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America's Thrift Stores sets Nov. 18 opening in Cullman

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CULLMAN, Ala. - America's Thrift Stores plans to open its Cullman location Wednesday, Nov. 18, bringing a new tenant to the former Bargain Hunt space.

The store will be located at 1721 Second Ave. SW, Suite 1, next to Planet Fitness. The company announced the opening date in a Nov. 13 release.

The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a ribbon cutting at the store from 9-9:30 a.m. Wednesday. The ceremony is free to attend.

America's Thrift says Cullman will be its 22nd Alabama store and 37th location overall.

Founded in 1984, the company sells donated secondhand clothing and household goods. Its merchandise includes clothing for adults and children, shoes, books, toys, kitchenware and home furnishings.

The company says its stores organize clothing by category and size and add merchandise to the sales floor daily.

The Cullman opening will return retail use to a space previously occupied by Bargain Hunt. The discount chain included its Cullman store among 92 locations in a February 2025 going-out-of-business announcement following its bankruptcy filing.

America's Thrift began recruiting for its Cullman operation before announcing the opening.

As The Tribune previously reported, a processing team posting dated Sept. 3 sought applicants for the new location. Additional retail and processing list- » PAGE 2

County to consider $2.19M construction bid for airport hangar

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CULLMAN, Ala. - Cullman County commissioners will consider awarding a $2.19 million construction bid for a midfield hangar at Cullman Regional Airport on Tuesday, Nov. 17, as the city and county arrange financing for the project.

The county agenda identifies Cullman-based Nearen Construction as the low bidder, with a base bid of $2,185,677.65. The proposed award remains subject to the commission's vote.

The airport, also known as Folsom Field, is jointly owned by the City of Cullman and Cullman County. It is located at 231 County Road 1360 near Vinemont.

The work would include a hangar building along with grading, drainage, base preparation, paving and electrical work, according to the public bid notice. Goodwyn Mills Cawood is the project's engineer.

The same county agenda item proposes accepting an Alabama Department of Transportation matching grant of up to $1 million once ALDOT issues the grant. It identifies a local match of $1,391,423.

The agenda does not divide that local contribution between the city and county. Commissioners will also consider a separate reimbursement resolution for the hangar construction project.

The City Council took its own financing step Nov. 9 when it adopted Resolution 2026-166, which declares the city's intent to reimburse eligible construction expenses using future borrowing or other financing.

The city's resolution estimates airport building improvements at approximately $2,390,762.

"This will be joint financing between the city and county," Airport Director Ben Harrison wrote in his Nov. 2 request to the Council.



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Cullman Regional Airport Director Ben Harrison speaks during the Oct. 22, 2026, ribbon-cutting ceremony welcoming Martin Aviation's new maintenance facility.

The city resolution would allow eligible expenses incurred as early as 60 days before its adoption to be reimbursed from later financing proceeds. It does not itself issue debt or award the construction contract.

ALDOT announced state support for hangar development at Folsom Field on Nov. 5. Its funding table lists $1 million in state money and $1 million from the airport sponsor, identified as the City of Cullman. The table lists no federal funding for that entry.

The pending award follows a bidding process the City of Cullman advertised earlier this year. A Sept. 4 addendum moved the opening from Sept. 10 to Sept. 16.

The Tribune reported Sept. 25 that bidding had closed. At that point, the publicly available solicitation did not identify the intended tenant, hangar size or total project cost.

Tuesday's agenda now identifies the proposed contractor and base construction price. It does not name a tenant, provide the building's dimensions or establish construction start and completion dates.

The hangar proposal follows other recent investment at the airport.

Martin Aviation celebrated the opening of its new maintenance facility at the airport Oct. 22. The Tribune reported that the 13,000-square-foot facility would provide maintenance and inspection services for jet and turboprop aircraft.

Martin Aviation also identifies Cullman as its second location. Its original operation opened at Scottsboro Municipal Airport in 2018.

Folsom Field's existing infrastructure includes a 5,500-foot runway and a full-length lighted taxiway, according to the airport's website.

The County Commission meeting is scheduled immediately after a 4 p.m. work session Tuesday in the Commission meeting room at the courthouse, 500 Second Ave. SW.

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Congratulations to The Folsom Center's 2026-27 Senior Queen Georgia Silvey!



TINA JONES

Silvey won the title Nov. 13. She is pictured with Miss North Alabama's Teen Auburn Burtis and Miss Cullman County Fair's Teen Isabella Grace Jones.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 16

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

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Nov. 12

- attempt to elude law enforcement officer; Beech Ave. SE
- theft of property; CR 1212
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; CR 1342
- trespassing; CR 651
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 1579
- criminal mischief; CR 1807

Nov. 13

- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1701
- harassment; CR 1141

Nov. 14

- trafficking drugs; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR I65NB MM 299
- domestic violence; CR 1855
- domestic violence; CR 813
- domestic violence; CR 565

Nov. 15

- violation of protection order; CR 1855
- theft of property; CR 143
- domestic violence – criminal mischief; CR 1106

ARRESTS

Nov. 12-16

Brockman, Christi M.; 47
- drug trafficking
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Couch, Thomas D.; 31
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – theft from yards

Edwards, Noah A.; 25
- FTA – failure to register vehicle

Henderson, John C.; 20
- possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of synthetic narcotic

Hopper, Kalli G.; 25
- harassing communications

Hopton, Christopher J.; 43
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Hyde, Piper L.; 29
- DUI (alcohol)

Jones, Michelle L.; 32
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – promote prison contraband (drugs)

Lala, Jason R.; 40
- criminal trespass

Lala, Kayla R.; 36
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree – criminal trespass
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree – harassing communications

Miller, Rickey P.; 49
- public intoxication

Moore, Jermaine A.; 33
- FTA – theft from motor vehicle

Sandlin, Benjamin C.; 41
- FTA – negotiating worthless instrument
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Sansing, Anthony D.; 58
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Stewart, Johnny R.; 50
- GJ – obstruction-governmental operations
- GJ – sex offense-force

Swann, Ethan J.; 23
- FTA – driving while license suspended
- FTA – traffic-speeding – no workers – construction zone

Waters, Kendra S.; 32
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Williams, Patrick S.; 43
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Yeager, Christopher E.; 55
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 13
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Oak Manor Dr. SW

Nov. 14
- home repair fraud; person; cash
- leaving the scene of an accident; Huntsville Inner City Church of Christ; damage to '20 Ford Van; $50; 2nd Ave. SW/4th St. SW
- harassing communications; person

Nov. 15
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Hwy. 157

ARRESTS

Nov. 13-15

Barnes, Jonathan F.; 49
- receiving stolen property-4th degree
- unlawful possession of controlled substances
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- tampering with physical evidence

Sandlin, Benjamin C.; 41
- FTA – driving while revoked

Limon, Sarah E.; 34
- public intoxication

Morgan, Sabrina L.; 49
- public intoxication

Hopton, Christopher J.; 43
- FTA – driving while suspended

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Test (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be working with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on Tuesday, Nov. 17, for a nationwide test for the Emergency Alert System (EAS).

The Cullman County Emergency Management Agency stated that residents should be aware of the upcoming alert, but not to be alarmed since this is just a test. The test will take place Tuesday at 1:20 p.m.

"During the scheduled test, regular programming on participating television and radio stations may be temporarily interrupted by a test message," Cullman County EMA said.

While this will interrupt regular programming, there will not be Wireless Emergency Alerts sent to cell phones as a part of this test.

Cullman County EMA also added, "Regular testing helps emergency management agencies and broadcast partners evaluate the systems used to communicate critical information during disasters and other emergencies."

Read more at www.fema.gov/press-release/20260916/fema-and-fcc-schedule-2026-nationwide-test-emergency-alert-system-november.

Visit www.fema.gov for more information on the EAS.

Fire (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. - Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick said Teddy White, 79, of Cullman, died in a house fire Sunday, Nov. 15. The fire was reported at 11:58 a.m. in the 11000 block of U.S. Highway 278 West near Jones Chapel.

The Jones Chapel Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to a structure fire with a reported entrapment, according to Chief Clint Thrasher, who said the first unit arrived at approximately 12:06 p.m., reporting heavy fire showing from the front of the residence.

"There was a male occupant still reported to be trapped in the house," Thrasher said. "Jones Chapel Engine 1 and Rescue 30 arrived on scene and initiated an interior attack, quickly bringing the fire under control. Cullman EMS arrived on scene and transported one patient with injuries to a local hospital."

Thrasher said they also had a great mutual aid response from Sardis, Logan, Bethsadia, Battleground and West Point.

"The Alabama State Fire Marshal's Office and the Cullman County Coroner were requested, and responded quickly to the scene," Thrasher said. "Unfortunately, there was one fatality. We would like to first send our thoughts and prayers to the family. We would like to thank our volunteers who responded and ask the community to pray for them as they also cope with things that follow being involved in a fatality fire."

Thrasher thanked the Sardis, Logan, Bethsadia, Battleground and West Point fire departments, Cullman EMS, Cullman County Sheriff's Office and the Cullman Electric Cooperative, who all assisted on scene.

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America's Thrift Stores will be located at 1721 Second Ave. SW, Suite 1, in Cullman.

Thrift (from Front)

ings followed in late September and early October.

Those advertised jobs included full-time and part-time retail shifts. Processing duties included inspecting, sorting, cleaning and pricing donated merchandise.

America's Thrift operates as a for-profit retailer and supports nonprofit organizations through its donation and resale business. Its Alabama charity partner is Make-A-Wish Alabama, which grants wishes for children with critical illnesses.

"For every pound of goods donated, we make a cash donation to Make-A-Wish Alabama," America's Thrift Stores CEO Chris Homewood said in the opening announcement.

The charity's own account of its history dates the statewide partnership to 2017.

Make-A-Wish Alabama identifies America's Thrift as its largest corporate partner, contributing more than $1 million annually to help grant wishes.

For people planning to donate, the company's published guidelines say it accepts clothing, shoes, books, toys, kitchenware and other household goods.

Furniture in good condition can be taken to store donation centers, subject to the company's acceptance guidelines.

The company lists mattresses and box springs, hazardous materials, recalled products and several types of used children's equipment among items it does not accept.

Donation guidelines and store information are available at www.americasthrift.com. Employment applications can be accessed through www.americasthrift.com/careers.



Library (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Public Library Board met Friday, Nov. 13, to approve several purchases, a new staff title and progress payments toward the library's planned new building.

The Board approved the minutes from its Oct. 22 annual session, when members elected officers for fiscal year 2027: Jill Brown Meggs, board chair; Brooke Desnoes, co-chair; and Martha Williams, treasurer.

Members also approved the library system's FY27 budget at that meeting.

The Board also approved the October financial reports.

The Board approved paying the library's yearly building and insurance premium of $13,624.38. Paying the premium annually saves the library $487.

Board members also approved paying Williams Blackstock Architects $7,875 for work toward the new building design. The payment will come from the library's capital campaign account. The library launched its Every Chapter Matters capital campaign last month to help fund the new building.

In staffing news, the Board approved changing Laura Benton's job title from circulation manager to youth and family services librarian.

The Board also approved purchasing $3,578.04 in books from Gumdrop Books for the library's Early Literacy Center and Bookmobile. The purchase falls within the library's yearly book budget.

Informational items included Library Director Amber Thornton's director's report, along with branch and Friends of the Libraries of Cullman County reports.

The library will have a Giving Haus at the Cullman Christkindlmarkt, Nov. 19-22.

The library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26, through Saturday, Nov. 28, for Thanksgiving.

For more information, visit www.cullmanlib.org or call 256-734-2720.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

PUBLIC NOTICE:
Grace Episcopal Church cheeseballs will be ready for pick up Thursday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. You may enter the church on the Arnold Street side through the French doors under the breezeway between the church and the Arnold House. Let us take this opportunity to thank all of you who purchased cheeseballs enabling our Episcopal Church Women to contribute to many deserving organizations in our community. Together, we are making a difference one cheeseball at a time! Dianne Moyer, 256-734-2231

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Church Services: Spirit Life Church
- 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- 256-739-3326
- spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
- FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
- Saturday, Nov. 14 – 9-11 a.m. Free Thanksgiving to-go lunch
- Sunday, Nov. 15 – 8:15 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call Aimee at 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd.
- Saturday, Nov. 21 – 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank

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.
Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Storytime
- Nov. 18, Susan Melton reading "This is the Turkey" by Abby Levine
- Nov. 25, closed for Thanksgiving
- Dec. 2, Children's author 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"
- Jan. 13, Cassy Holeyfield

More
- Saturday, Nov. 21, 10-11 a.m. Adult book club
- Saturday, Dec. 19, 10-11 a.m. Adult book club
- Saturday, Dec. 19, 11 a.m.-noon "Let it Shine Puppets" a local, in-demand puppet ministry, the best-kept secret in Hanceville
- Saturday, Dec. 19, 11 a.m.-noon We my have a surprise visitor!
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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Good Hope, Cold Springs, Vinemont close seasons as Addison advances

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With reporting by Sammy Confer, Jared Spears and Ryan Guthery

CULLMAN, Ala. - Good Hope, Cold Springs and Vinemont closed their football seasons Friday, Nov. 13, while Addison remained unbeaten and advanced to the Class 1A state quarterfinals.

Good Hope scored 28 fourth-quarter points to force overtime against Deshler, and Cold Springs twice took the lead in the second half at Lexington. Both comeback efforts ended in losses. Vinemont fell to Fayette County a week after earning its first playoff victory since 1993.

Deshler 35, Good Hope 34 (OT)

Good Hope finished 8-4 after its second straight overtime playoff game. Ninth-ranked Deshler improved to 10-2 with the Class 4A second-round win.

The Tigers led 7-0 at halftime and 14-0 after three quarters. Armani Jones' 38-yard touchdown run early in the fourth helped extend the lead to 20-0.

Good Hope answered with a 12-yard touchdown run and a 10-yard touchdown pass to pull within 20-12. Jones scored again on a 54-yard run, and Deshler completed a pass for the 2-point conversion to lead 28-12.

Parker Johnson's 2-yard touchdown run and a rushing conversion cut the deficit to 28-20. A 3-yard touchdown pass and a passing conversion brought Good Hope even at 28 with 23 seconds left in regulation.

The Raiders scored on an 8-yard touchdown pass on the first possession of overtime, but their 2-point conversion pass failed. Jones answered with a 10-yard touchdown run, and Tripp Brooks kicked the winning extra point.

Lexington 50, Cold Springs 36

Cold Springs finished 10-2, completing the first 10-win season in school history. The Eagles entered the Class 2A playoffs ranked No. 10 in the final Alabama Sports Writers Association poll.

Lexington built a 28-10 lead late in the first half. Cold Springs scored before the break, and Ethan Day's 2-point conversion cut the deficit to 28-18.

Day opened the second half with a 54-yard touchdown run to make it 28-24. Eli Voce intercepted a pass on Lexington's next possession, and Blake Phillips scored on the ensuing drive to give Cold Springs a 30-28 lead. The Eagles had scored 20 unanswered points.

Lexington regained the lead at 34-30 before the end of the third quarter. Day's 29-yard run helped set up Brandon Chasteen's 15-yard touchdown run on fourth down, putting Cold Springs ahead 36-34.

The Golden Bears answered with a 5-yard touchdown run and a 2-point conversion. Lexington stopped Cold Springs on downs, added another touchdown run and conversion, then held the Eagles on downs again to finish the game.

Lexington improved to 11-1. The loss ended Cold Springs' five-game winning streak.

Fayette County 27, Vinemont 0

Vinemont finished 7-5 after reaching the second round of the Class 3A playoffs. Fayette County improved to 10-2.

The Eagles intercepted a pass on Fayette County's opening possession, but their next series ended with a punt. The Tigers scored on a touchdown pass for a 7-0 lead, then recovered a Vinemont fumble at the Eagles' 20.

Another touchdown pass and an extra point made it 14-0 after the first quarter. Fayette County added a rushing touchdown and extra point in the second to lead 21-0 at halftime.

The Tigers added six points in the third quarter. Neither team scored in the fourth.

The loss ended Vinemont's three-game winning streak. The Eagles, the fourth seed from Region 6, had advanced with a 16-8 win at Central-Florence on Nov. 6, their first postseason victory since 1993.

Addison 53, Sulligent 0

Second-ranked Addison improved to 12-0 with its seventh shutout of the season. Sulligent finished 7-5 after the Class 1A second-round loss.

Elijah Roberts scored on a 64-yard quarterback draw on Addison's first possession. Zane Smith added a 21-yard touchdown run, and Roberts ran in the 2-point conversion for a 14-0 first-quarter lead.

Roberts found Smith for a 28-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter. Judah Wilkins later returned a punt 58 yards for a touchdown, and Conner Lane's extra point made it 28-0 at halftime.

Joey Wilson scored on a 13-yard run in the third quarter. Roberts then connected with Wilkins for a 13-yard touchdown to extend the lead to 40-0. Addison increased the margin to 46-0 before freshman Kash Turner scored late in the fourth.

The Bulldogs have outscored opponents 592-39 through 12 games and have won their two playoff games by a combined 108-13.

Addison will host Winterboro (12-0) in the quarterfinals at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Wallace State beats Shelton State 46-19 for 2nd straight ACCC flag football title

Russell Frye
Wallace State Sports Information

DOTHAN, Ala. – Emma Kile threw six touchdown passes, including two to Mariah Ragland in the first quarter, as Wallace State defeated Shelton State 46-19 Sunday to win its second straight Alabama Community College Conference flag football championship.

Kile capped Wallace State's opening 66-yard drive with a 9-yard touchdown pass to Ragland. Four plays into Shelton State's first possession, the Lady Lions forced a turnover. Kile found Ragland again, this time from 10 yards out, for a 12-0 lead.

"We had a plan to come out early on and put pressure on Shelton State," Wallace State head coach Daniel Howard said. "I feel like we executed the plan for much of the game."

Shelton State cut the lead to 12-6 on a 9-yard touchdown pass. Kile answered with a 16-yard scoring pass to Destinee Ealy, and Tagaria Robinson added the 2-point conversion to put Wallace State ahead 20-6 at the end of the first quarter.

The Lady Lions scored 20 more points in the second quarter for a 40-12 halftime lead. Shelton State narrowed the margin to 40-19 in the third quarter before Wallace State scored the game's final touchdown.

Kile completed 29 of 37 passes for 289 yards without an interception. The sophomore earned tournament MVP honors after throwing 17 touchdown passes and rushing for another score in three games. She finished the season with more than 5,000 passing yards and accounted for 109 touchdowns, 101 of them through the air.

Howard said Kile drew motivation from finishing second in the ACCC Player of the Year voting.

"She put the team on her back and used that disappointment as fuel for this championship run," Howard said.

Telecia Ransom led Wallace State with nine catches for 125 yards and three touchdowns. Ragland caught seven passes for 54 yards and two scores, and Ealy had six catches for 39 yards and a touchdown. Ma'Kayla Williams added four catches for 56 yards. Taylor Kindred caught three passes for 15 yards and scored on a 3-yard run.

Ragland and Ealy also intercepted a pass apiece. Ragland returned hers 33 yards and led the Lady Lions with seven flag pulls and a pass breakup. Ealy returned her interception 5 yards. Kindred and Rakaytlin Plaskett each had five flag pulls, while Williams and Aniya Tyson recorded six quarterback hurries apiece.



RUSSEL FRYE

The Wallace State Lady Lions won their second straight ACCC flag football championship Sunday with a 46-19 victory over Shelton State in Dothan.

Wallace State gained 317 yards and scored on seven of its 11 possessions. Shelton State finished with 285 yards, 272 passing and 13 rushing.

The top-seeded Lady Lions beat Northwest Shoals 54-0 in the quarterfinals and Southern Union 41-6 in Saturday's semifinals.

Wallace State outscored its three tournament opponents 141-25 and improved to 6-0 all time against Shelton State.

"Winning a championship is hard, but winning back to back is almost impossible because every game we played, we got that team's best," Howard said. "But the girls met every challenge they faced."

Wallace State finished the season 20-1 after going undefeated in its inaugural season in 2025.

The Lady Lions are 40-1 against conference opponents over those two seasons.

Chambers (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Tim and Mary Chambers were named 2027 City Family of the Year at the annual Cullman County Farm-City Banquet. The event was held Thursday, Nov. 12, at Loft 212.

The Cullman County Farm-City Committee chooses a Family of the Year each year, rotating between choosing a Farm Family and City Family. It recognizes members of the community who fulfill the mission of "bringing about a better understanding between rural and urban people by increasing their knowledge and appreciation of each other as partners in progress."

Last November, Rob and Tiffany Whitesell were named the 2026 Farm Family of the Year.

Guests this year enjoyed a silent auction and dinner, which was served by FCCLA students from Vinemont and Cold Springs.

"Thank you to the FCCLA students from Vinemont and Cold Springs who volunteered at last night's Farm-City Banquet," organizers posted on Friday. "They helped serve, pitched in wherever they were needed, and represented their schools well. We appreciate every one of you."

Irish Keener, recently selected as a 2026-2027 Alabama 4-H State Ambassador, was awarded 4-H Student of the Year at the banquet.

Keener also delivered an address, speaking to the crowd about setting an example for younger 4-H students. "Someone is always watching," she said.

She made a point to mention that when she leads, she leads by example, not by the fear of failure.



KATIE DRUMMOND/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Mary Chambers, center, with son Chris, left, and grandson Constantine, receive the 2027 City Family of the Year Award at the Cullman County Farm-City Banquet on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2026. Presenting the award is Colton Rainwater.

She expressed the importance of failure and how crucial it is to embrace it, dust off your knees and stand with your chin held high. "Influence is understanding that your example will guide someone else," said Keener. "They don't have to be perfect to be leaders."

She called on young people, specifically young women, to pursue agriculture, stating, "It has never belonged to one kind of person...Be the voice for agriculture."

Other award winners included:

- FCCLA Student of the Year: Baylee Dye, Cold Springs
- FFA Student of the Year: Cole Eubanks, Holly Pond
- Doris Patterson/Pat Floyd Award for Excellence in Education: Rusty Roden

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- 1st place - Grover Kinsland, Sacred Heart
- 2nd place - Luca Butler, Sacred Heart

4th-6th grade

- 1st place - Reason Rutherford, Holly Pond
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The banquet finished out the night with music and entertainment by local artist Tim Chandler.



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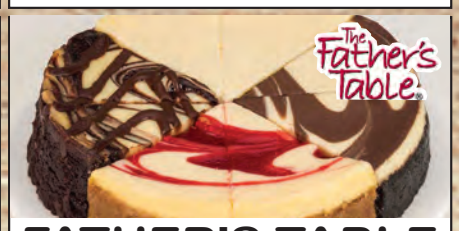
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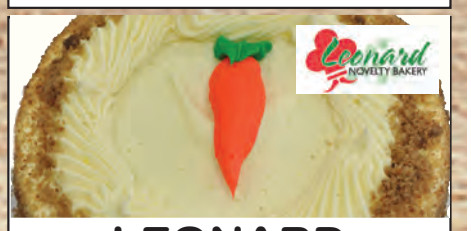
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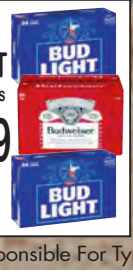


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CPSC urges families to stop using Bambora Sling Carriers

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - On Nov. 12, 2026, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a product safety warning about Bambora Sling Carriers.

"The Bambora Sling Carriers violate the mandatory safety standard for sling carriers because the restraint strap can fail causing it to come apart, posing a deadly fall hazard to babies," said the warning. "CPSC urges consumers to stop using the sling carriers immediately, cut the fabric in half to make the product unusable and then dispose of the product. Do not sell or give away these hazardous products."

These sling carriers come in various prints and have the company name Bambora on a label on the adjustment strap. The label is a light-brown, resembling faux leather. It may read "Bambora" or "Bambora Sling Carrier" on the label.

Visit www.cpsc.gov/Warnings/2027/CPSC-Warns-Consumers-to-Stop-Using-Bambora-Sling-Carriers-Immediately-Due-to-Risk-of-Serious-Injry-or-Death-from-Fall-Hazard-Violate-Mandatory-Standard-for-Sling-Carriers for more information and to see similar recalls.

Vinemont community Thanksgiving meal set for Nov. 21

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VINEMONT, Ala. - The Town of South Vinemont will host its annual Thanksgiving dinner Saturday, Nov. 21, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Vinemont School lunchroom.

Vinemont Town Clerk Kayecea Sasser said they are thrilled to host the community's annual Thanksgiving meal.

"This event is a celebration of kindness, connection and shared gratitude that brings neighbors together in spirit and at the table," Sasser said. "For many of us, Thanksgiving is more than a holiday meal; it's an opportunity to lift up our neighbors, share abundance and strengthen the bonds that make our community special."

This year, they are especially excited to bring people together for a warm, family-style dinner.

"This event will be open to all, offering both sitdown meals and takeout options for those in need that may be homebound," Sasser said. "We are also looking forward to the joy of seeing familiar faces, meeting new friends and creating lasting connections. As one volunteer last year put it: 'If we only feed one person for Thanksgiving, we count that as a success.' That's the mindset we're bringing to this year's event — a reminder that compassion and community are the richest gifts we can share."

She continued, "Together, we will make this Thanksgiving meal a celebration of our shared values, our gratitude for one another and our belief that no one in our community should go hungry."

For more information, contact Vinemont Town Hall at 256-737-5411 or info@townofsouthvinemont.com or visit www.facebook.com/townofsouthvinemont.

1 more week to sign up for Toys of Joy Christmas assistance

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CULLMAN, Ala. - Toys of Joy is in the midst of its 2026 Christmas Campaign for the families of Cullman County children.

Toys of Joy Board Members Meghan Lee, Jennifer Henry, Patrick James, Jessica Atchley and Gina Adams all participate on a fully volunteer basis and are excited for the season.

Lee said the local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization is once again calling on the community to help ensure that financial hardship does not prevent children from experiencing the excitement and magic of Christmas morning.

"Built on a mission of bringing joy, hope and happiness to local children, Toys of Joy relies on the generosity of businesses, civic organizations, churches, volunteers and individuals who believe that every child deserves to feel remembered and celebrated during the holiday season," Lee said. "In 2025 alone, Toys of Joy raised approximately $22,000, provided Christmas assistance to 363 children, and supported five additional nonprofit organizations serving local families."

While the numbers demonstrate the program's impact, the Toys of Joy team emphasizes that the needs of the children served are often more diverse than people may realize.

"This is truly about making Christmas special for every child," Lee said. "One of the most significant needs identified during the 2025 Christmas season was the number of older children and children with special needs requiring assistance. Although traditional toy collection efforts often receive an abundance of gifts suitable for younger children, donations appropriate for teenagers and children with specific developmental, sensory or accessibility needs can be much more difficult to obtain."

For these children, providing a meaningful Christmas gift often requires additional planning, individualized shopping and financial resources beyond what is collected through traditional toy donation boxes, Atchley shared.

"Every child deserves to experience the joy of Christmas, regardless of their age or individual needs," Henry said. "Last year, we saw firsthand how important it is to look beyond traditional toys and recognize that some children need gifts that are more specific to their interests, abilities or developmental needs. We want every child we serve to feel just as special and remembered on Christmas morning."

The organization hopes to increase awareness of these needs during the 2026 campaign and encourages donors to consider older children, teenagers and children with special needs when making contributions.

"Monetary donations are especially valuable because they allow the organization to purchase age-appropriate and individualized gifts when donated items do not meet a child's specific needs," James said. "The Christmas assistance registration is now open for the 2026 Toys of Joy. Families residing in Cullman County who need assistance providing Christmas gifts for their children are encouraged to apply."

In-person registration is still being held at the Cullman VFW, 112 Veterans Dr.

- Nov. 17, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Nov. 20, 6-8 p.m.

Online applications are also available and will close Nov. 22: https://forms.gle/oH3WWUcJ9RDvsRUUA

Applicants must provide proof of Cullman County residency, documentation of guardianship and verification of financial need. Acceptable documentation may include birth certificates, custody records, school records, SNAP or Medicaid eligibility, free or reduced school lunch eligibility, or other qualifying documentation.

"Businesses and organizations throughout Cullman County are once again partnering with Toys of Joy by hosting Christmas toy collection boxes," Adams said. "Residents wishing to participate can donate new, unwrapped toys at participating collection locations throughout the county. In addition to traditional toy donations, Toys of Joy welcomes financial contributions that help purchase gifts for children whose needs may not be met through general toy collections."

A complete and updated list of official collection box locations is available on the Toys of Joy Facebook page, where community members can also find program announcements, registration information and additional opportunities to support the organization. Visit Facebook/Toys Of Joy.

"Together, we can make spirits bright, one child at a time," Lee said.

Homesteading (from Front)

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BAILEYTON, Ala. – Welcome Homestead is a small, family owned and operated farm that focuses on regenerative agriculture and the best interests of their animals and land.

"We are a regenerative farm farming how we feel God intended!" the Homestead said.

Located in Baileyton, the farm features Jersey cows, pasture-raised meat, egg chickens and pastured pork "with a big heart for the community."

One aspect of their community driven efforts has been to hold their Women's Homesteading Group, which meets every other Thursday morning to see different forms of home steading. The group persists year-round and welcomes those few and far to join!

On Thursday, Nov. 19, at 10:15 a.m. the Women's Homesteading Group will take on winter wellness. As this season approaches, many interested in homesteading can take this opportunity to learn about and discuss herbs, teas, nutritious meals and other ways to maintain health with natural remedies throughout the winter months.

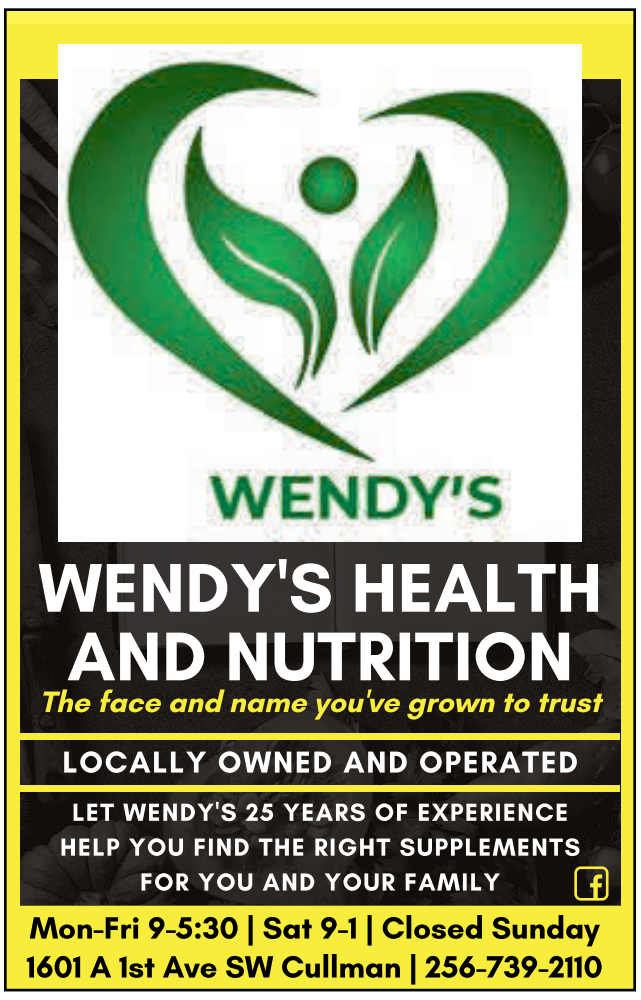
Participants are encouraged to bring recipes, books, topics to discuss or simply come to absorb and mingle.

"Bring a snack to share if you are able and a chair to sit in!"

Organizers also advised that children are welcome.

Welcome Homestead's Women's Homesteading Group will meet on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 10:15 a.m. at 622 Holcomb Road in Baileyton. No fee is listed in the event details.

Visit www.facebook.com/BlueMasonFarm25 for more information.







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Local students participate in Peer Helpers program

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CULLMAN, Ala. - Over 200 Cullman County students known for going above and beyond are part of the Peer Helpers PLUS program and recently finished their last stage of training.

Cullman County Schools Learning Support Facilitator and Mental Health Services Coordinator Karen Pinion said these students serve their schools and communities with incredible work ethic and mindsets.

"They recently worked at Temple Baptist for their last stage of training," Pinion said. "(Earlier this month), middle and high school Peer Helpers met to continue developing skills that enhance students to become effective leaders and mentors. Students spent the day developing leadership skills, problem solving abilities, and addressing practical ways to be a positive role model within the school and community."

Pinion said Cullman County Schools began Peer Helpers last year but the initial founding of the group was nearly 30 years ago.

"In October of 1997, the Moore family of four — who lived on a farm in Foley, Alabama — tragically became a family of three," Pinion said. "The oldest child, Jennifer Claire Moore, who had turned 16 in July and started school in August, took her own life in early October. The Moore family was left with many questions and no answers. The Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation was established, and the Peer Helpers Program was introduced to Baldwin County, Alabama in 1998. As the demand for Peer Helpers continued to heighten, the Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation decided to extend the program, making it available to others beyond Baldwin County. Our school system supports this program by a grant each year."

Pinion said their districtwide social workers are heavily involved in the training events and the support of the school programs, too.

"It consists of two parts: PATHS and Peer Helpers," Pinion said. "All schools within Cullman County Schools participate in Peer Helpers totaling over 350 students in grades 2-12. Students are selected as Peer Helpers by an application process and then chosen by their school leaders. Peer Helpers on each school campus are responsible to serve as leaders in many ways that benefit the school and area."

Earlier this month, Peer Helpers were instrumental in leading schoolwide campaigns that will benefit Curt's Closet,



KAREN PINON

Over 200 Cullman County students known for going above and beyond are part of the Peer Helpers PLUS program.

Pinion added.

"Peer Helpers across the district in grades 4-12 assisted with the district's widely successful Parent Expo on Social Media held at Temple Baptist Church in September of this year," Pinion said. "The purpose of this initiative was to bring awareness to students and parents on the potential dangers of popular media platforms. Peer Helpers will also be instrumental this week when we bring in guest speakers for our seniors at all seven high schools to discuss the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol."

Peer Helpers from Vinemont Elementary initially kicked off Peer Helpers at their school with a Healthy Habits Week Campaign. This allowed for the Peer Helpers to greet students and encourage positivity, growth mindset and kindness.

For more information about Peer Helpers, contact Pinion at kpinion@ccboe.org.

According to Peer Helpers, "Peer Helpers PLUS is an evidence-based program that takes a comprehensive, two-tiered approach to promoting the positive development of our youth, as well as reducing youth violence and suicide."



KAREN PINON

Gentry (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Earlier this month, Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry was elected to serve in Place 1 on the Alabama Service Commission.

Gentry said he is honored and humbled to begin this new journey, but he will not leave his sheriff mentality behind.

"I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity to have served as sheriff of Cullman County," he said. "It's been one of the greatest honors of my life, and I'm thankful for the trust, support and friendships I've gained from the citizens of this county along the way. Cullman County will always hold a special place in my heart. While I'm excited about this next chapter and the opportunity to serve the citizens of Alabama in a new capacity, I'll never forget where I came from or the people who made my time as sheriff so meaningful. I'm looking forward to continuing to serve the people of this great state."

Gentry has been the Sheriff of Cullman County since 2014 and fellow law enforcement officers said his impact will leave a lasting legacy.

Cullman County Sheriff-Elect Chad Whaley said Gentry is certainly leaving some big shoes to fill at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

"Matt and I have grown up in law enforcement together, served alongside one another and even spent time together on the SWAT team," Whaley said. "Over the years, he's become much more than a sheriff to me. He's been a friend, a mentor and someone I've had the privilege of learning from and looking up to. I'm especially grateful for the last six months and the opportunity to work closely with him as we prepare for this transition. I've seen firsthand the time, effort and dedication he's put into making the Cullman County Sheriff's Office what it is today. I hate to see him leave, both personally and for this agency, but I'm excited for him and his family and wish them nothing but the best."

Whaley shared that his goal moving forward is to build on the foundation Gentry established.

"We have an outstanding group of people and a strong organization," he said. "I want to provide continuity where things are working, make improvements where they're needed and continue finding ways to better serve the citizens of Cullman County. There will be new ideas and opportunities ahead, but the commitment to this community and the people we serve will never change. I'm thankful for Matt's friendship, his mentorship and the example he's set throughout our careers. He's made a tremendous difference in this agency and in Cullman County, and I'm proud to have had the opportunity to work alongside him. I hope he knows how much I appreciate him, both professionally and personally."

Cullman Police Chief Joey Duncan said strong communities are built through strong partnerships.

"Sheriff Matt Gentry has been a tremendous partner to the Cullman Police Department and to the law enforcement community," he said. "Working together, building relationships and keeping our communities safe has always been the priority. I have personally appreciated Matt's friendship and the partnership we've built over the years. I know his commitment to serving the people of Alabama will continue in his new role. I'm grateful for the opportunity to have worked alongside him and wish him nothing but the best."

Gentry will officially take office on the Alabama Public Service Commission on Jan.18, 2027.



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Matt Gentry

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
*
TOMMY WADE BARNETT, *
DECEASED. *

CASE NO.: PC2026-378

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to SHANE BARNETT as Administrator of the Estate of TOMMY WADE BARNETT, deceased, on this the 30th 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.

SMITH & KILGO LAW, LLC
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To: THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Cullman, AL 35055

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Notice of Public Meeting

The Cullman City Council will hold a public meeting on Monday, November 23. 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin auditorium at City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, AL 35055. The City Council will consider the approval of the following alcohol license applicant(s): Samu2017, Inc. dba Freeway Package Store, 6390 AL Highway 157 Suite B, Cullman, AL 35057 – Package Store (Retail Liquor) Off Premises.

Notice of Public Meeting

The Alcohol Review Committee of the City of Cullman will hold a public meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the administrative conference room at City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, AL 35055. The Alcohol Review Committee will receive public comments for and against the following alcohol license applicant(s) listed: Samu2017, Inc. dba Freeway Package Store, 6390 AL Highway 157 Suite B, Cullman, AL 35057 – Package Store (Retail Liquor) Off Premises.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to Karla Jean Brauer on the 13th day of November, 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.

Karla Jean Brauer, Personal Representative
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To the publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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

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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Tuesday, December 1, 2026, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Short form subdivision on County Road 616 – move lot line- two lots
2. Conditional use request on Ellsworth Drive SW for a Bed & Breakfast
3. Short form subdivision McNabb Road SW
4. Conditional use request - 6349 Alabama Highway 157 NW - Motel to Multifamily Conversion

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

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 14-16

Adam Louis Lovoy, 46
Adam Louis Lovoy, age 46, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2026 at his residence. He was born, Sept. 16, 1980 to Joseph Domenico Lovoy and Phyllis Kim Lovoy Woods. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. He was preceded in death by his father and step-father, Richard Woods. Survivors include his mother; brother, Nicholas Lovoy; niece, Scarlett Lovoy; aunt, Concetta Kreps; uncle, Todd (Carmen) Reese; cousins, Victor Kyle Reese, Zackary Reese, Kenzie Reese and Zack Reese; step-sisters, Kimberly Miller and Kelly Johnson; step-brother, Alan Woods and a host of family and friends. A memorial will be announced at a later date.

Carol V. Weidman, 70
Carol Weidman, age 70 of Lancaster Pennsylvania, passed away on Friday, Nov. 13, 2026, at her sons residence in Cullman, Alabama. She was born, Novv. 9, 1956, to Chester Lowe and Virginia Lowe. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, James Lowe and Cliffton Lowe; and step-daughter, Jessica Eisenberger. Survivors include her husband, John Eisenberger; son, Richard (Alicia) Weidman; grandchildren, Jaiden (Ashley) Weidman, Kyle Weidman, Bryce Weidman, Lindsey Weidman, and Amora Eisenberger; great grandchild, Eirik Weidman; sister, Christine Lowe Gorecki; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friend. Condolences to all the family involved and who is grieving with is. The Lord keep her.

Mina Fern Hudson, 82
Funeral service for Mina Fern Speegle Hudson, 82, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2026 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in New Hope #1 Cemetery, Pastor Arnold Edmondson officiating. The family will receive friends from 12-2 p.m. on Tuesday. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Hudson passed away Friday, Nov. 13, 2026 at CRMC. She was born Aug. 9, 1944, to John Allen and Alma Etoy Millsap Speegle. She was a hard worker and loved working in her garden and flowers. She enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and word search. Fern loved caring for her dog, Francis. She will definitely be missed. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert Bryan Hudson, Jr.; brothers, Coleman Speegle, Sr., Walter Speegle, Robert Speegle, Allen Speegle, Mitchell Speegle; sisters, Norma Fay Johnson, Revalean Wilhite, Alma May Glassgo, and infants, IV. and Ivalee Speegle. Those left to cherish her memory are her son, Keith (Kristi) Hudson; sisters, Jean Clayton, Sue (Thomas) Johnson; grandchildren, Jessica Hudson Treece, Stephanie (Ryan) Weaver; great-grandchildren, Sadie Brooke Weaver; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com

Christapher Michael Mitchell, 53
Christapher Micheal Mitchell, 53, of Hanceville, Alabama, passed away on Nov. 12, 2026. Mr. Mitchell was born in Cullman County, Alabama, on April 2, 1973, to the late Laverne Mitchell and Kathy Cagle Mitchell Duskin. Mr. Mitchell was a diligent worker who built fences for a living. Chris loved to cook and barbeque, and his culinary skills were the highlight of any get together. He was also an avid Auburn fan who enjoyed cheering on his beloved Tigers. Chris would help anyone who needed a friend, and his compassion for others was evident in the kindness he showed towards them. His love for his daughter was second to none, and he was proud of her and the woman she has become. Mr. Mitchell leaves behind a legacy of love and compassion and he will be missed by all who had the honor of knowing him. Mr. Mitchell is preceded in death by his parents. Those left to cherish the many memories of Chris include his daughter, Ashton Mitchell (Trey Gilliland); daughter at heart, Olivia Thomas; brother, Timothy Mitchell; sister, Paula Williams; dear friend, Angel Self; and a host of nieces and nephews. Friends are invited to join the Mitchell family for a time of visitation on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026, from 10 a.m.-noon. Funeral services will begin at noon, with both visitation and funeral services being held in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Mr. Mitchell will be laid to rest in Zion Grove Cemetery following services. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the American Cancer Society, in Chris's memory, to aid in the fight against pancreatic cancer. A link has been provided below. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Mitchell family.

Mary Lou Tolbert, 89
Mary Lou Tolbert was born on July 16, 1937. She passed away at the age of 89 on Nov. 12, 2026. She was born to Gladys Mae Cornelius Swan and Travis Uness Arnest Swan. In Blount County, Alabama. As the ninth of ten children, she grew up alongside her five brothers and four sisters. On Dec. 11, 1957, at the young age of 22, she married Jerry L. Tolbert. They shared 57 years of marriage until she was widowed following his passing from lung cancer in May 2013. Together, they raised three children: Sandy (Max)Talley, Sheila Spradin, and Danny (Penny) Tolbert. She was the greatest mother to her children than the world would ever know. She was also a loving grandmother to five grandchildren—Crystal Talley (John Baggett) Amanda (Rene) Garcia, Jennifer (Brian) Lambert. Justin (Jessica) Tolbert, Andrea (Dustin) Ponder —and nine great-grandchildren: Jonah and Kaylyn Garcia, Elias, Emiyah, Ezra Lambert, Logan and Olivia Tolbert, Ava Perdue and Layne Ponder. Mary deeply loved the Lord, and going to church was central to her life. She was a faithful member of the New Life Tabernacle Pentecostal Church in Arab, Alabama, until declining health made her unable to attend. She was a wonderful loving mother and friend, she enjoyed fishing, gardening, and, above all, talking about the Lord and inviting people to church was her goal. She spent her time reading the Bible and praying countless prayers for her children, grandchildren, and many others. Her favorite passage from the word of God was Psalms 91. Mary will be missed more than words can say, until we meet again in our final home with Jesus.

Beverly Charlene Keel, 70
Born Feb. 18, 1956, in Birmingham, Alabama, Charlene was a beloved daughter, sister, aunt, and friend whose life was marked by compassion, determination, and devotion to those she loved. Known for her kind heart, adventurous spirit, and unwavering loyalty to family and friends, she leaves behind a legacy of cherished memories and enduring love. Charlene attended Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee, and Prince Institute in Montgomery, Alabama. She began her career as a Court Recorder in Charlottesville, Virginia, and later served as an Administrative Assistant at the University of Virginia. After returning to Alabama, she established a medical transcription business in Alabaster. Following retirement, she moved to Cullman in March 2017. She was preceded in death by her parents, Hollis C. Keel, MD, and Betty (Thomas) Keel; her stepmother, Martha Jane (Pierce) Keel; her stepbrother, Steven Laseter; her brother-in-law, Stephen Jeffrey Byrd, Sr.; her paternal grandparents, James Chester and Annie Mae (Crouch) Keel; and her maternal grandparents, Efrom T. and Minnie Lee (Bridges) Thomas. She is survived by her brother, Hollis Cecil Keel, Jr. (Milli) of Falkville, Alabama; her sisters, Susan Belinda Keel Byrd of Hanceville, Alabama, and Vanessa Elaine Keel Biggers (Billy) of Woodstock, Georgia; fourteen nieces and nephews; eleven great-nieces and great-nephews; five great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews; and many dear friends. An avid reader, Charlene especially enjoyed romance and mystery novels. She also loved crocheting and creating handmade keepsakes for family and friends. Her fondness for butterflies reflected her appreciation for beauty, freedom, and life's simple blessings. Her Christian faith provided comfort, hope, and strength throughout her life. As a butterfly is freed to soar, her family finds comfort in imagining Charlene free from earthly burdens and embraced by the peace and joy of eternal life. In lieu of flowers, the family requests support of local bookstores, libraries, museums, and theaters in honor of Charlene's lifelong love of reading, learning and the arts. A Celebration of Life will be held at the North Alabama Agriplex, 1714 Talleyho Street, SW, Cullman, AL, on Nov. 22, 2-4 p.m.

Patsy Jean Moore, 78
Patsy Jean Moore, age 78, of Decatur, Alabama, passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2026, surrounded by the love and memories of a life well lived. Born on July 22, 1948, in Cullman, Alabama, Patsy was the daughter of the late Adlie Oneal "A.O." Stover and Lucille Bunn Stover. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend whose greatest joy in life was her family. Patsy had a gentle spirit and found happiness in the simple things, whether she was tending to her garden, working a jig-saw puzzle, or spending time with those she loved most. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jimmy Lee Moore; her parents, A.O. and Lucille Stover; and her siblings, Oneal, Linda, Robert, Harold, Anita, and Becky. Left to cherish her memory are her children, Theresa (Robert) Bawsel, Tracy (Christopher) Roberts, Brett (Teresa) Marvel, Kristi Hardin, and Steven Shane (Jessica) Moore. She was a proud grandmother to Nathan Meyer, Ryan (Mariah) Meyer, Jessica Bawsel, Heather Roberts, Blue Roberts, Toni Michelle (Eddy) Del Cid, Anthony Marvel, Decker Moore, and Steven Lee Moore. Her heart was especially filled with joy by her great-grandson, Luca Del Cid. She is also survived by her brother, Tommy (Viki) Stover; her sister, Mary Decker; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends. Patsy will be remembered for the love she shared so freely, her strength, her kind heart, and the unwavering devotion she showed to her family throughout her life. Her presence brought comfort to those around her, and her memory will continue to live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know and love her. The family will hold a Celebration of Life service at a later date and time. Decatur Brown Service Funeral Home is honored to serve the Moore Family.

Jessie 'Libby' Elizabeth Loyd, 71
Funeral Service for Jessie "Libby" Elizabeth Loyd, age 71 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026, at Center Grove Baptist Church with Bro. Jason Vinson officiating; burial at Center Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026, at Center Grove Baptist Church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Loyd passed away on Friday, Nov. 13, 2026, at Cullman Regional. She was born, Oct. 14, 1955, to Leamon Hyde and Rosa Mae Hyde. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Jack Hyde and sister Betty Davis.Survivors include her husband, Carl Loyd; children, Jason (Lori) Raburn, Alicia (Miguel) Gonzalez, Adam (Terri) Raburn, Jimmy (Karen) Loyd, and Nicholas (Vineetha) Loyd; grandchildren, Lucas and Lillie Raburn, Destiny Anders, Carlee, Luke and Lynnzee Loyd; sisters, Phyllis Looney, Pat Love, Nancy Howell, Lisa McGriff, and Pam Rainwater; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. In lieu of flowers please make donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105 or the Center Grove Cemetery Fund.

Teddy Manuel White, 79
Graveside service for Teddy Manuel White, age 79, of the Jones Chapel community, will be Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Jones Chapel Cemetery, with Bro. Sidney McMinn officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Teddy was born on June 21, 1947, to Ted Theodore White and Eron Hattie Miller White. He passed away on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2026. He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of fifty-seven years, Sheila Sue Graves White; three children, Stephanie Hood (John), Nick White (Amy), and Allison White; grandchildren, Reilly Hood, Tyler White (Jasmine), Tayler White, Ava Lewis, Kate Lewis, Evan Lewis; great-grandson, Arlo Russell.

Janice Kay Watts, 88
Janice Kay Watts, age 88, died on November 12, 2026 in Pensacola, Florida, after a brief acute illness. She is survived by her four children, Kathy (Goggans) Doman, Lynne (Goggans) Miller, Dianne (Goggans) Secola (Rob), and George Goggans, Jr.; six grandchildren, Jamie Secola, Henry Miller, Charlie Miller, Jane Miller, Paul Miller and Everett Doman; two great grandchildren, Abram Davis and Elias Davis. She is also survived by her brother, Glenn Watts (Earlene) and sister, Elaine Watts; and many nieces and nephews. Preceding Janice in death are her parents, Oscar Bernard Watts and Isola Scott Watts; and her brother, Tommy Watts. Janice was born in 1938 on her family farm, in Holly Pond, Alabama, a place that was always dear to her heart. It was there that she learned about hard work, and where she developed a love for reading, literature, and writing that would influence her path throughout her life. She was the Valedictorian of her class at Holly Pond High School and attended Sneads College before marrying George Goggans in 1958. After her four children were born and the family moved to Pensacola, Florida, she returned to school and received her bachelor's and master's degrees in English at the University of West Florida. She wrote for the university newspaper and edited its literary magazine. She began her high school teaching career in 1975 at the Pensacola School of Liberal Arts and continued at Milton High School where she taught English and French until her retirement in 1999. While at Milton High, she received the Teacher of the Year Award and was zealous about imparting to her students, her appreciation and enthusiasm for literature and language. She was happiest when exploring the classics with her students in her Great Books class. Janice also served for many years as an instructor of English at Pensacola State College. In addition to her profession as an educator, she was also a prolific writer, whose work appeared in Literarily Speaking, and in Emory University's Junction. She published a book of poetry, The Spider's Touch, and wrote The Heart of Jay, chronicling stories of longtime residents of the Jay, Florida community. She contributed articles to the Jay Tri-City Ledger and the Cullman Tribune. Writing was a passion of hers, and she was tireless in her dedication to it. One of her many favorite authors, William Faulkner, said "If a story is in you, it has to come out." Janice's life was all about telling those stories. She could always be counted on to give a carefully selected book for every birthday, Christmas, or special occasion. She will be laid to rest in her beloved Holly Pond, Alabama, in the cemetery alongside many of her family and friends.

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NOVEMBER 17, 2026

Cookie Crawl



GAUGE DAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Enjoy these images from this year's Cookie Crawl, hosted by the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center and participating businesses across Cullman on Saturday, Nov. 14.



GAUGE DAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

This year's adventure once again featured Strider Day, a local cookie-loving connoisseur and adventurer, who spent four hours traveling across Cullman collecting cookies and taking a bite of each one along the way! Even after four hours, we still ran out of time before making it to every stop. Strider's older brother, Raiden, also made a few guest appearances throughout the day.



GAUGE DAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

And while we were a little disappointed to find that some businesses had already run out of cookies, we were just as happy to see it! After all, that meant plenty of folks were out visiting and supporting local businesses.



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Thirty-three cookies and plenty of sugar later, we consider the 2026 Cookie Crawl a huge success!

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