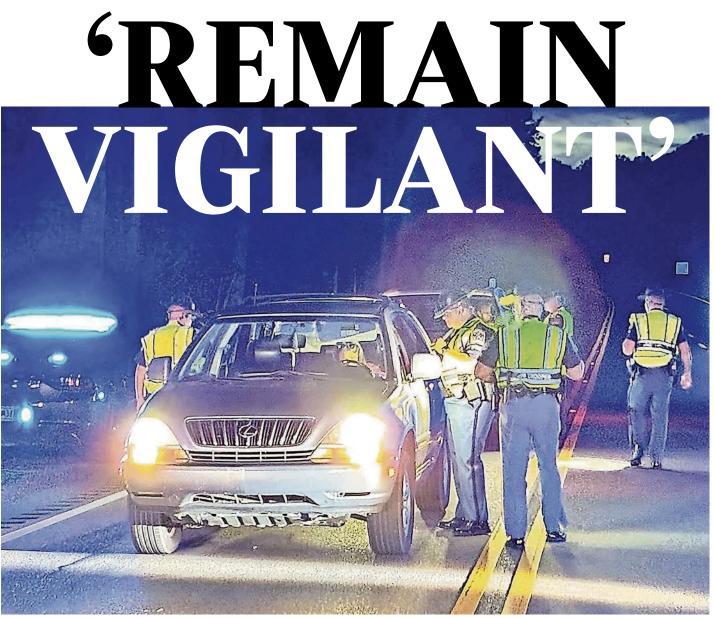
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Just ahead of Labor Day Weekend, ALEA's Highway Patrol Division held driver license safety checks. PROVIDED BY ALEA

Labor Day Weekend sees 6 deaths in Alabama, rise in citations

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Six people were killed in traffic incidents over Alabama's four-day Labor Day Weekend, according to the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency.

"While no traffic fatalities were reported on two of the four days, six individuals tragically lost their lives during the other two days of the extended holiday period," stated a report released Sept. 4 by ALEA's Capt. Jeremy J. Burkett.

The number of traffic fatalities matched those from Alabama's 2024 Labor Day weekend.

Along with traffic fatalities, there were four boating injuries for 2025 — including a 12-year-old on Lake Martin in Elmore County — over the weekend.

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By the numbers

Highway Patrol

- 371 crashes investigated
- 147 traffic injuries
- 6 traffic fatalities
- 4,696 citations issued
- 1,638 warnings issued
- 2,324 speeding citations
- 473 seatbelt citations
- 33 DUI arrests

Marine Patrol

- 3 crashes investigated
- 4 boating injuries
- 0 boating fatalities
- 67 citaions issued
- 538 warnings issued
- 310 vessel inspections
- 41 boater assists

1 BUI arrest

ALABAMA'S NATURAL BEAUTY

Southern Living local ranks 20 places

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From iconic state parks to secluded riverbanks, Alabama's natural beauty often goes unnoticed. However, Southern Living's native reporter Tara Massouleh McCay highlights the 20 most beautiful places in the state, with the top three being so

stunning, they might surprise you. The list, curated by McCay, highlights everything from iconic tourist spots to hidden gems that locals cherish. It's a love letter to the state's rich landscapes and a reminder that beauty isn't always where you expect

Here are McCay's top three beautiful places in Alabama.

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A scene from Christmas at the Falls, the popular annual light show at Noccalula

Falls Park. PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF GADSDEN

What is Alabama's oldest high school?

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In a town better known for its university, Alabama's oldest public high school has been making its own history since 1837.

Auburn High School is Alabama's oldest high school and one of the nation's top 50 oldest high schools, ranking as the fifth oldest school in the South.

The history of **Auburn High School**

Located in Auburn, Auburn High School began as a small private school just a year after the city of Auburn was founded and has evolved into a modern academic powerhouse, all while preserving a legacy that spans nearly two centuries of Southern education.

Auburn High School was a private school taught by a single instructor in a wartime classroom run from a Union prison camp. Wars, economic hardship and educational reform have reshaped Auburn High.

Once a girls' college run by Masons, the school became public in the 1880s, added college-level classes for women

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TRANSPORTATION SUSTAINABILITY

Study ranks AL among worst

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Alabama is one of the worst states for sustainable transportation, new data shows.

Texas Electricty Ratings, a site that primarily provides resources about Texas electricity companies, ran a study that surveyed methods of transportation and their impact on the environment nationwide.

Using data from the U.S. Census, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Highway Administration and the U.S. Department of Energy, a ranking was created with all 50 states based on 13 factors — including traffic volume, commute time and mode, air ${\it quality}, {\it and vehicle\,emissions-to\,see}$ which state had the most sustainable transportation.

Specifically, each indicator — with higher importance and more weight being put on commute time, EV/hybrid adoption rates, and transportation CO2 emissions — was scaled from 0 to 10 and weighted according to its environmental impact.

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