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WEIHNACHTSPYRAMIDE!



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Seniors offered free admission to Winter Wonderland Dec. 18-20



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Senior citizens 60 and older can see visit the 18th annual Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Display at Sportsman Lake Park free of charge Friday-Sunday, Dec. 18-20. » PAGE 7

Vinemont Band Booster Craft Show continues today



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Vinemont High School band members (seated, left to right) Blake Heaton, Hanna McDonald, Lainey Moses and Madison Watson, along with (standing, left to right) Brandon Cason and Lily Hastings greeted visitors to the Vinemont Band Booster Craft Show Friday at Cullman Church of Christ. The show continues Saturday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The annual Vinemont Band Booster Craft Show kicked off Friday at Cullman Church of Christ (4345 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058), and resumes today from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The event is the largest fundraiser for the Vinemont band program. Close to 70 vendors with an assortment of unique holiday gifts are hoping for a great crowd, especially after a tough year of show cancellations.

Among the many vendors is Sheila Johnson from Colony, who has charming handmade bags, purses and more in all types of fabrics and patterns. Paige Peoples, found on Facebook at The Feathered Nest, has Herbal Nirvana Organic Herb Pillows. These are an alternative to traditional cold pack. They can be used in a variety of ways for aches, pains and headaches. Peoples also has other decorative gift items.

Gourd art remains a popular crafty gift idea, and Katie's Gourds & » PAGE 7

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 20

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 20, 2020. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 15

• third-degree domestic violence- harassment; person; Kim Lane SE

Nov. 18

• unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; Mitch Smith Chevrolet; Cherokee Ave. SW
• third-degree theft of property; Waffle House; Commerce Ave. NW; cash
• third-degree burglary; person; Gold Mark Ct. SW; cash
• third-degree burglary; Grande Pointe Pharmacy; 2nd Ave. NW; damaged property

ARRESTS

Nov. 19

Grohman Jr., William J., 26

• FTA- obstructing governmental operations

Roth, Tyler J., 31

• fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, Nov. 20, 2020 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

• Total confirmed cases in AL: 191,408 (+1,947 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in AL: 36,965 (+516 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in AL: 3,148 (+25 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in AL: 303
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 2,976 (+61 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 1,022 (-3 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 27 (+1 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 7
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 24,151
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,756
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 923
• Total tested in Alabama: 1,508,212
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 28,238
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 122,631
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,329
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 23,449
• Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 90,702

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

Friday, Nov. 20, 2020 COVID-19 update from Alabama's K-12 COVID-19 School Dashboard

• Total cases reported by Cullman City Schools last week: 30
• Total cases reported by Cullman County Schools last week: 54

See more details at https://bit.ly/31Z4uhd.

LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

DRENNON PROPERTIES LLC, *
*
PLAINTIFF, *
*
VS. * CASE NO. CV-2020-900287
*
All that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 12, Range 2 West, laying Southwest of the Garden City and Blountsville Pike Road, and North of the Mulberry River, being about five (5) acres. Situated, lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama. LESS AND EXCEPT: All that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 12 South, Range 2 West, more particularly described as: commencing at an existing one-half inch pipe marking the Southwest corner of said forty; thence North 59 degrees 42 minutes 59 seconds East a distance of 371.54 feet to an existing 1 inch pipe on the South right of way of Third Street, SE; thence North 53 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds East along said right of way a distance of 150.27 feet to an existing 1 inch pipe and the true point of beginning of the property herein described; thence from said true point of beginning run South 27 degrees 33 minutes 12 seconds East a distance of 273.05 feet to an existing axle on the accepted South line of the above described forty; thence North 86 degrees 24 minutes 55 seconds East along said line a distance of 110.00 feet to a set5/8 inch rebar iron; thence North 27 degrees 52 minutes 12 seconds West a distance of 334.01 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron on the South right of way of Third Street SE; thence South 53 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds West along said right of way a distance of 100.00 feet to the true point of beginning and containing 0.69 acres more or less.
*
AND *
*
JOHN W. KERBY and AMY B. KERBY, *
And A, B, C, D and all other *
persons claiming any present, future, *
contingent remainder, reversion, or other *
interest in said lands, *
*
DEFENDANTS. *

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CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

NOTICE

The Defendants, John W. Kerby and Amy B. Kerby, and any unknown Defendants, must answer the Complaint in Rem to Quiet Title filed by Drennon Properties LLC on or before the 4th day of January, 2021, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against them in case number CV-2020-900287 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County Alabama.

DONE this the 5th day of November, 2020.

LISA MCSWAIN, Circuit Clerk

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

Cullman Moose Lodge Annual Turkey Shoots
At the Lodge on Eva Road 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

Vinemont Band Booster Craft Show
• 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.

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!

Saving Forgotten Warriors Thanksgiving Dinner for Veterans
• Monday, Nov. 23 from noon-6 p.m. at the Brandin' Iron restaurant in West Point (87 County Road 1242) and Cullman Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2214 (112 Veterans Dr. SW). 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.
• 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.

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.

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Funny Things from Yesterday: Thanksgiving

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I thought I would write something this week that has more meaning than a funny story.

There are a lot of things about Thanksgiving that most of us do not know. I did some research and found a lot of interesting facts that I did not know.

We all know about the Mayflower that brought the pilgrims to America. The Mayflower and a ship named Speedwell left England in July 1620. They turned back twice because Speedwell was leaking. Finally, the Mayflower left Speedwell and sailed on September 6, 1620.

The little Mayflower had over 100 people, all their belongings, and possibly some farm animals.

The trip took 66 days. Just think, now you can fly from Huntsville, AL to London in 10 to 12 hours. I'm glad I wasn't on the Mayflower.

There were lots of dangers on the high seas in those days. Pirates, bad storms, the possibility of falling overboard or getting sick and dying.

The Mayflower did have one serious problem. She was damaged by a bad storm and it cracked one of the massive wooden beams supporting the frame of the ship. Fortunately, the passengers had brought along a "great iron screw," which helped raise the beam back into place so the ship could continue.

In another storm, a young passenger, John Howland, was swept off the deck of the ship and into the ocean. He grabbed onto one of the ship's lines and was pulled back on deck.

The pilgrims arrived at Cape Cod on November 11, 1620. A few weeks later they sailed up to Plymouth and started to build their town where a group Wampanoag Native Americans had lived before.

It was a hard winter on the pilgrims and about half of them died. All the women except four died. My opinion is the mothers and wives sacrificed their lives trying to protect their families. Twenty-two men and 25 children and teenagers were still alive.

The crops of 1621 had been very good for the pilgrims and they wanted to celebrate and give thanks. The Wampanoag Native Americans wanted to join them for the celebration. The celebration lasted for three days.

They probably had venison and shellfish that the Wampanoag brought and vegetables from the pilgrims' gardens. This information was in a letter written by Edward Winslow, one of the people who sailed from England on the Mayflower in 1620.

The tradition of giving thanks to God merged with celebrations of the harvest to become a fall tradition in New England by the late 1600s.

In 1841 Winslow's letter was rediscovered and made famous in a book, "Chronicles of the Pilgrim Fathers." In 1863, a woman named Sarah Hale got President Abraham Lincoln to proclaim the final Thursday in November as a national holiday.

We say, "Thanksgiving Day." Maybe we should say, "Day of Giving Thanks."

All of us should remember our blessings and give thanks.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

How many pairs of shoes do you own?

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



Last Saturday turned into an unexpected day of reminiscing at my house. It all began with a search for my misplaced senior annual from Plainview High School, class of 1973. I still haven't found it, but during my search, I found something interesting, something much older than my annual and quite special to me. I found a rare photo of my father and his family when he was a boy. It is one of the few pictures I have of him or of his family. It's the only one when he was a boy. In the picture are my grandparents, Dad's brother, and three of his four sisters. I'm assuming "the baby" had not been born yet.

There is no date on the picture, but I'm guessing Dad was around fourteen, so the picture would have been made around 1930. That was the early days of The Great Depression. Of course, the photo is in black and white. They are all gone now. I never met my grandfather or Uncle Dewey. I was five when grandmother died, so I barely remember her. We lost Dad ten years later. One day, some day, I'll see them all. I noticed some interesting facts in that old picture. Dad was already about as tall as a grown man, but one of his sisters was taller than him. I'm guessing they were dressed to go to church. Grandmother and the girls all had on nice dresses, nice for that time. They would have worn dresses any day of the week, but these look like "Sunday dresses." Grandpa and the boys had on overalls, but Grandpa and Uncle Dewey had on sport coats too.

The main reason I think they were dressed for church was that the girls had on dress shoes. All three wore identical Mary Janes. I also noticed that the boys, Dad and Uncle Dewey, were barefoot. The fact that their overall legs were high enough to wade in water made this fact really stand out. According to stories I remember from Dad, they lived in "No Shoes Nation" long before Kenney Chesney flew that flag, but they went barefoot for an entirely different reason. They usually only had one pair of shoes, and they had to last as long as possible, so in warm weather, they didn't wear them. Dad said they even plowed "new ground" behind a mule with no shoes. And we think we have it bad! I'm not bragging, but I have enough shoes to wear a different pair every day for a week...maybe two weeks. Jean could probably make it a month! I have dress shoes, casual shoes, tennis shoes, racquetball shoes, work boots, cowboy boots, hiking boots, house shoes, and even swim shoes. I have black ones, brown ones, tan ones, and white ones. Billy Bob, my performing alter ego, has red-and-white two-tone ones! Even ole Billy Bob has at least a half dozen pairs of shoes. I feel a bit embarrassed and ashamed when I think I probably own more shoes right now than my dad did in his entire life, short as his was. Last week, I bought myself a new pair. They are what I call "office-wear or semi-dress shoes." I didn't necessarily need a new pair, but a couple of dear close family members kept telling me the ones I had were "ugly."

I do remember the days as a kid, when I had one-pair of school shoes and one-pair of Sunday shoes. How spoiled many of us are these days. I am certainly included. With Thanksgiving around the corner, I approach the holiday with great thanksgiving and slight embarrassment.

Bill King can be reached at bkpreach@yahoo.com or 334-745-0588 (office).

HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1932, 1933

From the files of 1932

Miss Mildred Kinney was hostess at the Entre Amies meeting Thursday evening.

The Fidelity Club met recently with Misses Marie and Madge Smith.

Mrs. Geo Wunderlich was hostess to members of Symphony this week.

Four letter men from last year's team are on the Cullman High quintet. They are Red Keller, Gertis Bailey, Hollis Tucker and Elbert Joiner.

T.M. Dye of Fairview made 900 bushels of apples from his four-acre orchard.

From the files of 1933

Charles E. Edmondson, little son of Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Edmondson, died on Monday as a result of having diphtheria. He was 22 months and 16 days old.

The funeral was held at Simcoe with Reverend Virgil Sizemore and Reverend J.E. Marion in charge of the services.

Married on October 27 was Pearl Edmond Moore to Miss Flora Belle Harbison.

The Bar of Cullman County endorses Honorable F.E. Saint John for the office of Circuit Judge, number one.

Those taking part in the Fairview High School alumni banquet on Friday night were Spencer Speegle, Susan Christian, Mrs. Ted Whitaker, Felston Mullins, P.R. Orr, J.T. Akin, Shelly McClendon, R.C. Liscomb, Mary Keaton and Maud Hesterly.

Mrs. J.G. Daves has been transporting people to the First Methodist Church for six years free of charge. She is always on time for services. Blessed are those who transport people to hear the Word.

B. Pinkerton, of Simcoe, continues to be very ill with malaria fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Law are the parents of a little girl, whom they have named Pernecia Gene. They live at West Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Talley and Miss Irma Talley of Welti, were visitors in Etha on Sunday.

Dwight Fuller and Conrad Howard spent the past weekend in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Claud Rice and Miss Virginia Weeks spent Saturday in Birmingham.

Mrs. G.Y. Howard and Mrs. Hiram Weeks were in Cullman shopping on Saturday.

Mrs. Carl Griffin and little daughter, Sofie, of Florida, spent the past week with Miss Lula Griffin of Good Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schlichting, who have resided in Baldwin County are now living across the road from Hoenig's Store. They have bought this farm for their future home. Welcome home folks!

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POET'S CORNER

THANKSGIVING DAY

By: Lydia Maria Child

Over the river, and through the wood,
To grandfather's house we go;
The horse knows the way
To carry the sleigh
Through the white and drifted snow.

Over the river, andthrough the wood—
Oh, how the wind does blow!
It stings the toes
And bites the nose
As over the ground we go.

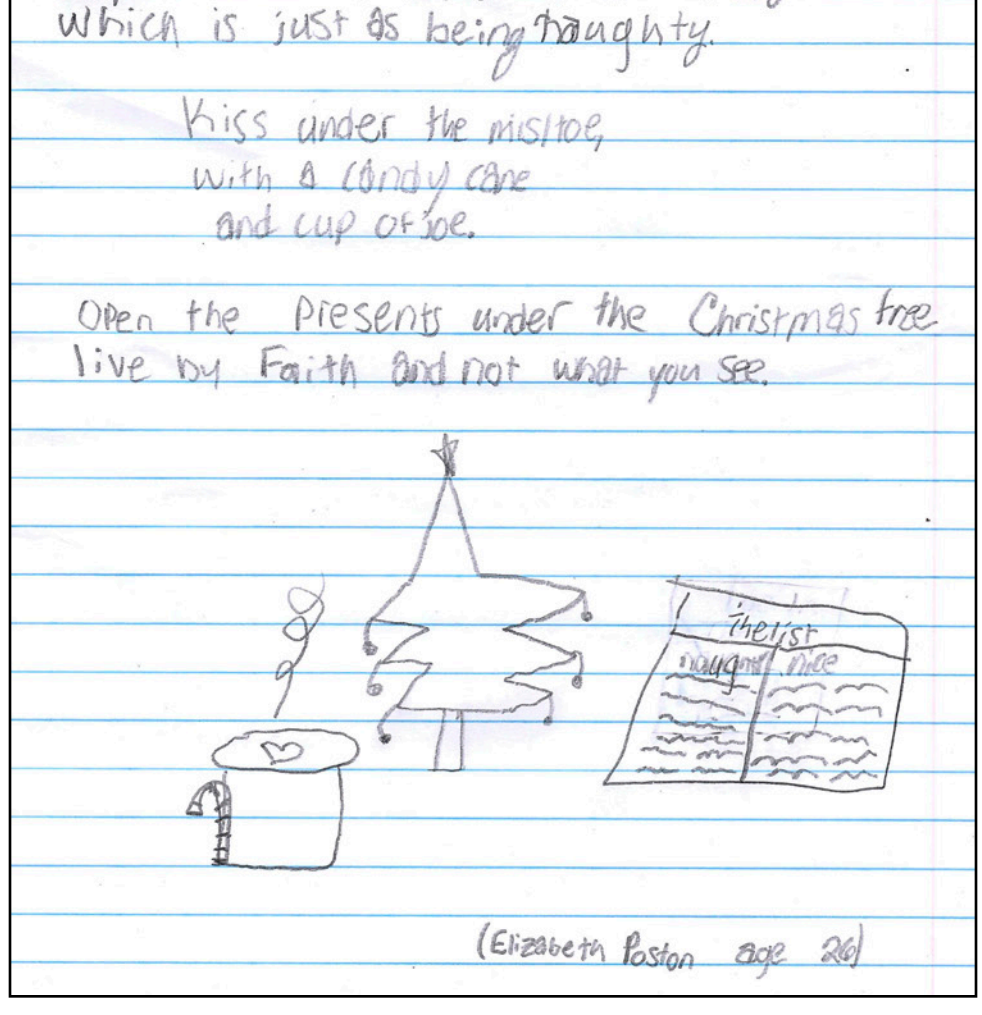
Over the river, and through the wood,
To have a first-rate play.
Hear the bells ring
"Ting-a-ling-ding",
Hurrah for Thanksgiving Day!
Over the river, and through the wood
Trot fast, my dapple-gray!
Spring over the ground,
Like a hunting-hound!
For this is Thanksgiving Day.

Over the river, and through the wood,
And straight through the
barn-yard gate.
We seem to go
Extremely slow,—
It is so hard to wait!

Over the river and through the wood—
Now grandmother's cap I spy!
Hurrah for the fun!
Is the pudding done?
Hurrah for the pumpkin-pie!

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

By: Elizabeth Poston, Tribune reader



COMIC – CHIRP & FLIT



Alabama's October unemployment rate drops to 5.8%; Cullman tied for lowest in state at 3.2%

Tara Hutchison
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Alabama Department of Labor Secretary Fitzgerald Washington announced Friday that Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted October unemployment rate is 5.8%, down from September's revised rate of 6.7% and higher than October 2019's rate of 2.7%. October's rate represents 130,329 unemployed persons, compared to 153,338 in September and 61,210 in October 2019.

Cullman County's October unemployment rate is 3.2%, down from September's rate of 3.9% and higher than October 2019's rate of 2.2%.

"We're glad to see nearly a drop of almost an entire percentage point in our unemployment rate this month," said Washington.

"We will continue to see fluctuations in these economic indicators as pandemic concerns remain, but this month showed growth in both the number of jobs we are supporting and the number of people who are working."

The number of people counted as employed in October was 2,121,505, up from 2,119,297 in September, but down from the 2,186,771 measured in October 2019.

Wage and salary employment increased in October by 25,500.

Monthly gains were seen in the professional and business services sector (+9,300), the construction sector (+5,300), and the trade, transportation, and utilities sector (+3,400), among others.

"Over the year, wage and salary employment decreased 51,500, with losses in the leisure and hospitality sector (-27,300), the education and health services sector (-17,000), and the government sector (-8,200), among others.

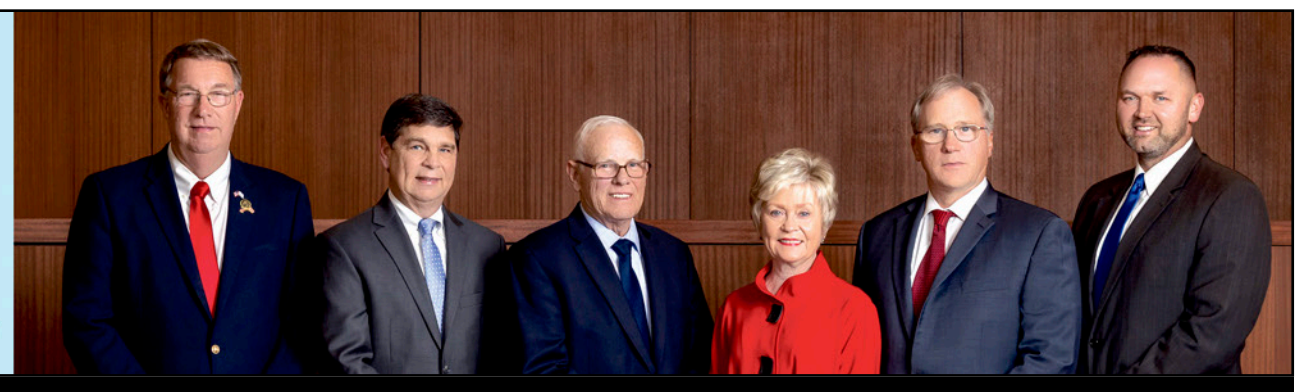
Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are Franklin and Cullman counties at 3.2%, Shelby, Randolph, Marshall and Blount counties at 3.3%, and Dekalb and Cherokee Counties at 3.4%.

Counties with the highest unemployment rates are Lowndes and Wilcox counties at 14.9%, Perry County at 10.5% and Dallas County at 10.4%.

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WSCC awarded $459K grant for Career Technical Dual Enrollment scholarships

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State Community College recently received a grant for $459,000 from the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) to fund Career Technical Dual Enrollment scholarships.

As the ACCS motto goes, "You don't have to go far in life," these scholarships will help Wallace State students living in Cullman, Blount and Winston counties earn college credit in 20 different career fields, ranging from Industrial Maintenance and Machine Tool Technology to Computer Information Systems and Medical Assisting Technology, while they're enrolled in high school. Students enrolled in the program have the chance to complete an associate degree while earning their high school diploma.

"Wallace State offers one of the largest dual enrollment programs in the state," said Wallace State Director of Dual Enrollment and Fast Track Rachael Howze. "With more than 20 career technical and health science programs participating, high school students are getting a jump start on their college career, while easing the transition from high school to college."

Students interested in participating in Career Technical Dual Enrollment are encouraged to speak with their high school guidance counselors for assistances, and the counselors will guide them through the application.

Registration for spring semester is underway. For more information Wallace State's Dual Enrollment program, contact Howze at 256-3528050 or email at rachael.howze@wallacestate.edu .

For more information about Wallace State, visit www.wallacestate.edu.

Wallace State Community College's Ready to Work program awarded $50K

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State's Ready to Work (RTW) program received a $50,000 grant from the Alabama Community College System.

Alabama's Ready to Work (RTW) program is a career pathway for individuals with limited education and employment experience, providing them with entry-level skills required for employment with most businesses and industries in Alabama.

Through the RTW grant, Wallace State can provide free training to its participants. "Wallace State's Ready to Work program leads to living-wage jobs," said Wallace State's Center for Career and Workforce Development Director Jamie Blackmon. "Students completing the program and earning 70 percent or higher on the assessments earn the Alabama Certified Worker (ACW) Certificate, the National Career Readiness Certificate and a scholarship for one three-hour class at Wallace State. These are valuable resources that help adults land fulfilling jobs and increases their earning potential."

Wallace State's free RTW classes are offered day, evenings and weekends in Cullman, Blount, Winston, and Morgan counties.

For more information or to enroll contact Blackmon at 256-352-8461 or jamie.blackmon@wallacestate.edu.

Visit www.wallacestate.edu to learn more about all that Wallace State has to offer.

Phlebotomy and Certified Nursing Assistant programs announced at Wallace State

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State Community College's Center for Career and Workforce Development announced that registration is open for two health-related programs offering training in less than two months. A Phlebotomy program will begin in January and Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program will begin in February.

The Phlebotomy program is a seven-week part-time program that will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Hanceville campus. Class instruction will be held from Jan. 26-March 11, with clinical rotations beginning the week of March 15. A maximum of 15 students will be accepted into the program.

A phlebotomist draws quality blood samples from patients or blood donors and prepares those specimens for medical testing. Because many patients have phobias when it comes to blood and needles, and giving blood can be the most difficult part of an office visit, the phlebotomy technician must create an atmosphere of trust and confidence with patients while drawing blood specimens in a skillful, safe and reliable manner.

The cost for the Phlebotomy program is $900 and includes course materials, malpractice insurance, certification examination, CPR certification and drug screening. Additional fees and expenses and prerequisites also apply.

The CNA program is a five-week part-time program beginning Feb. 1, with four weeks of classroom and lab instruction and two days of clinical rotation.

The classroom component will be completed online. Lab times and clinical shifts will be on Fridays and Saturdays. Free childcare provided by Wallace State and After School Labs (https://helloafterschool.com/) will be available on Saturday instruction days at Hanceville Elementary School. A maximum of 24 students will be accepted into the CNA program.

Certified nursing assistants work closely with patients and their families in hospitals, long-term care facilities and home-health agencies.

Upon satisfactory completion of the program, students will be eligible to sit for the state board exam, become certified, and be listed on the Alabama Nurse Aide Registry.

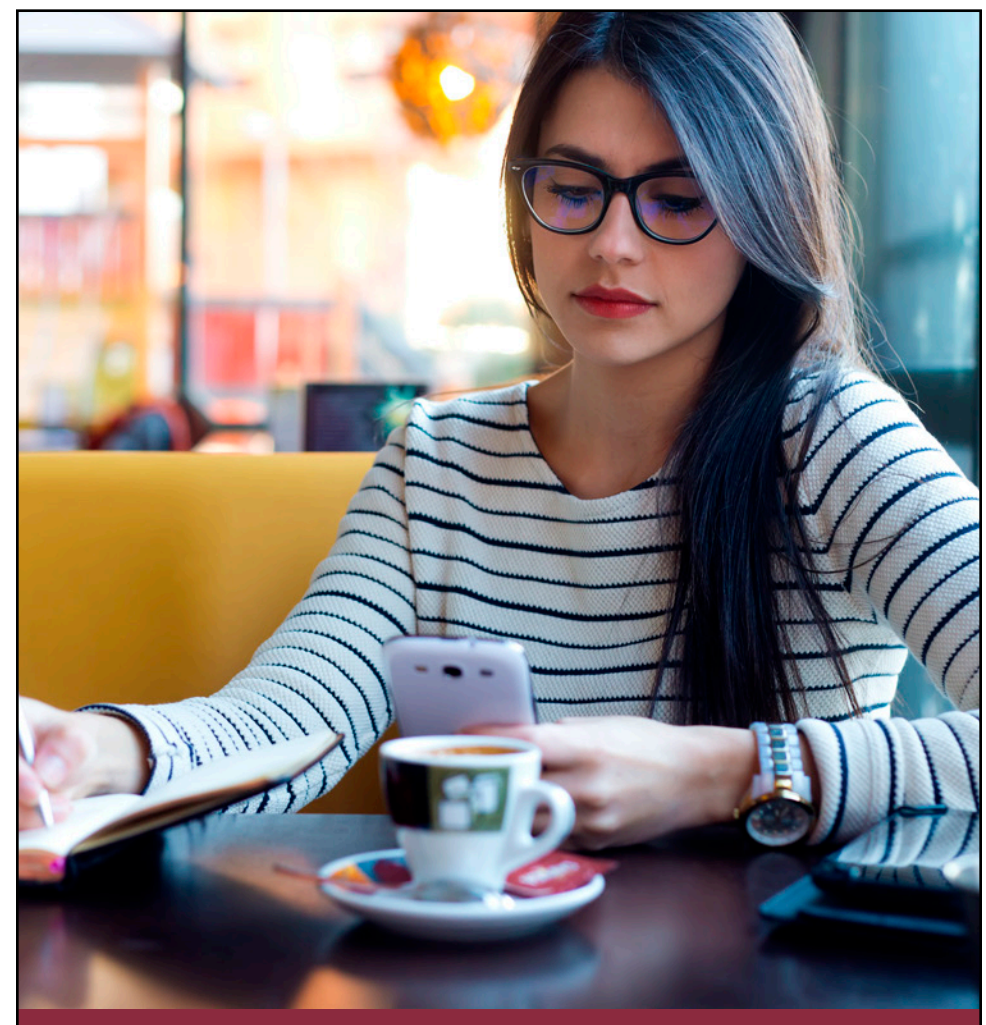
The cost for the CNA program is $900 and includes course materials, malpractice insurance, and drug screening. Additional fees and expenses and prerequisites also apply.

For more information or to register, contact the Center for Career and Workforce Development at 256-352-8386 or visit www.wsccalumni.org/ccwd.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Warriors, Lady Warriors sweep Hanceville at home

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WEST POINT, Ala. – West Point returned home to host Hanceville Thursday and collected a pair of wins over the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Warriors used a huge fourth quarter to get past Hanceville, 52-32, while the Warriors lit up the scoreboard in a 77-58 win over the Bulldogs.

West Point 52 - Hanceville 32 (varsity girls)

Lexi Shadix scored the first five points for West Point to give her team a 5-0 lead. Kate Sterling got the first basket for Hanceville with 5:48 remaining in the opening quarter to make it 5-2. Ryleigh Jones then jumpstarted an 8-0 Lady Warrior run with a layup, which was followed by back-to-back treys from Shadix and Braelee Quinn, as West Point increased its lead to 13-2 and a Cassidy Campbell basket made it 13-4 and that was the score after one.

A Victoria Stanley trey got Hanceville to within six at 13-7. Shadix nailed a pair from the line to push West Point's lead to 17-7, but the Lady Bulldogs made it 17-13 on consecutive threes by Stanley and Savanna McAnnally.

Shadix nailed one of her own on the Lady Warriors' next possession to make it 20-13. Four straight points by Campbell cut the West Point lead to 20-17, but Shadix hit a short jumper just before the buzzer to give the Lady Warriors a 22-17 lead at the half.

Hanceville continued its red-hot shooting from deep to start out the third quarter as Stanley nailed back-to-back shots from there to make it a 24-23 game, but a three by Summer Mendoza and a three-point play by Shadix pushed the Lady Warrior lead to 30-23 with 4:20 remaining in the period. The Lady Bulldogs made it a two-point game once again after five straight points from McAnnally and West Point finished the quarter strong, scoring the final five points of the third, to make it 35-28 after three.

The final period saw West Point finally start to pull away from Hanceville, as a Nikki Tyree three-point play made it 38-28, and the Lady Warrior defense held the Lady Bulldogs to just four free throws by Campbell. West Point outscored Hanceville 17-4 in the fourth quarter and wound up taking the game 52-32.

Shadix finished with a game-high 27 points, 14 rebounds and a pair of steals for West Point (4-0). Jones added six points and three steals. Tyree and Mendoza each ended up with five points. Lexi Kimbril added four, Braelee Quinn chipped in with three and Kylee Quinn added two. For Hanceville (1-2), Stanley led the way with 12 points and five rebounds.

Campbell finished with 10 points and 11 rebounds, McAnnally ended up with eight points and six rebounds and Sterling finished with two points.

West Point will take on Phil Campbell (10 a.m.) and Hazel Green (2 p.m.) on Saturday at home, while Hanceville will face Addison at 6 p.m. at West Point.

West Point 77 - Hanceville 58 (varsity boys)

Each team was matching shots to start out the game until back-to-back shots by Zach Campbell and Izayah Glenon gave Hanceville a 9-8 lead. A Carter Thornton trey gave West Point the lead at 11-9 and they started to pull away late in the first quarter as a 10-2 run pushed its lead to 21-12. A Logan Selby layup gave the Warriors a 26-14 lead before Campbell nailed a three before the buzzer to cut it to 26-17 after one.

A pair of treys by Kobe Bowers made it a 32-19 West Point advantage in the second period, but there wasn't much scoring after that as the Bulldogs were held to just five points and the Warriors went into the half up 39-22. A Glenon shot made it 39-24 early in the third period, but West Point quickly pushed their lead to 46-24 on baskets by Will Cochran and Aubry Cleghorn. West Point was matching Hanceville basket for basket for several possessions, until seven straight points by Glenon made it a 58-43 contest and the Warriors went into the final period up 59-43.

An Adam Cooper trey cut the Hanceville deficit to 62-46 early in the fourth quarter, but West Point always seemed to have an answer as an 11-1 run pushed its lead to 73-47 and that ended any hopes of a late Bulldog run. The Warriors won the game with ease over the Bulldogs 77-58.

Bowers finished with a game-high 26 points and five rebounds for West Point (4-0). Cochran wasn't too far behind as he ended up with 25 points and snagged 17 rebounds. Logan Selby added nine points and Aubry Cleghorn finished with five points and 10 rebounds. Glenon led the way for Hanceville (0-3) with 21 points and 10 rebounds, while Campbell added 15 points and three steals. Cooper ended up with nine points and a steal.

West Point will take on Danville Saturday, while Hanceville will prepare to host its annual Thanksgiving tournament starting Tuesday.

PREP BASKETBALL

Addison splits season-opening matchups against Belgreen

Todd Walker
Tribune correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. – Addison opened up its 2020 basketball season at home Thursday night with a pair of matchups against the Bulldogs of Belgreen. The Addison lady Bulldogs won the opener 68-62 while the boys fell 79-49 in the nightcap.

Addison 68 – Belgreen 62 (varsity girls)

The Addison Lady Dawgs introduced their young, first year head coach, 23-year old Bailey West, to the hometown faithful and were rewarded with a hard fought 68-62 victory.

The opening period was an introduction to the type of team that West wants, a tough defensive team that puts pressure on the ball and forces your opponets to make mistakes. The Lady Dawgs hounded the ball handlers with full court press and forced numerous turnovers. The young Dawgs, not a senior on the roster, hustled and dove for every loose ball. The period ended with the score tied at 10 but if it were not for Belgreen's 5'10" center and all-everything player, Senior Emma Dempsey the score could have been worse. Dempsey was dominant for Belgreen all night long.

The second period had the Dawgs go into a funk on offense, but the defense was still there. The shots were not falling but Addison dominated the glass outrebounding Belgreen, even with Dempsey towering over the Lady Dawgs, 26-19. Dempsey continued to dominate and had 27 of Belgreen's 34 points in the first half. The half ended with Belgreen up 34-22 over the youthful Lady Dawgs. Anna Grace Luker, who plays angry, and Gracie Manley, who owned the glass tonight, kept the Dawgs in the game.

West may have given her best Pat Summit pep talk at the half because when the Lady Dawgs came out, they were on fire on offense and their defense suffocated the opposition. The third period was a total team effort as Luker, Manley and Lydia Ergle dominated the glass and Molly Gilbreath, Bracey Rodgers and Manley scored at will. Addison forced turnovers, grabbed rebounds, blocked shots and just plain out hustled Belgreen. Dempsey was held to five points in the period and when the buzzer sounded to end the third, Addison had outscored Belgreen 27-9, to take a 49-43 lead into the fourth quarter.

Both teams started making shots and Belgreen hit their free throws to end the period with both teams scoring 19 points. In the end Molly Gilbreath nailed five out of six free throws to seal the 68-62 win.

It was a nice opening night win for the Lady Dawgs to get their record to 1-0 and give Coach West her first career victory. West said after the game, "I am so proud of our effort tonight. I've told the girls all summer that we are a very young team and will have to win with defense this year. We focused on the press and rebounding. I told them, some nights your shots aren't going to fall but defense and effort will travel with you and be there every night. We don't have a senior on the team, but we can grow together and get better and better every day."

Manley had a Lebron James like performance with 29 points, 24 rebounds and two steals. Gilbreath scored 17 points, to include three 3-pointers. Rodgers put in 16 points, eight rebounds, three steals and five assists. Luker had three points, 12 rebounds and six steals. Ergle chipped in three points and six rebounds.

When Manley was asked about her tremendous night she stated, "I don't really care about the points, but I love getting rebounds."

Belgreen was led by Dempsey who had a game high 37 points, 14 rebounds and three blocks. Kaylee Chandler had 15 points and six rebounds.

Addison travels to Winfield to take on the Pirates in a Friday night matchup.

Belgreen 79 – Addison 49 (varsity boys)

The Boys team played a very good Belgreen Bulldogs team and hung around with them for the first half until Belgreen pulled away to win in convincing fashion, 79-49.

Belgreen jumped out in front 22-14 in the first period as Belgreen junior point guard Will Bonner Jr. dominated the floor. Bonner drove to the basket, shot the outside shot and plainly did whatever he wanted to on the court. Logan "Baby Shaq" Wilkins and Eli "Curly" Howse kept the Dawgs close. The second period started much as the first until Bonner picked up his second foul and had to sit the majority of the period. Addison used his absence to close to 38-34 at the half. Addison controlled the boards in the second period with Christian "Ice Man" Roberts, Wilkins and Xavier "Mr. Smooth" Barley rebounding and playing solid defense.

The second half was a complete and total disaster. Addison could do not right and Belgreen could do no wrong. Belgreen showed why they may be in Birmingham to end the year by outscoring Addison 41-15 in the second half. Addison went cold and you can't do that against a quality team like Belgreen. It didn't help when Wilkins had his nose broke early in the third period and missed the majority of the second half. The Dawgs never quit but were outmatched on this night.

Bulldogs Head Coach Ben Mastin stated, "Since football season ended on Friday, we have only had two or three full practices this year. Five of our nine players were on the football team, so we have to get everyone used to playing together as a team. We will always play a challenging schedule while I am here, and it will make us a better team in the end. Playing better competition is how you improve your skill set and gain mental toughness. We will win region this year and we are going to win County as well. This is a good team and I have confidence in us moving forward."

Wilkins led the Dawgs with 19 points, seven rebounds and three assists. Howse had 11 points, one board and three assists. Roberts scored three points and had nine boards. Cannon "TNT" Hiller had four points, three rebounds and three assists. Seth "Fear the Beard" Paris logged two three pointers for his six points.

Belgreen was led by Bonner's 28 points, two rebounds, two assists and two steals. Keep in mind he didn't play half the game," Belgreen Head Coach Marty Cooper said "It is a pleasure to coach Will (Bonner). He is like a coach on the court. He runs our team."

Addison will be looking for its first win when it travels to Winfield for a Friday night tussle.

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 21

Family graveside services for Catherine Neville Goodlett, 86, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020 at Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Goodlett passed away Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020 at Cullman Regional. She was born June 9, 1934 in Detroit, Michigan to William and Mary Catherine Neville. She was a loving mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend to many. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband Doug Goodlett. Survivors include her children Douglas Goodlett, Jr., Debbie (David) Harbison, and Dennis Goodlett; grandsons Cory Goodlett and Branden Harbison; dog Jolene; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date with her beloved family in Michigan.

Larry Lynn Pruett, a son, father, husband, grandfather, great-grandfather, and a friend to so many, passed away at the age of 82 Nov. 19, 2020. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 at Fairview Baptist Cemetery; Dr. David Chambers officiating. Visitation will be from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Larry was born Dec. 11, 1937. He is preceded in death by his father Leamon Lester Pruett (Chick Pruett) and mother Ownie B. Pruett (Thomas). He leaves behind a loving wife Sara Bates Pruett; sister Lea Ellen Smith (Ronald); son Christopher Bates Pruett; daughter Kelly Smith (Heith); son Joey Pruett; granddaughters Haylee Smith, Allison Pruett, and Krystn Pruett; and grandson Bryant Pruett. He also leaves behind great-granddaughter, Finley Jo Whitworth, as well as a beloved pet whom he said was one of his best friends, Rudy. An avid farmer, tractor trader and salesman, and a great friend to so many, Larry lived a great life and leaves behind an even greater impression on those who knew him. The first thoughts that come to mind when Larry Pruett's name is heard is overalls, and a John Deere hat. Larry was hardheaded, extremely hard-working, and loved his family with his whole heart. He also loved riding around, dirt track racing, watching basketball games, and of course, talking on his cell phone. We always hear the saying that someone would "give the shirt off of their back to someone," but for all who know Larry, know how truthful that is for him. He raised his three children along with so many others that weren't blood related. Larry traveled all over the United States and even at almost 83 years, we could call him no matter where we were, and he would know the exact location, the road we were on, the roads we would travel on, and how far away we were from home. Of all of his trips and journeys, we believe his trip to Heaven to reunite with his mother and father will be his best one. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Graveside services for Mavelyn Sue McIntosh, 68, of Altoona will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020 at Holly Pond Cemetery; Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1-1:30 Sunday afternoon. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. McIntosh passed away Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020 at her residence. She was born Jan. 28, 1952 to Henry B. and Gladys Wynell Monroe Walker. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Nell Freeman; and three brothers Robert Neal Walker, Billy Walker, and Ricky Walker. Survivors include her husband Terry McIntosh; daughters Stacey McIntosh Armstrong and April McIntosh Britt; brothers Coyce Walker, Larry Walker, and Marlon Walker; sisters Glenda Wood, Margie Yancy, and Marilyn White; grandchildren Luke Armstrong, Lilly Armstrong, and Brianna Britt; special friend, Patsy Manor; and family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Christene Ewing, 89, of Double Springs passed away Nov. 19, 2020. She was born August 16, 1931 to Cleve and Hildred Nicklaus. Visitation will be Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 from 10-10:45 a.m. at Fairview Missionary Baptist Church, Double Springs. A graveside service will be held in the adjoining church cemetery at 11 a.m. Brothers Ronnie Melvin, Gary Wakefield, and Joseph Martin will officiate the service. Christene is survived by her daughter Jo Ewing; son Charles (Becky) Ewing; granddaughter Ashley (Kevin) Boring; grandson Jason Ewing; great-grandchildren Jackson Caylor, Ella Caylor, and Boone Boring; brother Ellis (Martha) Nicklaus; and sister Elsie (Kenneth) Gaines. She was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, Marvin E. Ewing (m. 1947); brothers Orville Nicklaus and Bill Nicklaus; and great-granddaughter Leah Ewing.

Sandra June Edge, 79, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020. Sandra was born Oct. 15, 1941 to James F. and Thursa Miller Ratliff. She was preceded in death by daughter Cindy Edge Lee and parents. Visitation for Sandra will be held Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 from 6-9 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. A lie in state will occur Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020 from 1-2 p.m. at Cullman First Baptist Church with a celebration of life funeral service follow at 2 p.m. Pastor Tom Richter and Dr. Edwin Hayes will officiate the service and interment will follow at Cullman City Cemetery. Mrs. Edge was a longtime member of Cullman First Baptist Church. She worked in the family business, Cullman Cabinet, in the office and the "Add a Touch" showroom until retiring. Sandra enjoyed gardening, interior design, cultivating Japanese maples, and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Sandra is survived by her husband of 61 years, James E. Edge; daughter Jamie E. Nelson; son J. Robert Edge; sister Margo Messersmith; brother Jackie Ratliff (Ann); brother Dennis Ratliff; grandsons Chad Nelson (Meghan), Patrick Nelson, Brandon Lee (Bethany), Justin Lee, Tyler Edge, Nathan Edge and Oliver Edge; granddaughter Annalee Edge; and great-grandchildren River and Rhys Nelson and Emilee and Ethan Lee. Serving as pallbearers are Chad Nelson, Brandon Lee, Patrick Nelson, Justin Lee, Tyler Edge, Nathan Edge, and Oliver Edge. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Edge family.

Lawrence Pete Kritner, 87, of Arab passed away Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020 at his residence. He was born Sept. 12, 1933 to Albert Kritner and Tillie Taylor. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife Bettie Kritner; sons David (Bobbie) Kritner and Pete (Becky) Kritner; daughters Shirley (Bobby) Broadway, Alletta (Jared) Yarbrough, and Chenetta (Cliff) Bass; stepson Scott Yarbrough; stepdaughter Kimberly Yarbrough; grandchildren Caden Yarbrough, Ruger Yarbrough, Cole Bass, Caleigh Bass, Carissa Bass, and Lejend Bass; sister Betty (Bud) Allred; brother Jim (Margaret) Taylor; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Mrs. Mary Frances Varner, 76, passed away peacefully Nov. 18, 2020 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. Mary Frances (Fran) was born in Fort Lauderdale, Florida Jan. 28, 1944 to Jack and Mary LaBoone. She was preceded in death by her two parents and is survived by her husband of 55 years, Stephen Varner of Cullman; daughter Victoria Rogus Stewart and son-in-law Robert Stewart of Cullman; two granddaughters Taylor Shutt, married by Brandon Shutt, and Haley Rogus of Cullman; two great-grandchildren Brooklyn Shutt and Bennett Shutt of Cullman; one brother and sister-in-law Michael and Peggy Laboone and their daughters, Kathryn and Madeline of Charleston, SC; and many other close family and friends. Fran was a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was an active participant in her community and a member of the Cullman Elks Lodge. She loved to bowl, dance, and spend quality time with family. Fran was a shining light to all who had the pleasure of knowing her; to be around her was nothing short of joyful. Always full of energy, Fran was a person people turned to for laughs and comfort. She was known as a social butterfly, never meeting a stranger and being the best at making people smile. She leaves her family and friends behind with an unforgettable impression of love upon their hearts. May her beautiful soul rest in peace. A memorial service will be held in her honor Wednesday, Nov. 25 at Moss Service Funeral Home at 11 a.m., with a burial service to follow. Visitation is Tuesday, Nov. 24 from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Condolences for the family may be sent to the same location. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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Show (from Front)

More has whimsical gourds of all sizes. Craft show favorite Barbara Yoder is back selling her homemade soy candles.

These are just a few of the area vendors who are showcasing their talents at this year's Vinemont Band Booster Craft Show.

Hand-crafted cornhole games, home decor, jewelry, baked goods, crocheted and hand-sewn items, Pampered Chef, knives and other items are also available.

Vinemont band students are also selling $1 raffle tickets for a $500 drawing, which will take place Saturday at noon. Concessions are available as well.

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Weihnachtspyramide! (from Front)

Andreas Hausmann, traveled to Cullman last year to install the intricately-crafted 30-foot-tall symbol of Cullman's German heritage.

The Christmas pyramid is a type of carousel which hung from a ceiling or set on a table, with carved wooden figures that can represent the holy family and nativity scene, angels, Christmas themes, and popular themes of regional culture.

Descended from decorated lampstands of the 18th century which may also have helped give rise to the modern Christmas tree, the Christmas pyramid featured numerous candles, and later oil-burning lamps. Over time, the carved figures were set on moveable turntables powered by an overhead rotor which was turned by updrafts of hot air from the candles or lamps.

Cullman's Christmas pyramid has the figures and the rotating carousels, and even features the rotor at the top, but it is no tabletop decoration. According to Mayor Woody Jacobs, Cullman's Weihnachtspyramide is the largest in the United States. It stands on the grounds of the Cullman County Museum and towers over the nearby gazebo. Turning the giant rotor would take too much candle power, so this one is motorized.

The pyramid is six levels tall. The bottom level features a nativity scene: Mother Mary kneeling at the manger, Joseph with his lantern (representing the flight to Egypt which, according to tradition, began in the middle of the night), shepherds with their sheep and the wise men lined up to deliver their gifts. Above them one can find nutcrackers, snowmen, Santa, an angelic band and more. Jacobs said the completed pyramid includes a little local flavor as well. Hint: Look closely, and you'll find Cullman's founder, John Cullmann.

Parts of this story are reprinted from Oct. 2019.

Admission (from Front)

Christy Perry
christy@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Commission on Aging (COA) on Friday announced that senior citizens 60 and older can see visit the 18th annual Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Display at Sportsman Lake Park free of charge Friday-Sunday, Dec. 18-20.

"There's no doubt Cullman County loves and cares for its senior citizens! We are where we are today because of the love and sacrifices that these past generations have made, and the Commission on Aging loves to celebrate them. Unfortunately, the worldwide pandemic and the associated risk of COVID-19 among the most vulnerable demographic has left many seniors isolated and alone," COA Director Dusty Baker said in a statement.

"The Commission on Aging has continued to search for creative ways to serve and celebrate our seniors during this difficult time.

"We have decided that instead of having a Senior Christmas Party and risk(ing) exposure, any senior 60-plus who wishes to visit Winter Wonderland at Sportsman Lake Park to see the Christmas lights will be able to do so free of charge on Dec. 18, 19 and 20.

"The $10 entry fee will be waived for vehicles with a participating senior citizen."

He continued, "This way, loved ones inside seniors' own social bubble can celebrate together, make everlasting memories and receive much needed social interaction.

"The Commission on Aging is thankful for Cullman County Parks and Rec and their partnership. Working together for the greater impact of the community is what public service is all about."

The Winter Wonderland opened Nov. 20 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.

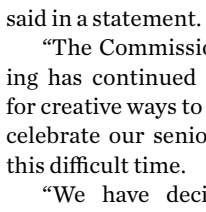
This year a few things had to be tweaked due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The train has Plexiglass to separate riders. Santa will also be positioned with Plexiglass separating himself from the kids.

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. 21-22 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.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Regarding the article "Commission loosens Dumpster regulation restrictions," published Nov. 20, 2020, please be aware: This resolution applies only to Cullman County. Private roll-off Dumpsters are not allowed inside Cullman city limits.


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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
*
VERRELL LEE, * Case No.: PC2020-328
*
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to ROBERT HAROLD LEE as Personal Representative of the Estate of VERRELL LEE, deceased, on the 12th day of November, 2020, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Robert Harold Lee
Personal Representative

C. Blake West
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

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

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

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

Done this the 16th day of November, 2020.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune:

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Pamela E. Nail
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CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY, A
LISA MCSWAIN, C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

Order of Publication and Notice of Pendency of Suit

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

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

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

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

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

YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED to answer this Complaint on or before thirty (30) days from the 28th day of November, 2020, or on failure to do so, suffer a default judgment to be rendered against you.

DONE this 27th day of October, 2020.

CIRCUIT JUDGE

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Re: The Matter of Adoption of MAH, *
DOB: November 9, 2007 * Case Number: AD2020-089
A Minor Child *

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: Randy Campbell
Address Unknown

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, BY DAVID ALLEN MYERS, PETITIONER. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS IS SHOWN BELOW AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, ROOM 101, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055

DONE THIS THE 20th DAY OF November, 2020.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate
Cullman County, Alabama

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
MATTHEW KINSER EDMONDSON *
Deceased. * CASE NUMBER: PC2020-305

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to PATRICK N. EDMONDSON and KEVIN R. EDMONDSON, as the Co-Executors this 12th day of November, 2020, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

PATRICK N. EDMONDSON, Administrator

KEVIN R. EDMONDSON, Administrator

Attorney for Administrator

TO: The Publisher of *The* Cullman Tribune:

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Tammy Brown
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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 *
TEDDY WAYNE PHILLIPS, * CASE NO.: PC2020-323
*
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Donald Edward Phillips, as Administrator of the Estate of Teddy Wayne Phillips, deceased, on the 12th day of November, 2020, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Donald Edward Phillips
Administrator

J. Bradley Wilson
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC2020-192

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BERNICE CHESSER, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Deborah Jean Chesser Powers on the 20th day of November, 2020, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Deborah Jean Chesser Powers
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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A Round of Applause for the Joy-Givers: Pollyanna and Forrest Gump

Ben South
Tribune Correspondent





PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Forrest Gump

HOORAY FOR THE JOY-GIVERS! We always need more smiles, music and laughter. This fun series salutes those seriously unsolemn people, places and things that bring joy to the world. Starting during the pandemic, an oft joy-challenged time, readers are introduced to present-day joy-givers and reminded of cherished joy-givers of the past. Each salute will have online links to add more opportunities for happiness in the comfort of your socially-distanced home. Many installments of the series will include a salutary food or drink recipe to add another element of pleasure.

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.

PLEASE GIVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR POLLYANNA & FORREST GUMP AND ALL-AMERICAN "CAN-DO" CHARACTERS

"I think I can. I think I can." We all know that lesson of optimism and hard work from the very American folktale, THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD.

"How about this quote from another, very American fictional character, Katniss Everdeen, in THE HUNGER GAMES, "At some point, you have to stop running and turn around and face whoever wants you dead. The hard thing is finding the courage to do it."

Sure, Mother England had JANE EYRE, MATILDA and that little Dickens, Tiny Tim, but America is an entire land of "Can-Do" from sea to super-shining, brilliantly shining, amazingly, dazzlingly shining sea...WE CAN DO THIS!

Get your pen or highlighter out and clip this article to remind you of a bumper crop of spirit-rousing, American fictional characters.

When you need some motivation and positivity about the future, these folks were dreamed up to provide us some "CAN-DO."

CROWD-SOURCING was the technique I used with safely, socially-distanced "friends" on Facebook to create this fun, joy-giving roster of "CAN-DO" characters.

The question I posted was "POLLYANNA & FORREST GUMP, what other American, fictional characters encourage us to THINK UP and be hopeful and joyful even in trying times?

Here's the many suggestions and the friends who reminded me of their favorites:

• **SANTA CLAUSE**—Yes, Virginia there is possibly a real one, but real or imaginary, Santa always offers a happy "HO, HO, HO" and wishes "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night." (Abigail Blaylock)

• **ATTICUS FINCH**—This calm, calming, thoughtful, Alabama lawyer was the most-popularly suggested for this article; if you haven't read and watched TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD in a while, now would be a good time (Deborah Peterson)

• **THE CAT IN THE HAT**—The tall, cool cat in his tall, cool hat, created by Dr. Seuss, shows up one rainy day to entertain some home alone kids and totally wrecks the house with his pals Thing One and Thing Two; I won't ruin the ending for you but it is a happy one (Susan Degges)

• **BUSTER KILRAIN** in "The Killer Angels" and this quote, "The only thing that matters is justice, which is why I'm here." (Lisa Tankersley)

• **RUDY**, the titular hero of the movie- the next time you or someone in your quarantined home gets that sinking feeling, pop a bowl of microwave popcorn and Netflix "Rudy" for immediate uplift (Karen Marie Anderson Kulas)

• **DOROTHY GALE OF KANSAS**—Most Americans love this plucky character and her pals but honestly she is not a personal fave fictional heroine for me (I don't even like her like her gaudy, red shoes) but this reminds us that what it takes to lift someone's spirit may be very different person-to-person; the first time I saw "The Wizard of Oz" movie, it freaked me out and I had to sleep with parents; yes, I know what you're thinking, he was probably home from college; the movie has many, many fans who find it uplifting, so consider it; I'm hopeful that a house might fall out of the sky and land on television lawyer, Nancy Grace--that's for another article (Letitia Landers-King)

• **PEE WEE HERMAN**—adult child-ish, chaotic craziness

• **AUNTIE MAME DENNIS**— "Open a new window. Open a new door." And, "We need a little Christmas, NOW!" (Grace Reid)

• **PERRY MASON**—America's all-time favorite, television, do-gooder lawyer (Lisa Tankersley)

• **MAMA ROSE**—This bulldozing, stage mother in the musical "GYPSY," based on the mother of famous stripper, Gypsy Rose Lee, will grab you by the throat and make you believe that "Everything's Comin' up Roses"

• **HORATIO ALGER**—who was actually the author of more than 100 novels of "rags to riches" inspiration; the characters had names like "Jed the Poorhouse Boy" and "Ragged Dick," this 19th century, American writer has the distinction of selling more books, somewhere between 2 and 4 million, than any other American author (Verna Gates)

• **UNDERDOG**—Just hearing the cartoon theme song will make you happy, YouTube pronto! (Deborah Peterson)

• **SHERRIF ANDY TAYLOR, BARNEY FIFE, OPIE, sometimes AUNT BEE, OTIS CAMPBELL, the DARLINGS**—just about the entire town of Mayberry were joy-givers (Lisa Tankersley)

• **CHRISSY SNOW**—played by Suzanne Somers in "Three's Company"—every blonde joke come true and a heart as big as her bouncy chest (Nicole Brown Hetrick)

• **ROY ROGERS and DALE EVANS**—They were a soul-warming blend of real and fiction and TRIGGER was possibly "America's Favorite Television Horse" at least until "MR. ED" (Xonnie Johnson-Hardiman)

• **THE RIFLEMAN**—an ambidextrous, rifle twirler and widower raising a son and killing bad guys in the American West, played by real-life professional baseball/basketball/football star, Chuck Connors of Brooklyn, NY (Molly Chew)

• **BETTY BOOP**—the cartoon flapper and collectibles favorite (Jan Farley)

• **DOLLY LEVI**—the meddlesome matchmaker of "HELLO DOLLY," she'll rouse you to join her on "Nobody's Gonna Rain on My Parade!" (Mary Hayden Hovater)

• **MAIDA WESTABROOK**—This is an entire series of "CAN-DO" stories (Virginia Walker)

• **NANCY DREW**—the most-famous girl detective ever (Virginia Walker)

• **JO MARCH in LITTLE WOMEN**—If you haven't already seen the beautifully lush recent film by gifted director, Greta Gerwig, plan for some popcorn and Netflix. (Virginia Walker)

• **BUTCH CASSIDY & THE SUNDANCE KID**—great film and the stars have added to American greatness, too; Robert Redford created The Sundance Film Festival and Paul Newman used his celebrity to create "Newman's Own" foods which gives ALL PROFITS to a variety of charities. (Joyce Sharp)

• **ROSE NYLAND in "The Golden Girls"**—blissful with a great lust for life (Marla Hope Kenney)

• **INDIANA JONES**—old-time, edge-of-your-seat film adventure that always gives you a happy ending (Patrick Oliver Branch)

• **TOM SAWYER**—among many other cheerful moments, he attends his own funeral, and people are sad he's gone, few experiences could be better than that (John Mertz)

• **HARVEY WALLBANGER**—ask your favorite bartender

• **SUPERGIRL and WONDER WOMAN**—American heroines who can kick some hiney and look smashing doing it (JANE SISSON SEIGEL)

• **DASH RIPROCK**—the slickly suave movie actor who popped up periodically on "The Beverly Hillbillies" to try and snare gorgeous, free bird, Elly May (Kerry Sewell)

• **ROSIE THE RIVETER**—WWII, roll-up-your-sleeves-and-get-to-work character who brought legions of American women into out-of-the-home jobs and changed the career opportunities for women ongoing (Deanna Leavitt)

• **WYLIE COYOTE**—dastardly cartoon character with devilishly delightful determination time-after-time, year-after-year "Beep. Beep." (Britt Tolbert)

• **JEFFREY LEBOWSKI**—always in pajamas and a bathrobe, "The Dude" is a laid-back hero for our WFH times (John Allison)

• **H.I. "Hi" McDONOUGH**—This "Raising Arizona" character is an awesome "go-to" when you need some laughs, like every day of the pandemic. (John Allison)

• **SCARLETT O'HARA**—Turnip-waving "God as my witness, I'll never be hungry, AGAIN!" survivor who visits prisoners in a green velvet dress she saw in the window and just had to have (Mike Davitt)

• **MIZ MELLY WILKES**—Not as feisty as Miz Scarlett but absolutely more inspiring in many ways (Susan Degges)

• **LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE**— "The sun'll come out, tomorrow. Bet your bottom dollar there'll be sun... Tomorrow, TOMORROW, there's always tomorrow, it's only a daaaaaay awaaaaay!" (Tracy Garner Deer)

• **PATCH ADAMS**— Based on a real-life pediatrician but with lots of clown-nose fun and invention by Robin Williams; guaranteed to make you and your family feel better. (Brandon Cogle)

• **FRIED GREEN TOMATOES" WOMEN**—Created by author/comedienne, Fannie Flagg, this book and movie serve made-from-scratch "CAN-DO" every day of the week.

My friends suggested lots of larger-than-life real or partly real "CAN-DO" role models, too: Dolly Parton, Iris Apfel, Lou Wooster, Jesus of Nazareth, Fred Rogers, Helen Keller, NASA (everyone involved), FDR & Eleanor, General George Patton, Johnny Appleseed and Willie Nelsonweed, Amelia Earhart, Barack Obama, Ronal Reagan, Kris Kristofferson, Tecumseh, Laura Bush, Ann Richards, Betsy and Diana Ross, Luther Burbank, George Washington Carver, Shirley Temple, Jimmy Carter and others.

Please join me in thanking my friends for all their "CAN-DO" suggestions and let's all join in giving these inspiring joy-givers and their creators A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

For most installments of this series, I offer a related recipe, but this week calls for bowl after bowl of popcorn and in some cases, like enjoying Jo March and LITTLE WOMEN, a nice cuppa tea. Now, get your "CAN-DO" on, AMERICA!



