelers of Cullman.

**A West Point tradition**

Jones' win adds another sparkle to West Point's recent history at the pageant. Fellow Warriors Ashley Mann and Heidi Armstrong were crowned in 2020 and 2022.

Now, it's Jones' turn to wear the crown and represent not just West Point, but all of Cullman County, throughout the coming year.

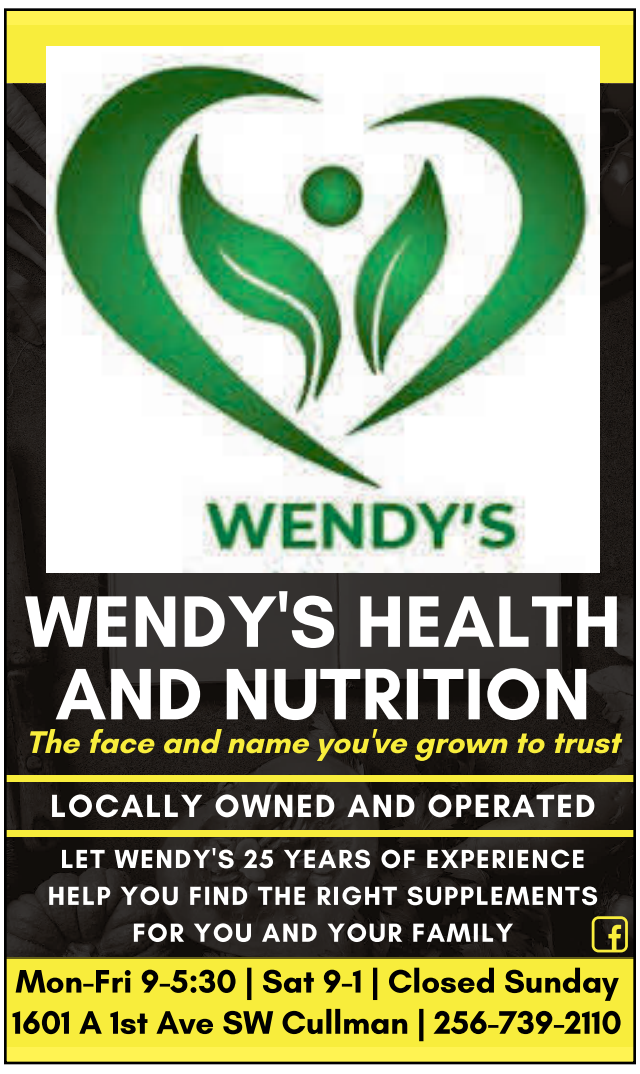
**More than a crown**

The pageant has long been one of the most anticipated nights of the Cullman County Fair, a celebration of scholarship, talent, poise and the kind of young leaders who make the county proud. For the families in the seats, it's a night to cheer. For the young women on stage, it's a night they'll remember for the rest of their lives.

Congratulations to Isabella Jones and to every contestant who took the stage. Cullman County is proud of you.

**Learn more**

For Cullman County Fair schedules, pageant information and more, visit www.cullmanfair.org or call the Cullman County Fair Association at 256-734-0661.









# LEGALS

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to Brandon Jackson, on the 9th day of October, 20 26, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Brandon Jackson,
Personal Representative

Shelbie G. Hankey
Hankey Law Firm, LLC
409 2nd Avenue 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 and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, JUDGE OF PROBATE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DONE this 5th day of October, 2026.

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

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

Pamela E. Nail
200 Second Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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Pursuant to Alabama Code 32-13-1 Mullins Body Shop LLC,
will offer for sale at Public Auction the following vehicles
on December 8, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at Mullins Body Shop
11042 US Hwy 31 South, Cullman, AL 35055,256-734-1353

Sale Date: 12/8/2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.

| VIN # | Year/ Make | Model |
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| 5UXCR4C09M9H58587 | 2021 BMW | X5 |
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| 1G1JC5SH9E4135563 | 2014 CHEVY | SONIC |
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**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF**
**MANUEL J. CERRO,** **CASE NO.: PC 2026-401**
**Deceased.**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Notice is hereby given that *Petition for Summary Distribution of Small Estate* received the 5th day of October, 2026, made court record the 6th day of October, 2026, filed by Betty Auston, Petitioner, through Attorney C. Blake West, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Betty Auston
Petitioner

C. Blake West
Attorney for Petitioner
412 4th Ave SW, Ste 270
Cullman, Alabama 35055

To: PUBLISHER OF ***The Cullman Tribune***

Please publish the above notice **ONE TIME** in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

DONE this the 20th day of October, 2026.

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

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

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

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

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

Dated this the 5th day of October 2026.

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

PERRY D. KNIGHT
Attorney for the Petitioner
412 First Avenue SE
Suite 101
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-4090

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

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**SAMPLE FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

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

Cullman County Board of Education (Fairview Elementary School)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DONE this 5th day of October, 2026.

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

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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

G. Edward Coey

Emily Dollar
Court Clerk

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

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

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

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

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

Kim Vecchiarelli Padilla
Personal Representative

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

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

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

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

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

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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRCIT OF ALABAMA
NORTHEASTERN DIVISION

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

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

v.

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

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

TO: TRACEY ALVEY (BY PUBLICATION)

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

You are further notified that if you desire to present any objection or defense to the taking of the property described in Attachment 1, you are required to file your answer with the Clerk of the Court and to serve it on the Plaintiff's attorney within 21 days after service of this notice upon you. Your answer shall identify the property in which you claim to have an interest, state the nature and extent of the interest you claim, and state all of your objections and defenses to the taking. Your failure to file and serve an answer constitutes consent to the taking and to the jurisdiction of the Court to proceed to hear the action and to fix the compensation. If you have no objection or defense to the taking of the property you may instead file with the Clerk of the Court and serve on the Plaintiff's attorney a notice of appearance designating the property in which you claim to be interested. Thereafter you will receive notice of all proceedings in this action affecting the property. In the event of a trial of the issue of just compensation, whether or not you have previously appeared or answered, you may present evidence as to the amount of compensation to be paid for your property, and you may share in the distribution of the award. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure71.l(d)(2)(B) requires that an address be provided within the district in which this action is brought where the Plaintiff's attorneys may be served. Such an address is John E. Pevy, Attorney, c/o Thomas M. Adams, Plant Manager, Guntersville Hydro Dam, Post Office Box 1176, Guntersville, Alabama 35976. However, Plaintiff prefers that service be made by mail addressed to John E. Pevy, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-1401.

ATTACHMENT 1

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

TRACT NO. BTH-94

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

Public Road Project: Repairs to Fields Road ½ Mile Long

Owner: Township of Colony
66 Byars Road
Hanceville AL 35077

Project Manager: Mayor Jasmine Cole

Invitation Date: October 15, 2026

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

Jasmine Cole, Mayor

Town of Colony, AL

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Judge of Probate
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**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

IN RE: The Estate of *
DONNA JO BUTLER, * CASE NO. PC 2026 - 412
Deceased. *

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to David H. Butler as Personal Representative of the Estate of Donna Jo Butler, deceased, on the 19th day of October, 2026, all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

David H. Butler
Personal Representative

Shay Persall
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
611 Seventh Street SW
Cullman, AL 35055
(256) 841-7800

Attorney for Personal Representative

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of publication to the Judge of Probate.

TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

# Litter (from Front)

**Noah Galilee**
noah@cullmantribune.com

**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Environmental Deputy Ron Wood collects an estimated 50,000 to 70,000 pounds of roadside litter each year as part of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office's effort to keep county roadways clean.

That amounts to approximately 25 to 35 tons of litter removed annually from roughly 100 miles of roadway, according to the sheriff's office.

In a video shared by the office, Wood and Sheriff Matt Gentry discussed the program beside a trailer marked for litter pickup.

The work has an impact beyond the roadside. Recyclable materials collected through the program are sold, and the proceeds are donated to nonprofit organizations throughout Cullman County.

The program has been operating for years. In December 2018, The Tribune reported that Wood supervised the sheriff's office litter crew as it collected 51,527 pounds of trash from 185 miles of county roadways.

The crew also collected 2,389 pounds of aluminum cans, which brought in $1,329.04 for Cullman Caring for Kids when recycled.

The sheriff's office said its continuing litter-prevention work has earned annual recognition from Alabama People Against a Littered State, commonly known as Alabama PALS.

The organization's Governor's Awards program includes a law enforcement category and has repeatedly recognized Gentry and the sheriff's office for their cleanup efforts.

"Deputy Wood's dedication makes a real difference in our community. His work keeps our roadways clean, protects our environment and helps support local nonprofits. We're proud of this program and the positive impact it has on Cullman County," Gentry said.

Alabama PALS supports litter prevention, cleanup and education programs across the state. Its Governor's Awards recognize individuals, organizations and public agencies for their work toward cleaner communities.




CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

***Environmental Deputy Ron Wood, left, and Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry discuss the sheriff's office's roadside litter collection program beside a marked trailer. The office estimates Wood removes 50,000 to 70,000 pounds of litter annually from approximately 100 miles of roadway.***

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

HAMMONS VERNA,
Plaintiff,

V. Case No.: CV-2026-000021.00

WEISSEND ASHLEY,
RALPH JOHNATHAN,
Defendants.

**ORDER**

MOTION & AFFIDAVIT FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION filed by HAMMONS VERNA is hereby GRANTED.

**DONE this 14th day of October, 2026.**

**/s/ J. CHAD FLOYD**
**CIRCUIT JUDGE**

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

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF** *
**EVELYN JOY SAMS,** * **CASE NO.: PC2026-387**
**Deceased.** *

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters of Administration having been granted to DANNY FELTON SAMS as Personal Representative of the Estate of EVELYN JOY SAMS, deceased, on the 20th day of October, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Danny Felton Sams
Personal Representative

Jeremy P. Summers, Estate Attorney
1275 Center Point Parkway, Suite 100
Birmingham, Alabama 35215

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

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

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Gudger (from Front)

**Sharon Darrington**
Alabama Association of Regional Councils

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** - The Alabama Association of Regional Councils has named Alabama Senate President Pro Tempore Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, its 2026 Senate Leader of the Year, according to an Oct. 20 announcement from the association.

Gudger received the award during the association's annual training conference, held Oct. 11-14 in Montgomery. He represents Senate District 4, which includes Cullman, Marion and Winston counties.

Robby Cantrell, executive director of the North Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments (NARCOG), presented the award.

Cantrell cited Gudger's experience in local government and his support for education, workforce development, transportation infrastructure and rural economic development.

"Senator Gudger has consistently worked to make sure smaller communities have the resources and opportunities they need to grow and prosper," Cantrell said.

Before his election to the Senate in 2018, Gudger served 14 years on the Cullman City Council, including 10 years as council president. He also served on NARCOG's board.

Joey Holt, executive director of the Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments, also cited Gudger's municipal government experience.

"His background in local government gives him a firsthand appreciation for the work regional councils do," Holt said.

During his acceptance remarks, Gudger discussed a July 4, 2024, jet ski accident that left him hospitalized at UAB Hospital. He said the experience strengthened his faith and prompted him to reflect on his purpose in public service.

"Without God, we can't do anything," Gudger said. "Everybody in this room right now is dealing with something."

Gudger spoke about his recovery while discussing the role of faith during personal difficulties.

"He's in control," Gudger said. "He's the healer, and he was a healer for me two years ago. He still is today."

Gudger also recognized his Senate staff and regional council leaders and called for cooperation.

"We can accomplish more than what we do by ourselves," Gudger said.

The association represents 12 regional councils serving municipalities and counties across Alabama.

NARCOG serves Cullman, Lawrence and Morgan counties, while the Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments serves Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Marion and Winston counties.



ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS

***The Alabama Association of Regional Councils has named Alabama Senate President Pro Tempore Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, (center) its 2026 Senate Leader of the Year.***

# Commission (from Front)

**Liz Tankersley**
liz@cullmantribune.com

**CULLMAN, Ala.** – The Cullman County Commission approved several resolutions, infrastructure projects and expenditures during its Tuesday, Oct. 20, meeting, while also recognizing two outgoing commissioners for their years of service to the county.

Chairman Jeff Clemons expressed his appreciation to Commissioners Gary Marchman (District 2) and Kerry Watson (District 1), both of whom have served on the commission for 12 years.

"I want to thank Commissioner Gary Marchman, Commissioner Kerry Watson for their 12 years of service to the citizens of Cullman County," Clemons said. "It's been truly an honor for me to work with y'all the six years that I've been here. Y'all have been dedicated to the citizens of Cullman County. Y'all are great leaders and you'll truly be missed on this commission."

Clemons also acknowledged the sacrifices made by the commissioners' families throughout their time in office.

"So, I want to thank y'all for your service and also thank you families because you know, they had to sacrifice also while you were serving the citizens of this county. So, thank you," he said.

Richard Barnett will be sworn in for District 2, while Kenneth Walker (who served as commission chairman from 2012-2020) will be sworn in for District 1, both in November.

The Commission also proclaimed October 2026 Domestic Violence Awareness Month, recognizing the impact of domestic violence on individuals, families and communities.

The proclamation emphasized the importance of public awareness, education and coordinated efforts among law enforcement, health professionals, educators, religious organizations and community groups to prevent domestic violence and support victims.

Among the Commission's actions was the adoption of a five-year Hazard Mitigation Plan for Cullman County through Resolution 2027-01. The Commission also adopted Resolution 2027-02, reducing the speed limit on County Road 52 to 25 mph.

Several resolutions addressed improvements at Stony Lonesome OHV Park through RTP Grant Project 25-RT-55-01.

The Commission awarded Bid No. 101 for ADA-accessible cabins and Bid No. 102 for standard cabins to Adams Building Co., LLC. Bid No. 105 for metal storage buildings was awarded to Burks Building, Inc.

The Commission also rejected Bid No. 103 for a security chain-link fence at the park because the submitted bid did not comply with bid requirements.

Additional infrastructure matters included authorizing Clemons to sign an agreement with Path for guaranteed energy savings and a paving agreement for County Road 102.

Other expenditures approved during the meeting included $39,293.11 to dB Telco for tornado siren repairs and $16,774.42 to Ridgeline Roofing & Restoration for roof replacement at the Clarkson Covered Bridge cabin.

The Commission also approved an $18,468 payment to Brothers Concrete for the installation of 10 concrete pads at Smith Lake Park.

Two capital lease payoffs were approved for county equipment, including $82,802.79 for a 2021 John Deere excavator used by the Water Department and $223,300 for two 2021 John Deere loaders used by the Road Department.

In personnel-related business, the Commission approved transitioning its Employee Assistance Program (EAP) from Uprise to Mutual of Omaha. The current program will end Dec. 31, 2026, with Mutual of Omaha's program taking effect Jan. 1, 2027. The change also includes upgrading Mutual of Omaha's services to match those previously provided by Uprise.

Commissioners additionally approved amendments to the Commission's Rules of Procedures.

Several subdivision matters in Commission District 4 also received approval.

The Commission approved the proposed plat for Moss Rock Point, a resurvey of lots 4 through 7 creating a three-lot minor private subdivision on County Road 2112 near County Road 51.

Commissioners also approved the Catalina Crest resurvey of lot 7, creating two lots on County Road 2128 off County Road 287. A related variance was granted to allow the property's existing 50 feet of road frontage to be divided into two lots, each with 25 feet of frontage, rather than the 30 feet generally required under subdivision regulations.

The Commission also approved the proposed plat for Serenity Pointe Phase 2, a resurvey of lots 14 through 16 involving 21 lots. The subdivision is located off County Road 338 on County Road 446, approximately two miles south of the intersection of County Roads 310 and 338.

The Commission's organizational meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 10 a.m., with a swearing-in ceremony beginning at 9.

The next Commission work session will be held Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 4 p.m., followed by the regular commission meeting at 6. Both meetings will take place in the Commission meeting room at the Cullman County Courthouse.

# Contract (from Front)

meeting to allow additional discussion. Board member David Wiggins seconded the motion.

Britton and Wiggins voted to postpone. Board members Cheryl Harrison and Amy Wood joined Bradberry in voting against the delay, defeating the postponement motion 3-2.

Harrison then moved to approve the contract extension, and Wood seconded the motion. The Board approved the agreement 3-2.

"It retains the existing contract terms. The only exception is a 5% salary increase on top of his current salary," Bradberry said.

Bradberry said the increase matched raises given to principals whose contracts were renewed this year.

"That is the same increase that was given to our principals this year whose contracts were up for renewal," she said.

Bradberry also addressed claims circulated on social media before the meeting.

"I'm not sure how word got out that it was a $700,000-$800,000 contract," she said. "It is not, and I'm happy to share the contract."

Bradberry said Kallhoff would receive the same future percentage increases awarded to teachers and other school personnel and that the agreement otherwise retained the existing contract terms, apart from the new term and 5% raise.

"I appreciate the School Board offering me a contract extension. The students, families and employees in our school system position us to be one of the best in Alabama. I look forward to continuing the great work taking place in Cullman City Schools," Kallhoff told The Tribune after the meeting.

The Tribune obtained an unsigned copy of the final agreement before the Board's vote and is the only news outlet known to have secured a copy. The same version was signed Wednesday, Oct. 21.

The agreement cites a 5% principal raise and applies the same percentage to Kallhoff's current $211,800 base salary, producing the new $222,390 rate. The final agreement does not state a separate effective date for the new salary.

The agreement provides a minimum annual salary increase of 2.5% or the percentage increase approved by the Alabama Legislature for certified education personnel, whichever is greater.

The Board may increase Kallhoff's salary further through a written amendment without creating a new contract or extending its term. His compensation and benefits cannot be reduced during the agreement unless it is terminated under Section 6.

In addition to the base salary, the agreement provides a $500 monthly vehicle allowance for travel within Cullman County and a $1,500 monthly allowance for other business expenses. Both are paid in addition to salary, are not repayable to the Board and are reportable on Kallhoff's W-2.

The additional 3% RSA-1 contribution equals $6,671.70 annually at the new salary. Including the base salary, fixed allowances and additional RSA-1 contribution, the agreement establishes at least $253,061.70 in known fixed annual compensation commitments.

That figure does not include regular retirement contributions, insurance premiums, reimbursed expenses, professional development, professional memberships, technology or possible vacation payouts.

The Board will pay Kallhoff's family health insurance premium through the Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Plan and premiums for supplemental medical, dental, cancer and vision coverage made available to employees.

The agreement provides 15 paid vacation days per contract year. Kallhoff may receive payment each July for as many as 10 unused vacation days. At the new salary, 10 days would equal $9,266.25 under the agreement's salary-divided-by-240 formula.

The agreement also allows Kallhoff to attend state superintendent meetings and conferences and at least one national conference annually at Board expense. It pays his memberships in School Superintendents of Alabama, the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools, AASA and one local civic organization.

The agreement automatically renews for successive one-year terms unless the Board gives Kallhoff written notice at least six months before the end of the existing term that it does not intend to renew. The parties may also agree in writing to another renewal or extension at any time.

Kallhoff may terminate the agreement for any reason with at least 60 days' written notice. The Board may terminate it without cause with at least seven days' written notice following approval at a public meeting, but the Board would be required to pay as severance all aggregate salary and benefits Kallhoff would have received during the remainder of the agreement.

The agreement contains the literal notation "[text deleted]" immediately after that severance sentence and does not identify the omitted language. Because future annual raises and several benefits are not assigned fixed dollar amounts, the agreement does not establish a precise maximum cost if the Board terminates Kallhoff without cause before June 30, 2030.

The Board may terminate the agreement for cause without further obligation for reasons that include incompetency, immorality, misconduct in office, willful neglect of duty, dishonesty, intentional insubordination, a material breach or violation of law or fiduciary duty, unsatisfactory performance or other good and just cause. The agreement gives Kallhoff notice and an opportunity to contest a proposed for-cause termination before the Board.

The Board unanimously selected Kallhoff as superintendent Jan. 28, 2021, following a search that drew approximately 20 applicants. It approved his original employment agreement Feb. 18, 2021, and he began work April 1, 2021.

Before coming to Cullman, Kallhoff served as superintendent of Chickasaw City Schools from 2012-2015 and Demopolis City Schools from 2015-2021. He began his education career as a teacher at Satsuma High School in 1997.

Alabama State Department of Education reports listed Kallhoff's annual salary at $180,000 for fiscal year 2022, $191,880 for fiscal year 2023, $196,677 for fiscal year 2024, $201,594 for fiscal year 2025 and $206,634 for fiscal year 2026. His new $222,390 base salary is $42,390, or approximately 23.6%, above the $180,000 rate reported for fiscal year 2022.

The fiscal year 2026 state report listed Cullman City Schools' average enrollment at approximately 3,096 students. The Tribune compared Cullman with all 15 other Alabama city school systems whose enrollment was within 25% of that figure.

Compared with those fiscal year 2026 figures, Kallhoff's new base salary would be higher than the reported salaries of 10 peer superintendents and lower than five. It is approximately 11.4% above the group's $199,719 median and 7.7% above its approximately $206,566 average.

The peer figures are from fiscal year 2026 and may not reflect raises or contract changes in those systems for fiscal year 2027. The comparison also does not account for differences in benefits, experience, job duties, district finances, virtual enrollment or local labor markets. It is a size-based benchmark and does not, by itself, establish whether Kallhoff's compensation is high or low.

A Tribune review of 26 state certificate-action postings published from September 2021 through August 2026 found no entry for Kallhoff. Those reports cover state certificate invalidations and probations and do not encompass every possible local personnel matter.

Kallhoff was named the 2018 District 2 Superintendent of the Year by School Superintendents of Alabama while he led Demopolis City Schools. In 2024, he completed AASA's National Superintendent Certification Program.

Cullman schools and programs have also received state and national recognition during his tenure. East Elementary was named a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School. Cullman City Primary received the Alabama Attorney General's Safe School Award for 2024 and 2025. In 2026, Cullman City Primary, Cullman High, Cullman Middle and West Elementary received national Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) designations.

The district was also named a 2026 Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction District after all five city schools earned the state program designation. Its May 2026 newsletter reported that the Alabama State Department of Education recognized Cullman City Schools as an Academic Rising Star for its implementation of the Multi-Tiered System of Supports framework.

The district reported in August that its 2025-2026 ACAP proficiency or advanced rates were 83.5% in English language arts, 62.5% in mathematics and 75.6% in science, ranking fourth, ninth and fifth statewide, respectively.

The Cullman City School Board's next meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at the Cullman City Board of Education building.

# Obituary Announcements: Oct. 20-21

**Cerenity Leann Reynolds, 18**

Cerenity Leann Reynolds was born July 18, 2008, and died Oct. 16, 2026, at 18 years old, from complications related to ongoing health challenges. She was just starting college and figuring out life on her own, with plenty of determination, a quick sense of humor, and a family who loved her deeply. Cerenity loved a good romance novel, music, and building LEGO flowers. She enjoyed getting her hair done and going shopping with her mom, Misti, and her family. Buying something wasn't always the point—sometimes it was enough to wander around together and take pictures of things she wanted for Christmas. Family days were a favorite. They might start with breakfast burritos at home, followed by a trip to the gym, a workout, and time in the pool and hot tub. Afterward, Carl—the man she loved as a dad—would pretend they weren't stopping for food. But when he turned toward Panda Express, she was ready: "I knew it, Dad!" She loved riding the four-wheeler with him, too. Cerenity lived with health challenges and pain, but she didn't want to miss out on everything she enjoyed. As she told her family, her back was going to hurt anyway; she might as well go for a ride. Cerenity loved to laugh and give her family a hard time. There was a lot of teasing, a lot of laughter, and a lot of love. She shared a close bond with her sister Carrie and loved spending time with Carrie's daughter, Anna. With Anna, Cerenity got to be something of a big sister herself—hanging out, showing her things, and sharing what she knew. Cerenity also enjoyed hanging out with her cousin Sammi and her kids, getting crafty and creative, making bracelets and jewelry together. Cerenity leaves behind her mother, Misti Street, and the man she loved as a dad, Carl Street; her sisters, Carrie Coco and Justine Preston; her brother William Sullivan; and a large, loving family of grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces, and cousins who will miss her dearly. She was preceded in death by her father, William Curtis Reynolds, and her maternal grandparents, Melody Tolbert Bennett and Lavon Harper. Family and friends will gather to remember Cerenity on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2026, from noon-2 p.m. at the home of Billy and Stephanie Clark, 1532 Bower Drive SE, Cullman, AL. Come share your stories, your memories, and a little laughter along with the tears.

**Millard Verlon Hall, 96**

Millard (M.V.) Hall, 96, of Cullman, Alabama, a retired Alabama State Trooper and proud veteran of the United States Air Force, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 20, 2026. Born on Oct. 6, 1930, he lived a long and meaningful life defined by service to his country, dedication to his profession, and unwavering love for his family and community. M.V. graduated from Hanceville High School in 1949 before answering the call to serve his country in the United States Air Force. He served honorably during the Korean War, demonstrating the commitment and sense of duty that would remain hallmarks of his life. Following his military service, M.V. began his distinguished career with the Alabama State Troopers in 1957. Throughout his years of service, he held several responsibilities, including serving on security details for legendary University of Alabama football coach Bear Bryant and Governor George Wallace. After retiring from the Alabama State Troopers, M.V. continued his working life as a security officer at Americold and Walmart Distribution. Whether in uniform or in his later years, he remained dedicated to his work and the people around him. Outside of his professional life, M.V. found great joy in gardening and working on his farm. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to family and friends. He was a member of Berlin Baptist Church, Cullman Masonic Lodge, Alabama Peace Officers Association, American Association of State Troopers, and the Fraternal Order of Police. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ramey and Erdie Hall; his beloved wife, Barbara Couch Hall; an infant child; and all of his siblings: Marie May, Minnie Duke, Bonnie Gorham, Beatrice Estes, Marston Hall, James Hall, Bill Hall, and Bobby Hall. Those left to cherish his memory include his children, Barry Hall and Karen Sparks (Randy); sister-in-law, JoAnne Hall; grandchildren, Chelsea Wood, Whitney Franks (Jeremy), Ramey Hall, Bryant Sparks (Jessica), and Kristen Sparks; and four great-grandchildren, Addie Wood, Elvie Wood, Emmett Franks, and Ellis Franks. He also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors who will remember him with love and gratitude. M.V. Hall's life was one of honor, dedication, and quiet generosity. From his service to his country and state to the care he gave his family and the helping hand he extended to others, he made a lasting impact.

**Garry Edgar Hooper, 71**

Garry Edgar Hooper, age 71, of Huntsville, Alabama, crossed the finish line of life on Oct. 20, 2026, surrounded by family. He was born Aug. 30, 1955, in Cullman, Alabama, to Eugene and Virginia Hooper. He graduated from Fairview High School in 1973. He attended the University of Alabama I Tuscaloosa and Huntsville. He received his associates degree in Radiologic Technology at Wallace State Community College. He retired from Huntsville Hospital after many years of service. Garry had a love for the roar of engines, the smell of burnt rubber, and the thrill of a Sunday race. Whether camping in the infield of Talladega Superspeedway or cheering from his garage for Dale Earnhardt or Jimmy Johnson, Garry lived his life in the fast lane. He never missed a green flag, always knew the exact tire strategy before the announcers did, and firmly believed that life – like a good short track race – is best lived with courage, grit, and a little bit of drafting. When not watching racing, Garry loved listening to music with a cold beer in hand or imaging patients in a CT scanner or Cardiac Cath Lab. He was known for his work ethic, mischievous laugh, stubborn streak, and generous heart. Garry is survived by his wife of eleven years, Candice, his son, Casey (Kathryn) Hooper of Texas; stepson, Cole Lindsay of Huntsville; sisters, Sherri (Don) Moseley of Decatur, Kim (Eddie) Howse of Cullman, Wanda (David) Bawsel of Decatur, grandson, Connor Hooper of Fort Worth, Texas; many nieces and nephews; and loving dog, Frazier. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Timmy. Start your engines – till we meet in the winner's circle. Services will be private.

**Mary Woodruff Harper, 81**

Funeral services for Mary Woodruff Harper, 81, of Hayden will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be prior to the service from 1-2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. A small-town farm girl born in Odessa, Texas and raised in Davis, Illinois. She went to college at Southeastern Bible College and was just short of graduating by one semester. She became the first female master plumber in Alabama, and president of the Alabama gas fitters organization for several years. In May of 1983, she became a plumbing inspector for the City of Birmingham, where she continued to work for a grand total of 23 years, 8 months, and 2 days. She was hard-working, determined, independent, and self-driven, a trait she passed down to her children. She was an outstanding friend, maintaining several friendships over half a century, an amazing feat in itself. She was a good mother to her three children. She went above and beyond to give a home to her youngest child, Karen Harris by adopting her when her home life was less than ideal. Giving her a life that she wouldn't have had otherwise. She was generous to a fault. She was preceded in death by her parents, Evelyn Woodruff and her loving husband Charles Woodruff, her older brother Don Woodruff, and her baby brother, Gary Woodruff. Survived by her sister, Barbara LaBudde, and her two sons, Scott and Chris Labudde. Her children, Amy Brasher Welch (John), Daniel Brasher, and Karen Hughes (Tyler). Grandchildren, Jordan Lexi Brasher, James Harris, and Harley Hughes. Great grandchildren, Sarah Brasher, and Carolyn Brasher. She had numerous nieces and nephews from her marriage to Shelby Brasher.

**Callie Faye House, 91**

Callie Faye House, of Hazel Green, Alabama, passed away on Oct. 19, 2026, at the age of 91. Ms. House was born in St. Clair County, Alabama, on June 11, 1935, to the late Edwin Verdell and Lillian Gertrude Harris Wilson. In her younger years, Ms. House enjoyed sewing, knitting, and crocheting. She also enjoyed growing roses in her garden. Her children have memories of music playing on the record player and Ms. Faye dancing along to the music as she went about her daily chores. Faye was a homemaker primarily, but she did work a brief time at the telephone company as well as a nurse's aide at Carraway Methodist Hospital. Faye loved to read and the library was a beloved treasure trove of endless enjoyment. She carried her children to the library and instilled in them a love for books and the stories within them. Faye also loved a long walk and when she was not reading, she could be found enjoying the neighborhood while on her walk. Later in life, Ms. Faye enjoyed attending Moody Baptist Church where she worshipped alongside her friends and neighbors. She was a longtime resident of Ashley Manor, in Moody, where she formed many friendships with her fellow senior residents. Faye enjoyed their community, and the many hours they spent playing games and cards brought her joy. She was especially fond of a good game of Rook or Canasta. Faye was a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and her children and grandchildren will cherish her many memories. She leaves behind a legacy of love, and her family and many friends will miss her until they are reunited with her. Ms. House is preceded in death by her parents; beloved husband, Frank Malone House; daughters, Tina Marie House, Donna Faye House, and Brenda Leigh House Bigbee; brothers, Bruce Wilson, Edwin Wilson; sisters, Sue Beavers, Beth Wright; and grandson, Andrew Parris. Those left to cherish the many memories of Ms. Faye include her son, Terry Frank House (Karen); Linda Kaye House Saylor. Janet Carol House Parris (Shawn); grandchildren, Grey Saylor (Sarah), Craig Saylor (Liz), Benjamin House (Mary), Michael House, Christina Abror (Gideon), David House (Myah), Joshua Clemons (Angel), and Cali Parris; great-grandchildren, Ellie, Silas, Joash, Samuel, Peter, Malachi, Noah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Asher, and Elizabeth; son-in-law, Ronald Bigbee; as well as a host of nieces and nephews. Family and friends will gather for a time of visitation on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2026, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will begin at noon with funeral services following at 1 p.m. Ms. House will be laid to rest in Holly Pond Cemetery following services. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the House family.

**Reda Diane Stone, 60**

Reda Diane Stone, 60, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Oct. 18, 2026. Born Feb. 26, 1966, in Cullman, Alabama, Reda carried with her a spirited independence and a steady devotion to those she loved, leaving a lasting imprint on family and friends who will remember her with deep respect and affection. Reda attended Fairview School. Becoming a mother at a young age stood as her greatest achievement, a reflection of the steadfast commitment and enduring love that shaped her life and guided her priorities. For many years, Reda worked as a hairstylist, a calling that allowed her to connect with others through care, conversation, and the everyday gift of helping people feel like themselves. Alongside her devoted nature, she was known for a welcome sense of humor—often bringing lightness and warmth to the moments she shared. Reda found joy in the simple, honest pleasures of home and the outdoors. She loved working outside, and she cherished her dogs—Lover Boy, Birdie, and Fancy—who were a constant source of companionship. Her adventurous spirit showed in the way she embraced life as it came, meeting each day with an open heart and a willingness to keep going forward. Reda is preceded in death by her parents, Arvil LaVon and Jerldine Thomas Stone; her daughter, Chassity Nacole Cammon; and an unborn grandchild. She is survived by her daughter, Crystal Corley; her sisters, Angie Greer(Blake), Renee Link(Steve), Teresa Butts(Rocky), and Andrea Stone(Jeremy); her brother, Terry Thomas(Pam); eight grandchildren; and a host of extended family and friends. She is also survived by her special friend, Chris Fraser. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 2nd Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055, on Nov. 1, 2026, at 1 p.m. Reda will be remembered as beloved and devoted—someone whose presence was felt, whose love was given freely, and whose memory will remain close to those who knew her.

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PREP FOOTBALL

# Playoff berths, region title and seeding at stake for local football teams Friday

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** - An unbeaten matchup for a region championship leads Friday's local football schedule as Addison hosts Hackleburg, while Vinemont continues its pursuit of a playoff berth and Meek plays for postseason seeding.

Nine Tribune-area teams are scheduled to play Friday, Oct. 23, with all nine matchups counting toward region standings. Fairview is open but will be watching results that could affect its qualifying chances before its regular-season finale.

Based on current standings, remaining schedules and the AHSAA tiebreaking rules, Addison, Cold Springs, Good Hope and Meek have secured postseason berths. Vinemont and Fairview remain in contention. Cullman, Hanceville, Holly Pond and West Point have been eliminated.

**Hackleburg at Addison**
Addison enters its regular-season finale 9-0 overall and 6-0 in Class 1A, Region 7. Hackleburg is 8-0 and 6-0.

The winner will claim the region championship and No. 1 seed. The loser will finish second. Both teams have already secured home games in the first round of the playoffs.

The Bulldogs have outscored opponents 451-19, recording six shutouts and holding every opponent below 10 points. Their most recent result was a reported 37-6 victory at Red Bay.

Addison is open Oct. 30, making Friday its final opportunity to prepare in game action before the playoffs begin Nov. 6.

**Susan Moore at Vinemont**
Vinemont enters 5-4 overall and 3-3 in Class 3A, Region 6 after holding off Glencoe 28-21 last week. Susan Moore is 3-5 and 2-4.

The Eagles and Glencoe share 3-3 region records behind Oneonta, Etowah and Hokes Bluff. Vinemont has not secured a berth, but its victory over Glencoe preserved a head-to-head advantage that could become important.

A Vinemont win combined with a Hokes Bluff victory over Glencoe would secure a qualifying position outright. If Vinemont and Glencoe both win, the Eagles, Yellow Jackets and Hokes Bluff would finish tied at 4-3, requiring the multi-team tiebreaking procedure.

Vinemont's defense supplied several key plays last week. Brennan Marlow intercepted two passes, including one he returned 45 yards for a touchdown. Preston Hanners intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble, while Brandon Johnson ended Glencoe's final possession with a fourth-down sack.

Josh Rhodes threw touchdown passes to Jaxon Marotz and Lukas Ming, and Travis Speer added a 66-yard touchdown run.

Friday is Vinemont's final regular-season game. Susan Moore also remains in the qualifying race, with a win over Vinemont and a Glencoe loss needed to reach a possible three-team tie.

**Red Bay at Meek**
Meek is 5-3 overall and 4-2 in Class 1A, Region 7. Red Bay is 7-2 and 4-2.

Both teams have secured playoff berths. Friday's winner will finish third in the region and the loser fourth. Both positions require travel for the first round.

The Tigers have won three consecutive games and remain unbeaten at home. Their latest victory was a 54-6 win over Phillips last Thursday.

Meek closes the regular season at Berry on Oct. 30, while Friday's game will settle its region seed.

**Hayden at Good Hope**
Good Hope enters 6-2 overall and 5-1 in Class 4A, Region 8. Hayden is 1-7 and 1-5.

The Raiders have secured a postseason berth through their region record and tiebreaking position, but their seed remains unsettled. They share a 5-1 region record with Cherokee County behind 6-0 Scottsboro.

Good Hope holds head-to-head victories over Guntersville and Fairview, while Cherokee County holds the advantage over the Raiders following last week's reported 40-21 result.

A win Friday would give Good Hope six region victories before its Oct. 30 trip to Scottsboro. The Raiders remain in contention for a home playoff opener.

Good Hope is averaging 36.6 points per game. In its most recent home game, a 21-0 win over Fairview, Parker Johnson rushed for 145 yards and a touchdown, while Karson Hollis scored twice on the ground.

**Cold Springs at Carbon Hill**
Cold Springs is 7-1 overall and 5-1 in Class 2A, Region 5. Carbon Hill is 1-7 and 0-6.

The Eagles have secured second place and a home playoff opener. Carbon Hill has been eliminated.

Cold Springs cannot pass Gordo, which holds the head-to-head advantage, and the Eagles cannot be caught by the region's remaining contenders for second place.

Cooper Johnson enters Friday after rushing for 111 yards and four touchdowns in a 48-21 win over Southeastern. Blake Phillips added 67 rushing yards and a touchdown, Cason Alexander ran for 74 yards and Brandon Chasteen contributed 66 rushing yards.

Eli Voce caught a touchdown pass and intercepted two passes, returning one for a touchdown.

Cold Springs finishes region play Friday before hosting Tanner on Oct. 30.

**Cullman at Jackson-Olin**
Cullman enters 2-6 overall and 1-5 in Class 5A, Region 5 based on its completed game results. Jackson-Olin is 2-7 and 0-6.

Both teams have been eliminated from postseason contention.

The Bearcats will try to end a five-game losing streak after a reported 42-24 loss to Parker. Cullman cut Parker's lead to 26-24 after three quarters before the Thundering Herd pulled away.

Cullman's two victories came against Hartselle and Minor. Jackson-Olin is seeking its first region win.

The Bearcats finish the regular season at West Morgan on Thursday, Oct. 29.

**Oneonta at Hanceville**
Hanceville is 0-8 overall and 0-6 in Class 3A, Region 6. Oneonta is 8-1 and 6-0.

The Bulldogs have been eliminated, while Oneonta has secured the region championship and a home playoff opener. The Redskins hold the head-to-head advantage over second-place Etowah.

Hanceville is seeking its first victory following a reported 49-8 loss to Hokes Bluff last Thursday.

The Bulldogs close the regular season at Elkmont on Oct. 30.

**Etowah at Holly Pond**
Holly Pond is 2-6 overall and 1-5 in Class 3A, Region 6. Etowah is 5-3 and 5-1.

The Broncos have been eliminated from playoff contention. Etowah has secured second place and a home playoff game, with its head-to-head victory over Hokes Bluff protecting that position.

Holly Pond will try to end a five-game losing streak after a reported 17-16 loss at Susan Moore.

The Broncos visit Falkville on Oct. 30 to close the regular season.

**Deshler at West Point**
West Point is 0-9 overall and 0-6 in Class 4A, Region 7. Deshler is 7-1 and 6-0.

The Warriors have been eliminated and will finish their season Friday. Deshler has secured the region championship and a home playoff opener.

West Point led Lawrence County 31-27 in the fourth quarter last week before the Red Devils scored the deciding touchdown in a 35-31 game.

The Warriors are seeking their first victory against a Deshler team that has won seven consecutive games.

**Fairview open**
Fairview is 5-3 overall and 4-3 in Class 4A, Region 8 based on its eight completed games. The Aggies remain in contention for a playoff berth and visit Cherokee County on Oct. 30.

Guntersville also has a 4-3 region record and holds the head-to-head advantage from its 7-3 win over Fairview.

The Aggies' clearest qualifying path is a win at Cherokee County combined with a Guntersville loss at Brewer on Friday. That would put Fairview at 5-3 in the region and leave Guntersville at 4-4.

Other combinations could require multi-team tiebreakers. Fairview's open week does not settle its postseason position

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

# Cold Springs extends county title streaks, Good Hope and West Point win JV crowns

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**BREMEN, Ala.** - Cold Springs added two more Cullman County championships to its record Tuesday, winning the varsity boys title for the 23rd consecutive season and the varsity girls title for the 21st straight year at the Kudzu Hills course.

The Lady Eagles posted a perfect score of 15 points, placing their five scoring runners in the first five scoring positions. Holly Pond finished second with 56 points and Fairview placed third with 66.

Cold Springs won the varsity boys championship with 28 points. West Point finished second with 49, Good Hope was third with 55 and Fairview placed fourth with 90.

Cold Springs seventh-grader Gemma Swidecki won the varsity girls race with a personal-best time of 19:02.9. Vinemont freshman Aurellia Powell placed second with a personal best of 19:42.3 and Cold Springs sophomore Kynzlie Myrex finished third in 19:55.6.

Good Hope senior Drake Nichols won the varsity boys race in 17:06.0. Vinemont junior Anakin Powell followed with a personal-best time of 17:40.3. Cold Springs seniors Samuel Hunt and Carson Rice placed third and fourth in 18:02.5 and 18:04.8, respectively.

Good Hope captured the JV girls championship with 33 points, four ahead of runner-up West Point. Fairview finished third with 52. Good Hope's Jada Alsup won the 2-mile race in 14:09.6.

West Point earned the JV boys championship with a perfect score of 15 and swept the five scoring positions. Malachi Rivera led the Warriors and won the individual title in 13:21.2.

**VARSITY GIRLS TEAM RESULTS**
1. Cold Springs 15
2. Holly Pond 56
3. Fairview 66

**VARSITY GIRLS INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**
**Cold Springs**
1. Gemma Swidecki 19:02.9
3. Kynzlie Myrex 19:55.6
4. Claire Hancock 21:50.7
5. Ally Mavers 22:01.3
7. Allison Rice 23:18.2
10. Leslie Jones 24:10.4
12. Lila Cates 24:41.8

**Vinemont**
2. Aurellia Powell 19:42.3

**West Point**
6. Judy Salter 22:34.3

**Good Hope**
8. Sara Self 23:39.1

**Holly Pond**
9. Bella Gambrill 23:52.1
11. Kynleigh Wood 24:12.0
14. Addison Gambrill 26:14.0
18. Joplin Grimes 30:17.8
19. Kyleigh Floyd 32:06.7

**Fairview**
13. Kayla Santos 24:58.3
15. Joselin Parra 27:41.3
16. Jazmin Mateo 27:42.3
17. AnnaBelle Smith 30:02.5
20. Hannah Mendoza 33:28.2
21. Desi Pruett 36:44.1
22. Paisley Hopper 36:58.9
24. Emilia Aleman 38:27.6
25. Emma Buckelew 40:51.6

**Hanceville**
23. Georgia Garcia-Morales 37:13.1

**VARSITY BOYS TEAM RESULTS**
1. Cold Springs 28
2. West Point 49
3. Good Hope 55
4. Fairview 90

**VARSITY BOYS INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**
**Good Hope**
1. Drake Nichols 17:06.0
12. Johnathan Murphy 19:54.3
15. Oliver Horvath 20:29.9
21. Benjamin Regas 21:56.8
22. Eric Covarrubias 22:19.6
26. Kinkade White 23:08.5
34. Ryland Quinn 28:47.7



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**Vinemont**
2. Anakin Powell 17:40.3
9. Abram Powell 19:16.3
17. Yojan Patino-Rendon 21:20.3
24. Logan Holt 22:31.5

**Cold Springs**
3. Samuel Hunt 18:02.5
4. Carson Rice 18:04.8
6. James Baggett 18:54.5
11. Caleb Dill 19:52.2
13. Lucas Freeman 20:27.0
19. Easton Freeman 21:42.2
27. Jacob Winfrey 23:15.6

**West Point**
5. Lincoln Parker 18:39.1
7. Collin Clark 19:02.2
10. Griffin Jones 19:24.2
18. Carson Duke 21:33.9
23. Ayden McGhee 22:26.1

**Holly Pond**
8. Eli Morrow 19:13.5
20. Levi Redd 21:51.2
29. Ethan Morrow 23:41.2
36. Xander Lambert 30:29.1

**Fairview**
14. Danny Martin 20:29.7
16. Crockett Dunn 20:46.0
28. Tucker Kimbrough 23:18.6
30. David Payes 24:00.9
31. Iker Gallardo 24:44.1
32. Contreras Santiago 24:51.2
33. Larry Soto 28:12.8
35. Omar Gomez 28:49.6
37. Jonathan Ayala 33:04.8
38. Wyatt Smith 35:36.0

**Hanceville**
25. Ely Stinson 22:33.3

**JV GIRLS TEAM RESULTS**
1. Good Hope 33
2. West Point 37
3. Fairview 52

**JV GIRLS INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**
**Good Hope**
1. Jada Alsup 14:09.6
3. Kaysen Wood 14:49.7
8. Veronica Horvath 16:33.8
10. NoraBelle Miller 17:01.2
13. Ashton Gray 17:14.4

**West Point**
2. Raelynn Lindley 14:43.0
5. Raelynn Mergen 15:35.9
6. Mylee Echols 15:39.0
12. Lyric Antone 17:14.2
14. Selah Sutter 17:47.9
15. Kenzly Williams 17:58.5
19. Brinley Jones 19:21.1
20. Harper Jones 19:54.5

**Fairview**
4. Elliana Hunt 15:14.6
7. Nicole Herrera 16:20.2
11. Crimson Watts 17:12.7
17. Alianna Wunderlich 18:30.7
18. Ella Carter 18:41.4
21. Eva Sanchez 22:11.0
22. Catallaya Benns 22:44.6
23. Luna Castaneda 29:32.0

**Cold Springs**
9. Blair Belcher 16:49.3

**Hanceville**
16. Ameya Harper 18:04.8

**JV BOYS TEAM RESULTS**
1. West Point 15

**JV BOYS INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**
**West Point**
1. Malachi Rivera 13:21.2
2. Elijah Shannon 13:37.2
4. Jake Terkildsen 14:44.6
7. Brandon Salter 17:03.2
9. Camden Cooley 19:09.9

**Hanceville**
3. Elijah Minor 14:35.4
10. Zeke Barnett 20:31.6
11. Cash Cone 22:34.7

**Cold Springs**
5. James Laurentius 16:56.1
8. Riley Adams 19:07.5

**Good Hope**
6. John Self 17:00.3

JV VOLLEYBALL

# Fairview closes season with Cullman County championship

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**WEST POINT, Ala.** - Fairview completed an unbeaten run through the Cullman County junior varsity volleyball tournament by sweeping Good Hope 25-23, 25-22 in the championship match at West Point High School.

The second-seeded Lady Aggies did not drop a set during the tournament, defeating Cold Springs, West Point and Good Hope on the way to the county title.

Fairview opened tournament play with a 25-15, 25-10 victory over Cold Springs. The Lady Aggies followed with a 25-14, 25-21 semifinal win over West Point before prevailing in two closely contested sets against top-seeded Good Hope.

The Lady Raiders reached the championship match by rallying past Vinemont in three sets. Vinemont won the opener 25-22, but Good Hope responded with a 25-14 victory in the second and claimed the deciding set 15-10.

Fairview's JV championship completed a three-title performance across the county tournament's younger divisions.

The program also won the seventh-grade and eighth-grade championships, with West Point finishing as the runner-up in both middle school divisions.

The county also recognized 16 players representing all seven programs on the 2026 JV All-County Team.

Fairview was represented by Aubrey Miner, Daiana Garcia and Emma Cobbs. Good Hope's selections were Blakely Cofer, Mattison Manning, Lucy Mead and Gracie Bates.

Lyric Antone and Harper Jones represented West Point. Bella Gambrill and Nadia Gibbs were selected from Holly Pond.

Cold Springs' Finley Hall, Hanceville's Abby Pirkle and Vinemont's Harper Walton completed the All-County Team.




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*Holly Pond swept Hatton 3-0 to secure a place in the Class 3A North Super Regional. The Lady Broncos advanced after finishing runner-up to Vinemont in the Class 3A Area 10 tournament last week.*

PREP VOLLEYBALL

# 6 local teams advance to North Super Regional

**Sammy Confer, Jared Spears, Noah Galilee**

**CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala.** - Six Tribune-area volleyball teams advanced to the AHSAA North Super Regional on Monday as West Point and Vinemont survived five-set matches while Meek, Addison and Holly Pond completed sweeps.

West Point edged Deshler 15-13 in the decisive set on its home floor. Vinemont erased a 14-13 deficit in the fifth set and won 16-14 at Haleyville. Meek, Addison and Holly Pond did not drop a set in their subregional victories while Cold Springs defeated West End in Walnut Grove.

Lawrence County ended Fairview's season with a three-set win in Moulton.

**West Point 3, Deshler 2**

**WEST POINT, Ala.** - West Point advanced to the North Super Regional with a 21-25, 25-15, 25-16, 13-25, 15-13 victory over Deshler.

The Lady Warriors, who won the Class 4A Area 13 championship last week, will face Sylacauga at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Finley Center in Hoover.

Kills from Kenadi Pagan, Brayley Phillips, Laklin Shadix and Kenlee Perry helped West Point build a 5-2 lead in the first set. Perry added two more kills and Jordan Miller put down another as the Lady Warriors stretched their advantage to 8-4.

Deshler answered with six consecutive points to move ahead 10-8 and later extended its lead to 19-13. Two kills each from Perry and Pagan and another from Phillips pulled West Point within 23-21, but the Lady Tigers claimed the final two points to take the set 25-21.

West Point started quickly again in the second. Shadix and Perry recorded early kills before Pagan's ace gave the Lady Warriors a 4-1 lead. Colbi Aris served an ace to make it 8-4, but Deshler trimmed the margin to 9-8.

The Lady Warriors responded with their strongest run of the set. Pagan delivered consecutive kills, Miller served an ace and Shadix added two kills to extend the lead to 15-9. Phillips followed with an ace and Kennedy Poag added a kill before two more Perry kills pushed the margin to 22-14. Pagan closed the 25-15 win with back-to-back kills.

Pagan opened the third set with consecutive kills and Shadix added a kill before a Phillips ace gave West Point a 4-0 lead. Perry recorded two kills, Shadix served an ace and Poag added a kill to make it 11-4.

Aces from Aris and Phillips and a kill from Mylee Echols extended the lead to 16-6. Echols, Miller and Shadix each added a kill before Miller's ace made it 20-7. Deshler mounted a late run, but an Echols kill helped West Point finish a 25-16 victory and take a two-set-to-one lead.

The Lady Warriors scored the first two points of the fourth set before Deshler took control with a 17-2 run. West Point could not erase the deficit and the Lady Tigers forced a fifth set with a 25-13 win.

Deshler led 4-2 early in the decisive set. A Poag kill pulled West Point within 5-4 before the Lady Tigers extended their lead to 8-5. Pagan answered with a kill and Shadix followed with two blocks, including a point-producing block that cut the deficit to 8-7.

Poag's block and a Pagan ace later gave West Point a 12-10 lead. Deshler fought back within 14-13, but Echols put down the match-winning kill to send the Lady Warriors to Hoover.

**Vinemont 3, Haleyville 2**

**HALEYVILLE, Ala.** - Vinemont earned its place in the North Super Regional by surviving a five-set battle at Haleyville.

The Lady Lions held a 14-13 lead in the deciding set, putting Vinemont one point from elimination. The Lady Eagles answered with the final three points to win 16-14.

The victory extended Vinemont's season after the Lady Eagles won the Class 3A Area 10 championship last week.

**Meek 3, Red Bay 0**

**ARLEY, Ala.** - Meek dominated its Class 1A subregional match, sweeping Red Bay 25-8, 25-10, 25-8.

The Lady Tigers controlled the match from the opening set and allowed only 26 points across the three-set victory. Meek advanced to the North Super Regional following its Class 1A Area 13 championship run last week.

**Addison 3, Belgreen 0**

**ADDISON, Ala.** - Addison punched its ticket to Hoover with a 25-11, 25-13, 25-20 sweep of Belgreen in the Class 1A subregional round.

The Lady Bulldogs allowed 13 points or fewer in each of the first two sets before finishing the match with a five-point victory in the third.

**Holly Pond 3, Hatton 0**

**HOLLY POND, Ala.** - Holly Pond swept Hatton 3-0 to secure a place in the Class 3A North Super Regional.

The Lady Broncos advanced after finishing runner-up to Vinemont in the Class 3A Area 10 tournament last week.

**Cold Springs defeats West End**

**WALNUT GROVE, Ala.** - Cold Springs defeated West End in the Class 2A subregional round to advance to the North Super Regional.

The Lady Eagles earned a road victory after finishing runner-up to Carbon Hill in the Class 2A Area 9 tournament last week. Cold Springs High announced the advancement following the match.

**Lawrence County 3, Fairview 0**

**MOULTON, Ala.** - Lawrence County ended Fairview's season with a 3-0 victory in the Class 4A subregional round.

Fairview reached the match after finishing runner-up to West Point in the Class 4A Area 13 tournament.

West Point, Vinemont, Meek, Addison, Holly Pond and Cold Springs will continue postseason play at the North Super Regional, scheduled Wednesday through Friday at the Finley Center in Hoover.





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