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City School Board recognizes students, faculty; new president, vice president named

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City School Board at its Oct. 20 meeting recognized students and faculty and named its new president and vice president.

See the separate full story on the Board's contentious vote to extend Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff's contract at www.cullmantribune.com/2026/10/21/cullman-city-school-board-approves-superintendent-kallhoffs-contract-through-2030.

Lily Shadeck

The first student recognized was Lily Shadeck, a Cullman High School junior, who founded the nonprofit Myth Busters Dyslexia Foundation.

Kallhoff said Shadeck is, "a leader, an advocate and a standout student who works to make a difference in this world."

The inspiration began through her advocacy for her twin brother, Michael, who is dyslexic.

Her goal has been to bring awareness to the cause. At the meeting she spoke before the Board and audience saying, "Today is very special to me because I have the opportunity to give back to the very school system who helped shape » PAGE 2

Fun at the fair



KATIE DRUMMOND/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cullman County Fair ran from Oct. 15-24, 2026. These images were taken Oct. 20.



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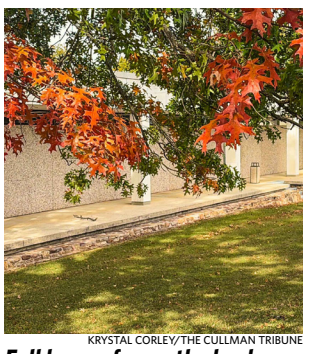


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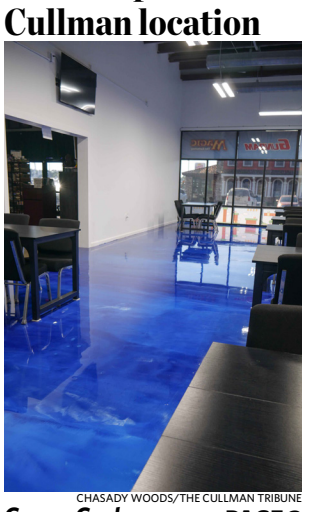
$50K Lowe's grant to bring outdoor play and reading space to Cullman County library



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Fall leaves frame the back lawn of the Cullman County Public Library's main branch, where a new play area and quiet reading spaces will soon take shape thanks to a $50,000 Lowe's Community Impact Grant. » PAGE 5

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 26

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 26, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.
GJ = grand jury; **FTA** = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
Oct. 22
• domestic violence; violation of protection order; CR 1522
• unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Main St. NE Hanceville
• theft of property; CR 1295
• possession of dangerous drugs; illegal possession of prescription drugs; possession of controlled substances; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437

Oct. 23
• criminal mischief; CR 656
• theft of property; CR 1094
• harassment; CR 656
• domestic violence; CR 1196
• possession of dangerous drugs; Hwy. 157
• possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437

Oct. 24
• domestic violence; CR 843
• harassment; CR 38
• domestic violence; CR 490
• theft of property; CR 222
• harassing communications; Hickory St. NE
• attempt to elude law enforcement officer; CR 1127
• domestic violence; CR 1196
• domestic violence; Hwy. 69N
• possession of dangerous drugs; Hwy. 91
• domestic violence; CR 1196

Oct. 25
• possession of marijuana; attempt to elude law enforcement officer; Hwy. 157
• domestic violence; CR 1093
• burglary; CR 568
• domestic violence; CR 1809
• domestic violence; criminal mischief; trespassing; CR 944
• permitting dogs to run at large; CR 321
• domestic violence; CR 1545

ARRESTS
Oct. 22-26
Barboza, Jr., Rafael H.; 29
• possession of methamphetamine
• possession of dangerous drugs
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Cooper, Joseph D.; 43
• attempting to elude a police officer

Doyle, Kenneth W.; 41
• possession of opium or derivative

Elliott, Robin S.; 44
• PROBATION REVOKED – unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
• PROBATION REVOKED – fraudulent use credit/debit card (5 counts)

Espinoza, Amanda B.; 39
• possession of marijuana-2nd degree
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Finch, Jr., Earl D.; 41
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Gonzales, Eric T.; 42
• possession of dangerous drugs

Jones, Patrick E.; 40
• assault-domestic-simple assault-family
• violation of a domestic violence protection order

Jones, Ty W.; 31
• domestic violence-3rd degree

McLeod, Destiny L.; 29
• FTA – operating vehicle without insurance
• FTA – expired tag
• FTA – speed above 45 mph, county road

Melvin, Abony K.; 25
• FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
• FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Moore, Zachery E.; 18
• assault-domestic-harassment-family

Patterson, Christopher C.; 48
• FTA – assault-harassment

Rogers, Dakota J.; 19
• DUI (controlled substances)
• minor in possession of alcohol
• attempting to elude a police officer
• possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Sanders, George R.; 76
• FTA – homicide by vehicle-excluding DUI
• FTA – homicide-criminally negligent homicide-vehicular (DUI)
• FTA – vehicle turning left

Smelser, Shawn K.; 44
• PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of dangerous drugs

Smith, Justen M.; 31
• FTA – theft of property-3rd degree-other motor vehicle-does not exceed $1,499

Speegle, Kevin A.; 45
• assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Turner, Stacy L.; 43
• possession of dangerous drugs
• illegal possession of prescription drugs
• obstruction-governmental operations

Wood, Telisha L.; 34
• FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
• FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA – obstruction-governmental operations

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
Oct. 20
• harassment; person; 2nd Ave. SW

Oct. 21
• duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '25 Hyundai; $2,500

Oct. 23
• theft of property-3rd degree; fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; wallet & contents, miscellaneous charges
• criminal mischief-2nd degree; person; damaged tires; $1,425; Lee Cir. SW

Oct. 24
• domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; 4th St. SW
• harassment; person; Oak Manor Dr. SW

ARRESTS
Oct. 23-24
Bailey, Lathyn J.; 24
• FTA – speeding
• FTA – run red light

Gonzalez-Hernandez, Paloma G.; 18
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Hall, Sydni M.; 23
• DUI

Bell, Jr., Vincent J.; 32
• public intoxication
• possession of controlled substances
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Mack, Melissa A.; 42
• theft of property-3rd degree

Moon, Jameson K.; 23
• public intoxication

Simmons, Kimo A.; 49
• illegal possession of prescription drugs

Williams, Presley C.; 22
• public intoxication

West, Jack L.; 23
• public intoxication

Cruz, Oscar G.; 45
• public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests or incidents reported.

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Agriplex Kitchen Series to feature Southern sweetness Oct. 29

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CULLMAN, Ala. – This Thursday, Oct. 29, from 6-8 p.m., the North Alabama Agriplex will hold another Kitchen Series class, this one featuring a twist on Southern sweetness.

Attendees will learn to make a sweet pie, finding the right balance to produce a tender, flaky crust with a classic Southern sweetness and full lattice topping. The pie filling will be revealed at the class.

The Agriplex provides a variety of culinary classes to residents. Earlier this month The Tribune had the pleasure of featuring the Pasta from Scratch class where attendees were able to knead, roll, cut and shape their own dough.

To registered for this week's class, or to view other available classes, visit www.agriplex.org or call 256- 297-1044.

The Agriplex is located at 1714 Tally Ho St., Cullman.

School Board (from Front)

who I am."

Shadeck spoke about the determination she saw in her brother despite the challenges she watched him face.

"His journey inspired me to write my children's book 'The Dynamic Duo and the Mix Up Magic,' a story that celebrates learning differences and reminds children that being different does not mean being less than," she said.

Shadeck noted that Dyslexia affects 1 in 5 children and emphasized the importance of understanding and support for those individuals. The Myth Busters Dyslexia Foundation recently awarded three scholarships to help families access dyslexia testing.

Shadeck was also recognized by the Cullman City Council back in September.

Linda Bean
Kallhoff also recognized Cullman Middle School's Linda Bean who teaches beginner, advanced and jazz band as well as piano.

"Her passion for music education, welcomed experience and commitment to excellence have made her a valuable part of our school system," Kallhoff remarked.

He also said that, throughout her 37 years of teaching, she has used her passion to help students discover their musical talents and form a lifelong appreciation for music.

Kristi Patterson
Cullman Middle School Instructional Assistant Kristi Patterson was also recognized for providing support, encouragement and assistance to students with special needs.

"She approaches each day with patience, understanding and a genuine love for the students she serves," Kallhoff shared. "Whether she assisting a student, supporting a teacher or simply lending a helping hand to help a colleague, Mrs. Patterson continuously goes above and beyond to make a difference."

Alexa Park
Of Cullman Middle School student Alexa Park, Kallhoff said, "She is an exceptional young lady who consistently demonstrated academic excellence, while also displaying the character and kindness that make her a wonderful representative of our school system."

Kallhoff noted that Park maintains excellent grades, but her kindness sets her apart from the masses. "She makes our school system a better place simply by being a part of it. We are extremely proud of Alexa and look forward to all she will accomplish in the future."

Board business
The Board selected members David Wiggins and Amy Wood as delegate and alternate delegate to attend the Alabama Association of School Boards 2026 Annual Convention and Delegate Assembly in Montgomery on Thursday, Dec 3, 2026.

It also approved a request from the Cullman Middle School FFA Chapter to travel to Indianapolis, Indiana Oct. 21-24 to attend the 99th National Future Farmers of America Convention.

Tensions flaring
There was tension when the Board moved on to the extension of Kallhoff's contract (see beginning of article), and still when it moved on to nominate a new president and vice president.

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In the vote for Kallhoff's extension, Wiggins and Board member Mark Britton voted no, but Board President Jill Bradberry and Board members Amy Wood and Cheryl Harrison voted yes.

Moving on, Wiggins made a motion for Britton to become Board president, but Harrison, Wood and Bradberry voted against his recommendation.

Wood and Bradberry motioned for Harrison to be named president. All members approved except for Britton, who voted no.

For vice president, Harrison motioned for Wood to be named, and Wood herself seconded the motion. Britton and Wiggins voted no.

In accordance with the Code of Alabama and Cullman City School Board Policy, Kallhoff can serve as Board secretary, but he can also designate someone to take minutes. Harrison and Wiggins made a motion to name Jenny Cochran secretary, which passed.

The next Cullman City School Board meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 5 p.m. at the Cullman City Board of Education building.

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Gamer Geeks (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Gamer Geeks Cullman opened in 2023, offering sanctuary and hospitality to the gaming community. That hospitality reaches beyond those who play; Gamer Geeks also welcomes anyone to come and observe. The Tribune recently interviewed Store Owner Michael Jensen, who expressed the importance of events and how they play a significant role in bringing individuals together to create memories.

On Wednesday, Oct. 16, Gamer Geeks announced its expansion into a neighboring shop. The extra room means it can host 100 people in the store. Not only does this allow more people, but it also means expanded seating and a more comfortable experience.

"We wanted to give our community more space to have fun and make friends," Gamer Geeks shared. "We have a space available for folks to spread out and enjoy a variety of games without worrying about tripping other patrons with gaming equipment!"

The store also advised that, on slower days, this is the perfect quiet area for "those who want to study or relax in a nerdy environment!"

The expansion showcases a vibrant blue epoxy flooring that welcomes newcomers and regulars.

The store thanked those who aided in the expansion work, saying, "This expansion was a ton of work and we are so lucky to be supported by local small businesses like Nick Ivy at North Alabama Tint and Asher Kyte and his father at Artisan Services!

"We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the people of the city of Cullman for supporting us over the years! We absolutely would not have been able to do this without you coming in and enjoying geeking out with us! We will strive to do bigger and better events with this new space to really 'wow' everyone!"

Gamer Geeks Cullman is located at 2046 St. Joseph Dr. NW Suite E, Cullman. Business hours are Monday-Thursday from noon-7 p.m., Fridays from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Find out more at www.facebook.com/GamerGeeksCullman. You can also call 256-981-5746 or email gamergeekscullman@gmail.com for more information.

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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
- Wednesday, Oct. 28 – 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area 5:15-5:30. Call Aimee at 256-841-2060 for pickup.
- Friday, Oct. 30 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided. Guest speaker Steven East.
- Sunday, Nov. 1 – 8:15 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call Aimee at 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by guest speaker Steven East at 11.

Shirley Burden Public Library in Hanceville
The library is open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed from noon-1 p.m.) and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on Facebook for weekly details or please feel free to call us at 256-352-0685. Follow Facebook/Hanceville Public Library for event details.
- Saturday, 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.

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."

16th Annual Mud Creek Arts & Crafts Festival
Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. along Commercial Street, centered at 106 Commercial St. NE, in downtown Hanceville. Street vendors, arts, crafts, food and fun for the whole family.

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

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PREP FOOTBALL

Cold Springs thrashes Carbon Hill 56-6, improves to 8-1

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CARBON HILL, Ala. - Cold Springs scored on its opening possession and kept the pressure on Carbon Hill, earning a decisive 56-6 win to improve to 8-1 with its third straight victory.

Eli Voce scored the Eagles' opening touchdown. Cold Springs then recovered its own onside kick and scored again on a touchdown catch by Brandon Chasteen.

The Eagles' defense joined in on Carbon Hill's first possession when defensive lineman Lathan Shuford returned a fumble for a touchdown. The Bulldogs' next possession ended with a punt.

Cold Springs continued to keep the pressure on in the second quarter as Chasteen scored again.

Cooper Johnson found the end zone early in the third quarter, followed by another Voce touchdown six minutes later.

Carbon Hill scored its only points in the fourth quarter, and Blake Phillips added a touchdown for the Eagles as Cold Springs finished with a 56-6 victory.

Cold Springs is scheduled to host Tanner in its regular-season finale.

PREP FOOTBALL

Etowah tops Holly Pond 43-12

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HOLLY POND, Ala. - Etowah established control in the opening quarter and pulled away after halftime Friday night, defeating Holly Pond 43-12 in the teams' Class 3A, Region 6 finale.

The Blue Devils scored 15 unanswered points in the first quarter before Holly Pond got on the board in the second. Etowah added seven points in the period and carried a 22-6 advantage into the locker room.

Etowah put the game out of reach after the break. The Blue Devils held Holly Pond scoreless in the third quarter while adding 14 points of their own, extending the lead to 36-6 entering the fourth.

Both teams scored in the final period. Etowah added seven points and Holly Pond scored six, producing the 43-12 final.

The victory allowed Etowah to rebound from a 38-7 loss at Oneonta the previous week. The Blue Devils improved to 6-3 overall and completed region play at 6-1.

Holly Pond fell to 2-7 overall and 1-6 in Region 6. The Broncos entered Friday's game following a narrow 17-16 road loss to Susan Moore and had already been eliminated from postseason contention.

Holly Pond will close the regular season at Falkville at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30.

Etowah will return home to host Douglas in a non-region game the same night.

PREP FOOTBALL

Meek secures Region 7's No. 3 seed with 30-22 win over Red Bay

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ARLEY, Ala. - Meek built a 16-point lead in the opening quarter and protected an 8-point advantage throughout the second half Friday night, defeating Red Bay 30-22 in Class 1A, Region 7 play.

The victory secured the region's No. 3 playoff seed for Meek, while Red Bay finished fourth. Both teams had already qualified for the postseason entering their region finale.

Meek controlled the opening quarter and carried a 16-0 lead into the second. Red Bay answered with 14 points before halftime, but the Tigers added 6 of their own during the period and entered the locker room ahead 22-14.

Neither team scored during the third quarter as Meek's defense preserved the 8-point margin. Red Bay added 8 points in the fourth, but Meek matched that total to keep the Tigers in front and complete the 30-22 victory.

The win was Meek's fourth straight following region victories over Waterloo, Belgreen and Phillips. It also kept the Tigers unbeaten at Meek Field this season.

Meek improved to 6-3 overall and completed its region schedule at 5-2. Red Bay fell to 7-3 overall and 4-3 in region play.

The Tigers will close the regular season with a non-region game at Berry at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30. Meek will then travel for the opening round of the Class 1A playoffs.

PREP FOOTBALL

Oneonta shuts out Hanceville 62-0

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Oneonta scored 35 points in the opening quarter and carried a 56-point lead into halftime Friday night, defeating Hanceville 62-0 in Class 3A, Region 6 play at Ray Talley Stadium.

The Redskins took control with 35 first-quarter points, then added 21 in the second period and went to the locker room leading 56-0.

It was Oneonta's second 60-point performance of the season. The Redskins scored 65 in their Sept. 4 victory over Holly Pond and reached at least 31 points in each of their seven region games.

The third quarter was scoreless before Oneonta added the final 6 points in the fourth.

The Redskins' defense completed its first shutout of the season and held Hanceville off the scoreboard throughout the region finale.

Hanceville fell to 0-9 overall and completed region play at 0-7. Oneonta improved to 9-1 and finished its Region 6 schedule unbeaten at 7-0.

The Bulldogs will close the regular season Friday, Oct. 30, on the road against Elkmont.

Oneonta entered Friday at 8-1 overall and 6-0 in the region.

PREP FOOTBALL

Deshler cruises past West Point for 55-14 win

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WEST POINT, Ala. - West Point answered a 27-point deficit with touchdown passes on either side of halftime, but Class 4A No. 8 Deshler responded with four third-quarter touchdowns to defeat the Warriors 55-14 Friday night.

The Tigers entered the Class 4A, Region 7 matchup having already secured the region championship.

They completed an unbeaten run through region play with the victory, while West Point closed its season.

Deshler built a 27-0 lead during the first half before West Point broke through late in the second quarter.

The Warriors had a first down at their own 22-yard line with about three minutes remaining, then scored on a touchdown pass later in the period.

The extra point cut Deshler's lead to 27-7 at halftime.

West Point struck through the air again in the third quarter. Another touchdown pass and successful extra point pulled the Warriors within 27-14.

The Tigers answered and took control of the game. Armani Jones scored on a rushing touchdown, and the extra point pushed Deshler's lead to 34-14.

Kendrick Gunn delivered the next major blow on defense, returning an interception for a touchdown. Another successful extra point made it 41-14.

Deshler added a touchdown pass and an extra point to extend the margin to 48-14.

Carter Boyett then scored on the ground, and Tripp Brooks connected on the extra point to complete the Tigers' 28-point third quarter and establish the final score.

Neither team scored in the fourth quarter.

Deshler improved to 8-1 overall and finished 7-0 in Region 7. The Tigers will host Mars Hill Bible next week in their regular-season finale.

West Point finished 0-10 overall and 0-7 in region play.

PREP FOOTBALL

Cullman pulls away from Jackson-Olin for 42-13 road win

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - Cullman turned a tie game after one quarter into a comfortable halftime advantage and continued to pull away Friday night, defeating Jackson-Olin 42-13 in Class 5A, Region 5 play.

Jackson-Olin struck first, and Braxton Brooks secured the ensuing kickoff near the Cullman 30-yard line.

Sophomore running back Parker Smith gained 6 yards on the Bearcats' first snap, and a personal-foul penalty against the Mustangs moved the ball into Jackson-Olin territory.

Smith then broke another run to approximately the Jackson-Olin 32.

That opening Cullman possession ended on downs when quarterback Colt Colvard was stopped short near the 27. Jackson-Olin crossed midfield on its next series, but multiple holding penalties disrupted the drive.

The Mustangs still held a 7-0 lead with 1:21 remaining in the opening period, but Cullman answered before the quarter ended to pull even at 7-all.

The Bearcats took control during the second quarter, scoring 14 unanswered points to carry a 21-7 lead into halftime.

Cullman continued building its advantage after the break, adding 14 points in the third quarter while Jackson-Olin scored six.

The Bearcats led 35-13 entering the fourth.

Cullman supplied the only points of the final period, completing the 42-13 victory.

The win snapped a five-game losing streak for the Bearcats, marked their first road victory of the season and produced their highest point total of the year.

Cullman improved to 3-6 overall and completed region play at 2-5. Jackson-Olin fell to 2-8 overall and 0-7 in the region.

Both teams entered Friday night eliminated from postseason contention, but Cullman will have an opportunity to close the regular season with consecutive road victories.

The Bearcats travel to West Morgan for a 7 p.m. game Thursday, Oct. 29.

PREP FOOTBALL

Good Hope shuts out Fairview 21-0 for 6th straight win

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. - Good Hope answered an early Hayden touchdown with 42 unanswered points Friday night, rolling past the Wildcats 42-7 on senior night to improve to 7-2 overall and 6-1 in Class 4A, Region 8.

Karson Hollis rushed for 116 yards and two touchdowns, while Parker Johnson ran for two scores and threw for two more as the Raiders took control before halftime.

A 16-yard third-down completion kept Hayden's opening drive alive. Later in the possession, a holding penalty pushed the Wildcats back to their own 33-yard line, but a 67-yard touchdown on the next play gave Hayden a 7-0 lead with 9:32 remaining in the first quarter.

Good Hope overcame back-to-back penalties on its opening possession. Web Buchanan picked up 12 yards on the ground and later connected with Hollis for a 36-yard gain to Hayden's 28. Hollis gained 22 yards on his next two touches, and Johnson finished the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run to help tie the game at 7.

Ross Clark's sack helped stall Hayden's next possession and force a punt. Hollis and Johnson moved the Raiders into scoring position before Johnson connected with Ayden Young for a 24-yard touchdown, giving Good Hope a 14-7 lead with three minutes left in the first quarter.

The Raiders stopped Hayden on downs on its next possession, but the Wildcats recovered a Good Hope fumble on the following play. Kayden Collins helped keep Hayden from capitalizing, recording a third-down sack before another punt.

Good Hope moved the ball with help from a face-mask penalty and an offside penalty against Hayden, but another fumble ended the possession. Again, the Raiders' defense held. Chance Brock recorded a third-down sack, and Collins blocked the ensuing punt and recovered the ball at Hayden's 13.

Two plays later, Hollis scored on a 5-yard run to extend Good Hope's lead to 21-7.

Another fourth-down stop set up a 39-yard touchdown run by Johnson on the Raiders' next offensive play, making it 28-7. Young then intercepted a pass and returned it to Hayden's 28. Three plays later, Johnson connected with Collins on a 31-yard touchdown screen pass to give Good Hope a 35-7 halftime lead.

Hollis added the final touchdown early in the third quarter, racing 54 yards down the left sideline to push the lead to 42-7. Good Hope's reserves played the rest of the game, and the Raiders kept Hayden scoreless after its opening possession.

Hollis finished with 116 rushing yards on nine carries and two touchdowns. Johnson added 64 rushing yards and two scores while completing two passes for 55 yards and two touchdowns. Collins' touchdown reception covered 31 yards, and Young's went for 24.

Clark finished with two sacks, while Brock and Collins each added one. Collins also blocked and recovered a punt, and Young recorded an interception.

Good Hope travels to Scottsboro next Friday, Oct. 30, for its final region game and regular-season finale.

PREP FOOTBALL

Vinemont rallies past Susan Moore 12-7, clinches 7th straight playoff berth

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VINEMONT, Ala. - Josh Rhodes connected with Travis Speer for a 19-yard touchdown on fourth down with 4:17 remaining Friday night, lifting Vinemont to a 12-7 senior night victory over Susan Moore and securing the Eagles' seventh consecutive playoff berth.

The Eagles finished the regular season 6-4 overall and 4-3 in Class 3A, Region 6.

Rhodes gave Vinemont an early lead, racing 65 yards for a touchdown on the first play from scrimmage to put the Eagles ahead 6-0.

Susan Moore answered with 2:19 remaining before halftime, scoring on a pass that was deflected into the air before being caught for a touchdown. The Bulldogs took a 7-6 lead into the break.

Late in the third quarter, Susan Moore threatened to extend its lead after reaching first-and-goal inside the Vinemont 5-yard line. The Eagles held, and Speer intercepted a fourth-down pass in the end zone for a touchback.

Rhodes and Speer then teamed up for the go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter, putting Vinemont back in front 12-7.

Susan Moore muffed the ensuing kickoff, and Vinemont's Will Conquest recovered. A subsequent Eagles fumble gave the Bulldogs another opportunity, but Brennan Marlow intercepted a second-down pass to end the threat.

With Susan Moore out of timeouts, Vinemont picked up a first down and finished the game in victory formation.

Vinemont finished the regular season 6-4 overall and 4-3 in Class 3A, Region 6.

After an open week, the Eagles are slated to travel to Region 7 champion Central-Florence on Friday, Nov. 6, for the opening round of the playoffs.

The Wildcats entered Friday's game against Rogers with a 7-1 overall record and a 6-0 region mark.

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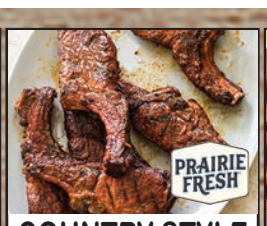
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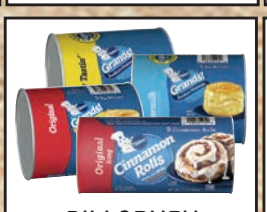
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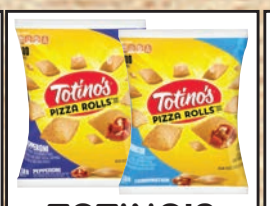
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PREP FOOTBALL

Addison captures Region 7 title with 33-7 win over Hackleburg

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ADDISON, Ala. - Addison entered Friday night with an unbeaten record and a region championship at stake. The Bulldogs left no doubt about either one.

Addison scored 33 unanswered points, intercepted four passes and defeated previously unbeaten Hackleburg 33-7 to complete a 10-0 regular season and claim the Class 1A, Region 7 championship.

The Bulldogs finished 7-0 in region play and secured the region's No. 1 seed for the AHSAA playoffs. Hackleburg fell to 8-1 overall and 6-1 in the region and will enter the postseason as the No. 2 seed.

Hackleburg opened the scoring in the first quarter. Maddox Vickery and Timothy Stewart broke loose for long runs, and Stewart finished the drive with an 8-yard touchdown run. The point after gave the Panthers a 7-0 lead.

Addison answered before the end of the opening quarter. Elijah Roberts connected with Judah Wilkins for a 21-yard touchdown, and the extra point tied the game at 7.

The Bulldogs moved in front during the second quarter. Roberts found Conner Lane on a long completion that moved Addison inside the Hackleburg 10-yard line, and Wilkins scored on a 6-yard run shortly afterward. Lane's extra point made it 14-7.

The defenses traded takeaways later in the half. Roberts intercepted a Hackleburg pass at the Addison 22, but Stewart answered with an interception for the Panthers at the Hackleburg 44.

Scout Flynn then collected Addison's second interception of the quarter and gave the Bulldogs possession at the Hackleburg 43.

Neither team scored again before halftime, and Addison carried its 14-7 advantage into the locker room.

Hackleburg threatened to tie the game in the third quarter and drove inside the Addison 25, but the Bulldogs intercepted another pass at their own 20.

Runs by Zane Smith, Wilkins and Roberts moved Addison downfield, and Roberts capped the possession with a 13-yard touchdown pass to Smith. Lane added the extra point to stretch the lead to 21-7.

Addison's defense created another short field early in the fourth quarter. Michael Lee intercepted a pass and gave the Bulldogs the ball at the Hackleburg 20.

Roberts carried to the 6 before Smith scored on a 6-yard run. The extra point was unsuccessful, leaving Addison ahead 27-7.

The Bulldogs closed the scoring after a Hackleburg punt gave them possession at the Panthers' 39.

Wilkins, Smith and Roberts moved the chains on the ground before Roberts scored on a 1-yard keeper. Another missed extra point produced the 33-7 final.

Roberts accounted for three touchdowns with two scoring passes and one rushing score. Wilkins and Smith each scored twice, once on the ground and once through the air.

Addison's defense held Hackleburg scoreless over the final three quarters and recorded interceptions by Roberts, Flynn, Lee and another Bulldog defender.

Addison is open next week before beginning the Class 1A playoffs at home as Region 7's No. 1 seed.

Hackleburg is scheduled to host Phil Campbell next week before opening the postseason at home as the region's No. 2 seed.

'LET'S KEEP READING'

Arboreadum Bookshop & Garden holds official grand opening

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CULLMAN, Ala. – In June 2026 Shanen Cottingham opened Arboreadum Bookshop and Garden in downtown Cullman. The shop features books and a variety of plants and gardening supplies.

The shop is located in a remodeled house that provides a very unique and calming experience for patrons. They can look through the many plants outside or browse through a selection of fiction, non-fiction and children's books inside over a cup of coffee.

On Wednesday, Oct. 21, artists, book and plant lovers alike gathered to celebrate the shop's successes and growth in the community.

Cottingham credited her family for encouragement. She said her children told her, "Mom, go do it! You love books and you love to garden – and that house is perfect!"

Those in attendance expressed that, in a world that is so chronically online, even to the extent of reading on devices, it is amazing to be able to go into a shop and physically pick out and read novels.

Cottingham spoke of local assistance and community she's witnessed around books and the love for reading. "I just love the support and community around books! It doesn't matter where you get your books, let's keep reading!"

She went on to acknowledge the artists who display their artwork at the shop. "True artists, no AI! I'm so happy that we have artists who use their creative minds!"

At Arboreadum, stories are told off the shelves as well. "At the end of the day I just love talking to everybody!" Cottingham exclaimed.

You can find Arboreadum at 104 Fourth Ave. NE, Cullman. It's open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Find it online at Facebook/Arboreadum Bookshop and Garden.



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Arboreadum Bookshop & Garden is located at 104 Fourth Ave. NE, Cullman.

$50K Lowe's grant to bring outdoor play and reading space to Cullman County library

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Right now, it's a quiet stretch of grass behind the Cullman County Public Library, shaded by trees just beginning to turn red and gold. Soon, it will be a place where children run and climb, families linger together and readers settle in with a good book under the open sky.

Thanks to a $50,000 grant from Lowe's, the library will soon begin building a play area and quiet outdoor reading spaces in the back yard of its main library on Clark Street.

The library is one of just 100 nonprofits across the country chosen for a 2026 Lowe's Community Impact Grant.

Assistant Director Shelby Creekmore said the funds will pay for the play area and reading spaces. While the date isn't set yet, the library hopes to break ground within the next couple of weeks, and a grand opening date will be announced later.

A place to play, gather and read

Lowe's describes the project as a playground and rock garden on the library's back lawn, meant to give children a safe place to play, families a place to gather and patrons a peaceful place to read outdoors.

It's a natural next chapter for a library that already fills its walls with color and creativity, from folded-page book sculptures and towers of stacked books to rows of brightly painted pumpkins this fall. Soon, that same spirit will spill out the back door.

Yearwood Construction is working with the library on the project, Creekmore said.

At the library board's Sept. 9 meeting, leaders said they were working with Lowe's, Yearwood Construction and ProWorx on furniture options. They want the space to be something the community can enjoy now, while leaving room for it to grow alongside a future building.

Creekmore said the library will share a rendering once the design is final.

A hometown space, chosen from across the nation

The Community Impact Grant program is part of a five-year, $100 million commitment by Lowe's to renovate community spaces.

Each year from 2022 through 2026, the public has been able to nominate a hometown space such as a park, garden or community center.

Lowe's chooses up to 100 projects a year based on community need, feasibility and lasting benefit. Projects must be within 30 miles of a Lowe's store, and grant money can cover labor, permits, professional services and materials.

Room to grow

The outdoor space is just one part of a bigger story. The main library at 200 Clark St. NE has served Cullman County since 1967, and Lowe's grant materials note that the building needs to grow along with the community it serves.

The library is working with Williams Blackstock Architects on a building campaign for renovations and additions over the next few years.

In May, the library received $500,000 in state funding through Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman. Director Amber Thornton said that money is for early planning and design, including blueprints, soil surveys and site studies, rather than construction.

For now, the next chapter begins out back, on a patch of grass that will soon be filled with laughter, imagination and the turning of pages.

To learn more about the library or its building campaign, visit cullmanlib.org.

Jubilee, county library hosting 'An Evening with Poe' Nov. 2

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Once upon an evening dreary ... or rather, an evening downtown, Cullman's literary crowd will gather to celebrate one of America's most haunting writers.

Jubilee Kitchen + Bar is teaming up with the Cullman County Public Library to host "An Evening with Poe" Monday, Nov. 2, at the restaurant, 515 Fourth St. SW. The night will celebrate the works of Edgar Allan Poe, the 19th-century master of mystery and the macabre.

The evening begins with a cocktail hour at 5 p.m., followed by readings at 6.

Nevermore will you hear these tales the same way

Guests can settle in for readings of four of Poe's most famous works:

• "The Tell-Tale Heart," the story of a narrator driven mad by the beating of a heart beneath the floorboards
• "The Raven," Poe's 1845 poem about a grieving man visited by a bird that speaks only one word: "Nevermore"
• "The Black Cat," a dark tale of guilt and a cat that refuses to be silenced
• "The Cask of Amontillado," a chilling story of revenge set in the catacombs during carnival season
Coming just after Halloween, the event offers one more chance to enjoy a spooky story, this time with a drink in hand.

A historic setting
The event fits right at home in its setting. Jubilee is a locally owned restaurant and bar on the ground floor of the historic Flying Fifty Hotel in downtown Cullman. The sister company of Karma's Coffee House, Jubilee describes itself as "a gathering place for friends, family, and neighbors," serving brunch, dinner, artisan pizza, small plates, coffee, wine and cocktails."

Jubilee is owned by Katie Fine, who launched Karma's Coffee House in 2015, and its kitchen is led by Executive Chef Becky Watkins.

The partnership takes the Cullman County Public Library's love of stories beyond the library's walls and into one of downtown's gathering spots.

Plan to attend
Reservations are available online through Jubilee's Toast reservation page, and seating is in the restaurant's dining room. A credit card is required to reserve a seat. Guests who cancel within 48 hours of the event, or who simply fail to appear, will be charged $35 per person, so those planning to attend are encouraged to book with care. Guests must be 21 or older to enjoy the evening's cocktails.

To reserve a seat, visit Jubilee's website or Facebook page. For updates, follow Jubilee Kitchen and Bar and the Cullman County Public Library System on Facebook, visit jubileekitchenandbar.com or cullmanlib.org or call Jubilee at 256-735-4175.

Events (from Front)

Chasady Woods
chasady@cullmantribune.com

Tuesday, Oct. 27
• WildWater Trunk-or-Treat will feature treats, costume contests and music. On Tuesday, Oct. 27 from 5-7 p.m. located at 1707 Main Ave SW.
• Holly Pond High School will hold their Broncos Trick-or-Treat at the schools parking lot beginning at 5:30 p.m.
• Fairview Elementary School's 3rd Annual Trunk-or-Treat will last from 5-7 p.m. located on 700 Wesley Ave N.
• Downtown Cullman Ghost Walk at Sipsey Winery located at 112 Clark Street NE will begin at 7 p.m. This is a fundraising event and proceeds will go to Paws Up Rescue! A walk will also be held on Thursday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 28
• Grumpy's Italian "Down Under Halloween Party" will be held at the restaurant located at 402 5th Street SW from 7-11 p.m. In addition to their Wednesday karaoke night, Grumpy's will have drink specials and a cash prize costume contest to those who place first, second and third place.
• First United Methodist Church Trunk or Treat will take place on 320 3rd Street SE beginning at 6 p.m. Candy-filled trunks, costumes, inflatables and outdoor games are available to the public.
• Sacred Heart Catholic Church will hold their Halos for Halloween Trunk-or-Treat from 6-8 p.m. within their Family Life Center on 112 2nd Ave SE. This event will also feature a cake walk, chili contest and potluck dinner. Attendees are encouraged to wear their best costume.

Thursday, Oct. 29
• Cullman Coyotes Football Team will hold their family friendly Trunk-or-Treat at Whataburger, on 2001 Cherokee Ave SW, from 4-8 p.m.
• Cullman VFW will hold their Trunk-or-Treat from 6-7:30 p.m. at 112 Veterans Drive SW.
• West Point High School, located at 4314 Co Rd 1141, will present their Parade of Pumpkins on Oct. 29 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This night will consist of community voting, with the winner announced on Oct. 30. This night will offer a gallery of pumpkin contestants, food trucks a haunted hallway provided by FCCLA at WPH.
• Downtown Cullman Ghost Walk at Sipsey Winery located at 112 Clark Street NE will begin at 7 p.m. This is a fundraising event and proceeds will go to Paws Up Rescue!
• Woodland Village, on 1900 Olive Street SW, will host their Trunk-or-Treat from 5-7 p.m. Organizers note that candy donations are accepted up until the day of the event.

Friday, Oct. 30
• Cullman Police Department will hold their 9th annual Trunk-or-Treat at 601 2nd Ave NE from 6-8 p.m. Join for an evening of candy and cops in costumes!
• Long-Lewis of Cullman's Trunk-or-Treat will begin at 7 p.m. at
• Baileyton Drag Strip, located at 1500 Summit Rd, Baileyton, will open the gates at 4 p.m. time trials will begin at 6 p.m. They will hold a golf cart race with cash prizes for the winners.
• Cold Springs 1936 Club will hold Trick-or-Treat at the High School from 5:30-7 p.m. The high school is located at 9010 Co Rd 109.

Saturday, Oct. 31/Halloween
• Baileyton Drag Strip, located at 1500 Summit Rd, Baileyton, will open the gates at 8 a.m. time trials will begin at 10 a.m. They will have a costume contest in addition to trick-or-treating in the pits beginning at 4:30 p.m.
• Cullman Elks Lodge invites you for an evening of candy, costume contest and live music by Sipsey Falls Band. The lodge is located at 1525 Brantley Ave NW. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with music beginning at 8 p.m.
• Trunk-or-Treat at the Berlin Farmers Market located at 50 Mt. Carmel Drive from 6-8 p.m. The town will be giving our full size candy bars and welcome all to join in for a Berlin Halloween night!
• The Town of Baileyton will have their very first Harvest at the Park! Festivities will begin at 10 a.m. and persist through 7 p.m. There will be live music, costume contests for children and pets, bounce houses, carnival games, live music, sack races and pickleball. The park is located on 390 Fire Station Road.
• Nightmare on Woodland Street will begin at 5 p.m. on Halloween night. Several yards have walk through trails and candy ready for trick-or-treaters. Woodland Street NW is between U.S. Highway 31 North and St. Joseph Drive NW.
• Hanceville Fire Station No. 1 will hold their Drive Thru Trick-or-Treat from 4-8 p.m. at 119 Collins Street. Organizers suggest participants enter between Luna's BBQ and Cullman Savings Bank, then turn onto Collins Ave to arrive at the fire station.
• Sportsworld Skate Center will roll out their Trunk-or-Treat festivities Halloween night at 90 County Road 1223. To attend the Trunk-or-Treat is free, but fees still apply to skating entry.

Sweet treats and sweet pups



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3Sixty Jeep Club partnered with EvaBank for a trunk or treat to benefit Paws Up Rescue LLC.


JESSICA LOGAN/PAWS UP RESCUE LLC


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Paws Up Rescue LLC participated in a trunk or treat organized by 3Sixty Jeep Club and EvaBank. If you would like to inquire about one of these puppers, contact info@pawsuprescuellc.com

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
DAVID CECIL CAPLES, * **CASE NO.: PC2026-400**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary having been granted to DAVID A. CAPLES as Personal Representative of the Estate of DAVID CECIL CAPLES, deceased, on the 9th 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.

David A. Caples
Personal Representative

James B. Griffin, LLC
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 911
Cullman, Alabama 35056

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

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION THE PETITION OF TRACY ANDERSON DECICCO FOR THE ADOPTION OF BRIANA DAWN TAYLOR AN ADULT — CASE NO.: AD 2025-052

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: PAULA JOYCE DECICCO, BOILOGICAL MOTHER WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN

Please take notice that a *Petition for Adoption of an Adult and Amended Petition for Adoption of an Adult* to adopt B.D.T. born on February 5, 1993, was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Tracy Anderson Decicco, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 9th DAY OF October, 2026.

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

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for the Petitioner
201 2nd Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice once a week for four (4) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
RICHARD LEE BRUMFIELD, **Case Number: PC2026-363**
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of Richard Lee Brumfield, Deceased

Letters Of Administration, having been granted to the undersigned on the 9th day of October, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from the above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Hattie Rae Brumfield
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Personal Representative
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

TO PUBLISHER: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing 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

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

10/27/2026

City of Cullman
204 Second Avenue NE
Cullman, AL 35056
256-775-7109

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Cullman.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about ***11/12/2026*** the City of Cullman will submit a request to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) for the release of ARC funds under the Appalachian Regional Development Act (ARDA), to undertake a project known as Cullman Community Theater Renovation Project # AL-22591-2026. The project involves the partial demolition and renovation of a vacant church in the downtown area at 303 Clark St NE; Latitude 34.179919, Longitude -86.841564. The remaining section of the building will be renovated to include space for a stage and theater area. A proposed 50' x 50' addition on the back of the existing structure will include space to accompany the theater. The project also includes the demolition of an adjacent vacant house at 206 3rd Ave NE. Total Project Cost: $1,500,000 with $750,000 ARC funds and $750,000 local funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Cullman has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Cullman City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, AL 35055 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 AM to 4 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Cullman. All comments received by ***11/11/2026*** will be considered by the City of Cullman prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Cullman certifies to ADECA that Woody Jacobs in his capacity as ***Mayor*** consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. ADECA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Cullman to use Program Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

ADECA will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Cullman certification for a period of 15-days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or the City of Cullman; (b) the City of Cullman has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CRF part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR part 58 before approval of a Release of Funds by ADECA; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFRR part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the State at: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Community and Economic Development Division, PO Box 5690, Montgomery, AL 36103. Potential objectors should contact ADECA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Woody Jacobs, Mayor

INSTRUCTIONS TO NEWSPAPER: The above item is to be placed in the legal notice section of the Cullman Tribune one time in the Tuesday October 27, 2026 edition. An ad copy & affidavit of publication is required and should be forwarded along with an invoice to:
City of Cullman
Attn: Wesley Moore
P.O. Box 278
Cullman, AL 35056

Please also email a copy of the ad & affidavit to kkessler@cci-hsv.com

Thank you.

Editorial (from Front)

Noah Galilee
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Cullman City Councilman Jason Willoughby's criticism of this week's school board vote raises a reasonable question about preparation. It also raises a larger question about what we should expect from elected officials when they challenge another governing body's decisions.

The answer should begin with accuracy, evidence and a willingness to explain what would better serve the public.

Tuesday, the Cullman City School Board voted 3-2 to approve Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff's contract extension. Two members opposed the extension. Three supported it. The majority prevailed.

That decision deserves scrutiny. Public money is involved, and taxpayers should understand the contract's terms, its cost and the reasoning behind its approval.

According to our reporter's notes and accounts shared with The Tribune, Willoughby addressed people remaining in the gallery while the board was in executive session.

Identifying himself as a city council member, he questioned the prospect of voting on a document received that day.

"I couldn't imagine having to vote on that and with, with getting a document at lunch today," Willoughby said.

That concern deserves a serious answer. Officials should have sufficient time to understand the agreements they approve. Asking whether they had that opportunity is reasonable.

But his statement does not, by itself, establish when each school board member first received the contract, what earlier drafts they reviewed or what discussions preceded the vote.

Those details matter. Before the public is asked to judge whether a decision was rushed, it deserves a clear account of the process.

A comparison with City Council practice can help frame that inquiry. It cannot settle it.

Willoughby has every right to criticize the extension. Parents, employees and taxpayers have that same right. Voters also have every right to remember a board member's decisions at election time.

The responsibility that comes with his title is to help people understand the facts and the choices available to them. His concern about review time should lead to specific questions and documented answers.

A divided vote alone establishes no wrongdoing. Nor does winning a majority place a decision beyond criticism.

My concern about Willoughby's approach also comes from conversations I have had with him directly.

He has called me several times after council meetings to emphasize his no votes and question why The Tribune was not giving those votes the attention he believed they deserved. He presented those losing votes as historically significant.

A newspaper evaluates a vote by its substance and consequences. We consider the proposal, the reasons offered and the effect on the public.

An official's enthusiasm about his own dissent does not determine its news value.

A no vote can show courage. It can expose a bad proposal or put a necessary objection on the record. Its significance depends on what the official can explain and support.

What would his position accomplish? What alternative does he propose? How would the public benefit?

Those are reasonable expectations of anyone asking voters to trust his judgment. They apply to the officials who supported this contract as well as those who opposed it.

Cullman's schools deserve public debate focused on students, employees and responsible spending. That requires officials willing to ask difficult questions, answer them honestly and exercise restraint when the facts are incomplete.

Willoughby's concern about preparation belongs in that debate. So does an expectation that public criticism will be specific, supported and useful.

When you introduce yourself by your public office, bring something that helps the people listening understand the issue and their choices.

Obituary Announcements: Oct. 24-26

Jamie Dye Goeller, 91
Graveside service for Jamie Dye Goeller will be Sunday, October 25, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. at Cullman City Cemetery, with Bro. Stanley Dye officiating. Visitation will be held on Sunday, October 25, 2026, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Jamie was born to Grady Jackson Dye and Mary Louise Grimes Dye on April 1, 1935, in Fairview, Alabama. She passed away at Huntsville Hospital on Wednesday, October 21, 2026. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Edward Goeller; sisters, Wanda (Arnold) Adams, and Vera (Horace) Allen; brothers, L.J. Dye, Norman (Bettye) Dye, Truman (Marie) Dye, and Farrell Dye. She is survived by her stepdaughter, Kay Kelley (Michael); grandchildren, Michaela and her children, and Samuel and his children; brother, J.B. Dye (Cecile); a host of nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and family and friends. Jamie will be remembered by family and friends as a friendly, outgoing person and active member in her community. She was the office manager at Mackentepe Hardware and Building Supplies for over thirty years. Later in her life, she sold Home Interiors and Gifts. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and a long-time member of the National Secretaries Association. She was active in the Fairview Alumni Association and was on the scholarship committee there as well. Family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at The Neighborhood at Cullman for their diligent and genuine care of Jamie over the last five years. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice in her memory.

Robert Gene Bates, 85
Robert Gene Bates, 85, of Cullman, Alabama, was born December 10, 1940, in Cullman, Alabama, and passed away October 25, 2026. He will be remembered with deep respect and lasting gratitude for a life marked by steady service, quiet strength, and unwavering devotion to those he loved. Robert served the people of his community as Cullman County Circuit Clerk for 30 years, carrying out his responsibilities with patience, integrity, and thoughtful care. He was also a Mason for 57 years, a faithful commitment reflected not only in longevity but in the generous work of his hands and heart—conducting and performing more than 300 Masonic services. A lifelong member of Sharon Grove Methodist Church, Robert's faith was not merely spoken, but lived through loyalty, kindness, and a gentle, consistent presence. Above all, Robert was a loving and devoted husband and a cherished father, grandfather, and great grandfather—a man widely regarded as one of the most wonderful men that ever walked this earth. His family knew him as brave and resilient in life's demands, yet always tender in spirit: wise in counsel, patient in difficulty, and steadfastly kind-hearted. As a beloved grandfather and great-grandfather, he was cherished for the calm strength and devoted love that anchored generations. Robert found honest joy in the outdoors and in the work of the land. Whether hunting, fishing, or farming, he carried the same hard-working dedication and quiet thoughtfulness that defined every part of his life. He is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years, Janice Bates; daughters, Cindy (Bobby) McSwain and Becky (Hayden) Faulk; grandchildren, Brooke (Bill) Berg and Brittany (Whitney) Tucker; great grandchildren, Olivia Yancy, Audrey Tucker, Caroline Berg, Anna Kate Berg, and William Berg; and brother, Frank Bates of Texas. He was preceded in death by his brothers, William "Bill" Bates, Grady Bates, Jack Bates, Thad Bates, and Terry Bates; his sisters, Myrtle Hendrix, Dorothy Hancock, and Viva Johnson; and his parents, Robert Lem and Mamie Pearl Trimble Bates. Rev. Paul Campbell and Rev. Delbert Freeman will be officiating. "What we do for ourselves alone stays with us, but what we do for others lives on and on." In that enduring truth, Robert's legacy remains—beloved, faithful, and deeply cherished.

Rickey Wayne Brown, 75
Rickey Wayne Brown, age 75 of Cullman, passed away on Thursday, October 22, 2026, at his residence surrounded by his loving family. A private family memorial is planned for a later date. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Rickey was born on February 1, 1951, to Enis Brown and Hazel Lilly Craven Brown. He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Linda Fay Davidson. He is survived by his brothers, Hulon Brown, Bendon Brown (Donna), Gerald Brown (Patsy); sisters, Peggy Tiffner, and Vickey Brown. Family remembers Rickey as a quiet, all-around nice guy who was a huge Alabama fan. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Bobby Charles Brown, 88
Bobby Charles Brown of Cullman, age 88, passed away peacefully at home on October 22, 2026 after a short illness. He is survived by his wife of 69 years Joyce Earl Brown; his sons Gregory C. Brown of Morris, Michael E. Brown of Cullman; grandchildren Lauren Brown (Amanda), Leila Motes (Matt), Levi Brown, Jackson Brown; great-granddaughter Charlotte Slay, great-grandson Thomas Slay, and coming soon great-granddaughter Maylee Motes. He is also survived by sisters: Dottie Kirkwood and Janice Beam, two brothers Wayne Brown (Celeste) and Dale Brown (Judy); and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Kenneth Brown and Rayburn Brown; and sister Sarah Ruth Brown. A lifelong resident of Cullman, Bobby was born on November 7, 1937 to Cecil R. and Jessie L. Brown. He spent his life in agriculture having grown up on dairy farms in Cullman and Florida. He worked at Cullman Seed and Feed as manager and grain purchaser until 1977 when he went to Ingram Farms as purchasing agent. He retired from there in 2003. Bobby was instrumental in establishing the Alabama Feed and Grain Association and remained on the Board continuously for 18 years. During this period, he served as treasurer, secretary, vice-president, and president of the Association. The Association endowed a scholarship at Auburn University in honor of Bobby and his wife Joyce. Bobby was an ordained deacon at Bethsadia Baptist Church where he served for many years. Thereafter, he became an active member of Cullman First Baptist Church. For as long as he was able, he took great joy in visiting with the homebound and those in nursing homes. He and Joyce were avid travelers. They especially enjoyed adventure and cultural travel on six continents. Bobby was a passionate sportsman who enjoyed golf, hunting and fishing. The family will welcome visitors at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home on November 7 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., followed immediately by a memorial service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to First Baptist Church Building Fund.

Brenda Gardner, 76
Funeral service for Brenda Gardner, age 76 of Cullman, is Monday, October 26, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, with Bro. Michael Hardin officiating. Visitation will be Monday, October 26, 2026, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Mrs. Gardner will be laid to rest at Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Brenda was born to Herman and Gertrude Holloway on September 26, 1950. She passed from this life on Friday, October 23, 2026, at Huntsville Hospital. She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Carl Holloway, and Eugene Holloway; sisters, Myrna Motley, and Fonda Matthews; niece, Sharon Brannon. She is survived by her loving husband of fifty-seven years, Barry Gardner; daughter, Jennifer Jeanne Gardner; nieces, Susan Maddox (Danny), Tonya Everett, and Diane Barron (Perry); nephew, Bruce "Red" Holloway (Nancy); brother-in-law, Bill Motley; a host of family and friends.

Herman Charles Chapman, 76
Funeral service for Herman Charles Chapman, age 76 of Cullman, is Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at 1 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, with Bro. Truman Davis officiating. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Mr. Chapman will be laid to rest at Duck River Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Herman was born on November 5, 1949, to Herman Lee Chapman and Evon Fowler Chapman. He passed away at his residence, surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, October 24, 2026. He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Lorea Chapman; sisters Brenda Ege (James), and Linda Chapman; brothers, Jackie Wayne Chapman (Geraldine), of Illinois, and Roger Dale Chapman (Bonnie); and a host of nieces and nephews.

Carol Barbara Smith, 80
Carol Barbara Smith, 80, passed on October 24, 2026. Born July 5, 1946, in Cullman, Alabama, she formerly lived in Dallas, GA. Carol is preceded in death by her husband, James Smith; her father, Paul Steven Livingston; her mother, Alma Birdie Jones Livingston; her sister, Pauline Williams; her brother, J.C. Livingston; and her son, Steven Smith. She is survived by her grandson, Justin Smith (Katie); her great-grandchildren, Reece Smith and Raigen Smith; her sisters, Effie Hudson and Penny Viot (Peter); and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members, and friends. A Celebration of Life Visitation will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 2nd Ave North West, Cullman, AL, on Monday, October 26, 2026, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. A second visitation will be held at Benson Funeral Home, 309 Hardee St, Dallas, GA, on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, beginning at 12 p.m. The Celebration of Life Funeral Service will follow, beginning at 2 p.m. The services will conclude with a graveside service at New Canaan Baptist Church Cemetery, 3147 Atlanta Hwy, Dallas.

Angelina Genny Worthington, 90
Funeral Service for Angelina Genny Worthington, age 90 of Hanceville, will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 30, 2026 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Paul Rivers officiating; entombment at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home-Mausolem. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. on Friday, October 30, 2026 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Worthington passed away on Saturday, October 24, 2026 at her residence. She was born, June 7, 1936to Felix and Lucia Fico. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Henry Worthington; parents; and 2 brothers. Survivors include her step-daughter, Bobbie Carroll; step-son, William Doyle (Dora Jean) Worthington; 8 grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren; 1 sister; brothers-in-law, Alford (Linda) Grund, Kingsford Worthington, Hershel Worthington, and Monroe Griffin; sister-in-law, Viola Jett; host of nieces, nephews, family & friends.

Hazel Adell Morris, 90
Hazel Adell Morris, age 90, passed on October 25, 2026. Born March 27, 1936, Hazel lived in Cullman, Alabama. Hazel was preceded in death by her husband, T Morris; her son, Allen Morris; and her parents, Mary and Truman Presley. Hazel is survived by her daughter, Debbie (Jeff) Shikles; her grandson, Josh (Aundrea) Shikles; her great grandsons, Caden and Ethan; and special adopted people, Jill Hollis, Russell Campbell, and Brenda Bennett. Many thanks to Woodland Village for all the special care, the nurses were so sweet to her, east hall especially. Our thanks to Aveanna Hospice, especially Tracy and Erica. Thanks to Pastor Scott Sessions for everything.Hazel was a great mother, grandmother, and a friend to all, and full of spunk sometimes. She worked at East Elementary lunch room for 27 years. She will be greatly missed. A Committal Service will be held at Valley Springs Baptist Church, 7005 Co Rd 437, Cullman, AL 35057, US, on October 28, 2026, from 2 p.m. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Artis Eugene "Gene" Cook, 84
Funeral services for Artis Eugene "Gene" Cook, 84, of Hanceville will be 12 p.m., Thursday October 29th at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Bangor Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday October 28th from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Cook was born June 11, 1942, in Blount County, Alabama to the late Joe Cook & Elvie Bradley Cook. He passed away October 25, 2026, in Cullman, Alabama. Mr. Cook is survived by his wife, Bobbie Alexander; children, Theresa Cook Stisher (Shane), Janet Brockman (JonPaul), Christy Kimbril (Anthony), and Brad Curvin (Alicia); brother, Joe Cook; 10 grandchildren; and 14 grandchildren. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Cook family.

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Hanceville (from Front)

Liz Tankersley
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The Hanceville City Council addressed several proposed policy changes, department appointment procedures and upcoming holiday events during its regular meeting Thursday, Oct. 22.

Among the items discussed was Resolution 2026-8, which would amend the city's vehicle policy. The Council voted to postpone action on the resolution for six months to allow additional time to evaluate the Hanceville Police Department and review the proposed changes in greater detail.

The motion passed with Councilman Robert Powell casting the only dissenting vote.

The Council also considered several proposals concerning the appointment of city department heads.

Resolution 2026-10, addressing the municipal leadership interview process, was postponed to allow the resolution to be rewritten. Mayor Nolan Bradford suggested removing the word "leadership" from the resolution.

Ordinance 2026-12, which would give the City Council appointment authority over the fire chief position, failed to advance after Powell made a motion to approve the ordinance but received no second.

Two similar proposals, Ordinance 2026-13 concerning the appointment process for the public works director and Ordinance 2026-14 concerning the park director appointment process, also failed to advance. Powell made motions to approve both ordinances, but neither received a second.

The Council approved Resolution 2026-9, addressing the city's credit card policy.

In other business, the Council approved the purchase of a tractor for the Public Works Department from Frederick's Outdoors in Decatur. The purchase totaled $50,500 after a $4,000 municipal discount.

The Council also approved Resolution 2026-1022, opting in to the statewide Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday. The resolution provides an exemption from city sales tax on qualifying purchases during the designated holiday period in February 2027.

Council members also addressed upcoming holiday activities, including the city's Tinsel Trail and Christmas Tree Lighting at Veterans Park. Setup for the Tinsel Trail is scheduled to begin Nov. 14, with the Tree Lighting planned for Nov. 21.

The Cullman County Christmas Parade is scheduled for Dec. 5. Local street closures associated with the event will include Michelle Street and Park Street.

The Council also approved four three-year reappointments to the Historic Preservation Commission. Those reappointed were Margie Burkhart for Place 4, Delton Blalock for Place 5, Garrett Gilliland for Place 6 and Robert Powell for Place 7.

Additionally, the Council voted to reschedule its Nov. 26 meeting to Tuesday, Nov. 24.

The Council's next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 12, at 6 p.m.



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