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Presidential cliffhanger continues

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– PREP FOOTBALL –

Aggies advance with 27-22 win over Center Point



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview's Parker Martin (9) posted four touchdowns in the Aggies' 27-22 win over Center Point Friday night.

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VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION TODAY AT AIRPORT



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The "Georgia Mae," a B-25 Mitchell bomber, is one of the WWII-era aircraft that will be on display at the 2020 Cullman Veterans Day Celebration.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman's 2020 Veterans Day Celebration is today from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Cullman Regional Airport. This year's event will include original WWII aircraft that have not been to Cullman before, as well as opportunities to get face-to-face with a few of the last remaining representatives of "America's Greatest Generation" and a chance to honor those who have served in the Middle East. Admission and parking are free.

According to www.cullmanveteransday.com, "We plan to conduct the Nov. 7 veterans celebration in full compliance with public health directives, including masks and social distancing."

The slate of aircraft includes, among others:

• B-25 Mitchell bomber, a plane used throughout the war, but maybe most famous for its use in the 1942 Doolittle raid on Tokyo.

• F-4U Corsair Navy/Marine fighter, the plane made famous by Col. Greg "Pappy" Boyington's "Black Sheep Squadron."

• C-47 Skytrain troop transport, often dubbed the "Gooney Bird" by troops. Several of the WWII-era planes and their commercial DC-3 counterparts are still flying, but the plane that will visit Cullman actually dropped troops on Normandy during the 1944 D-Day invasion.

• P-51 Mustang fighter, considered by many to have been the premier allied fighter aircraft of WWII, flown by many units including Alabama's own "Redtail" Tuskegee Airmen. In conjunction with the display, the event will feature an exhibit of Ford Mustangs.

• CH-47 Chinook twin-rotor heavy cargo/troop helicopter

The event will include free lunch for veterans and their spouses, WWII displays and costumed reenactors, war movies featuring military aviation, skydiving demonstrations and the Wallace State Jazz Band. » PAGE 3

COURTS

Cullman man sentenced to life in prison for 2019 murder in Fayette Co.

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FAYETTE COUNTY, Ala. – A Cullman man has been sentenced to life in prison for a 2019 murder in Fayette County. Fayette County District Attorney Andy Hamlin on Friday announced the sentencing of Blue Berry Hill, 19.

According to a media release from Hamlin's office, Hill was charged with murder in the shooting death of Joshua Devin Bush. Bush, 18, was found dead in the intersection of Sand Springs and Bly Roads in rural Fayette County in 2019. A passerby reported finding Bush's body around 2:30 p.m. Aug. 30, 2019, adding they had seen nothing when they drove through the same intersection two hours prior. Upon arriving on the scene, law enforcement discovered that Bush had been shot.

Witnesses assisted investigators with the 24th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office/ Criminal Investigations Division, Fayette County Sheriff's Office, Winfield Police Department, Alabama State Bureau of Investigation and the 25th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office/ Criminal Investigations Division in the investigation.



FAYETTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Blue Berry Hill

This cooperation led to Hill being quickly identified as a suspect. He was taken into custody the night of the shooting at a residence in Fayette County.

Hill pleaded guilty in court Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 3 following a hearing where Circuit Judge Sam Junkin denied his request for youthful offender status.

"Hill shot and killed Devin Bush for no » PAGE 7

Bosom Buddies selling turkeys, hams for Thanksgiving

Fundraiser helps local cancer patients » PAGE 7

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Colony gives tablets to students in community tutoring program

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PATRICIA PONDER

Tutoring program coordinator and Colony's new Mayor Pro Tem Ethel Alexander (left) and former Mayor Donnis Leeth (right) with students who received tablets as part of the Town's tutoring program

COLONY, Ala. – On Thursday, Ethel Alexander- coordinator of Colony's recently established tutoring program and the town's newly appointed mayor pro tem- along with former Mayor Donnis Leeth, presented Amazon Fire HD 10 tablets to students in the tutoring program. The devices feature dual band Wi-Fi, high-definition displays and hands-free operation via Alexa, tools that will come in handy for the students, who currently have to do much of their schoolwork from home.

Town Clerk Patricia Ponder told The Tribune, "Former Mayor Donnis Leeth wanted to reward the children and parents for dedicating themselves to learning," and ordering the devices was among his last acts as mayor, but, she said, "The tablets were not delivered before he left office."

Alexander and several mothers from the community started the program to help students who are struggling with virtual learning under the current conditions of COVID-19. Mothers and students are bringing their computers and other devices to the Educational Complex Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. until noon, where the kids can plug in while the moms compare notes on how to do things. Meanwhile, Alexander- a once and now again educator herself- comes to provide support and advice to the parents and students on anything from academics to navigating the online world of virtual education.

Alexander told The Tribune in September, "They're working through the virtual learning through the schools that they go to. They log on each morning that they come. The fifth grader, the sixth grader and the fourth grader are independent; we're just there to assist them if they have a question. But they're able to read and do their work, so it's just a reinforcement for them.

"The younger ones, the first graders, we're doing more hands-on with them. The mothers are actually taking charge in that, and they're doing a great job. We have one mother that actually, she seeks out the work that should be done, that goes to support what they're doing through virtual, because what has happened, I think, is that they're logging on to virtual, but there is nobody talking, really, back to them. The children, they need that hands-on type, that communication back and forth.

"The parents are doing very well with that. What I'm just doing is I'm assisting the parents and encouraging them that they can do this thing, because they didn't know if they would be able to manage, and they had so many questions on virtual and the new way of learning, now. I think they're going to do a great job."

The tutoring program is still taking students, and is open to students in any grade, as long as they come with a parent or guardian.

Said Alexander, "We do have room for others, but the thing is that if a parent brings a child, they have to stay with the child. We're teaching the parents to be teachers," Alexander said, adding, "If that parent is having trouble, we're there to help the parent. They're not by themselves. That's the good thing about it: the parents are supporting each other. So if one's having trouble, the other one can maybe take up the slack. I'm there to also help take up the slack if there's issues, because there were a lot of concerns when we first started."

Alexander concluded, "I believe they're going to do good."

In September, the council voted to support the program with a $50 per month contribution to purchase supplies and materials. Donations have been delayed as the issue of who is authorized to sign checks for the Town is contested within the town government.

Both virtual and home-schooling assistance are available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week from 10 a.m. until noon. The classes are held at the Education Complex in classrooms set aside by the town council for the Colony Historical Society that is currently being established.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 6

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 6, 2020. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No incidents or arrests reported

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 4

• second-degree theft by deception; Peoples Bank; Cherokee Ave. SW; cash

• second-degree theft of lost property; person; Cleveland Ave. SW; pistol; $525

ARRESTS

Nov. 5

Dees, Carla S., 63
• harassment

Baccus, Mary J., 59
• FTA- public intoxication

Howell, Jacob P., 33
• fourth-degree theft of property

Sawyer Jr., Thomas K., 39
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
• FTA- improper lane usage

York, Kodi V., 25
• FTA- insurance violation

Elms, Randy L., 25
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, Nov. 6, 2020 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

• Total confirmed cases in AL: 170,446 (+1,180 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in AL: 30,268 (+230 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in AL: 2,839 (+21 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in AL: 210
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 2,404 (+65 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 685 (+23 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 20 (+1 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 7
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 21,446
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,041
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 701
• Total tested in Alabama: 1,387,448
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 20,222
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 98,552
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,022
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 21,294
• Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 84,471

See more details at https://bit.ly/2VjCQbP.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Monday and Thursday nights 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

Church Services
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Please join us to pray or come for prayer.
• "Events of the End Times" Bible study with Pastor Bobby Dodd- Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
• Sunday mornings- 10 a.m. adult, youth and children's classes; 11 a.m. children's classes; praise and worship, and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd

Cullman Moose Lodge Annual Turkey Shoots
At the Lodge on Eva Road starting Saturday, Nov. 7 at 8 a.m. and continuing every Saturday through Dec. 5. There will also be a special shoot Thanksgiving Day. Proceeds from these events will go to benefit the Lodge Special Projects Fund and local charities. Call 256-318-3013 for additional details or information.

Smoked Turkey & Ham Fundraiser
• Proceeds support the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation.
• Let Freddie Day Catering cook your Thanksgiving ham or turkey! Order your delicious, slow-smoked 11-13 lb. turkey or 8-9 lb. ham and support the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation.
• When: Pre-orders accepted until Nov. 13 (must be paid in full when order is placed)
• Cost: Turkey $25 Ham $35
• Curbside pickup: Nov. 21 from 10-11 a.m. and Nov. 25 from 4-5 p.m.
• Location: Freddie Day Catering 1628 2nd Ave. NW
• For ordering information, contact Louise Cole at 256-503-5301 or Judy Grissom at 256-347-5993.
• Email us at ccbbfinc@gmail.com or visit www.CullmanBosomBuddies.com.

Wallace State Future Foundation Student Investment Lunch-In and Auction
• The online auction will take place from Nov. 18 through Dec. 3, with anyone welcome to bid on items.
• The Lunch-In will be catered by Seasoned Catering and The Historic Bakery. The menu includes stuffed pork loin with bacon, Swiss cheese, sundried tomato and bacon citrus cream, green beans almondine, roasted baby red and gold potatoes, house made rolls and a gourmet red velvet cookie for dessert.
• The drive-thru event will be held Dec. 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the new Traditions Bank Operations Center at the corner of Third Avenue Northwest and First Street Northwest in Cullman. Deliveries will be made to Legacy, Premier and Gold sponsors on the date of their choice between Dec. 7-18.
• Sponsorship levels range from the $50 Fund a Need Sponsor to the $25,000 Legacy Sponsor, which pledges $5,000 annually for five years. Any donation will be gladly accepted, and donations can be earmarked to a specific scholarship fund of your choice.
• Visit www.wsccfuturefoundation.org/sil20 to register for the event, to access the online auction or make donations.
• Reservations for lunch should be made by Nov. 20. Call 256-352-7842 for more information or visit www.wsccfuturefoundation.org/sil20.

Mt. Olive Church Ladies Christmas Bazaar
• Saturday, Nov. 7, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Simcoe Community Center, 4225 Alabama Highway 69, Cullman
• Everything will be outside in tents.
• Famous homemade desserts – cookies, cakes, pies and more – original arts and crafts and yard sale items
• No soup this year due to COVID-19
• Benefits Christmas Love program and Samaritan's Purse shoebox ministry

St. Paul's Lutheran School Fall Flea Market
• Saturday, Nov. 7, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in the back parking lot of the church and inside the gym. Santa Claus will be making a stop between 9 a.m.-noon for those who would want to get their lists to him early!
• Forty vendor spots are available: $15 for space outside or $30 for a space inside the gym with an option to set up the night before. Spaces are going quickly. If you or your business is interested in renting a booth for the Fall Flea Market, contact Emily Trahan at emilytrahan@stpaulscullman.com.

Farm Kids Club Harvest Cooking Class
• Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9-10:30 a.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex, www.agriplex.org
• Perfect class for your chef in training! We will use nature's fall bounty to prepare a healthy & delicious individual feast all taught by a real chef! Each child will take home an apron, chef's hat, cooking tools & recipes. Classes will be under the pavilion so dress appropriately. $5 per child, adults are free, max cost is $10 per family.

Cullman County Veterans Day Celebration
• Saturday, Nov. 7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Cullman Regional Airport, 231 County Road 1360, Vinemont, AL 35179
• This year's event will include original WWII aircraft that have not been to Cullman before, as well as opportunities to get face-to-face with a few of the last remaining representatives of that body of military veterans called "America's Greatest Generation," and a chance to honor the young troops who have served this generation in the Middle East.
• Free admission and free parking
• Organizers say the event will be in full compliance with state health directives, including masks and social distancing.
• www.cullmanveteransday.com

87th Annual (Drive-Thru) Welti Chicken Supper
• Saturday, Nov. 7 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at Welti Elementary School, 8545 County Road 747, Cullman (south of Berlin). The cost is $10 and includes chicken & dressing, green beans, potato salad, slaw, cranberry sauce and dessert.
• Drive-thru only; Pay onsite
• All proceeds benefit Welti PTO and are used to purchase classroom supplies and materials.

29th Annual Mud Creek Marching Festival
• Saturday, Nov. 7 from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. at Hanceville High School
• Admission is $5 for adults; children 5 and younger free
• Parking is $3
• See a schedule and get more information at www.facebook.com/mudcreekmarching.

Bryant Brothers Automotive Track Day / Car Show 2020
• Sunday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Baileyton Drag Strip, 1582 Summit Road, Baileyton, AL 35019
• WAKE UP AND SMELL THE RACE FUEL! Bryant Brothers Automotive is hosting another exciting day at the track. We will be running test and tune, grudge racing and a car show. Track will be fully prepped. Get those vehicles out of storage and come have some fun with us! We will be giving out trophies out for the car show. We look forward to seeing our friends and family!

Holly Pond Bronco Band Swamp John's Dinner
• Sunday, Nov. 8 from 11 a.m-2 p.m. in the Holly Pond lunchroom
• $11 per plate, carry out or walk in (drive-thru not available)
• See www.facebook.com/HP-BroncoBand for more information.

Cullman Education Retirees Association Meeting
• Thursday, Nov. 12 at 11 a.m. at Stone Bridge Farms in the meeting room (right of main dining room)
• All education retirees are invited to attend. Our program will be presented by Southern Eats. Following the program, we will have a brief business session and then enjoy lunch together.

Little Farmers Up in the Garden, Down in the Dirt
• Friday, Nov. 13, from 10-11 a.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex, www.agriplex.org
• Meet worm friends and try a little 'dirt' pudding! We will feature Kate Messner's adorable children's book 'Up in the Garden, Down in the Dirt' for this fun preschool program. This program is for ages 3-5 with their adult. Classes are $5 per child.

34th Annual Ho! Ho! Ho! Christmas Show / Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show
• Saturday, Nov. 14 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Depot Park by the Train Depot, 309 First Ave. NE
• Fundraiser for Christmas Love of Cullman- Entry fee is $20 or a new toy valued at $20
• Dash plaque for first 50 registered vehicles
• For more info, see www.facebook.com/hohohochristmasshow.

Thanksgiving Revival with Dr. David Smith and Dr. David Beck
• Sunday, Nov. 15 at 5 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday, Nov. 16-18 at 6:30 p.m. at Cross Baptist Church, 23654 U.S. Highway 31, Falkville, AL 35622

Heritage Skills Favorite Ferments
• Tuesday, Nov. 17, from 6-8 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex, www.agriplex.org
• We are featuring local farmer Mae Jefferson from Wild Rows Farm. A brief history of fermenting, a beginners guide to the process of fermentation, and an explanation of the health benefits will all be covered! Mae will do a sauerkraut demonstration and each participant will take home some kraut and a SCOBY (kombucha culture). Cost is $10 per person. Registration required.

Heritage Homeschool Woodworking
• Thursday, Nov. 19, from 9-11 a.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex, www.agriplex.org
• Students will use basic hand tools to make a woodworking project to take home. Due to the hands on nature of this program, no unregistered siblings allowed. Students may require assistance from their adults. Local members of the Woodworkers Guild will be on hand to help! Cost is $8 per child, max is $16 per family. Program is for kindergarten and up.

Vinemont Band Booster Craft Show
• Friday, Nov. 20 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 21 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Cullman Church of Christ, 4345 AL Hwy. 157, Cullman, AL 35058
• Free admission. Door prizes and concessions. $500 cash raffle at noon Nov. 21.

Kids Loving Kids
• Dec. 12 at Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• A community outreach that provides clothes and toys for children and teens. Help us provide for those in need by donating gently used clothes or toys, new toys or cash! Bring donations to the church Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Call Joanne at 256-339-4138 to arrange a different time to drop items off. Call Alisha at 205-717-7478 to arrange for pick-up. To register to receive these items, sign up on Kids Loving Kid's Facebook page or go to https://form.jotform.com/202483601332041.

Funny Things from Yesterday: Hunting boots

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It is almost time for hunters to get out their guns and oil and polish them up. They also need hunting clothes and a good pair of hunting boots.

I hunted sometimes with my Uncle Walker, my mother's brother. We usually hunted squirrels.

To hunt squirrels, you have to go into the woods and find trees that produce hickory nuts or acorns. You get a good place to sit and stay very quiet and wait for the squirrels to appear. I don't remember ever shooting a squirrel. I have gotten to the time in life that I feed the squirrels on our back porch instead of shooting them.

When we went rabbit hunting my Daddy usually went, too. We would go to Uncle Kermit's house. He was my Daddy's brother-in-law, as Aunt Ivalene was Daddy's sister. The reason we went to his place was that he always had hunting dogs. I guess I probably killed a rabbit or two, but I was just not a great hunter.

I went quail hunting with Rudene's brother, Cois, a time or two, but I just did not have the quickness needed for quail hunting.

Now I will tell you about the hunting boots. One day we had gone to Uncle Kermit's house for a hunting trip. I had a new pair of hunting boots. The soles of the boots had little treads on them to keep them from slipping when you were in a slick spot.

I was proud of them. There was a little damp and slick looking spot in the yard. I thought I would walk on it and show how my boots worked.

It was cold and we were standing around with our hands in our pockets. I walked over to the slick spot and it had a little slop to it. I took a step on the spot and boom I hit the ground.

With my hands in my pockets I was not able to catch in any way. I fell flat on the ground and even my chin hit the ground. My cousin, Ray, was next oldest to me, enjoyed seeing me flat on the ground and I think he laughed the hardest. I was embarrassed as well as being disappointed in the failure of my boots. That may be when I quit hunting.

A few years went by and one day before Thanksgiving I decided to go to a turkey shoot.

You don't shoot live turkeys, you shoot at a target, and the closest shot in the middle of the target wins a dressed, frozen turkey. I shot three or four times with my double barreled 12 gauge shotgun and didn't come near the middle of the target.

A friend that I had worked with at a fruit stand years ago said to me, "Try my single barrel 16 gauge and see how it shoots."

I took his gun and on the first shot I hit the target right in the very middle. It made me wonder if my double barreled was built a little off center.

Anyway, it doesn't matter because I don't hunt anymore. I am content to feed the squirrels on the back porch.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

The day I visited Alabama's Great Escape Falls

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



I grew up in Northeast Alabama where we had beautiful mountains, canyons, and waterfalls like Little River Falls, DeSoto, Noccalula, and High Falls. Since 2007, I have lived on the plains of East Central Alabama where we have no mountains and canyons, and therefore, few waterfalls. Here on the plains, as we are often called, we do have waterfalls below the dams at Chewacla State Park and Beans Mill. Recently, much to my surprise, I found another one. Nobody, not even me, knew about this one, until that day.

I had scheduled to play-and-sing at a nearby festival that afternoon. Rain was in the forecast, as well as college football, but I went to perform anyway.

When I left home it was misting rain. By the time I reached the festival grounds, it was raining cats-and-dogs and a couple of cows. I figured no one would still be at the festival.

I was almost completely correct. Before I unloaded my instruments and trudged through the deluge and the mud, I decided to sit in my vehicle and wait for the rain to slack up.

That's when I felt a drop of water hit my left thigh. My windows were up, so I did not know where it could have come from. Recently, I had an issue with water mysteriously getting inside my truck when it rained. I have learned that there are a few things you can always count on to leak. These include convertibles, sunroofs, fireplace chimneys, flat roofs, and bank accounts.

As I sat there, I saw another drip come down from the front left corner of my Ford Escape's sunroof. I opened the sliding interior cover and the drip disappeared. Well, actually, it didn't disappear... it evolved. I've seen a few of the great waterfalls of the world, besides those in Alabama. Those include Akaka Falls in Hawaii, Yosemite Falls, Niagara, Iguazu Falls in Brazil, and now Escape Falls in my truck.

I searched for a way to escape Escape Falls, but before I could, the front of my pants was soaked, as well as my truck's seat. At Escape Falls, nobody gave me a plastic raincoat like they did at Niagara.

I looked like I had, well you know, like I had had an accident that young children and old men sometimes have. I cranked my engine, opened the sunroof and re-shut it, hoping to get a better seal. That's when the remainder of Escape Falls fell...before I could escape. Have you ever tried to slide over a gearstick and console while dodging a waterfall? As the sunroof (aka rain-roof) flooded my truck, visions of accidently knocking the transmission in gear and plowing through the festival grounds flooded my thoughts!

Finally, the rain slacked. I waded through mud-puddles, cats, and dogs, to the pavilion. Since I was the last musician for the day, I could sing until the end of festival...which was an hour earlier than I had thought.

After the guys on stage before me sang well into my allotted time, and then invited someone else to come up to sing, I decided to donate my remaining ten minutes to them and go revisit Escape Falls. I covered my soaked truck seat with a Dollar General plastic shopping bag and headed for home.

Things don't always go as we had planned, but sometimes we just have to search for the rainbow. At least I didn't have to stand in front of a crowd and hide my wet pants behind my guitar. The rain stopped, the sun shone, I watched football, and I lived to sing again. By the way, how would you like to see Opelika's Escape Falls? You can for a song, but bring your raincoat.

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1952

From the Files of 1952

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Horton of Hanceville were guests on the Bud Collyer, Toni Break the Bank Television program. They won the $2,530 jackpot. Mrs. Horton is the former Mildred Gladney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Gladney. Mr. Horton and his wife are Church of Christ missionaries to Nigeria. They plan to donate the money to the fund to send another missionary to Nigeria.

Mrs. Edna Bice, 32 and her daughter, Gayla, 11, were struck by a car in their own yard at Walter and received multiple injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Faulk were seriously injured by a dynamite explosion on Sunday at Hanceville. The family built a fire in the stove and forgot that dynamite had been stored there for safekeeping.

Mrs. Martha Ann Williams, 74, died on November 9th. Reverend W.O. Hunt conducted the services at Providence.

Garden City 4-H Club officers are Bert Simpson – president, Roger McAnnally – vice-president, Eddie Siebert – secretary, treasurer and D.D. Shaver – reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Sinyard of Birmingham spent the weekend with the Calvern Sinyards and the Leonard Woodard family.

The 4-H Club officers at Trimble are Leroy Pope – president, Roger Calvert – vice-president, Hubert Simmon – secretary, treasurer and song leaders – Robert Bailey and Mitchell Speegle.

Mr. and Mrs. Devere Holoway were Sunday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Holoway at Pentecost.

The Cullman Bearcats will be seeking their first win over Hanceville since 1949 for Homecoming this Friday.

Bill Mangum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Birdo Mangum of Simcoe underwent surgery last week and is doing nicely.

James Short and Doris Burrow were married last week at Bethany.

Good Hope 4-H officers are president – Jack Doss, vice-president – Frank Bates, secretary – Jimmy Hudson and reporter – Curtis Maze. Song leaders are Daron Eady, Sherrell Johnson and Sherling Goodwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Nixon have purchased the Fairview home of the late J.T. Mc-Clendon.

A.B. Marsh has remodeled his house at Union Hill.

A.E. Smith killed a hog last week.

W.R. Gable of Walter attended an all- day Harp singing on Sunday at Jones Chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. James Corley and son were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Purvis Wilhite and boys at Vinemont.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Parker have moved from Etha to Florida.

Willis Jesse Freeman of Bremen, age 61, died at Bremen on November 5.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Christian will have as guests for Christmas, their daughter, Evelyn and her husband, Leonard Rhodes and Mike from Medford, Oregon, John Rhodes of Maderia, California and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Christian and Brenda Gayle, of Evansville, Indiana.

Celebration (from Front)

Saturday's guest of honor will be Bradford Freeman, the last surviving D-Day veteran of Easy Company, 2nd Battalion, of the 101st Airborne Division's 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, which was made famous by the cable series "Band of Brothers."

The Mississippi native attended basic training at Ft. Rucker in Alabama before going to jump school at Ft. Benning.During the Normandy invasion, he was among the small group of soldiers who assembled with then Lt. Richard "Dick" Winters after a disorganized night landing.

As a mortar operator, Freeman also took part in Operation Market Garden and the Battle of the Bulge. Freeman returned to farming in Mississippi after the war and became a mailman.

He was an advisor for the "Band of Brothers" series and has continued to attend 101st Airborne events and travel to Europe to revisit his battlefields.

The event's grand marshal will be Lt. Col. Julian Campbell, who flew 40 B-26 bomb missions over Europe, then cargo missions over the Pacific during WWII, and went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force through the Korean War era and beyond, flying the last combat missions of his colorful career over Vietnam.

Campbell turned 100 this year. He still carries in his wallet a page from a Bible containing Psalm 91, which his mother sent to him in 1943 while he was serving in Europe.

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By: Randy C. Hale

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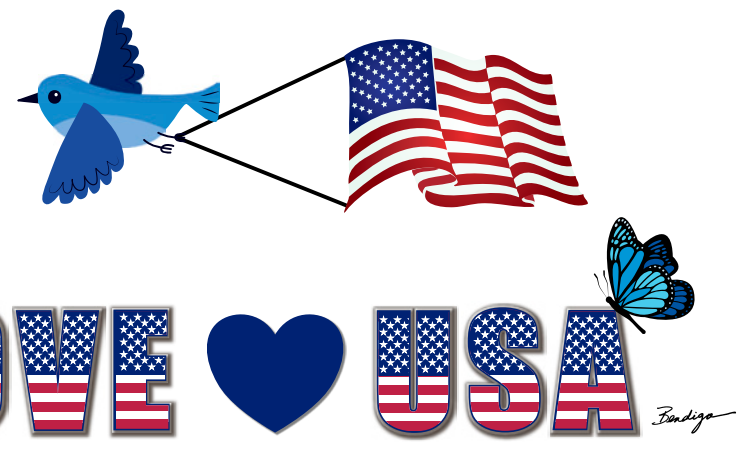
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Addison edges Colbert County in 22-15 thriller

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ADDISON, Ala. – On an absolutely perfect night for football, the Addison Bulldogs hosted the Colbert County Indians for what promised to be an old-fashioned knock down-drag out fight. Addison came out on top 22-15, but the game wasn't decided until the last 20-seconds of the fourth quarter.

Colbert County took the opening kick-off and after gaining a first down they were forced to punt by the dominant "dawg pound defense."

It appeared that Addison was going to try and overwhelm the Indian defense by running straight at them. Addison ran two and sometimes three tight end sets all evening daring the Indians to try and stop the run. Addison took over on their own 32-yard line and 8 running plays later, QB Christian "Ice Man" Roberts found the end zone from 32-yards out to give the hometown Dawgs a 6-0 lead. The Eli "Curly" Howse extra point made it 7-0 with 3:47 to go in the first quarter.

On the ensuing kick-off, Colbert County returned it 97-yards for the touchdown. The Indian extra point was good and at the 3:32 mark of the opening quarter the game was tied at 7.

Addison's next possession started out the same as the last. The bulldogs were running the ball and then Coach Smothers, after selling the run, had TE "Touchdown" Tommy Lee Daniel slip across the middle of the packed defense and Roberts hit him with a beautiful, in stride, pass that Daniels took 80 yards for the score. Cannon "TNT" Hiller took the too high extra point snap and ran into the end zone for the unplanned two-point conversion. This made the score Addison 15, Colbert County 7 with 1:56 to go in the action-packed first quarter.

Colbert County's next possession was stymied by a Nelson "The Hammer" Hernandez sack which forced the Indians to punt again. The Indians did pin the Dawgs down at their 4-yard line.

Addison did what Addison teams have down for years, they buckled down and ran the ball. The Bulldogs ran off 21 plays, 17 runs and four passes, to get all the way down to the Indian 26-yard line.

The drive took the remainder of the half, 9:09, and was highlighted by two fourth down conversions and a 20-yard screen pass to Nelson "Tank" Martin. Time ran out on the Dawgs and they were unable to score but they did keep the Indians offense off the field.

Halftime score, Addison 15 - Colbert County 7.

Addison took the second half kick-off and picked right back up where they left off. Controlling the clock with a powerful running game and some timely passes. A second long drive, 12-plays for 58 yards got the Dawgs down to the Indian 7-yard line but Howse just missed a field goal to keep the game at 15-7.

Colbert County then decided that they couldn't run the ball against the stingy Dawg defense, so they went to the air. Colbert County went 16-plays for 80-yards, in by far their best drive of the evening, for the touchdown.

The Indians cashed it in from three yards out to cut it to 15-13. The two-point conversion attempt was successful with the Indians WR making a diving catch in the corner of the end zone. At the 10:17 point in the fourth quarter, the score was tied at 15.

The Indians were fired up and appeared to have the emotion with them. The Colbert County faithful, a large boisterous crowd, were in full throat as they were cheering their defense on to stop the Dawgs and get the ball back to their offense.

Roberts led his offense out onto the field and from their own 22-yard line with 10:10 to go in the game, "The Drive" started. The Addison offensive line led the way on a dominant drive, and they were determined to seal the victory. 18 plays and 78-yards later, Martin rumbled in from the 3-yard line for the go ahead score.

Weston "Big Game" Smith, Martin and Will "the thrill" Tuggle followed the line all the way to pay dirt. The drive took off 8 minutes and 46 seconds off the clock. After the Howse extra point, the Dawgs led 22-15 with only 1:24 to go.

After a squib kick, the Indians took over at their own 42-yard line with 1:20 left on the clock. On the Indians first play, the QB connected on a 37-yard pass that brought the ball all the way down to the Dawg 21. After a 3-yard run, "Tank" Martin picked up a huge sack which brought the ball back to the Bulldog 24-yard line.

Two more incompletions later and the Dawgs had held and pulled off a tremendously tough win, 22-15.

Unofficial stats: Addison had 51 carries for 230 total yards. Addison had 8 pass plays for 138 yards. Addison ran 59 total plays for 369 total yards. Colbert County had 18 carries for 45 total yards. Colbert County had 16 pass plays for 132 total yards. Colbert County ran 34 total plays for 177 total yards.

Roberts was 4 completions out of 8 attempts for 138 yards and one touchdown.

Roberts had 14 carries for 71 yards and a touchdown, Martin had 15 carries for 67 yards and a touchdown and Smith had 12 carries for 59 yards.

Daniel had 3 catches for 118 yards and a touchdown. Martin had one grab for 20 yards.

Quentin "Fabio" Barley led the Dawg's in tackles with 6, Hernandez and Martin had 5 tackles each. Tuggle had 3 tackles. Hernandez and Martin each had a sack.

Addison will travel to North Sand Mountain next Friday for the second round of the state playoffs. Addison will be looking for revenge as The Bison knocked the Dawgs out of the playoffs last year.

Vinemont's season ends with 41-14 loss to Plainview

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RAINSVILLE, Ala. – The Vinemont Eagles traveled to face the Plainview Bears Friday night in the first round of the AHSAA 3A state playoffs but fell short 41-14.

Plainview found the end zone at the 7:24 mark to put the Bears up 6-0. After a 14-play drive, Vinemont was forced to punt. Four plays later, a touchdown pass gave the Bears a 12-0 lead with 8:36 remaining in the opening half.

On Vinemont's second possession, the Eagles were able to find the end zone on fourth down when Colby Miller scampered in from 8 yards out to cut the lead 12-7 with 3:24 left before the break. Plainview added another touchdown late in the half sending the Bears to the locker room leading 20-7. The Eagles received the second half kickoff, but were unable to get going, resulting in a three-and-out. The Bears added to their lead, 28-7, with a short touchdown run with 7:25 remaining in the third. After picking up a first down, Vinemont gave the ball back to the Bears by way of an interception. Four plays later, the Bears added to their lead with a long touchdown run, bringing the score to 35-7 late in the third quarter. After a long run on first down, Vinemont fumbled the ball away to the Bears, but the Eagles took the ball back by way of a fumble on Plainview's second play. The Eagles capitalized on the turnover early in the fourth quarter when Brody Speer went up the middle from 3 yards out to cut the lead to 35-14. Plainview quickly scored its final touchdown of the night on a long third-down run which pushed the lead to 41-14, the final. The Eagles wrap the 2020 season 7-4.

Warriors' season ends in round 1 with 57-20 loss at Alexandria

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ALEXANDRIA, Ala. – After rallying from a slow start to the season and earning a postseason berth, West Point traveled to Alexandria to take on the Valley Cubs in the first round of the 5A state playoffs. Alexandria jumped on top of the Warriors early and never let up to take a 57-20 win and bring an end to West Point's season.

A pair of touchdown runs, including a 95-yarder, gave the Valley Cubs an early 14-0 lead in the first quarter.

Another scoring run from 10 yards out stretched the lead to 21-0 early in the second, and a touchdown on a long pass made it a 28-0 game going into the locker room at halftime.

Alexandria continued to pull away in the second half, scoring another pair of touchdowns on the ground in the third quarter to take a 42-0 lead.

West Point got on the board when Will Cochran connected with Evan Dye for a big gain and Cochran punched one in from 2 yards out to trim the lead to 42-7.

The Valley Cubs responded with another score to make it 50-7 in the fourth quarter, but the Warriors weren't ready to quit.

Cochran found Kobe Bowers down field for a 60-yard touchdown pass that cut the deficit to 50-13 and Carter Thornton added a 2-yard touchdown run of his own, but it wasn't enough to overcome the early lead and West Point's season came to a close with a 57-20 loss at Alexandria.

The loss gives the Warriors a 4-7 record to finish the season.

Bearcats fall to Shades Valley in round one 28-14

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman made its second straight appearance in the 6A state playoffs Friday night when it hosted the Mounties of Shades Valley and after a nip and tuck contest that came down to the final moments, the Bearcats' season came to an end with a 28-14 loss in the first round of the postseason. The 'Cats and Mounties were tied at 14 with less than two minutes to play and a pair of late touchdowns lifted Shades Valley to a 28-14 win.

Things started about as well as they could have for Cullman. Jaylen Hughey took a direct snap and burst up the middle for 49 yards on the first play of the game. Just a few snaps later, Max Dueland capped off the scoring drive by sneaking one across the goal line from a yard out to put the Bearcats on top 7-0 with just under 10 minutes remaining in the first quarter. After both teams exchanged punts on their next two possessions, Shades Valley came up with an answer. The Mounties scored from 35 yards out on a toss play to tie things up at 7 late in the opening quarter.

After another Cullman punt, Shades Valley retook possession and was putting together what looked to be another scoring drive until Jaden Kay leaped up from his safety position and intercepted a pass over the middle to give the ball back to the Bearcats near midfield with nine minutes to play in the first half. Cullman was able to keep the Mounties out of the end zone but missed a 47-yard field goal attempt to keep things knotted at 7 going into the halftime break.

Shades Valley came out of the locker room hot to start the third quarter, driving down the field and punching in a 1-yard touchdown run to go on top 14-7 with just under seven minutes to play in the third. The 'Cats were forced to punt on their ensuing possession but a nice stop from the defense gave the ball right back to the black and gold offense. That's when Cullman put together another drive. Runs from Hughey and Jake Dueland got the Bearcats deep into Mounties territory and Max Dueland finished the drive with a 20-yard touchdown pass to Kaleb Heatherly that brought Cullman within a point of Shades Valley. A false start backed up the extra point, but Brody Adams knocked it through to tie the game at 14 with just over eight minutes to play.

Unfortunately for the Cullman faithful in the stands, the Mounties had another scoring drive in them, and it would kill most of the remaining time on the clock. After methodically working its way into 'Cats territory, Shades Valley connected on a 32-yard pass down to the 4-yard line with around three minutes remaining.

The Bearcats kept the Mounties out on first, second and third down but on fourth and goal with 1:29 to play, Shades Valley pushed the ball across the goal line for a touchdown pull ahead 21-14 late in the game. On the first play of the ensuing Cullman possession, the Mounties picked off a pass over the middle and returned it down the 1-yard line to retake possession with first and goal and just over a minute in the game. Shades Valley scored on the next play and iced the 28-14 win over Cullman to advance to the next round of the state playoffs. The Bearcats finish the 2020 season 8-3 after the loss.

Hughey led the 'Cats on the ground with 102 yards on 12 carries, followed by Jake Dueland with 37 yards. Jamar Kay added 33 rushing yards and Max Dueland completed four of his seven passes for 34 yards, a touchdown and an interception in the loss.

Fairview (from Front)

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FARIVIEW, Ala. – In the AHSAA Class 5A first round playoffs, the Center Point Eagles (7-3) traveled to Dafford Smith Stadium to take on the Fairview Aggies (9-1). The winner advances to a second round game and one step closer to a state championship. Fairview left with a 27-22 victory to collect its first 5A playoff win in school history.

To open the game, Fairview won the toss and elected to receive the kickoff. Parker Martin returned the ball to the Fairview 44-yard line. A blindside block and offside penalties against the Aggies forced them into a punting situation. A roughing the kicker penalty against Center Point gave Fairview a new set of downs in Eagles territory. Martin converted a fourth-and-one to continue the drive. Two plays later Martin fumbled the ball and Kemarius Horne recovered the ball at the 19-yard line and scored an 81-yard touchdown. The 2-point conversion was good and with 5:33 left in the first quarter the Eagles lead was 8-0.

Taking over at their own 28-yard line, the Aggies used nine straight running plays by Martin and Tyler Simmons to get down inside the five and capped off the drive with a 3-yard touchdown run by Martin. With 1:19 left in the first quarter the Aggies had closed the gap to 8-7, limiting Center Point to only three offensive plays in the quarter.

Continuing their drive into the second quarter, the Eagles faced a fourth-and-3 from the Fairview 29-yard line. The Aggies appeared to have stopped Center Point short when a face mask penalty against Fairview extended the drive. Facing another fourth down from Fairview's seven-yard line, Center Point's Troy Bruce took the option pitch in for a touchdown. The 2-point conversion was no good and with 8:30 left in the second quarter the score was 14-7.

Eli Speegle returned the kickoff 25 yards to give the Aggies great field position near midfield. Strong running by Martin and Simmons was aided by a 20-yard pass to Dalton Payne.

Deep in Center Point territory, Martin capped off the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run. The extra point was missed and with 4:23 left in the first half Fairview cut the lead to 14-13.

The Aggies held the Eagles to a quick 3-and-out forcing a punt. Late in the first half, Fairview wanted to add more points. On the second play Horne struck again when he intercepted Martin's pass. Neither team could mount another scoring drive and the half ended with the Eagles leading 14-13.

Fairview had 188 yards total offense compared to Center Point's 54 total yards. Running only 15 plays in the first half, the Eagles led by one.

Center Point took the kickoff in the second half and looked to mount some offense. On the second play Jabari Collier completed a 28-yard pass to Bruce and the Eagles were in business. Three plays later D'ontae Eatmon scored on a 34-yard run. With 9:38 left in the third quarter the Eagles extended their lead to 22-13.

Center Point attempted an onside kick and Fairview recovered the ball near midfield. The Aggies shifted to their passing game attempting five passes on a 11-play scoring drive. Martin continued his scoring streak on a 6-yard touchdown run. The 2-point conversion was good and with 5:11 left in the third quarter Center Point's lead was now 21-22.

The Aggies forced a Center Point punt and ended the third quarter with the ball at their own 31-yard line. Fairview ran off 13 plays that used 6:49 off the clock. During the drive, the Aggies overcame another penalty. On one run it looked as if Simmons was going to be tackled behind the line of scrimmage when he broke through for a positive gain.

After a bad snap, the Aggies faced a fourth-and-6 from the Eagles 19-yard line. Instead of attempting a go-ahead field goal, Fairview snapped the ball. Martin handed the ball to Speegle, who tossed the ball to Bryson Chamness who floated a left-handed pass to a wide open Martin in the end zone and gave the Aggies the lead. The 2-point conversion was no good and Fairview had taken its first lead of the game, 27-22.

Fairview forced Center Point into a third-and-long and tried to force the Eagles to make a decision on fourth down. A facemask penalty against the Aggies gave the Eagles new life but they were unable to get another first down and turned the ball over to the Aggies deep in their own territory.

Fairview was unable to get a first down and gave the ball back to Center Point at the Eagles 30-yard line with under two minutes to go in the game. Two quick incomplete passes and it looked as if the Aggies would be able to put away the Eagles. Center Point's quarterback Collier had a different idea when he escaped an apparent sack to run the ball for 20 yards giving the Eagles the ball at midfield.

A holding call against the Eagles followed by a Fairview sack completed the game giving the Aggies a hard fought 27-22 victory.

Simmons ended the game with 105 yards on 22 rushes. Martin completed his four touchdown game with 110 yards on 24 rushes and going 10 of 15 passing for 93 yards. His biggest touchdown was as a receiver to give the Aggies the lead.

After the game Coach Redding said, "I was proud of our offensive line. The defense stepped up and provided key stops."

Fairview will be on the road to face Ramsay in the second round of the state playoffs next week.





Good Hope rolls past North Jackson, 33-8, to advance to round 2

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – The Good Hope Raiders are in the playoffs for the third straight season, and for the first time in 12 years, they hosted a first-round game. Their opponent: the North Jackson Chiefs. Behind a stingy defense and a solid running game, Good Hope rolled past North Jackson, 33-8, to move on to round two.

The Raider defense forced a turnover on downs to start out the game. On its first offensive series, Good Hope got the running game started early when Tanner Malin picked up a huge first down on a third-down play. Later on in the drive, Malin completed back-to-back passes, one to Charlie O'Neil for 6 yards and the other one to Jager Burns for 29 yards on fourth down. That last pass put them at the 1, and Malin took it in on the next play to give Good Hope an 8-0 lead.

North Jackson countered on its next series with an 11-yard quarterback keeper, tying the game at 8. But the Raiders looked to break the tie on their next possession.

After getting a first down, Malin got sacked for a 7-yard loss, but he quickly made up for it on the next play with some nice juke moves before taking off for the end zone, scoring on a 36-yard run to give Good Hope a 14-8 lead with 1:08 to go in the first quarter.

Another turnover on downs gave the ball back to the Raiders and after a huge run by Colton Bagwell, the Chiefs got called for a personal foul on the next play.

Bagwell and Eli Pugh took over from there on the ground, and the latter finished off the drive with a 3-yard run to make it a 21-8 lead with 8:15 to go in the first half.

Good Hope got the ball back after a Chiefs punt, and the running game wore down North Jackson's defense on its next series when Pugh took it in from 8 yards out to stretch the lead to 27-8. The defense forced the Chiefs to turn the ball over on downs once again and the Raiders went into the half up 27-8.

The second half saw both defenses step up, and neither team saw the end zone again until late in the fourth quarter, when Bagwell sealed the 33-8 win for Good Hope with a 2-yard run. The Raiders improve to 10-1 overall.

Bagwell finished with 146 yards on 31 carries and a pair of scores for Good Hope. Malin added 74 yards on the ground and two touchdowns and Pugh ended up with 19 yards and a score.

Doston Putman and Pugh each got a sack in the game for the Raiders and Jorge Estudillo recovered a fumble.

Good Hope head coach Alan Scott was proud of his team and the way they played at home.

"It feels fantastic," Scott said. "Our guys played so well. North Jackson has a really good football team. They're explosive on offense and they get after you on defense. I thought our coaches did a great job getting our guys ready and they executed, so I'm very proud of them. That's a great way to start the playoffs.

"We were able to run the ball effectively on them; Tanner made some good reads and Colton ran the ball very hard today.

"Our defense bent, but we didn't really break. I'm very proud of that and holding them to eight points. I'm just tickled to death."

Scott will look to have the Raiders prepared to take on a tough West Limestone team on the road next Friday night in round two of the AHSAA 4A state playoffs.

"I know one of their wide receivers is going to Georgia Tech," Scott said.

"They've got a really big offensive line and they've won 10 games just like we have, so they're a good football team.

"So the same things that win you football games, that's what we've got to do next week: hang on to the football, be physical up front and play hard on defense."

Pinson Valley eliminates Arab in opening round 45-0

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PINSON VALLEY, Ala. – Arab hit the road for the opening round of the 6A state playoffs Friday night and the Knights ran into a very strong Pinson Valley team. After falling behind the Indians early, Arab was never able to bounce back and the 2020 season came to an end for the Knights with a 45-0 loss at Pinson Valley.

A 29-yard touchdown run in the opening quarter gave the Indians a 7-0 lead going into the start of the second quarter and they continued to extend their lead. A 35-yard touchdown pass made it a 14-0 game early in the second, and by halftime, Pinson Valley had pulled ahead to take a 24-0 lead.

The Indians scored again early in the third quarter to stretch the lead to 31-0 and tacked on two more scores in the third to take a 45-0 advantage into the final frame. Neither team got on the board in the fourth quarter and the Indians held on to win it 45-0, earning a trip to the next round and eliminating the Knights from postseason contention. The loss gives Arab a 5-6 record to finish the 2020 season.

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Jesse Priest will be LIVE at Southern Eats (221A Second Ave. SE, Cullman) at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 for an open-to-the-public tasting of "Jesse Priest's American Honky Tonk Beer Dip" made with Goat Island Brewing beer.

A Round of Applause for the (Cullman County) Joy-Givers: Jesse Priest

Ben South
Contributor

HOORAY FOR THE JOY-GIVERS! We always need more smiles, music and laughter. The "local" version of this fun series salutes those seriously unsolemn people, places and things that bring joy to our community.

The "SHIELD THE JOYOUS" shields, which will be given to those honored or to their family, are inspired from a passage in "The Book of Common Prayer" (1662). Prayers are lifted to "tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying...and shield the joyous." Joy-givers are precious. Let us preserve them, protect them, treasure them, smile with them, laugh with them, tap our toes with them and give them A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

A CULLMAN ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR JESSE PRIEST

The first time I heard rowdy, "red dirt rootsy," brilliant, singer/songwriter Jesse Priest rock and enthrall a crowd at Grumpy's bar (downtown Cullman) must have been what it was like for folks in Montgomery to first hear Hank Williams on local television singing "Hey Good-Lookin" on that early morning country music show. And what it was to hear coal miner's daughter and country legend, singer/songwriter Loretta Lynn when she was singing her songs LIVE on little, out-of-the-mainstream radio stations in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Jesse Priest, is a new country music hoss to put your money on. He's a thoroughbred ready to break out of the gate.

His newest CD, available at www.jessepriestmusic.com, lifts him solidly into the "outlier pack" of authentic, unvarnished, country stars-in-the-making.

Hank, Jr. used to live in our county on a farm in the Vinemont community, and Jesse Priest, who covers some great Bocephus when he's not rockin' his own originals, comes from across the county in the rolling pastures of Holly Pond.

These two rowdy, roadhouse rockers should tour together. I want to be in the audience hearing them join forces to sing Jesse's "Beers, Bonfires and Backroads." With this new boy in town, all of Hank's rowdy friends have not settled down.

Joy-giver Jesse Priest didn't want to talk about his own music so much, though he's right to be delighted his growing tribe of groupies is thrilled with his songs and shows. What this big-hearted, natural entertainer really got revved up to talk about are some of his fellow "outlier heroes and heroines" and their great songs he would relish performing with them.

Here's some other joy-givers Jesse Priest was braggish about:

• **ASHLEY McBRYDE**— Arkansas singer/songwriter who sings about honky tonks, hard-drinkin' and heartbreak; she's Jesse Priest's no. 1 choice for a dream duet with them performing a girl/boy version of her big hit, "Girl Goin' Nowhere;" you can find this 2019 Country Music Association "New Artist of The Year" at www.ashleymcbryde.com, then YouTube the song she should perform with Jesse Priest and also "A Little Dive Bar in Dahlonega."

• **KOE WETZEL**— "Red Dirt," Texas singer/songwriter and Lone Star state sensation with tales of wild nights and the sometimes wilder morning's after; the song Jesse Priest wants to perform with Koe is "Good Die Young." www.koewetzelmusic.com

• **JASON ISBELL**— Practically a "living legend" already, this singer/songwriter/guitarist came to wide popularity with the Southern rockers, Drive-By Truckers, and then launched to mega-stardom as a solo artist; he's from Green Hill, Alabama near Florence and has so far won four Grammy Awards; Isbell openly discusses his hard-won sobriety from alcohol and cocaine use and his newer songs reflect his arc. The song Jesse Priest would like to perform with Jason Isbell is "Elephant" which has a tender story about loving someone with terminal cancer, but if you YouTube this be forewarned it is not for kids' ears. This awesome guitarist grew up in the conservative, instrument-less Church of Christ, but this song is not for anyone who can't bear hearing "the F-word." www.jasonisbell.com

• **JOHN MORELAND**— I loved hearing this lyric from the Oklahoma-based singer/songwriter, "I'm underneath the rumble, tryin' not to feel the trouble and you don't care for me enough to cry." Moreland, who has opened for Jason Isbell, has a raspy, yearning, alt-country sound that would meld gloriously with Jesse Priest's soulful vocals on "You Don't Care Enough for Me to Cry." Speaking of soulful, I'd like to hear Jesse Priest cover some Solomon Burke like "Got to Get You off My Mind." www.johnmoreland.net



• **MATT ANDERSEN**— Canadian (yeah, Canada has authentic country music, too) country blues guitarist and singer/songwriter from Perth-Andover, New Brunswick; Andersen headlines festivals and plays 200+ LIVE concerts a year. He's toured with Gregg Allman and Little Feat, many others; if Andersen and Jesse Priest ever tour together a great duet would be Matt Andersen's "Been My Last." www.stubbyfingers.ca

• **LUKE COMBS**— Grew up an only child in North Carolina and even though he spent more time playing football than at choir practice, this prodigy sang solo at world-renowned Carnegie Hall. His album "This One's for You" went to no. 1 on Billboard Magazine's country chart. The song Jesse Priest would like to perform with Luke Combs is the latter's "Even Though I'm Leaving." www.lukecombs.com

When Jesse Priest was telling me about these performers he admires, he was beaming his gratitude. He also bragged on Rich Henderson who is playing Birmingham soon, and they would make a terrific crowd-pleaser together.

Talking about country music legends, Jesse Priest said immediately these greats sprang to mind and songs he'd love to perform: Johnny Cash "Rusty Cage," Hank, Jr. "Country Boy Can Survive," Dolly Parton, "Jolene" (Jesse Priest does a version of "Jolene" and says it would be "a dream come true" for them to sing those together), Willie Nelson "Blue Eyes Cryin' In The Rain" (which Jesse Priest said his grandpa asked him to sing to his grandma at the grandpa's funeral); this last one surprised me—Ozzy Osbourne duetting with Jesse Priest on "So Tired."

Raise your cold beer or co-cola to joy-giver Jesse Priest, a country star-in-the-making and local good ole boy doing good. Please join us in giving him "A ROUND OF APPLAUSE" and enjoy this recipe for American Honky Tonk Beer Dip.

JESSE PRIEST'S AMERICAN HONKY TONK BEER DIP

Ingredients

• 1/3 cup AMERICAN beer (you could use non-alcoholic beer for this, but it's only 1/3 cup)
• 1 envelope ranch salad dressing mix
• 2 packages (8 oz. each) American-made cream cheese (softened)
• 2 cups shredded, American cheddar cheese
• Fritos Corn Chips

Directions

1. In a large, preferably American-made bowl, beat the cream cheese, beer and dressing mix until smooth.
2. Stir in the American cheddar cheese.
3. Serve with Fritos.

LEGALS

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice IN-N-OUT Self Storage located at 106 13th St., Cullman, AL 35055 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the facility by the below occupants whom are in default at an auction. The sale will occur or otherwise disposed as an online auction via www.storageauctions.com on 11/24/2020 at 10:00am. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings.

Dusten Lunsford, unit #509: 13983 S Taylor Lane, Oregon City, Oregon 97045.

Jamie Abbott, unit #921: PO Box 931, Hanceville, Alabama 35077.

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
LOUIS E. PRICE * CASE NO PC 2020-205
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND
AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND ADD A PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF FIRST CODICIL

TO: KIMBERLY PICOLON AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The Petition for Probate of Will and Amended Petition for Probate of Will and Add a Photostatic Copy of First Codicil for the Estate of Louis E. Price, has been set for hearing on the 17 day of December, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

All persons of interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Done this the 16th day of November, 2020.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

DYER ROY,)
DYER TERESA,)
Plaintiffs,)
)
V.) Case No.: CV-2020-900281.00
)
DERRICK VERNON,)
DERRICK MILDRED S.,)
Defendants.)

Order of Publication and Notice of Pendency of Suit

TO: ANY AND ALL PERSONS, HEIRS OR DEVISEES OF VERNON DERRICK AND MILDRED S. DERRICK, claiming any right, title and interest to the following described real property, to-wit: **Parcel #12-03-06-0-001-001.000 in Cullman County, Alabama.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 22nd day of October 2020, a Complaint in Rem to Quiet Title was filed by Plaintiffs Roy Dyer and Teresa Dyer, by and through their counsel of record, Seth B. Thompson, wherein all parties at interest were given notice and wherein it was alleged that said Complaint was filed against the property described above, and it was alleged that Plaintiffs were the owner in fee simple of said real property.

The parties at interest are further notified that Plaintiffs aver in said Complaint that it claims title to the real property by reason of the following chain of title, to wit:

Revenue Commissioner that they had taken lawful possession of the land and were due a deed pursuant to the Code of Alabama, specifically, but not limited to Title 40-10-29 and act number 84-493. Plaintiffs have met all requirements under these two statutes and other provisions of Alabama Law.

(e) Title to the real property described hereinabove stands upon the records in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, in the name of the Plaintiffs.

YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED to answer this Complaint on or before thirty (30) days from the 26th day of November, 2020, or on failure to do so, suffer a default judgment to be rendered against you.

DONE this 27th day of October, 2020.

CIRCUIT JUDGE



Man (from Front)

apparent reason," Hamlin said.

"This young man was struck down in the prime of his life in a senseless act of violence.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to his family."

Hill will serve the life sentence in an Alabama Department of Corrections facility.

"He received the maximum sentence allowed by law for this murder," said Hamlin, "and he deserves every day of it."



Thanksgiving (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation, the local nonprofit that assists Cullman area residents while they are in cancer treatment programs, is pre-selling fully-cooked Thanksgiving hams and turkeys. The organization has had a tough year fundraising-wise due to the cancellations of events such as its Little Pink Dress benefit and is relying on the ham and turkey fundraiser to help it continue providing vital services to cancer patients throughout Cullman County.

Foundation Vice President Judy Grissom said, "We've had quite a few orders, so it's doing quite well so far."

This year, fundraising has been tough for Bosom Buddies, Grissom explained, "All the events we had planned that we typically do had to be canceled. Our Little Pink Dress event that we were so excited about had to be canceled."

The only fundraiser the nonprofit has been able to do this year was a letter campaign that Grissom said wasn't as successful as they had hoped.

And despite Downtown Nutrition generously donating proceeds from a special pink drink it sold, money has been hard to come by this year for Bosom Buddies.

"We are living on last year's fundraiser so far because we haven't taken in any money to speak of this year," said Grissom.

"It has been really tough and it's hard to continue. In fact, we have talked about maybe having to reduce the amount of assistance that we give until we get some more funds coming in. It's really important to do well with this one."

All money raised by Bosom Buddies stays in Cullman to assist those currently undergoing cancer treatments of all types.

According to Grissom, most of the people they help are living below the poverty level.

"Our assistance to them means whether or not they can get treatment," she said.

Bosom Buddies also helps cancer patients with some bills, including utility bills.

It also assists with gas cards, rent and other costs depending on individual needs.

Grissom stressed, "Everything is vetted through the nurse navigator at the Cullman hospital."

Once a person's needs are accessed, the nurse navigator sends a request for the organization to pay.

"We pay that bill for them," she said. "We don't give them money or cash. We pay that bill for them."

Turkeys and hams can also be purchased for donation to those in need.

Bosom Buddies will coordinate with the nurse navigator to select a family to receive the meal for Thanksgiving.

Said Grissom, "If people want to donate one, that would be wonderful."

The slow-smoked 11-13-pound turkeys and 8-9-pound hams will be prepared by Freddie Day Catering.

Pre-orders will be accepted until Nov. 13 (must be paid in full when order is placed)

- Cost: Turkey $25 Ham $35
- Curbside pickup: Nov. 21 from 10-11 a.m. and Nov. 25 from 4-5 p.m.
- Location: Freddie Day Catering 1628 Second Ave. NW
- For ordering information, contact Louise Cole at 256-503-5301 or Judy Grissom at 256-347-5993.

Email ccbbfinc@gmail.com or visit www.CullmanBosomBuddies.com or www.facebook.com/CullmanCountyBosomBuddiesFoundation for more information.

"Established in 2013, the mission of the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation, a 501(c) (3) organization, is to raise money for the purpose of assisting Cullman area residents while they are in a cancer treatment program.

We provide need based assistance for day to day living expenses such as utility bills, transportation costs to and from treatment, food cards and other approved needs. We pay the bills directly; no cash is given.

This assistance is for approved patients regardless of the type of cancer they may have or the location of their treatment center."

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 7

Robert Ennis Shannon was born Dec. 8, 1949 and passed away Nov. 5, 2020 and is under the care of Moss Service Funeral Home.

Johney Mac Wynn was born March 21, 1953 and passed away Nov. 5, 2020 and is under the care of Moss Service Funeral Home.

James Snowden, 89, passed Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020. Visitation will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Sunday, Nov. 8 from 6:30-7:30 p.m., followed by Rosary service. Funeral services will be held at Sacred Heart Church Monday at 10 a.m. with Fr. Patrick Egan, O.S.B. officiating. Burial will follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Survived by wife Dot Snowden; children Kevin Snowden, Kent Snowden (Katrina), John Snowden (Terri), and Lisa Snowden; daughter-in-law Vicky Wilson; grandchildren Sylvia Snowden, Brendan, Aidan, Landan, Camdan Snowden, Jordan Sadler, and honorary grandchild Allison Snowden; and nieces and nephews. He served in the Air Force and a member of Lions Club.

Charles Grover Cadle, 79, of Northport, Alabama passed away Monday, Nov. 2, 2020. Charles was born April 28, 1941 to Mattie Lee Lake Cagle and Grover Cleveland Cagle. Charles is survived by his daughter Regina Linnea Cadle (Bush) (Don); son Charles Jeremy Cadle (Nikki); ex-wife Mary Jane Rodgers; sisters Hilda Moon (Roy) and Roberta Stapp (Horace); brothers Bobby Lee Cadle (Cheryl) and James Cadle (Susanne); and grandchildren Caitlin DeCastro (Kip), Annaliese Bush, Tyler Cadle, Mason Cadle and Brody Cadle. Charles was preceded in death by father Grover Cleveland Cagle and mother Mattie Lee Lake Cagle; sister Gail Persall; and brother Wayne Grover Cadle. A graveside service for Charles will be held Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Flint Creek Cemetery, Vinemont, AL, followed by an interment. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Cadle family.

Private family funeral services for James Ray "Jamie" Sweatmon, 61, of Hanceville will be at 2 p.m., Monday, Nov. 9, 2020 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Holly Pond Cemetery; Rev. Mark Long and Rev. Kenneth Shelton officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Sweatmon passed away Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020 at Cullman Regional Hospital. He was born July 19, 1959 to Rayburn and Armanda Betty Fortenberry Sweatmon. He was employed at Cullman City Schools. He was a hardworking husband, dad and grandfather. He was preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his mother; his wife Diane Shelton Sweatmon; daughters April (Jonathan) Graves and Heather (Clint) White; brothers Jeff (Tina) Sweatmon, Randy (Kathy) Sweatmon, and Rodney Sweatmon; three grandchildren Isaac William Graves, James Adon Graves, and Ally Nicole White; and family and friends. Visitation will be Monday at Cullman Funeral Home from noon-2 p.m. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

A graveside service for Bertha Kay Mayhall, 76, of Cullman, Alabama will be 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020 at the Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be 12:30-1:30 p.m. prior to the service at the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Derald Briscoe and Reverend Steven Sutter will officiate the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Mayhall family. Mrs. Mayhall was born Oct. 28, 1944 to Hobert J. and Mamie Lorene Guthery Nixon. She was a longtime faithful member of West Side Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School. She loved and collected dolls. She was preceded in death by her parents Hobert J. and Mamie Lorene Guthery Nixon and her son William Dewayne Mayhall. Mrs. Mayhall is survived by her husband Norman Mayhall; daughter Sandra Kay Mayhall; her church family; and a host of friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Daniel Joseph Branam, 39, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Nov. 5, 2020 at his residence surrounded by his wife Stephanie and his dogs Sheldon and Parker. A memorial service will be planned and announced at a later date. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to be assisting the Branam family. Daniel was an avid camper. He enjoyed concerts and music festivals. He was a Tampa Bay Rays baseball fan and a Tampa Bay Lighting Hockey fan. He served as Band Booster president of the Boca Ciega High School Band Program. Daniel had an unending love for his wife Stephanie and his two dogs Sheldon and Parker. Mr. Branam was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather Voris McWhiter and paternal grandparents Eugene and Elizabeth Louise Branam. He is survived by parents Ronald Kieth and Colleen McWhirter Branam; his wife Stephanie Heath Branam; his two dogs Sheldon and Parker; brother Nicholas Branam; sister Stephanie Branam; nieces and nephews Alliea Falke, Justin Falke, Aspen Branam, Damion Branam, Vayda Branam, Riley Branam, Logan Branam, and Zoey Branam; and a host of aunts, uncles, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Gary David Joseph Sullivan, 64, of Houston entered into rest Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020 at Decatur Morgan Hospital. Gary was born June 14, 1956 in Brooklyn, New York to Richard Patrick Sullivan and Barbara Marie Kaufman Sullivan. He worked for a number of years as a correctional officer at the Florida State Hospital in Chattahoochee, Florida. Gary had a passion for music and was one of the most awesome drummers in the country. Before surrendering is heart to Jesus Christ, Gary traveled for 37 years all over the world playing drums with various bands, including playing for troops in Korea, Vietnam, the Philippines, and Australia. Gary was recognized for his drumming excellence by ProMark Drumsticks by D'Addario and was a tester for drumsticks aimed at drummers with arthritis. He tested drumsticks for over a year to help ProMark add a line of drumsticks that had increased grip for drummers with finger issues. Most recently, Gary used his talent for the Lord playing drums at Houston Church of God, where he attended. A memorial service will be planned for a later date and arrangements will be posted when finalized. Gary is survived by his wife of 15 years, Tula Jo Sullivan; brother Richard Sullivan; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Richard and Barbara Sullivan; sister Barbara Ellen Sullivan Banford; and sister-in-law Loraine Ann Sullivan.

Dewies Anthony Benson, 74, of Arley entered into rest Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. Dewies was born Dec. 19, 1945. He was a good family man, who loved his family, especially his kids and grandkids. He loved people and felt blessed for every day he was able to enjoy life and loved being outside with his dog. Visitation will be held Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020 at Meek Baptist Church from 1-3 p.m., where the service will begin at 3 p.m. Brother Kerry Cleghorn and Brother Corey Cochran will officiate. Burial will follow in Arley Congregational Church Cemetery. Dewies is survived by his wife of 48 ½ years, Sharon; sons Jake and his wife Brigette and Patrick and Debra; grandsons Jagger, Jarrett, and Aiden; and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Iman and Clera Benson.

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Cliffhanger (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – As of press time Friday night, a full three days after polls closed, an unprecedented number of absentee ballots in several states was still being counted in the U.S. presidential election.

Republican President Donald Trump has mounted legal challenges in some states, tweeting Friday, "I had such a big lead in all of these states late into election night, only to see the leads miraculously disappear as the days went by. Perhaps these leads will return as our legal proceedings move forward!"

Democratic challenger Joe Biden tweeted, "I know tensions can be high after a tough election like we just had. But we need to remain calm. Patient. And let the process work out as we count all the votes."

As of press time Friday, according to NBC News, Trump had 214 electoral votes, while Biden had 253. Ballot counting continued in the states of Nevada, Arizona, Alaska, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Georgia, with NBC News reporting, "Mail-in ballots and rules restricting when officials in key states could begin processing them has delayed the vote count, which will continue into the coming hours and days."

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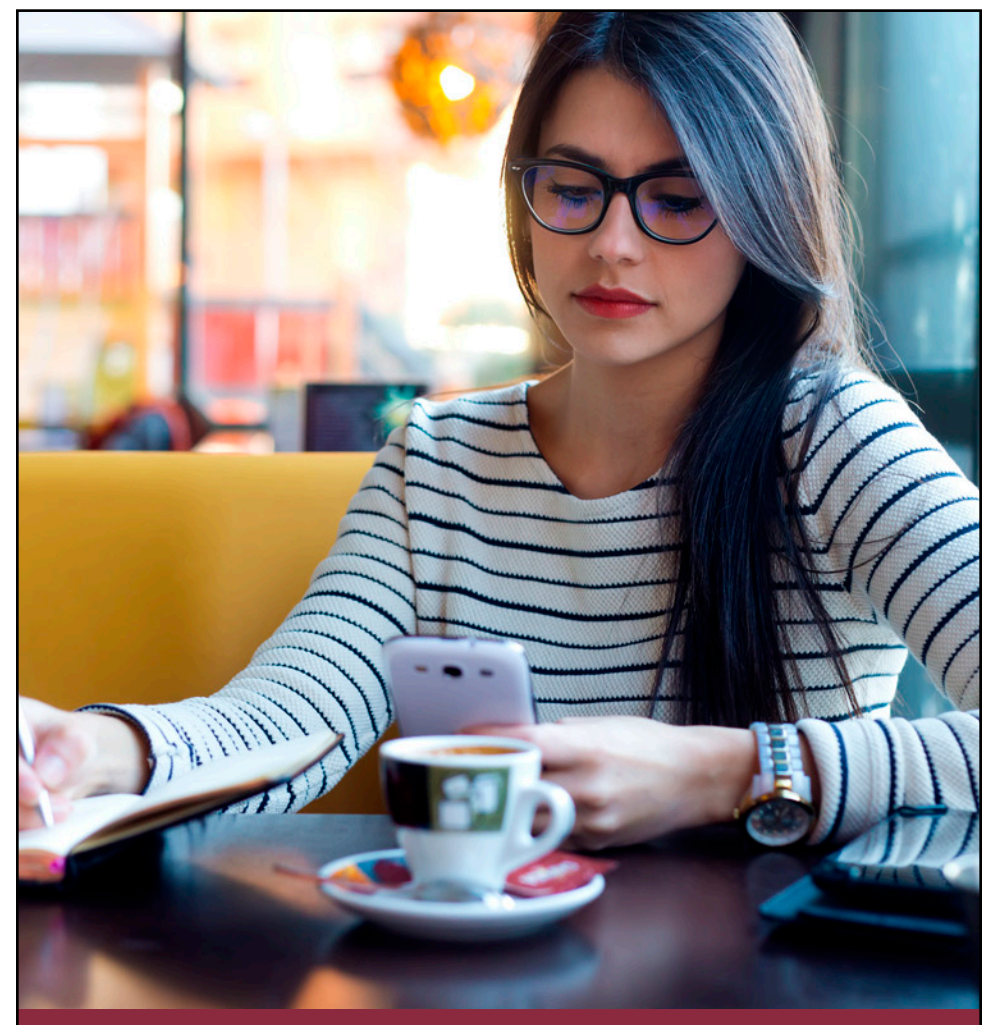
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