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Walter 12 year old raises money and awareness for Lyme Disease



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Joshua Riggs, Madeline Hill and Livia Riggs smile for the camera at Wednesday's Laps for Lyme event at Heritage Park.

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SFW's annual Thanksgiving dinner for veterans Nov. 23



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO/CHRISTY PERRY

WWII veteran Cloyce Talmadge Drake, left, and Brandin' Iron Steakhouse's Josh Speakman, right, pose for a photo during 2018's free Thanksgiving dinner for veterans.

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18th annual Winter Wonderland opens Friday at Sportsman Lake



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The 18th annual Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Display at Sportsman Lake Park will be open (weather-permitting) from 5-10 p.m. Nov. 20-22 and 27-29, and Dec. 2-6, 9-13, 16-23 and 26-27 (drive thru-only the 26-27). Dec. 23 will be the last day for the train.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The 18th annual Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Display at Sportsman Lake Park will open Friday, Nov. 20 at 5 p.m. and has more light displays than ever before. Guests can enjoy driving through the park, train rides, carriage rides, hot chocolate and pictures with Santa. This will be the first year the display has opened prior to Thanksgiving.

Cullman County Parks and Recreation Director Doug Davenport gave The Cullman Tribune a sneak peek at the park Wednesday evening.

He said park employees began work on the Winter Wonderland display in mid-September and are still putting on the finishing touches.

"It was mostly the seven employees here at Sportsman, but when we could, we pulled employees from other parks to help," he said.

Look for the new train display and the giant "Let it Snow" featured on the backside of the lake. Another new display with a beautiful cardinal greets visitors as they make their way around the lake. The nativity is also a must-see.

"You can drive around as many times as you would like," said Davenport. "There is so much to see."

This year a few things had to be tweaked due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The train has plexiglass to separate riders. Santa will also be positioned with plexiglass separating himself from the kids.

Said Davenport, "We've done everything we know to do to keep people safe."

Admission to the Winter Wonderland is $10 per vehicle. A photo with Santa is $5. Only cash will be accepted. The display will be open (weather-permitting) from 5-10 p.m. Nov. 20-22 and 27-29, and Dec. 2-6, 9-13, 16-23 and 26-27 (drive thru-only the 26-27). Dec. 23 will be the last day for the train.

Sportsman Lake Park is located at 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman.

STATE

Ivey announces $200M small business grant program 'Revive Plus'



VIDEO CAPTURE/OFFICE OF GOV KAY IVEY

Gov. Kay Ivey addresses the state Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020

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(BONUS) PET OF THE WEEK

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Cullman County Probate Office receives clean 2015-2020 audit report

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts recently released the findings of its audit of the Office of Cullman County Probate Judge Tammy Brown covering a period of over four years from Oct. 1, 2015 through Jan. 31, 2020. Reviewing a record of revenues totaling $10,903,329.77 and disbursements totaling $11,291,912.52, the examiner concluded, "Tests performed during the examination did not disclose any significant instances of noncompliance with applicable state or local laws and regulations."

In a statement, Judge Brown told The Tribune, "The Probate Office is a very diverse office with a lot of different job duties/responsibilities.

"There is no 'I' for the Probate Office; this is a 'We' for teamwork.

"The Probate Office employees that work together as a team to make a five year audit with no significant instances of noncompliance is not only a great accomplishment for the Probate Office but also for the people we serve in Cullman County.

"I want to give special thanks to my Chief Clerk, Kathy Swann. Our success would not be possible without her."

GENERAL FUND

Revenue totals

- Business Privilege License $902,038.92
- Recordation Tax $5,377,431.23
- Drivers License $2,053,054.50
- Marriage License $220,200.00
- Store License $9,628.12
- Chain Store License $19,220.46
- Conservation License $95,234.57
- Boat Registrations $702,820.00
- Casual Sales Tax - Boats $409,238.80
- License Inspector $24,921.80
- Other Fees $92,735.25
- Interest Earned on Bank Accounts $1,164.15
- Probate Court $748,855.12
- Fiduciary Funds $80,635.95
- Total Receipts $10,737,178.87

Disbursements

- Taxes, Licenses and Fees $9,907,687.80
- Probate Court $797,983.02
- Fiduciary Funds $337,210.47
- Total Disbursements $11,042,881.29

Balance as of Jan. 31, 2020

- Probate Court - $4.83
- Fiduciary Funds - $384,907.20

SPECIAL PROBATE FEE FUND

This fund is based on "a special recording fee to be collected on documents filed in the office of the Judge of Probate."

Revenues

- Indexing Fees $69,669.50
- Interest $104.54
- Total Receipts $69,774.04

Disbursements

- Training and Education $21,904.70
- Office Supplies and Maintenance $10,917.26
- Salaries and Wages $27,785.57
- Furniture and Equipment $10,000.00
- Equipment Maintenance $3,823.84
- Miscellaneous $56.49
- Total Disbursements - $74,487.86

Balance as of Jan. 31, 2020 - $26,291.08

COPY FEE FUND

This fund is based on "monies collected from vending machines and fees for copying documents."

Revenues

- Copy Fees $96,476.86
- No other revenues

Disbursements

- Office Expenses $15,334.22
- Copier Maintenance $28,395.02
- Training and Travel $19,397.80
- Dues $800.00
- Furniture and Equipment $9,346.64
- Elections $9,969.05
- Legal/Court Reporter $11,632.50
- Miscellaneous $7,668.14
- Total Disbursements - $102,543.37

Balance as of Jan. 31, 2020 $ 8,601.44

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 18

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 18, 2020. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 16

- third-degree theft of lost property; person; phones; $1,350

Nov. 17

- third-degree criminal trespassing; person; Denson Ave. SW
- third-degree burglary, fourth-degree theft of property; person; Skyview Dr. SE; miscellaneous; $150
- fourth-degree theft of property; person; 5th Ave. SE; bicycle; $300
- third-degree burglary; Dogwood Village Apartments; Lindsey Dr. SW; damaged property, cash
- third-degree domestic violence, second-degree criminal mischief, third-degree assault; person; Ward Ave. SW; damaged vehicles; $1,500

ARRESTS

Nov. 17

Hulsey, Kierian M., 21

- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Brizendine, Christopher N., 46

- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
- FTA- driving without a license
- FTA- insurance violation

Smith, Zackery D., 34

- second-degree domestic violence
- resisting arrest

Lewis, Alonzo M., 26

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Brown, Timothy A., 28

- third-degree domestic violence

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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



COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

- Total confirmed cases in AL: 187,623 (+1,749 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 35,863 (+889 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 3,073 (+33 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 274
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 2,880 (+67 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 1,027 (+41 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 25 (+1 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 6
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 23,647
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,637
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 963
- Total tested in Alabama: 1,481,668
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 26,185
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 111,744
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,303
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 23,088
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 88,038
- See more details at https://bit.ly/2VjCQbP.

Friday, Nov. 13, 2020 COVID-19 update from Alabama's K-12 COVID-19 School Dashboard

- Total cases reported by Cullman City Schools last week: 26
- Total cases reported by Cullman County Schools last week: 67
- See more details at https://bit.ly/31Z4uhd.

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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 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.

Wallace State Future Foundation Student Investment Lunch-In and Auction

- The online auction will take place 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.

2nd Annual Christmas at the Grotto

- Christmas lights return to the Grotto! Come and experience the beauty of Br. Joseph's work at night surrounded by lights and music! We have expanded this unique holiday experience throughout the grounds and have added several dates!
- On Dec. 19, we will have a Christmas Crafts Fair in our parking lot, plus have live musical performances throughout the park!
- Coffee and cookies will be available each night. Make your plans to visit now!
- Ave Maria Grotto, 1600 St. Bernard Drive SE, Cullman

Dates

- Dec. 3,4,5 – 4-9 p.m.
- Dec. 10,11,12 - 4-9 p.m.
- Dec. 17,18 - 4-9 p.m.
- Dec. 19 – noon-9 p.m.
- Dec. 26 - 4-9 p.m.
- Dec. 30,31 - 4-9 p.m.

Admission

- Adults - $6
- Students - $3
- Children 3 and younger - free

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.

Turkey Plunge

- Join the Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County for its Freezin' for a Reason event, the Turkey Plunge, by running/walking into the chilly waters of Smith Lake Saturday, Nov. 21 at Smith Lake Park.
- "Turkeys" of all ages are invited to take the plunge and participate in the "coolest" event of the season.
- The event is open to the public, requiring registration and a $15 entry fee payable on the day of the event. ($10 per additional family member) On-site registration will be from 9:15-10 a.m. prior to the event. Plungers are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items that will be donated to the Cullman Caring for Kids Food Bank. Each entrant will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a $25 gift certificate (total of five).
- At the "Gobble," the plungers will run/walk into the ice-cold Smith Lake waters from the Smith Lake Park beach. There is no time limit to remain in the water – and no specific depth to reach.
- Social distancing will be required during the Plunge.

Christmas in the Warehouse District

- Saturday, Nov. 21 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Christmas fun, shopping and eating in the Warehouse District!

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.

Cullman Regional Foundation Dr. Herman C. Ensor Lights of Love Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

- Thursday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. The annual event is normally held on the Cullman Regional campus, but this year it will be virtual and live streamed on the Cullman Regional Foundation's Facebook page.
- Giving a gift of love of $20, $40, $60 or more places a light on the Christmas tree at Cullman Regional as a tribute to someone special. These tax-deductible gifts help support the Foundation's mission of advancing health care services at the medical center.
- Donations may be contributed throughout the entire holiday season; gifts received by Tuesday, Dec. 1 will be included in the special ceremony. Contributions may be made in memory of or in honor of someone special.
- To donate, go to www.cullmanregional.com/foundation/events or call the Foundation at 256-737-2565 for more information.

City of Hanceville Christmas Tree Lighting

- Friday, Dec. 4 at 5 p.m. at Veterans Park

Christmas in Cullman Parade/Tree Lighting

- Friday, Dec. 4 from 5-9 p.m. in downtown Cullman, Depot Park
- During the event, we will feature a mini Christkindlmarkt, and kids will be able to get their photos taken with Santa!

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!

31st Annual Cullman County Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec. 5 at noon, along U.S Highway 31 from Wallace State to Hanceville Fire Station no. 1

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.

ADPH: Weigh COVID-19 risks this Thanksgiving to protect yourself and others

Karen Landers, M.D.
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The coronavirus pandemic is prompting Alabamians to make difficult decisions about how and whether families and friends gather for Thanksgiving 2020. The virus that causes COVID-19 transmits easily, in gatherings small and large, and many people with the virus have no symptoms. When making your plans, the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) encourages you to evaluate the potential risks against the benefits. That is because the virus can spread during shared meals and traditional holiday activities involving multiple generations.

State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris said, "We all want to see our family for holidays, yet this is a special year when we need to minimize risks because of the consequences of this highly infectious virus.

"Use your best judgment to plan the safest possible Thanksgiving. Consider hosting a virtual celebration, or if hosting or attending one, be sure to put prevention measures in place."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has provided updated cautionary guidance about the many risks involved with holidays.

When families travel long distances, additional risks are involved. The U.S. is currently seeing unprecedented high rates of COVID-19 infection, in many states exceeding numbers previously seen.

Travel is not advised from or within areas where there is a high incidence.

The CDC is recommending that people, especially high-risk individuals, avoid gatherings involving people who do not live within the same household.

Airports, bus stations, public transportation, gas stations and rest stops are places where travelers can be exposed to the virus in the air and on surfaces.

Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others.

CDC has listed factors that contribute to the risk of getting and spreading COVID-19 at small, in-person gatherings including the following:

• Location of the gathering – Indoor gatherings, especially those with poor ventilation (for example, small, enclosed spaces with no outside air), pose more risk than outdoor gatherings.

• Duration of the gathering – Gatherings that last longer pose more risk than shorter gatherings. Being within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more greatly increases the risk of becoming sick and requires a 14-day quarantine.

• Number and crowding of people at the gathering – Gatherings with more people pose more risk than gatherings with fewer people. CDC does not have a limit or recommend a specific number of attendees for gatherings. The size of a holiday gathering should be determined based on the ability of attendees from different households to stay 6 feet (2 arm lengths) apart, wear masks, wash hands, and follow health and safety laws, rules, and regulations.

• Behaviors of attendees prior to the gathering – Individuals who did not consistently adhere to social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart), mask wearing, handwashing, and other prevention behaviors pose more risk than those who consistently practiced these safety measures.

• Behaviors of attendees during the gathering – Gatherings with more safety measures in place, such as mask wearing, social distancing and handwashing, pose less risk than gatherings where fewer or no preventive measures are being implemented. Use of alcohol or drugs may alter judgment and make it more difficult to practice COVID-19 safety measures.

Do not host or participate in any in-person gatherings if you or anyone in your household

• Has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has not met the criteria for when it is safe to be around others

• Has symptoms of COVID-19

• Is waiting for COVID-19 viral test results

• May have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days

• Is at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19

If you are an older adult or person with certain medical conditions who is at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, or live or work with someone at increased risk of severe illness, you should avoid in-person gatherings with people who do not live in your household.

Considerations for hosting or attending a gathering

• Check the COVID-19 infection rates in areas where attendees live.

• Limit the number of attendees as much as possible to allow people from different households to remain at least 6 feet apart at all times. Guests should avoid direct contact, including handshakes and hugs, with others not from their household.

• Host outdoor rather than indoor gatherings as much as possible. Even outdoors, require guests to wear masks when not eating or drinking.

• Avoid holding gatherings in crowded, poorly ventilated spaces with persons who are not in your household. Increase ventilation by opening windows and doors to the extent that is safe and feasible based on the weather, or by placing central air and heating on continuous circulation.

• If setting up outdoor seating under a pop-up open air tent, ensure guests are still seated with physical distancing in mind. Enclosed 4-wall tents will have less air circulation than open air tents. If outdoor temperature or weather forces you to put up the tent sidewalls, consider leaving one or more sides open or rolling up the bottom 12" of each sidewall to enhance ventilation while still providing a wind break.

• Require guests to wear masks. At gatherings that include persons of different households, everyone should always wear a mask that covers both the mouth and nose, except when eating or drinking. It is also important to stay at least 6 feet away from people who are not in your household at all times.

• Encourage guests to avoid singing or shouting, especially indoors. Keep music levels down so people don't have to shout or speak loudly to be heard.

• Encourage attendees to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.

• Provide guests information about any COVID-19 safety guidelines and steps that will be in place at the gathering to prevent the spread of the virus.

• Limit contact with commonly touched surfaces or shared items such as serving utensils. Clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces and any shared items between use when feasible.

• Use touchless garbage cans if available. Use gloves when removing garbage bags or handling and disposing of trash. Wash hands after removing gloves.

• Plan ahead by asking guests to avoid contact with people outside of their households for 14 days before the gathering.

• Treat pets as you would other human family members – do not let pets interact with people outside the household.

CDC has listed and categorized activities that include some of the following:

Lower risk activities

• Having a small dinner with only people who live in your household

• Preparing traditional family recipes for family and neighbors, especially those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, and delivering them in a way that does not involve contact with others

• Having a virtual dinner and sharing recipes with friends and family

• Shopping online rather than in person on the day after Thanksgiving or the next Monday

• Watching sports events, parades, and movies from home

Moderate risk activities

• Having a small outdoor dinner with family and friends who live in your community

• Visiting pumpkin patches or orchards where people use hand sanitizer before touching pumpkins or picking apples, wearing masks is encouraged or enforced, and people can maintain social distancing

• Attending a small outdoor sports events with safety precautions in place

Higher risk activities

• Participating or being a spectator at a race

• Going shopping in crowded stores just before, on, or after Thanksgiving

• Attending crowded parades

• Using alcohol or drugs, which can cloud judgment and increase risky behaviors

• Attending large indoor gatherings with people from outside of your household

Other suggestions for those who choose to gather include letting guests know what is expected of them ahead of time so there are no surprises, asking everyone attending to get a flu shot in advance, bringing extra masks and hand sanitizer with you, and staggering eating times.

Additional information is available by going to the CDC website at cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html

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PREP BASKETBALL

Fairview picks up road sweep at Holly Pond

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HOLLY POND, Ala. -- Fairview traveled to take on Holly Pond in Tuesday night hoops action and both the Aggies and Lady Aggies came away victorious, 70-44 and 62-49, respectively.

Fairview 70 - Holly Pond 44 (varsity girls)

Five different Fairview players found the scoring column as they took a 16-9 lead after one. The second quarter saw Holly Pond play solid on both sides of the ball, outscoring the Lady Aggies 19-15 and they trailed by just three points at the half, 31-28.

It was a close third quarter for both teams as Fairview couldn't pull away from a feisty Lady Bronco squad as they took a 47-41 lead into the final period. The Lady Aggies turned up the pressure on the defensive side of the ball and went off offensively, outscoring Holly Pond 23-3, to turn a six-point lead into a 26-point win when the game came to an end.

Molly McKelvy had a huge game for Fairview (2-0), finishing with a game-high 24 points. Emma Garcia added 10 points. Daisy Manasco and Morgan Lindsay each ended up with nine, and Jacy Gorham added eight.

For Holly Pond (0-1), Kaylee Stallings drilled five threes on her way to a 17-point night. Sarah Finley added 10 and Bai Winder ended up with six.

Fairview 62 - Holly Pond 49 (varsity boys)

Fairview and Holly Pond traded baskets and leads to start off the game. Fairview held a slim 12-10 lead after a Landon Tweedie made shot and Jayden Perkins scored on back-to-back baskets down low to give the Broncos a 14-12 lead late in the first.

Back-to-back made shots by Preston Ryan and Tweedie would give the Aggies the lead right back at 16-14 after one.

Fairview started to create some distance from Holly Pond, scoring the first seven points, to stretch its lead to 23-14. Parker Sellers hit a trey for the Broncos for its first basket with 5:15 remaining in the first half and a Landon Rowell free throw made it a 23-18 game.

A huge three-point play by Jack Brown pushed Fairview's lead to 28-20 late in the second quarter and he later added a trey to make it a 35-24 game. Levi Boatright got the last basket of the half as his short jumper cut the Holly Pond deficit to 36-29 at the half.

The third quarter was a low-scoring affair as at one point, Fairview pushed its lead back to double-digits at 42-31 after six straight points by Owen Yarbrough and Tweedie.

A Brody Bagwell layup cut the Fairview lead to 44-36 going into the final period. After Brown hit a shot to make it 51-41, the Broncos went on another little run as Jayden Perkins and Lane Tipton scored six in a row to make it a six-point game.

But Bailey and Clayton Strane hit a three and a layup, respectively, to push its lead to 56-45.

A Boatright jumper cut the deficit to nine, but that's as close as the Broncos would get the rest of the way as Tweedie and Yarbrough helped seal the 62-49 win for Fairview with six in a row to put a stop to another potential run for Holly Pond.



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Fairview's Landon Tweedie finished with 10 points in the Aggies' 62-49 win over Holly Pond.

Yarbrough led the way for Fairview (1-0) with 20 points. Brown added 11 points, Tweedie ended up with 10 points and Bailey and Preston Ryan each chipped in with seven. For Holly Pond (0-2), Jayden Perkins finished with 17 points. Sellers added 12 points and Landon Perkins ended up with six.

Fairview will host Vinemont on Friday night, while Holly Pond will travel to take on Cold Springs that same night.

Instant impact: Auburn freshmen vow to 'leave no doubt'

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – Whether it's Tank Bigsby breaking tackles, J.J. Pegues overwhelming defenders with punishing blocks or Colby Wooden leading the SEC in tackles for loss, Auburn freshmen are making an instant impact this season.

"I think it's one of the best freshman groups that we've had come through since I've been here," said Gus Malzahn, in his eighth season as Auburn's head coach.

Through the first six games of the 2020 season, 27 freshmen and redshirt freshmen have combined to appear in 95 games, including 16 starts from seven newcomers.

"Probably the most we've had since I've been here," Malzahn said of the 27 rookie contributors. "First of all, what stands out to me about the class is they have a lot of character. High-character guys. It's a very talented group. It's a great combination."

Some, like Bigsby and Pegues, contributed from the get-go. Others, like Wooden, offensive lineman Keiondre Jones and SEC Freshman of the Week honoree Jaylin Simpson, benefited from redshirt seasons.

"Those guys have worked hard," Malzahn said. "I told them the other day, they're no longer freshmen."

With 503 rushing yards in six games, Bigsby leads all Power Five freshmen. He's the first Tiger to rush for 100 yards in three straight SEC games since Kerryon Johnson in 2017 while joining Bo Jackson and Michael Dyer as the only Auburn freshmen to rush for 100 yards against three SEC opponents.

"Tank and a few others have made huge impacts," Malzahn said. "I think collectively as a group you'll see even more of an impact the last part of the season."

With seven tackles for loss, Wooden shares the SEC lead, continuing Auburn's tradition of defensive line excellence under associate head coach Rodney Garner.

True freshman Zykeivous Walker has also emerged on Auburn's D-line, helping fill the gap created by the departure to the NFL of All-Americans Derrick Brown and Marlon Davidson.

"I have always taken football seriously," Walker said. "Football has always been a big part of my life. Coming in, losing Marlon and Derrick, I just knew I had a role to fill. I really put my trust into Coach G. I knew Coach G was going to do whatever it takes to get me where I need to be."

Walker made his first career sack in Auburn's 30-28 win vs. Arkansas along with a career-high four tackles, adding two solos in the Tigers' 48-11 victory over LSU.

"I go out on the field every day and I just attack the day," he said. "I work hard and try to provide and be there for my team."

After recording double digit sacks in his junior and senior seasons at Schley County High School in Ellaville, Georgia, Walker enrolled at Auburn in January to begin adjusting to SEC football.

"I would say the biggest challenge is, of course you have to be more physical, you've got to be more in shape," he said. "You've got to be fundamentally sound. There are so many small things that take place in college football that you really have to be good at.

"In high school, you can go out there and freelance and not many people can stop you. Once you get to college, you've got to change a lot of things to be able to make plays."

Receiver Ze'Vian Capers scored his first touchdown vs. LSU. Fellow true freshman receiver Kobe Hudson has played in all six games and made his first catch for 18 yards in his second game. Jones joined the starting O-line and Auburn's running game continued to click.

The next generation of Auburn linebackers – Cam Riley, Wesley Steiner and Desmond Tisdol – is making its mark on special teams while backing up standouts Owen Pappoe and Zakoby McClain. Fellow true freshman Ladarius Tennison has played in all six games, earning praise from defensive coordinator Kevin Steele.

Ladarius Tennison has played in all six games in his true freshman season

Walker, a future star on the defensive line, is not surprised about the newcomers' fast start.

"One thing that I will say about all of us: we have a mindset that we're going to leave no doubt," Walker said. "We want to see the field. We came in with a dog mentality. We came in ready to work. We're here, ready to ball with our team."

One month before Auburn adds the first installment of its 2021 recruiting class, the Tigers' message to previous signees rings true: if you're good enough, you're old enough.

"You look at our history since I've been the head coach, we've had numerous true freshmen play," Malzahn said. "If they're on the field, we think they're old enough. The way we've recruited, we expect guys to be able to come in here and help immediately."

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Program (from Front)

Office of Gov. Kay Ivey
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Governor Kay Ivey on Wednesday announced Revive Plus, a $200 million grant program to support small businesses, nonprofits and faith-based organizations in Alabama that have been impacted by COVID-19. Revive Plus is the second wave of funding for these organizations with 50 or fewer employees and will award grants of up to $20,000 for expenses they have incurred due to operational interruptions caused by the pandemic and related business closures.

"As the State has rolled out over $1 billion of the CARES Act monies to the individuals and businesses affected by COVID-19, it became evident the group most overwhelmingly hurt during the pandemic were the small 'mom and pop' shops," Ivey said. "A second round of assistance through Revive Plus will ensure that the small business owners who have borne the brunt of the downed economy can be made as whole as possible. As we head into the holiday season, my hope is that this will be welcome news for our businesses and help ease their burdens from what has been a very hard year."

Entities may receive up to $20,000 to reimburse qualifying expenses if they have not received federal assistance for the corresponding item they are claiming with the State of Alabama. The Revive Plus grant is in addition to any state of Alabama Coronavirus Relief Fund grant previously received, including the Revive Alabama Small Business, Non-Profit, Faith-Based, and Health Care Provider grants. There is no set cap on the number of entities that may be awarded a Revive Plus Grant. Grants will be awarded to qualifying applicants on a first-come-first-served basis until the funds are exhausted.

"The Revive Plus program is much needed in our small business economy," Senate General Fund Chairman Greg Albritton, R-Atmore said. "I commend Governor Ivey for taking this action, recapturing unspent dollars and using a proven program to bring economic relief to our small business owners."

Alabama received approximately $1.9 billion of CARES Act funding to respond to and mitigate the coronavirus pandemic. Alabama Act 2020-199 initially designated up to $300 million of the Coronavirus Relief Fund for individuals, businesses, non-profit and faith-based organizations directly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. After the initial $100 million for small business that was reimbursed starting in July 2020, legislative leadership approved a second round of $200 million from allocations made to reimburse state government and from other grant programs that have ended with the full allocation unspent.

"This second round of funding for Alabama entities will provide much needed resources for our state's economy," Senate Minority Leader Bobby Singleton, D-Greensboro said. "I appreciate the governor and the Finance Department's work to ensure we utilize these funds to the benefit of our citizens."

Entities may access grant information and the grant application through the Coronavirus Relief Fund website. The application period for the Revive Plus Grant Program will open at noon, Nov.23, 2020 and run through noon, Dec. 4, 2020.

"This is welcome news for small businesses, non-profits and faith-based organizations that are continuing to feel the adverse effects of the COVID-19 virus," House General Fund Chairman Steve Clouse, R-Ozark said. "Time is of the essence and I urge all qualified entities to apply as soon as possible beginning Monday, Nov. 23."

A coalition of the Business Council of Alabama, the National Federation of Independent Business of Alabama (NFIB Alabama), and the Alabama Restaurant Association worked closely with the Governor's Office to revisit the grant program after the initial round of Revive Alabama reached the $100 million cap.

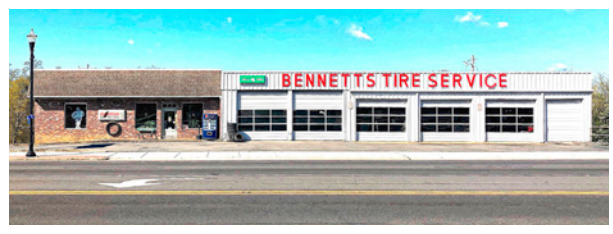
"Businesses throughout the state are working diligently to keep their employees and customers safe, all while ensuring commerce throughout Alabama continues to move," Business Council of Alabama President and CEO Katie Britt said.

"Revive Plus will be essential in giving Alabama businesses access to the necessary and needed funding to keep their doors open and keep hard working Alabamians employed. Our broad coalition of businesses, associations and chambers commend Governor Ivey and her administration for putting these critical funds into the hands of businesses who need it most."

Qualifying entities must have been in business March 1, 2020, be currently in business and have a valid W-9 to apply for a Revive Plus Grant.

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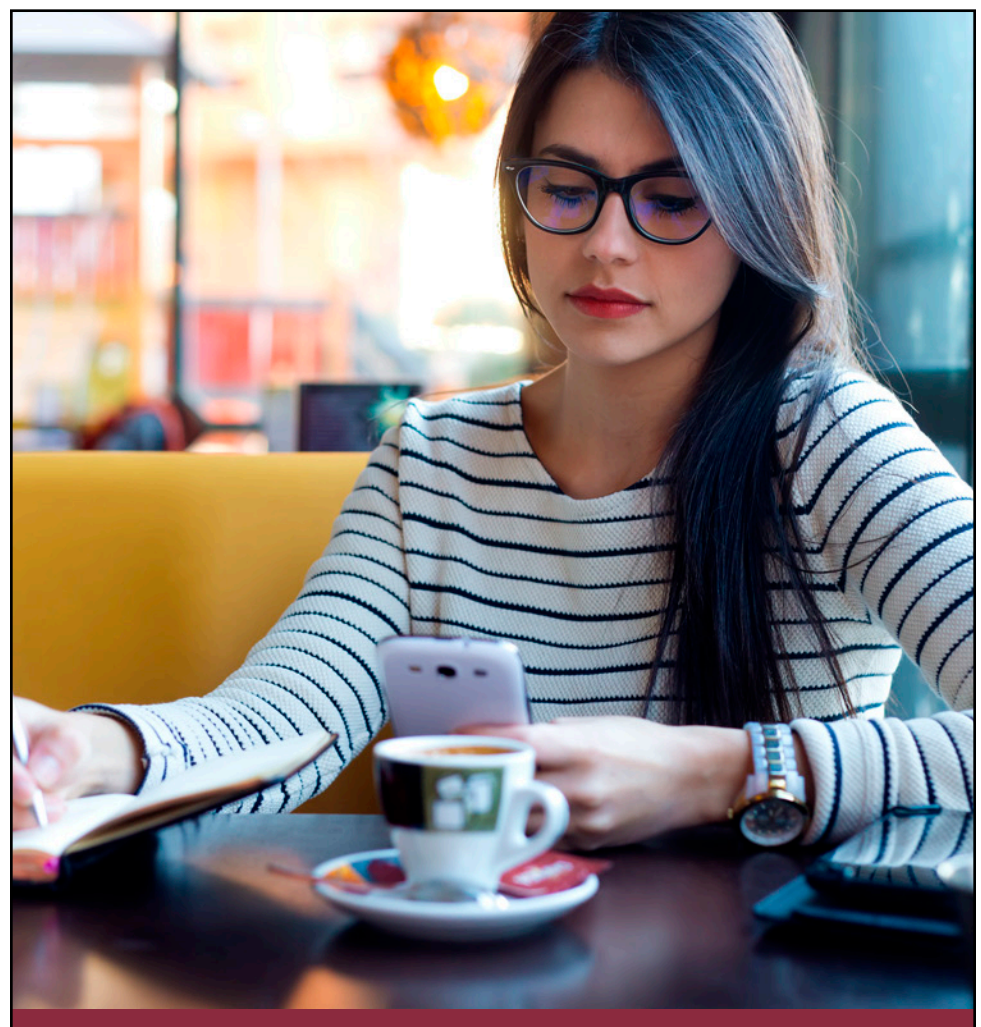
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OPINION

Op-Ed: 400 years later, the pilgrim story is more relevant than ever

Congressman Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama

This Thanksgiving will be different from any other we have had in our lifetimes. This past year has been a struggle, as every single one of us has had their normal lives disrupted. Many of us have also lost friends and family as the coronavirus has swept through our communities. To say 2020 has been a trying time would be an understatement.

This year has not been unlike that first year the Pilgrims spent after landing at Plymouth Rock; their crossing of the Atlantic, their year of loss and struggle and their ultimate triumph.

Four hundred years ago, a group of 102 passengers set sail from England on a ship known as the Mayflower. They left their homeland with eyes set on the New World, where hopes of religious freedom and entrepreneurial opportunities awaited. Today, four centuries later, the New World that these pilgrims found is now the greatest country in the world, the United States of America.

As we look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving in a few days with our loved ones, (as best we can under the current situation) I think that giving thanks for the land that we call home is especially important this year.

With the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower landing, we can look back and admire those brave men and women who embarked on a dangerous journey across the Atlantic Ocean.

Many of the passengers aboard that ship sought religious freedom that would only be possible here in the New World.

That religious freedom they risked their lives for remains a value we treasure and must continue to defend today. Sadly, it's a freedom we too often take for granted each and every day.

And when rough weather forced the Mayflower to land in Massachusetts rather than Virginia, the seeds of democracy were sewn. It was the Mayflower Compact that gave way to the Pilgrims establishing a colony that created its own laws and abided by them.

This incredible feat of getting consensus among a diverse group is what led to the first self-governing document in the New World.

The Mayflower Compact established something that had never been done before but was soon to be replicated on a larger scale when the nation's Founding Father's put pen to parchment and drafted the Constitution.

It was the brave passengers of the Mayflower who started the tradition of a day of giving thanks in the year 1621.

That first year, especially the winter of 1620-21 was harsh and deadly. Of the 102 original passengers, 45 died the first year.

Many died from exposure to the cold, from diseases and from malnutrition. Four entire Mayflower families also died that first winter in Massachusetts.

But those who survived persevered. While it wasn't called Thanksgiving back then, it was a joyous celebration of the Pilgrims' first corn harvest that they invited nearby Native Americans to join.

Some two hundred and forty years later, President Abraham Lincoln established Thanksgiving as a national holiday to be observed on the final Thursday of each November.

While we are still struggling through the season of COVID, we can look to those 102 brave souls from four centuries ago who also struggled. But they trusted that brighter days and the prospect of freedom were on the horizon. Not only that, but they looked to God for their guidance and thank him for bringing them to the place we are today.

So, on this Thanksgiving, while we still struggle, we can take comfort from those who came before us. We owe so much to the Pilgrims, as God put it in their hearts to travel to the New World. Furthermore, they set before us a spirit of Thanksgiving to the all-knowing God. And that is an example for us today, perhaps even more so than ever.

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INVITATION TO BID

COMMUNITY SAFE ROOM

Sealed Bids shall be received for one (1) or more Community Safe Room(s) by the Cullman County Commission, until 2:00 p.m. C.S.T. on December 3, 2020. Bids will be opened on December 3, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Cullman County Economic Development Office, 325 Second Street SE, Cullman, Alabama. Bids will be opened and publicly read for an above-ground, pre-engineered, pre-manufactured, 114" steel plate safe room, with bathrooms, generator and generator cover that complies with FEMA 361 (2015) and ICC 500 Community Shelter Design Criteria. If a bid is selected, the contract will be awarded at the regular Cullman County Commission meeting on December 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The Community Safe Room shall meet the specifications in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Publication 361. Each bidder must certify that the bid meets or exceeds FEMA 361 specifications. Upon completion of the project, the successful bidder will be required to provide a notarized contractor/installer form certifying that the project meets or exceeds FEMA 361 as well as an engineering peer review and design oversite letter provided by the contractor's engineer of choice.

The Cullman County Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities in awarding this bid to the best responsive bidder. The bid award will not be based solely on price. Quality, conformity with the specifications, purpose for which required, terms of delivery, and past service and experience are among the factors that will be considered in determining the best responsive bidder. Other factors such as compliance with Qualifications for Safe Room Design Acceptance, value, conditions, and past performance will be considered in determining the best bid. Bidders must show proof of a minimum of five (5) years' experience in successfully completing community safe room projects of this size and type. Provide at least three (3) references from previous community safe room projects, with photos.

Bids submitted are firm and no claims for errors will be considered after bids are opened and subsequent thereof.

The bidder shall use domestic products and labor and if domestic products are not used, there shall be a downward adjustment in the contract price equal to any realized savings or benefits to the contractor/installer.

The proposal package includes specifications, a copy which is available for examination from, Monday through Thursday 7:30 am to 4:30pm and Friday from 7:30am-3:30pm at the Cullman County Economic Development Office, 325 Second Street SE, Cullman, AL 35055. All bidders must use the attached form for submitting their bid. All bids must be sealed and marked -in the lower left-hand envelope "BID # PMDC-04-AL-2017-001 Community Safe Room", with opening date and time. Late bids will not be opened. All Bids for the Cullman County Commission Community Safe Room must be submitted to the Cullman County Economic Development Office located at 325 Second Street SE, Cullman, AL 35055. For questions regarding this invitation to bid, please email, Matt Kinsland, Project Coordinator at mkinsland@co.cullman.al.us or call at 256-736-2434 during hours listed above; or contact, Cullman County Commission Attorney, Emily Johnston at ejohnston@co.cullman.al.us or call at 256-775-4878 during Commission business hours of Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4:00pm.

Pursuant to Alabama Code 32-13-1, Earl's Body Shop, Inc will offer for sale at Public Auction the following vehicles on December 29, 2020, at 7:00 a.m.

1997 Honda Accord, Vin #1HGCD5656VA099833
2010 Ford Focus, Vin. #1FAHP3HN3AW154352
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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on June 10, 2016 by Jose Favila Morales, spouse of Lena Favila and Lena Favila, spouse of Jose Favila Morales, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1791, Page 820 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on December 11, 2020:

DESCRIBED PROPERTY: Beginning at the southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 1 West; thence running north along the east line of said forty 220 yards; thence west 110 yards; thence south 220 yards; thence east 110 yards to the point of beginning.
LESS AND EXCEPT: All that part of the above described 5 acre tract of land lying and being east of Fairview-Eva Public Road.
ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT: All that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 1 West being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 9, Range 1 West; thence south along said quarter quarter line 223 feet to a point; thence North 80 degrees 49 minutes East along the north side of Bell Telephone Company 214.7 feet to the west side of the Fairview-Eva Road; thence along said road North 24 degrees 00 minutes West 422.0 feet to a point; thence west 369.4 feet to a point; thence South 200.0 feet to a point on the south line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 9, Range 1 West; thence east along said quarter quarter line 330.0 feet to the point of beginning.
ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT: All that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 1 West, of the Huntsville Meridian, Cullman County, Alabama, being more particularly described as: Beginning at a point 330 feet west and 200 feet north of the southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 9, Range 1 West; thence north 130 feet to a point; thence North 68 degrees 00 minutes East 290 feet to a point on the west side of the Fairview-Eva Road; thence south along the west side of said road South 24 degrees 00 minutes East 255.7 feet to a point; thence west 369.4 feet to point of beginning.
ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT: Commencing at the intersection of the south line of Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 1 West with the center line of County Road No. 5 (Fairview-Eva Road); thence North 23 degrees 23' West along the center line of said road a distance of 578 feet to a point; thence South 70 degrees 40' West a distance of 40 feet to a point on the most westerly right of way line of said road and the true point of beginning; thence continue South 70 degrees 40' West a distance of 243 feet to a point; thence South 3 degrees 29' East a distance of 100 feet to a point; thence North 71 degrees 10' East a distance of 276.4 feet to a point; thence North 23 degrees 20' West a distance of 100 feet to the true point of beginning. Said land lying and being in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 1 West, Cullman County, Alabama

The following manufactured home to be auctioned separately and together with the real estate:
2005 Clayton single wide manufactured home, VIN CLA05419TN

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-November 19, 26, December, 2020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

JEANIE MOTT WILHITE,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2020-900251.00**

WILLIAM RUDE WILHITE,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

William Rude Wilhite, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Jeanie Mott Wilhite's Complaint for Divorce by January 4, 2021 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2020-900251.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 4th day of November, 2021.

Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
Kimberly H. Drake
419 2ND Av SW
Cullman, AL 35055

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on August 18, 2008 by Robert E. Wagnon and Gloria L. Wagnon, husband and wife, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1574, Page 544 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on December 7, 2020:

A parcel of land situated in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼, S-29, T-11, R-5-W, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the SW corner of said quarter, on the East side of the Craven Hole Road; thence East to the East line of said forty; thence North to the creek; thence in a Northwesterly direction following said creek to the above named road; thence Southwesterly along said road to the point of beginning. Containing 14 acres, more or less.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

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 part of the foreclosure process.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
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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 Dudley Veal Married, And Wife, Mary Alice Veal to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Molton, Allen & Williams Corporation, its successors and assigns dated August 24, 1999; said mortgage being recorded on August 24, 1999, in Book 1118, Page 245, as having been modified by an agreement recorded on and recorded in Book 1760, Page 697 in and re-recorded in Book 1129, Page 339 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper by assignment recorded in Deed Book 350, Page 650 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, 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 18th day of September, 2020 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
A part of the SE 1/4 - NE 1/4, Section 31, Township 9 South, Range 1 West, Cullman County, Alabama, described as follows: commence at a found 5/8" rebar being the Northeast Corner of said SE 1/4 - NE 1/4; thence South 00 degrees, 16 minutes 35 seconds West, along the East Boundary of said SE 1/4 - NE 1/4, 130.13 feet, to a set 1/2" rebar and the point of beginning, being on the South R.O.W. of County Road 1668, thence continue along said East boundary South 00 degrees, 16 minutes 35 seconds West, 236.04 feet, to a set 1/2" rebar; thence leaving said East Boundary North 62 degrees, 58 minutes 27 seconds West, 127.69 feet, to a found 1" square iron; thence North 44 degrees 17 minutes 33 seconds West, 119.97 feet, to a set 1/2" rebar; thence North 39 degrees 35 minutes 12 seconds. East, 179.68 feet to a set 1/2" rebar on the South R.O.W. of County Road 1668; thence South 61 degrees 10 minutes 10 seconds East, along said South R.O.W., 96.07 feet, to the point of beginning. Contains 0.779 acres more or less.

Description from survey of Brain L. Dutton, Al. Reg. No. 20630, dated July 27, 1999.

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AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until October 29, 2020, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

Cullman Tribune, October 15, 2020

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until December 4, 2020, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

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Obituary Announcements: Nov. 19

Lorene Anderson Lange, 97, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Monday, Nov. 16, 2020. Lorene was born Oct. 2, 1923 in Limestone County, Alabama. Lorene is survived by son Bobby (Sharlet) Lange; daughters Fredricka (William) Snipes and Sandra Mclellan; grandchildren Frederick Henery Lange III, Mary (Chris) Gilbert, Jennifer (Daren) Fowler, Justin Abercrombie, Robert (Dana) Lange, Casey Lange, Ashley (Eric) Price, Whitney (John) Snipes,and Jessica (Robbie) Chambers; sisters Brenda Hopper and Joyce Mercer; brother James Anderson; and seven great-grandchildren. Lorene was preceded in death by her husband Frederick Henery Lange; parents Walter Lowery and Idaceal Todd Anderson; son Frederick Henery Lange II; and grandchild James Abercrombie. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Lange family.

Barbara Ellen Chandler, 70, of Auburn, formally of Cullman, Alabama passed away Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020. Barbara was born Feb. 28, 1950 in Athens, Alabama. Barbara is survived by brother Charles Everett (Peggy) Chandler and sisters Carol Chandler (Warren) Wrather, Mary June Chandler, and Sarah Rochelle Chandler. Barbara was preceded in death by parents Everett and Mary Agnes Creel Chandler. A celebration of life graveside service for Barbara will be held Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Cullman City Cemetery, 812 Ninth Ave. SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Chandler family

Funeral services for Brenda Glover, 57, of Cullman will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, 2020 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Bro. Malcolm Carter, II officiating; interment in Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Glover passed away Monday, Nov. 16, 2020 at Huntsville Hospital. She was born July 23, 1963 to Downs Curtis and Dorothy Janette Bowers. If you knew Brenda, you knew she loved the Lord. She always had a praise or a prayer on her lips. And you knew she loved her family. Brenda was always by the side of those she loved, offering comfort, organizing a prayer vigil or providing care. She never stopped believing in the goodness of God's grace and is now receiving her Heavenly reward. She leaves behind her loving husband Billy Glover; her children Bridget Taylor and Brian Ragsdale; granddaughter Kaitlyn; father- and mother-in-law James and Vivian Glover; siblings Becky Oden, Debbie (Myrtis) Fallin, Darrell (Gail) Bowers, Gary (Shelia) Bowers, Ronnie (Sherry) Bowers, and Tracy (John) Griffin; brothers- and sister-in-law Chad Cargile, Barry Glover, Tracie (Jeff) Nail; and a host of nieces and nephews. Brenda is reunited in Heaven with her parents, the Reverend and Mrs. Curtis Bowers (Dorothy) and her sister Michelle Bowers Cargile. Brenda's sister, Michelle, went to be with our Lord only 75 days before Brenda. After Michelle's passing, Brenda always noticed butterflies and felt comforted as they reminded her of her sister's spirit. May we find that same comfort in remembrance of Brenda. The butterfly is a symbol of spiritual rebirth and nothing could describe Brenda's journey better. We will miss Brenda's caring and compassionate soul on this Earth. We will miss the warmth and reassurance her presence could bring. But every time we see a butterfly, we will think of Brenda and smile. Be still, and know that I am God ~ Psalm 46:10

Graveside services for Robert Lewis Holder, 84, of Logan will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, 2020 at Prospect Church of Christ, Rev. Delbert Freeman officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Holder passed away Nov. 16, 2020 at Cullman Regional. He was born Dec. 15, 1935 to Sherman Brown and Mary Ethel Emerson Holder. He loved life. He loved his family and friends and never met a stranger. He was an avid fan and musician of Bluegrass Gospel. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Eve Holder, and his brothers and sisters. Survivors include his son Robert Dean Holder; daughter Bridget (Tonia) Holder; brother Bruce Holder; sister Pauline Holmes; grandchildren Zachary (Brooke) Chrietzberg, Shawnee (Nick) Simmons, Chase Lawrence, and Craig Lawrence; great-grandchildren Mason Chrietzberg and Kora Richards; and family and friends. Visitation will be Friday at the funeral home from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Funeral services for Krystal Cason, 38, of Hanceville, AL will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 20 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Brothers Jim Deason, Jared McCrary, and Cody Hairston will be officiating. Visitation for the public will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Cason is survived by her father Ricky D. Cason, Sr.; sister Michelle (Lynn) Talley; brother Ricky D. Cason, Jr.; niece Abby Holt; nephew Zaius Byrd; grandmothers Erma L. Wamsley and Marie Cason; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Mrs. Cason is preceded in death by her mother Doris L. Cason; grandfather Richard C. Wamsley; and aunts Beverly Ritchey and Deborah J. Cunningham. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Lions Club and Hanceville Civitans.

Graveside services for Chelsa Ethel Davenport, 99, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020 at Neighborhood Baptist Cemetery; Rev. Paul Featherstone officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Davenport passed away Nov. 17, 2020 at Folsom Center. She was born May 1, 1921 to Everett and Ruby Dewitt Carlile. She loved to color, do puzzle books, etc., and her mind was very sharp until the end. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband William Davenport; daughter Catrina Priest; and her brothers and sisters. Survivors include her son Thomas Davenport; daughter Betty Ann Guarst; sisters Viva Vaughn and Ruby Hudson; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and family and friends. Visitation will be Saturday morning at the funeral home from 9-10:30 a.m. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Linda L. Taylor, 74, of Haleyville entered into rest Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020 at Russellville Hospital. Linda was born Jan. 23, 1946 in Double Springs, Alabama. She loved to do crossword puzzles, color and also read. Visitation will be held Friday, Nov. 20, 2020 from 5-7 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the service will be held Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020 at 2 p.m. Brother Ricky Thrasher will officiate. Burial will follow in Frost Chapel Cemetery. Linda is survived by her sister Lois V. Hankins; brother Troy L. (Mary) Kinard; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents Jessie Lee Kinard and Ora Evelina Flake Kinard; brothers Garvis Kinard, David Junior Kinard and Donald Kinard; and sisters Laura Jean Wallace and Minny Lou Kinard.

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Silver Bells (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Animal Shelter's Donna Ruttkay reported that The Cullman Tribune's last Pet of the Week, Apples, was quickly adopted! But the shelter still has lots of love to share, so she shares a bonus Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week: Silver Bells is a 1-year-old pup who's a "mix of everything fine!" She's a lively medium- to high-energy pet who's great on her leash and is developing good spatial awareness and social skills.

She is using her stores of energy learning how to wear a backpack and carry water for her people. Staffers have found that, with a little human encouragement, she enjoys taking on new challenges. Silver Bells has the makings of a great hiking, companion or therapy dog.

Silver Bells' adoption fee is $100 which includes DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, spaying, microchip, free 30-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax). Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior. Several of the shelter's canine friends have even been "hired" to work as therapy and special needs service dogs. Please consider adopting, to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com. Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE.

Lyme (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Madeline Hill, 12, of Walter completed her 5K challenge Wednesday afternoon at Heritage Park, along with more than 20 other friends and supporters. She was also joined by her mom, Becca, and older sister, Molly. Hill, who was diagnosed with Lyme Disease when she was 8 years old, has been busy raising awareness and money for Lyme advocacy group Lyme Warrior.

According to the LymeLight Foundation, Lyme Disease is "an infection caused by the spirochetal bacteria- Borrella Burgdorferi. If left untreated, infection can spread to the joints, the heart and the nervous system."

Hill is thought to have contracted Lyme through a tick when she was just 4 years old.

She is now dedicated to raising awareness so that others may not have to wait four years for a correct diagnosis and so people know to be careful regarding ticks and the illnesses they transmit. She began raising money for Lyme Warriors, and at each stage ($250, $500, $750, $1,000) the organization issued a fun challenge.

Molly Hill explained, "One challenge, I did Madeline's makeup while blindfolded and another challenge, Madeline dyed her hair green."

The third challenge is for Madeline to record herself singing a song.

Said Becca Hill, "She will be performing 'Warrior' by Avril Lavigne. It is a song she wrote about Lyme."

The final challenge, now that Madeline Hill has reached the $1,000 fundraising goal, was the 5K.

She and a group of her best friends began their 5K run at the fountain at Heritage Park. The group made a quick loop before stopping for a drink of lemonade at their booth that suggested, "Take a Bite out of Lyme. Drink Lemonade." The Hills also had fun items provided by Lyme Warrior to give away, as well as informative literature about the disease that often leaves Hill sick and exhausted.

Not Wednesday, though!

Hill and her personal Lyme Warriors quickly completed the 5K before taking off to the playground for even more fun.

Final totals for how much money she raised through today's Laps for Lyme event and her "virtual 5K" are still being tallied.

Dinner (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Local nonprofit Saving Forgotten Warriors will host its fifth annual Thanksgiving dinner for veterans and their families next Monday, Nov. 23. The event is usually held at the Brandin' Iron restaurant in West Point, but this year it is expanding to a second location at Cullman Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2214. Both locations will serve from noon-6 p.m., with opening prayers at 11:30. All veterans are welcome to come out for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Meals will also be available for carryout at the VFW, and meals will be delivered to homebound veterans by Cullman County Sheriff's Office staff.

Saving Forgotten Warriors Founder and President Jeremy Hogan said he is grateful to the many sponsors who have made this meal possible this year and in years past.

With COVID-19 causing so many traditions to be sidelined in 2020, Hogan said he was determined to not let this tradition be one of them.

"Brandin' Iron and the VFW will stick to the COVID requirements, of course. The only thing different this year is the adding of the second location," he said.

"The VFW and Saving Forgotten Warriors have partnered together this year, which is something I have been working on for years. I am absolutely on cloud nine over it.

"I love that organizations are coming together, as well as the community."

Hogan has volunteers from Cullman and surrounding areas coming to help prepare the meal, as well as people coming to help serve Monday.

The Cullman County Sheriff's Office will be delivering homebound meals in Cullman County, and this year meals will also be delivered in Morgan and Blount counties.

Hogan stressed, "If there are any homebound vets that want a meal, they can still reach out to us up to the day of the event.

Those who don't want to attend in person (can) call ahead, and the VFW will be the location for any pick-up orders. They can sit down and eat there also."

Brandin' Iron and Saving Forgotten Warriors are expecting to prepare at least 1,200 plates this year.

Said Hogan, "All the original sponsors are still helping, and we've added a bunch this year.

"Bill Smith (Buick GMC) stepped up and doubled their donation from last year, which is huge! Amazing!"

Other sponsors and community leaders, including Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, Cullman County Commissioner Garry Marchman and Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry are expected to stop in and fellowship with the veterans and their families.

"We want veterans of all situations to come and sit down with us and let us say thank you," said Hogan. "This is not a meal to give you food because you don't have food. It's a meal to sit, break bread, fellowship and let us give you the thanks and love we so wish to give you. We admire our heroes. (This is) a way to say thank you to the men and women who do so much."

All veterans, their spouses, their caregivers, Gold Star family members, widows of veterans and veterans' children 18 and younger are welcome to come out and enjoy the Thanksgiving meal. Everyone is encouraged to wear masks and adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Those who would like to pick up orders or would like a meal delivered to their home can call the Brandin' Iron at 256-739-1112 or Saving Forgotten Warriors at 256-747-5006.

The VFW is located at 112 Veterans Dr. SW in Cullman. The Brandin' Iron is located at 87 County Road 1242, Cullman, AL 35057.

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