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-ARTS -

'HOLIDAY HARMONY'

Local artists collaborate on community project

Local artist Seth Miller painted this work, titled "Holiday Harmony," in collaboration with local artist Ben South.

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CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

- FAITH -

St. Bernard celebrates Veterans Day



ST. BERNARD

Left to right are Cullman Police Chief Kenny Culpepper, Bill Ellis, SRO Don Slocumb, George Welch, Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, John Gissell; retired U.S. Army Brigadier General Less Fuller and Fr. Joel Martin, OSB, St. Bernard Prep headmaster.

Joyce Nix
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Students at Saint Bernard Preparatory School were honored to be joined by community veterans and a retired U.S. Army brigadier general to celebrate Veterans Day Wednesday.

The Cullman Police Department Honor Guard presented the flags, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the national anthem, led by the Saint Bernard Preparatory School choir.

Police Chief Kenny Culpepper and Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry joined with veterans from the school family to hear a wonderful address given by U.S. Army retired Brigadier General Les Fuller, a native of Covington, Georgia.

Following graduation from Middle Tennessee State University in May 1973, Fuller was commissioned a U.S. Army second lieutenant. Serving his country for 32 years, the general served as a platoon leader and company commander in conventional infantry units.

However, most of his service was with the Army Special Forces, more commonly known as the Green Berets. He commanded both a battalion and group in Special Forces.

As brigadier general, he was the commander of Special Operations Command Europe and later served as the commanding general of Fort Jackson, South Carolina prior to going to Afghanistan with NATO.

He served in Panama, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Iraq, Afghanistan, Europe, Africa, Russia, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, the Balkans and Baltic countries before his retirement in February 2005.

Fuller complimented students on their vocal and musical performances and shared with the community the true definition of a veteran.

He quoted Isaiah 6:8, recounting the prophet's call from God, who said, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us." Immediately Isaiah responded, "Here am I, send me."

The general gave a broad sweep U.S. history lesson on the timelines of » PAGE 7

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Logan man charged in catalytic converter theft ring operation



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Henry Charles Guthery

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OUTDOORS

Parks officials working to reopen portion of Gulf State Park Pier



KELLY REETZ

Workers are busy replacing floor panels that were blown out during Hurricane Sally.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 12

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 12, 2020. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Nov. 9

- attempting to elude; Hwy. 278 W
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 31
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1141
- harassment, trespassing; CR 1154
- burglary; CR 1742
- theft of property; Denson Ave. SW
- theft of property; CR 1371
- trespassing; CR 1422
- harassment, criminal mischief; CR 431
- theft of property; Wesley Ave. S
- theft of property; Hwy. 157

Nov. 10

- harassment; CR 222
- harassment; Henke Drive
- unlawful possession of marijuana; CR 437
- criminal mischief; CR 1435
- criminal mischief; CR 436
- harassment; CR 222
- domestic violence; Gaston Drive
- violation of a protection order; Buckner Road
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 N
- theft of property; CR 747
- theft of property; CR 940
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 91
- theft of property; CR 54

Nov. 11

- violation of a protection order; CR 856
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 437
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 719
- domestic violence; Hwy. 31

ARRESTS

Nov. 9

Burney, Mary Denise, 51

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Creasey, Griffin Eli, 24

- GJ- third-degree burglary

Henderson, Sheila Ann, 53

- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Hunter, Kacilyn Paige, 23

- probation violation- third-degree promoting prison contraband
- probation violation- third-degree theft of property

Hurst, Bradley Justin, 35

- third-degree burglary

Lambert, Jimmy Wayne, 41

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Murphey, Joseph Anthony, 49

- FTA- writ of arrest- child support

Owens, Jason Matthew, 39

- GJ- third-degree burglary
- GJ- possession of drug paraphernalia

Shepherd, Andrea Leanne, 25

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- tampering with physical evidence
- FTA- trafficking in stolen identities
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Wimbs, Avery Nathanel, 22

- GJ- third-degree burglary
- GJ- first-degree theft of property
- GJ- second-degree theft of property

Nov. 10-11

Ayala, Jessica Marie, 32

- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Beagle, Stephanie Summor, 36

- FTA- first-degree criminal trespassing

Binns, Isaac Noble, 25

- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- speeding

Breaux, Nicholas Alexander, 22

- first-degree theft of property
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (with theft)

Dillard Jr., Clayton Eugene, 42

- FTA- attempting to elude
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Duckworth, David Anthony, 42

- possession of drug paraphernalia

Elliott, Jarett Cayde, 21

- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Garner, Weslie Danielle, 33

- probation revoked- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Gill, Gary Ray, 51

- FTA- DUI

Guthery, Henry Charles, 77

- contact SAA to add charge

Holland Jr., Glennon Wynn, 38

- FTA- third-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument
- FTA- third-degree criminal mischief
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Johnson, William Zachary, 35

- DUI- influence of alcohol
- interlock ignition

Kanute, Jerrell Wayne, 51

- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- failure to register/ establish SORNA

Mays, Stephanie Renee, 34

- illegal possession or use of a credit or debit card

McCarty, Tabitha Jeanette, 26

- illegal possession or use of a credit or debit card

North, Rachael Nichole, 35

- chemical endangerment of a child

Rollins, Michael Wayne, 52

- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Sapp, Michael Gwenn, 31

- first-degree burglary

Sharpton Jr., Billy Ray, 47

- FTA- driving while suspended

Underwood, Sharon Marie, 56

- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 7

- duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; Hwy. 157; damage to '10 Toyota Tacoma; $600

Nov. 9

- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $49

Nov. 10

- third-degree criminal mischief; person; Catoma Dr. NE; damaged mailbox; $35
- identity theft; person
- third-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $525

Nov. 11

- identity theft; person
- fourth-degree theft of property; Dollar General; 4th St. SW; miscellaneous; $14

ARRESTS

Nov. 10

Hall, Matthew R., 22

- FTA- third-degree domestic violence
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Hays, Jennifer L., 30

- third-degree theft of property

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Powell, Daryl L., 25

- FTA- public intoxication

Garrison, Treasa L., 41

- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Ross, Justin W., 25

- FTA- speeding

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

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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 at 8 a.m. 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.

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.

Saint Bernard Prep Open House
- Friday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Parents and students will tour the campus with student ambassadors and get any questions or concerns from the students' perspective regarding St. Bernard Prep. St. Bernard Prep is a co-educational, day and boarding school serving students in grades 7-12. Parents of students from fifth grade and up are welcome to attend the open house. Registration will take place in the school library where the tours will begin. For a personal tour, contact Fr. Linus Kluscarits at 256-739-6682. Saint Bernard Prep is operated by the Benedictine monks of St. Bernard Abbey.

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.

Drive-Thru Food Bank
- Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9-11 a.m. at Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- Please bring an ID.

Cullman Elks Lodge Holiday Craft Fair & Vendor Expo
- Saturday, Nov. 14 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Cullman Elks Lodge, 1525 Brantley Ave. NW, Cullman
- Come out to shop early for Christmas. $1 ticket enters you for door prize drawings. Hot dogs, chili and chips available. All proceeds benefit Elks local charities.
- Masks are required. Please practice social distancing.

Swamp John's Dinner
- Saturday, Nov. 14 from 4-7 p.m. at East Side Baptist Church, 1111 Third St. SE, Cullman
- This is a fundraiser for our Missions department and all proceeds go toward these future ministry events. We will be providing drive-thru orders. Each $12 will also include a drink and a dessert.

Cullman Cars and Coffee
- Sunday, Nov. 15 from 2-4 p.m. at Depot Park, 309 First Ave. NE, Cullman
- Please park in the BIG parking lot across from the Festhalle Market! Be aware there may still be some construction going on.

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.

Laps for Lyme!
- Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. at Heritage Park, 1705 Lee Ave. SW, Cullman
- Madeline was diagnosed with Chronic Lyme as a young child and will fight it the rest of her life. Most insurance companies don't pay for the treatment and many rely on grants. Madeline has been fortunate to receive a couple of grants and would like to give back! This is a FREE event but donations for treatment grants will be gladly accepted. Madeline will also have her famous "Take a bite out of Lyme...drink Lemonade" stand at the event. Dress up if you'd like! The color of Lyme Disease awareness is of course, lime green!

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.

Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation Mastectomy Bra and Prothesis 2-Hour Sale Fundraiser
- Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m.-noon at the Cullman VFW, 112 Veterans Drive SW

We will have:
- New mastectomy bras, in various sizes, for a minimum donation of $10
- New, in box, prostheses in various sizes for a minimum donation of $25
- If you use these products, this is a great deal for you!

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.

Fairview Lions Club Turkey Shoot
- Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26 at 7 a.m. at the Clinton Barbee Field (old pool field) on Wesley Avenue in Fairview starting
- We will shoot for turkeys and hams- $4 a shot. We are also selling chances on a Savage Bolt Action 270 rifle with a 22" barrel and case. Drawing will be after the turkey shoot. Tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5. All proceeds will go to the Fairview Lions Club Project Fund. For more info, call Kita at 256-385-8805.

HEALTH

UAB: How to enjoy Thanksgiving, family holidays during a pandemic

Tehreem Khan
Contributor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Thanksgiving is a time when families and friends gather to celebrate the season together. Traditions often include sharing meals around a table, shopping, watching football games, and traveling to visit loved ones from near and far.

As the holiday approaches, families are concerned about what the COVID-19 pandemic means for their annual family gathering. Is Thanksgiving as we know it safe to do this year?

"Gathering 'as usual' for Thanksgiving traditions could be especially dangerous this year as this type of event has the potential to transmit COVID," said Ellen Eaton, assistant professor in the University of Alabama at Birmingham Division of Infectious Diseases.

"Unfortunately, most Thanksgiving activities like eating and talking are usually done indoors and without masks. They are a perfect environment to spread COVID-19 across multiple attendees."

Knowing that COVID-19 spreads through the air and in close-contact situations, usually indoors, how can people safety congregate and spend time with one another on the third Thursday in November? Can you share meals? What about eating indoors? Enjoying tradition can still be achievable — albeit different — according to experts from UAB and the Centers for Disease Control.

The CDC has specific activities listed as high-risk and offers alternatives for this year. (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#thanksgiving)

Safe practices for Thanksgiving 2020

This Thanksgiving, experts urge it is critical to:

- Wear a mask around others and when indoors
- Practice social distancing of 6 feet with those not from your immediate household
- Wash hands before, during and after events
- Sanitize hands frequently throughout the day and while around others
- Cancel attending any in-person gatherings if you or someone in your home has any symptoms of COVID-19
- Limit gatherings to five people, other than immediate household members (suggested)
- Move all activities outside
- Get your flu shot at least two weeks before Thanksgiving as an optimal way of minimizing the possibility of flu being present too

"If you or your loved ones fall into high-risk groups, help stay connected by incorporating remote or virtual elements into your celebrations, or even nontraditional activities for the day," said Bertha Hidalgo, associate professor in the UAB School of Public Health.

This could include having Zoom or FaceTime dinners or planning outdoor activities with loved ones that do not revolve around eating and situations where masks may be removed.

Hidalgo encourages folks to consider factors like these when planning for the Thanksgiving holiday:

- Who will be at the event? Will there be more than 10 people? Are those people abiding by lifestyles and rules during the pandemic similar to yours and those of your family?
- Where will the event be? Can it be outdoors or have outdoor components?
- How much time is spent with people?
- How much space is available, and can you social distance?

How to share a safe Thanksgiving meal

Shared meals are discouraged, but you can consider having others bring their own snack and beverage for individual consumption. If a family chooses to move forward with a traditional seated and food-centered gathering, experts recommend the following tips be strongly considered:

- Plan ahead and make your COVID-19 precautions clear so that your guests have reasonable expectations.
- Station the food and tables for eating outside where there is ample ventilation; ask guests to bring their own blankets if it is a chillier day.
- Pre-portion meals instead of having a buffet-style setup to minimize touching of items.
- Limit the number of cooks. A single cook is recommended to prepare meals; this may not be the year for potluck-style meals.
- Use pre-packaged or preset silverware.

"When eating or drinking together, masks obviously have to come off. For this reason, you may want to skip the meal entirely. But if you are planning a meal with guests from outside your household, replace masks with physical distancing while you eat," Hidalgo said.

Having a gathering indoors is highly discouraged this year; but if indoor seating is the only option, following these guidelines will help:

- Ensure social distancing by seating people at every other seat.
- Keep immediate household family members bunched together instead of separating to mingle with others.
- Set up tables across different rooms to spread people out.
- Open windows to ensure ventilation.
- Have extra masks for anyone who forgets theirs, and make sure there is plenty of soap in your bathroom and hand sanitizer easily available.

High-risk activities:

- Traveling, by plane or long distances
- Shopping at crowded malls
- Anything that occurs within 6 feet, without a mask or with members outside of your household
- Eating or sharing drinks while sitting around a table
- Sitting around a TV watching your team play football
- Carpooling with those not in your household

"Using creative activities outdoors, we can dramatically reduce the risk of transmission," Eaton said. "This year, we are going to be creative to support one another over the holidays without getting our loved ones ill or worse."

Alternative activities:

- Have a small dinner with members of your immediate household
- Watch football at home with members of your immediate household
- Outdoor "Turkey Trot" run or hike with immediate household members
- Arrange an outdoor, distanced visit to see elderly or immunocompromised relatives
- Have a virtual dinner and share recipes with friends and family
- Shop online

The need for smaller, more intimate gatherings will not last forever. And, it can allow us to connect in a more intimate way with a smaller group, experts say.

So rather than dinner indoors with your five grown children and their families, it is much safer to gather with one family at a time, outdoors, perhaps over a cup of coffee or hot chocolate and s'mores over a fire pit.

Eaton reassures us that we will get beyond this chapter, and there will be time to reunite with our loved ones to share long, leisurely holiday traditions again.

"We will do Thanksgiving again and resume the traditions that make up the framework of our families," she said.

"But it won't be in 2020, and it shouldn't be. Let's work to keep those whom we love and cherish the most safe this season."

To learn more about UAB COVID safety guidelines and initiatives, visit UAB United.

Hanceville (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The Hanceville City Council agreed Thursday night to reject two bids for the Commercial Street resurfacing and drainage project, which is being paid for in part with Rebuild Alabama Act (fuel tax) funds. With both bids coming in significantly higher than what the council and engineers, Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, projected, the engineers plan to look at modifications that could reduce the cost.

Mayor Kenneth Nail explained, "It was just crazy numbers. They asked the council to reject both bids."

After the engineers can make modifications, the project will be rebid.

The council also approved the acceptance of $10,000 as security in escrow in lieu of a bond from Stapp Home Builders.

The City had previously approved matching the $10,000 for the resurfacing of the road in the Steppville Gardens subdivision.

Once the heavy traffic from the construction of the subdivision is complete, the City and Stapp Home Builders have agreed to split the cost of the estimated $20,000 cost to repave the road. Stapp Home Builders agreed to pay for costs exceeding the $20,000.

Volunteer firefighters at Hanceville Fire and Rescue will now be eligible for benefits paid by the City of Hanceville.

The City will pay $22 annually for each volunteer, who will receive a $20,000 Line of Duty Accidental Death Benefit, a $10,000 non-covered activity Accidental Death Benefit and a $100 a week disability payment for line-of-duty accidents. Hanceville currently has 10 volunteer fire fighters.

Nail updated the council on several improvement projects, saying, "We have done our yearly patching and I think we have patched everything up pretty decent around town."

Repairs to the roof and ceiling at city hall have been completed as well as replacement of some of the lighting, including three new LED lights in the courtroom.

The public works department continues to make improvements to the Hanceville Civic Center.

Upgrades to the kitchen include the removal of a wall and the addition of a new gas stove and a new refrigerator/cooler.

Nail said, "The guys have worked really, really hard. It's something to be proud of. It should be a lot nicer.

"My hope and my dream has always been, I want something nice in Hanceville where our folks can come into Hanceville and have their reunions, their gatherings and that sort of thing. We've really come a long way and our Public Works has done a tremendous job."

In other business the council took the following actions:

- Approved the surplus of four mowers and three pickup trucks

- Set a public hearing for Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m. on the proposed rezoning from B-1 to R-1 of the Anh Nguyen property on the corner of Commercial Street and Kentucky Avenue

- Reappointed Danny Nail and Betty Dover for additional three-year terms on the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

- Nail reappointed Tim Burney to the Planning Commission.

- Appointed Councilwoman Patty Dean, Place 3, to the Planning Commission

- Tabled the appointment to the Historical Preservation Commission

Thursday night was Dean's first regular council meeting, and she has begun serving as the liaison for the council and the Hanceville merchants.

"I appreciate the citizens electing me, and my heart's desire is to do a good job for everybody," she said.

"I've already been working with the merchants on some projects they've had. I have enjoyed it and it is nice to be working with the people."

Several events are planned in the city of Hanceville in the coming weeks:

- Cullman Area Christmas Open House with the Hanceville merchants Nov. 13-15

- Christmas Tree Lighting at Veterans Park Dec. 4 at 5 p.m.

- 31st Annual Cullman County Christmas Parade Dec. 5 at noon.

Some meeting times were changed due to holidays. The Nov. 26 meeting was changed to Nov. 19. The Dec. 24 meeting was changed to Dec. 21. Meeting times will be 5:30 p.m. with work sessions beginning at 5 p.m.

The next council meeting will be Nov. 19 at 5:30 p.m. with a work session at 5 p.m.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Thursday, Nov. 11, 2020 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

Editor's note: The ADPH dashboard was not updated by press time. Please check https://bit.ly/2VjCQbP for the latest numbers.

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Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicle, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title

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This vehicle will be sold on Tuesday, December 29, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., unless all towing, storage and repair fees are paid before sale date. The sale will take place at Ponder's Wrecker Service, 2600 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, Alabama 35058.

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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 STANLEY JOHNSON, Deceased. * CASE NO PC-2020-318

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Administration having been granted to Samantha McCain, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Stanley Johnson, Deceased, on the 12th day of November, 2020, by Tammy Brown, Probate Judge. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Samantha McCain
Personal Representative

C. Blake West
Attorney for the Estate
1701 Main Avenue, SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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

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

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF Alabama
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Garry Smith Wife Carolyn Alldredge Smith Paul Mack Aldredge Single to CitiFinancial Corporation, LLC dated July 31, 2002; said mortgage being recorded on August 1, 2002, in Book 1258, Page 311 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. by assignment recorded in Deed Book 340, Page 492 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp., under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 4th day of December, 2020 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

A part of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 1 East, described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 1 East; thence North along the East line of said forty 126 2/3 yards to the point of beginning; thence West to the center of the Arab-Oneonta Highway; thence North along the center of said highway 210 yards; thence East 71 yards to the East line of said forty; thence South along the East line of said forty 210 yards to the point of beginning, containing 2.9 acres more or less, in Cullman County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 1224 Us 231 S, Arab, AL 35016.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

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Colony (from Front)

Christy Perry
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CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Local artists Ben South, left, and Seth Miller, right, collaborated to bring the "Holiday Harmony" painting to life.

CULLMAN, Ala. – Local artists Ben South and Seth Miller recently collaborated to create a piece of art in hopes of raising money to support community projects in Colony. In a time when the world is divided, the painting's message is of harmony as we enter the holiday season. South and Miller hope the artwork can be used in creative ways to raise money.

South came up with the concept and reached out to Miller, who was able to create an image that captured South's message.

Soon, South hopes the art can be sold as a Christmas ornament through the North Alabama Agriplex.

South said ideally, any money raised from the project would be used in Colony for community enhancements such as a set of gardens that would connect the library and town hall and would help create a central area that the community could enjoy.

The painting features two young children of different races and the innocence and pureness that exist in them, something that the world really needs right now, according to South.

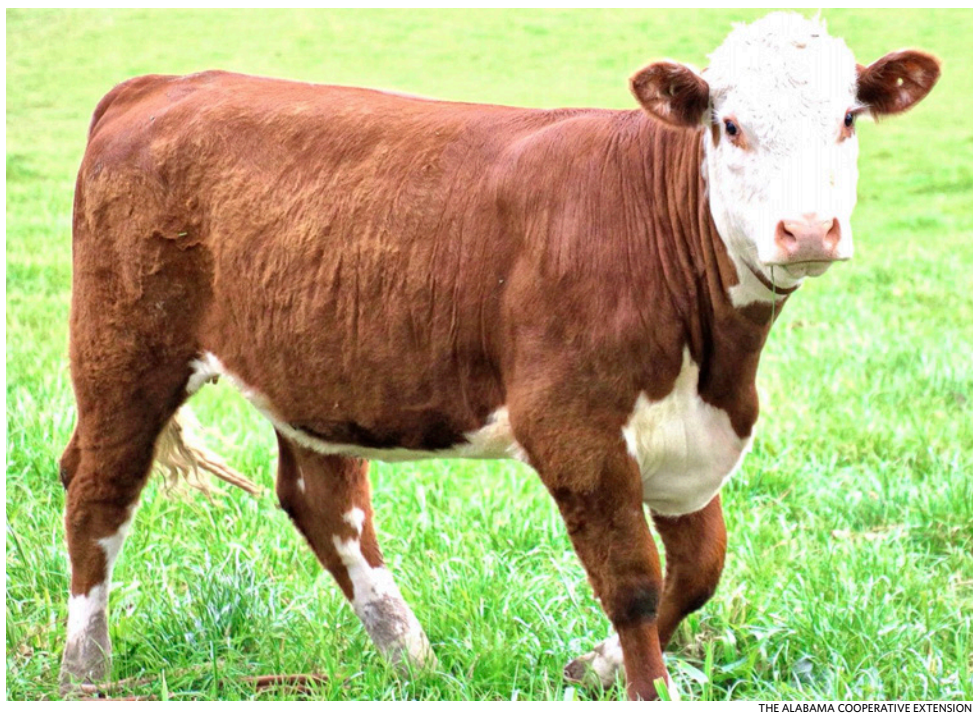
The painting also represents the progress that comes from loving and supporting our neighbors and lending a helping hand when needs are present.

The details on when and where to purchase an ornament are still being worked out.

The Tribune was present when Miller presented the painting to South, who was blown away, saying, "I just love this!"

Both artists signed the "Holiday Harmony" painting Thursday afternoon and look forward to sharing it with the community.





THE ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Heifer Development Program great opportunity for producers

Victoria Dee
Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. – Cattle producers in Alabama with yearling heifers should look to participate in the Sand Mountain Elite Heifer Development Program. This forage-based development program is consigned by cattle producers in the state. The program offers producers a chance to have heifers developed into sound replacements for their herds.

Heifers nominated in November will arrive at the Sand Mountain Research Center in January and stay until June.

During the program, the heifers are:

- placed on cool-season annuals
- weighed every 28 days
- artificially inseminated in April
- scanned for carcass merit using ultrasound
- picked up at the end of June

Benefits of the program

Outsourcing heifer development provides many benefits to cattlemen and women. By not dedicating an area of forages throughout the winter months to developing heifers, they are able to best utilize forage resources for mature cattle. Participation in the program results in a culmination of data, such as reproductive tract scores, carcass data, growth performance, pelvic measurements and temperament scoring. Heifers participating in the program will develop on forages, preparing them to return to a similar environment upon completion.

Program regulations

"Health requirements are an important aspect to heifer development due to the importance and benefit of reproductive health and disease prevention," said Landon Marks, an Alabama Extension animal sciences and forages regional agent.

Marks recommends consulting with herd veterinarians prior to the program to ensure that the appropriate vaccinations are given to heifers. Heifers must be 10 months old upon delivery to the program with their breed composition known and registration number of sires provided. Weighing at least 525 pounds at delivery, heifers must be structurally sound, have a calm disposition and be of excellent quality.

Preconditioning of heifers should occur before delivery day as well. This includes dehorning and healing, deworming and weaning for a minimum of 45 days.

Program outcomes

"All components of this program were designed with producer adoption in mind," Marks said. "A producer can take the concepts of this program and repeat them on their own operation."

Heifers returned in June will hopefully be pregnant, either by artificial insemination or the registered angus bull. Producers will receive a report with growth performance, reproductive performance and production of the utilized forages.

More information

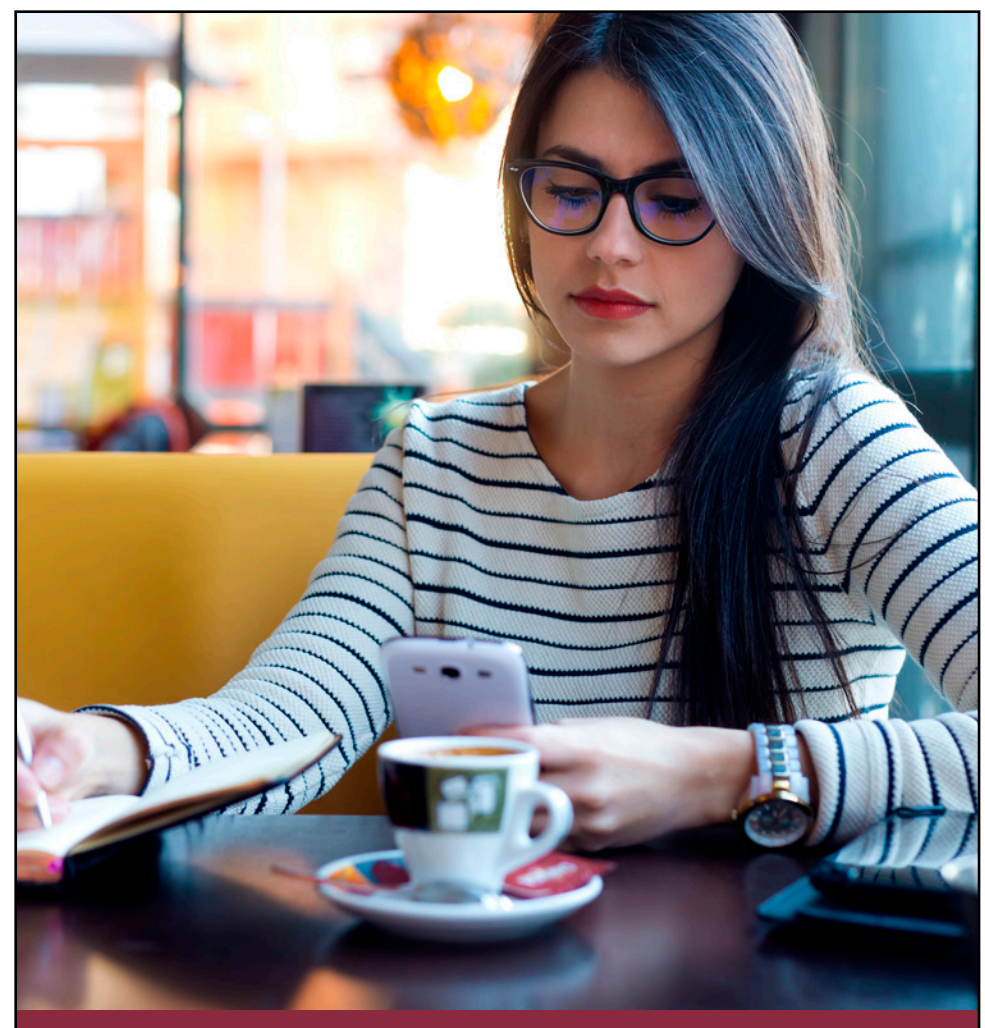
The program fee for the development program is $400. While the total balance is due at heifer pickup in June, a $200 per head deposit will be due upon delivery.

Producers have the choice to either submit their applications online or to print and send it by mail. Find both options on the Sand Mountain Elite Heifer Development Program page on the Alabama Extension website. For more information on the program, contact Marks.



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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
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WSCC Athletics: Cross country competes at NJCAA national championships on Saturday; Goodwin finishes runner-up at Dan York Memorial Tourney

Russell Moore
WSCC Athletics



WSCC ATHLETICS

Wallace State's cross-country teams will compete for a NJCAA Division II national championship on Saturday in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State's cross-country teams are gearing up the NJCAA Division II Cross Country Championships to be held at Fort Dodge, Iowa, on Saturday.

Both Wallace State teams are ranked 6th nationally and advanced to nationals after winning the Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) championship meet on Oct. 30. It was the third consecutive championship for both Wallace State teams.

"Our runners are rested and ready to go, and I can sense them getting more and more focused by the hour. We hope we can measure up to our national rankings, and if we do, we have a great shot to cap a memorable year," said Wallace State coach Stan Narewski.

"Considering all of the challenges we've faced this year; we're blessed to get on that plane and go to Iowa."

Wallace State's men had seven runners finish among the top eight, including the top four, at the ACCC meet at Huntsville's John Hunt Park.

Wallace State's Jonathan Jenkins was the individual champion at the conference meet and named the 2020 ACCC Runner of the Year.

He was followed in succession by teammates Taylor Nails, Raleigh Stamps and Trentan Williams.

"Jonathan Jenkins has been one our main guys all season.

"He's ready to run in bright sunshine or a downpour. Jonathan, Taylor Nails and Raleigh Stamps have set the tone with each meet," Narewski said.

Wallace State's Dakota Sheppard, Jikori James and Jonathan Collett rounded out the top eight, securing the eighth conference title for the men's program.

Wallace State's women's program won its fifth ACCC title behind individual runner-up Jennifer Aviles, Jaycee Biffle (3rd), Juliana Ballew (4th) and Cassidy Winter (5th).

Breanna Smith and Ally Amerson finished sixth and seventh respectively for Wallace State.

"Jaycee Biffle has been good for us all season long and Jennifer Aviles has been strong since overcoming her injury. We have four to five women who can finish first for us on any given day," Narewski said.

Wallace State's women will compete at nationals at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and the men at 3:15 p.m.

Live results can be viewed here: https://results.wayzatatiming.com/meets/6696?fbclid=IwAR0CUJqLsYCRcxZiK5zUQjCPmJgmSbX7Cthgw8Cx_B53AqOKxuWsfpu3N3o

Men's Golf

Wallace State sophomore Carter Goodwin finished tournament runner-up for the third time this fall in the second annual Dan York Memorial Tournament, held recently at Cross Creek Golf Course, honoring the late Hall of Fame Wallace State coach.

Goodwin finished one stroke shy of forcing a playoff, carding a 3-under par 141 in the 36-hole event.

Goodwin, who recently committed to play next season for the University of North Alabama, was a NJCAA Division I Honorable Mention All-American last spring.

Wallace State placed fourth as a team, finishing with a 13-over 589.

Only six strokes separated the top 11 finishers.

Wallace State's Davis Aaron secured a top 10 finish for the Lions, shooting 2-over 146.

Patrick Minor was 14th with a 149 and Alex Flint shot a 150 for the Lions.

Wallace State's Griffin McCrary and Joshua Darracott both carded an 8-over 152.

Allen Michael Burnett (153), Parker Davis (154), Holden Atchison (159) and Blayne Armstrong (168) rounded out the field for Wallace State, which competed with two flights.

The Lions wrap up the 2020 fall slate today and Friday in Montgomery.

Wallace State golf was led by coach York for 31 seasons.

He guided Wallace State to all of its 13 conference titles and three NJCAA Division I national runner-up finishes.

York, who died in Feb. 2019, coached 21 NJCAA All-Americans, 28 Academic All-Americans and had multiple players carve out successful professional careers.

For more information about Wallace State athletics, visit www.athletics.wallacestate.edu or the athletics Facebook page at www.wallacestate.edu/athleticsfb.

An update on UAH Chargers hockey program

UAH Athletics
uahchargers.com

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. – With the support of prominent alumni as well as the university administration and the Huntsville community, The University of Alabama in Huntsville is working to continue the UAH Division I ice hockey program on a long-term basis.

Goals of the group include alignment with a major conference and future plans to build a multi-purpose facility on the UAH campus that will be the home of the Charger hockey program. The facility would be subject to approval of the University of Alabama System Board of Trustees based on the Board's established criteria, which includes achieving fundraising goals, developing a sustainable business plan, and aligning with UAH's budget parameters. UAH is a part of The University of Alabama System.

"The UAH hockey program has a long and cherished history," UAH President Darren Dawson said. "We are truly grateful for the vital support from our alumni and community as we work together to ensure that the legacy of UAH hockey continues."

"This is an exciting time for UAH hockey," UAH Athletic Director Cade Smith said today. "The UAH administration and our alumni have come together to make a long-term multi-million dollar, multi-year financial commitment so UAH hockey not only survives but becomes a major Division I leader that competes for conference titles and national championships.

"The UAH administration and our alumni are committed to this goal, and it is our hope that the collegiate hockey community will give UAH the opportunity to show what a valued member we will be.

"Having made the commitment to our hockey program, we know we need to have a conference to call home," Dr. Smith emphasized.

Following a strong campaign to save the program in May, UAH alumni led by Taso Sofikitis (1996), CEO and President of Maynards Industries Group, and Sheldon Wolitski (1996), Founder and Chairman of the Board of The Select Group, are working together to ensure the sustainability of the program.

"It is great to see the support we've already received, and we're excited about the future," said Sofikitis.

"It's clear that people care about the UAH program and growing the game in the Southeast. Hopefully, years from now we will have teams like Alabama, Tennessee and more in Division I. We're excited about the future."

"The support means a lot coming from alumni," said Wolitski.

"There are so many people here in the community who have been positively impacted by UAH hockey, but when you have alumni reaching into their pockets and investing in this program for the long haul, that's what will make it sustainable. We want to continue to see the community benefit from college hockey."

An integral resource for the alumni group has been involving key players in an Advisory Committee which includes Sean Henry, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Nashville Predators, Bill Wickett, Executive Vice President of Communications of the Tampa Bay Lightning, and Cam Talbot, a UAH alumnus and current NHL goalie for the Minnesota Wild.

"Sean and Bill have been incredible to work with," said Sofikitis.

"They're both extremely knowledgeable and well-rounded about what works and doesn't from both the marketing and growth perspectives. They know that, if you can grow UAH hockey, it creates fans for both of their teams as well. It's a win-win."

"Using the incredible success of the Charger hockey program to improve the campus as a whole can be invaluable for every facet of UAH," said Henry, regarding the possibility of building a multi-purpose facility on campus where the Chargers will play.

"It will continue to allow this incredible program to grow, soar and amaze us year in and year out. It will only make the school bigger and better every year."

UAB at UTEP Moved to Friday, November 20 in Midland, Texas

Ted Feeley
UAB Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – UAB's game next weekend at UTEP, originally scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 21 in El Paso, has been moved to Friday, Nov. 20 in Midland, Texas.

The game will be played at Grande Communications Stadium and kicks off at 11 a.m. CST on ESPN+.

The change in date and location is due to an outbreak of COVID cases in the city of El Paso. Both UAB and UTEP abide by Conference USA protocol of COVID testing three times a week.

There will be no fans allowed inside Grande Communications Stadium with only coaches, student-athletes, support staff, officials, medical personnel and media permitted to attend the game.

"We feellike we owe it to our team and coaches to do everything we can to play," said UAB Director of Athletics Mark Ingram.

"It will take a lot of work on behalf of both schools to get it done but in the spirit of sportsmanship and being good conference partners, we wanted to exhaust every efoort as long as we could do it safely.

"We appreciate UTEP's creativity and foresight in getting this done."

Prior to moving this game, UTEP (3-3, 0-2 C-USA) has had its last three home games either postponed or canceled. The Miners are scheduled to play at UTSA this Saturday.

UAB (4-3, 2-1 C-USA) hosts North Texas (2-3, 1-2 C-USA) this Saturday at 2 p.m. for its annual Salute to Service game.

Fans can purchase a game ticket and receive a camo beanie for $25 by clicking here or donate a $10 ticket to the Tickets for Troops initiative which will then be given to an active or retired member of the military.

General admission tickets can also be purchased by clicking here.



UAB ATHLETICS

UAB's matchup at UTEP has been moved to Friday, Nov. 20.

St. Bernard (from Front)

each war and how soldiers bravely stood guard and fought to protect their country. Asking the audience to stand and raise their right hand to recite the oath of an American soldier, he reminded everyone to be their best, and to always have a soldier's heart.

Fr. Joel Martin, SBP headmaster, read a poem entitled "It is the Soldier," authored by World War II Army veteran Charles M. Province.

It is the Soldier

It is the Soldier, not the minister
Who has given us freedom of religion.
It is the Soldier, not the reporter
Who has given us freedom of the press.
It is the Soldier, not the poet
Who has given us freedom of speech.
It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer
Who has given us freedom to protest.
It is the Soldier, not the lawyer
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.
It is the Soldier, not the politician
Who has given us the right to vote.
It is the Soldier who salutes the flag,
Who serves beneath the flag,
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.

Then a prayer was offered by Fr. Joel

Following a solo performance of "Taps" played by St. Bernard senior student David De Jesus, the assembly was dismissed.

Operation (from Front)

Wendy Sack
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CULLMAN, Ala. – An arrest has been made in an alleged catalytic converter theft ring operation in Cullman County. The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) said Henry Charles Guthery, 77, of Logan is charged with ownership documentation required for purchase of certain property in connection to the alleged illegal purchasing of stolen catalytic converters.

"CCSO deputies and investigators have been working on several cases throughout Cullman County in which local car dealerships, churches and citizens have been targeted by several suspects in which their catalytic convertors were stolen," said a media release from the sheriff's office. "During this lengthy investigation it became apparent that most of the suspects had Mr. Guthery's business card in their possession and he was the source for purchasing these stolen catalytic converters."

The release said that under Alabama law, it is illegal for a secondary metal recycler to purchase catalytic converters without verifiable documentation for these converters. During this lengthy investigation undercover deputies had multiple transactions with Guthery in which he knowingly violated the law during the purchasing of these converters.

"I am very thankful for the hard work our investigators and deputies have put into this case," said Sheriff Matt Gentry. "These investigators and deputies have been relentless to catch and arrest the individuals responsible for these thefts or anyone with connections to the ring."

The CCSO said investigators are working to obtain multiple arrest warrants for additional suspects in the theft ring.

Guthery has posted a $15,000 bond.

Pier (from Front)

David Rainer
Ala. Dept. of Conservation and Nat. Resources

Gulf State Park on Alabama's beautiful Gulf Coast will be a beehive of activity now and into the future.

One of the priorities is to get a portion of the popular Gulf State Park Pier open after Hurricane Sally collapsed a 175-foot section near the end octagon.

Although no estimate is available as to when the collapsed portion can be replaced, Alabama State Parks officials are working diligently to open a segment of the pier as soon as possible.

Lamar Pendergrass, State Parks' South Region Operations Supervisor, said Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) bridge inspection divers inspected the pier after Sally to make sure the standing portions of the pier are structurally sound.

"The divers also inspected and took pictures of the collapsed portion of the pier," Pendergrass said. "We're going to have assess what is the most feasible way to proceed with that section. That hasn't been determined at this point.

"We have damage to the main water line, a 4-inch line that went all the way to the octagon. The electrical service that supplied the up lights and down lights has been damaged."

The good news is the electrical supply to what Pendergrass calls the T, where the restrooms are located in the middle of the pier, is intact.

"We already have the lights in that area on and working," he said. "After inspection, it looks like we will be able to open about a 40-foot section beyond the T. We will section it off and have it available for fishing."

The contractor who had just finished a $2.4 million renovation to the pier days before Sally hit is on-site and working to get the pier repaired.

"We have the contractor who did the remodel under contract," Pendergrass said. "He has a team of individuals working on the pier to put back the panels that were displaced during the storm."

The 1,540-foot pier was built with panels designed to blow out to mitigate the damage to the structure. More than 200 of those panels were recovered after Sally.

"Those workers are replacing those panels, repairing the ones that were damaged and building new ones for the panels we weren't able to recover," Pendergrass said. "This week, the crew that installed the handrails should be on-site and start repairing the handrails that were damaged. The handrails around the restroom area took a good bit of damage."

Pendergrass said a definite timetable on when the work might be completed is hard to determine right now.

"It's very hard to say," he said. "We're really just scratching the surface. The electrical and water have to be addressed.

"We're probably looking at winter. But we don't want to put a date on it. We're definitely going to open as soon as possible."

The aforementioned renovations to the pier included replacing the pine decking and handrails with ipe (pronounced ee-pay), a hardwood from South America with a projected lifespan of 30 years, compared to 10 for pine.

The grand reopening of the pier was scheduled the day that Sally made a direct hit on the Alabama coast with 105-mph winds and a forward motion of 2 mph, which caused the coast to be pummeled for hours and hours with hurricane-force winds.

Pendergrass said Parks officials heard from many pier users during the renovations and in the aftermath of the storm.

"A lot of people in this area and people who visited the area are very disappointed they don't have the pier to come to and fish and share the fellowship with the other fishermen," he said. "But we have the support of those people who know that when we do open the pier back up, we're going to have a very nice facility."

In addition to the repairs to the pier, a new $3.6-million project is starting at Gulf State Park that encompasses several areas in the 6,150-acre park.

Additional parking spaces are being added near the pier and The Lodge at Gulf State Park.

Significant upgrades are also planned in other areas of the park, including around Lake Shelby and the Beach Pavilion to the east of the main park complex.

With the exception of trail access, Lake Shelby will be closed to the public during the renovations, which are expected to be completed by the summer of 2021.

The Lake Shelby area enhancements will include a modern playground with three areas for different age groups, separate small and large dog parks with covered seating and water fountains, new bathrooms, improved parking, a new tram stop and a bikeshare station for public use within the park.

A parking area and tram stop will be constructed across from the middle beach walkover where South Campground Road intersects East Beach Boulevard.

The Beach Pavilion will be upgraded to better accommodate volunteers, staff, weddings and other events. Also, traffic signs will be updated throughout the park.

"We are pleased to announce these improvements to Gulf State Park," Chris Blankenship, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, said.

"This project has been in the works for several months. Thankfully, we were able to remain on schedule as we also continue the extensive cleanup and repairs associated with Hurricane Sally.

"In recent years this park has become a model for how to blend environmental sustainability with public access to our beautiful coastal landscape. We are looking forward to sharing these new enhancements with the public in the coming months."

Pendergrass said work is underway to repair damage from Sally in the Gulf State Park Campground.

"We lost several electrical distribution panels during the storm," he said. "We should have those repairs done this week. We are checking each panel box to make sure the breakers are good and there is no water damage.

"We want to make sure if campers do hook up, they will have electricity. We plan to open the entire campground up this week. That will give us 500 sites instead of the 175 we had available after the storm."

Pendergrass said the work continues to clean up after Sally. Weeks later, Hurricane Zeta came close enough to the Alabama coast to add to the cleanup work.

"We're riding daily through the park, picking up limbs and debris after the storms," he said.

Pendergrass was especially appreciative of the Alabama State Parks Strike Teams that came from other parks around the state to help at Gulf State Park after Sally.

"Individuals from strike teams from almost ever park came to help us out," he said. "The Lakepoint Strike Team came twice. They cut trees and removed debris. They did a tremendous job of helping this park out. This is just something we do when we have an emergency or tragedy; we send help to each other. And it's greatly appreciated."

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 13

Funeral services for Dorothy Jean Byrd, 83, of Cullman will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020 at Destiny Church with Pastor Fred Rivers officiating; interment in Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11a.m.-1 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Byrd passed away Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She was born March 31, 1937 to Monroe and Louise Moon. She was preceded in death by her husband Vernon Byrd; daughter Amy Byrd; parents; and sister Daisy York. Survivors include her son Tim (Sandy) Byrd; daughter Cindee (Kevin) Wasilewski; grandchildren Amiranda (Greg) Earnest, Cedrick Byrd, Seth (Layla) Wasilewski, Spencer Byrd, Levi Wasilewski, and Brilee (Alex) Smith; great-grandchildren Rowen Wasilewski, Tucker Williams, Jacob Earnest, Trentley Vincent, Ella Wasilewski, Jack Earnest, Rosealee Byrd, and Kyde Byrd; brothers Reedus (Bobbie) Moon, Ted (Nancy) Moon, Danny (Becky) Moon, and Ricky (Shelia) Moon; sisters Marlene (Harry) Waller, Carolyn Ashby, and Sandra (Terry) Johnson; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. Pallbearers are Cedrick Byrd, Allen Gordon, Seth Wasilewski, Spencer Byrd, Alex Smith, Levi Wasilewski, and honorary pallbearer Greg Earnest.

Memorial service details are incomplete at this time for John Allen Walters, 74, of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Walters passed away Nov. 11, 2020. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

William Thomas "Tom" Banks, 68, of Haleyville passed away Nov. 10, 2020 at his residence. He was born Aug. 14, 1952 to William Clarence and Francis Elizabeth Banks. Tom was a graduate of both Haleyville High School and the University of North Alabama. He lived in Haleyville all of his life where he was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Graveside services will be held Friday, Nov. 13, 2020 at 1 p.m. at Littleville Cemetery in Haleyville. Tom is survived by his daughter Kelly Gwendolyn Banks McKee and her husband Aaron and his grandson Ethan Riley McKee. He was preceded in death by his wife Peggy Banks; son William "Anthony" Banks; and his parents William Clarence and Francis Elizabeth Banks.

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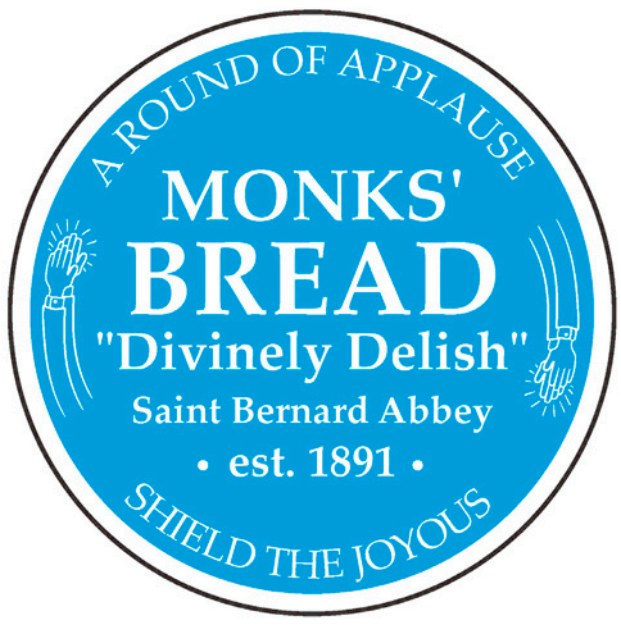
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A Round of Applause for the (Cullman County) Joy-Givers: Monks' Bread

Ben Johnson 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.



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A CULLMAN ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR: MONKS' BREAD FROM ST. BERNARD ABBEY

There are joy-giving angels among us in the Cullman area and one of those is the baker of MONKS' BREAD at St. Bernard Abbey, Brother Benedict. MONKS' BREAD comes in three varieties: CLASSIC--cinnamon raisin, MONTE CASSINO--Italian dinner bread and MONKS' RATION--classic, white table bread. Brother Benedict bakes fresh batches 4-5 days each week. The price is $5 in the Ave Maria Grotto Gift Shop with profits supporting the good works of the Benedictine monks at the abbey.

MONKS' BREAD BENEDICTINE TOAST
(adapted from a French toast recipe at Epicurious.com)

Ingredients
- 4 large eggs
- 3/4 cup Half and Half
- 1/4 cup Benedictine liqueur
- 2 tbsp. sugar
- 1 tbsp. grated orange peel
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
- (8) 3/4-inch slices of Monks' Bread (any of the three)
- 4 tbsp. (1/2 stick) butter
- Powdered sugar
- Warm maple syrup

Directions
1. Whisk first 6 ingredients to blend in medium bowl.
2. Dip each Monks' Bread slice into egg mixture evenly over bread.
3. Let stand until egg mixture is absorbed, at least 20 minutes. (This can be prepared the day ahead. Cover and refrigerate.)
4. Place baking sheet in oven and preheat to 350F.
5. Melt 2 tbsp. butter in heavy, large skillet over medium heat.
6. Add 4 bread slices of the Monks' Bread to skillet and sauté until cooked through and brown, about 3 minutes per side. Place on baking sheet in oven to keep warm. Repeat cooking with remaining 2 tbsp. of butter and 4 bread slices.
7. Transfer toast to 4 plates. Dust with powdered sugar Serve with warm maple syrup.

YIELD: serves 4



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