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Cullman County-based HomTex expanding to Selma; more than 300 jobs to be created

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Serving those who served



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

United States Air Force veteran Jim Page from Houston, Alabama was one of many who enjoyed a free Thanksgiving meal at the Brandin' Iron in West Point Monday.

Christy Perry, W.C. Mann
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Local nonprofit Saving Forgotten Warriors (SFW) hosted its fifth annual Thanksgiving dinner for veterans and their families Monday. The event is usually held at the Brandin' Iron restaurant in West Point, but this year expanded to a second location at Cullman Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2214. Meals were also delivered to homebound veterans by Cullman County Sheriff's Office staff.

At the VFW, Post Commander Brian Monk told The Tribune when the event kicked off, "We are feeding veterans and their significant others, family members, close family members; come in, get a hot meal: ham, turkey, dressing, sweet potato casserole, green beans, roll, dessert. There's been so many people donate desserts.

"I can't think of them all, can't thank them enough: the hard work that everybody put in cooking the meals, West Point School for letting us use their lunchroom. We wanted to do it in two locations because of all the COVID, and that way people that live here in town can come here (VFW). If they don't want to come in, we'll bring them a plate . . . If they want to come in, we've got them spaced out where they can come in safely and eat and just have a good time, just fellowship and thank them for their service."

The Brandin' Iron Steakhouse is normally closed Mondays, but it hosted a VIP crowd of veterans and their families. Manager Josh Speakman and a team of staff and volunteers worked throughout the weekend preparing for Monday's traditional Thanksgiving meal.

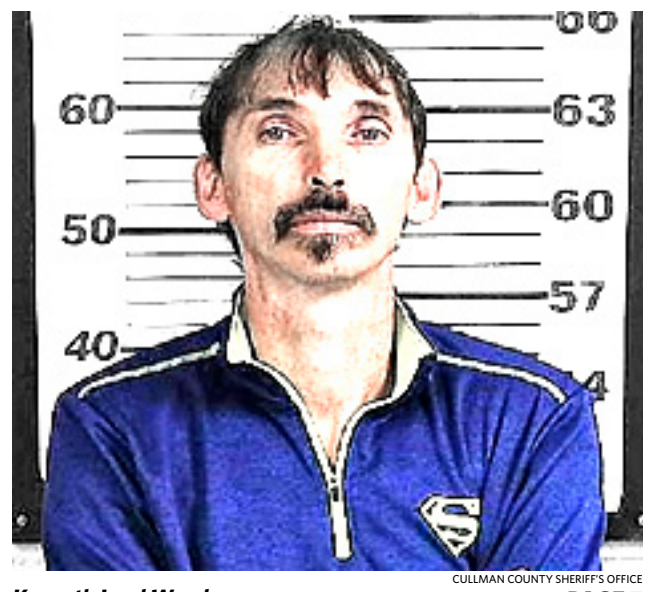
He reported that 200 pounds of turkey had been cooked and more was being fried as he spoke. Many individuals brought homemade desserts, including Cullman County Commissioner Garry Marchman's wife, Bobbie. The meal included turkey and dressing, ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, roll and choice of dessert.

Air Force Veteran Jim Page came from Houston, Alabama to enjoy the meal in West Point. He served in the Air Force from 1974-1995.

"I didn't know about this until a little while ago and a friend called and » PAGE 8

COURTS

Woods pleads guilty to lesser charges in human trafficking cases, released with time served



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Kenneth Loyd Woods

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

More than crackers in that barrel: Council approves Cracker Barrel alcohol license



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The Cullman Cracker Barrel restaurant is seen Monday night, Nov. 23, 2020.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 23

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 23, 2020. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Nov. 19
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1486
- domestic violence; CR 1114
- domestic violence; CR 46
- reckless endangerment; CR 395
- harassment; CR 255
- burglary; CR 35

Nov. 20
- trespassing; CR 255
- harassment; Scott Drive
- burglary, unlawful possession of a controlled substance; CR 735
- burglary; CR 436/CR 421
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 703
- harassment, criminal mischief; Chad Drive
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 1114
- domestic violence; Fairpark Court

Nov. 21
- giving false name to law enforcement; CR 436/CR 421
- domestic violence; Hwy. 69 S
- giving false name to law enforcement; CR 804
- harassment, trespassing; CR 385
- domestic violence; CR 920
- domestic violence; CR 781
- gas driveoff; CR 437
- theft of property, criminal mischief; CR 1281
- criminal mischief; CR 843
- criminal mischief; Welcome Road
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 520
- criminal mischief; CR 247/CR 223
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 549
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1559

Nov. 22
- domestic violence; CR 222
- domestic violence; Willow Springs Drive
- harassment; I-65 S/MM 297
- harassment; CR 1435
- harassment; CR 1559
- theft of property; CR 1342
- attempting to elude; CR 1134/Hwy. 278 W
- theft of property; CR 804

ARRESTS

Nov. 19-22

Boyd, Lacie Michele, 24
- first-degree theft of property

Brizendine, Christopher Neal, 46
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Buckmaster, Robbie Reynolds, 41
- FTA- public intoxication

Caron, Robert David, 63
- public intoxication

Chappell, Sonya Olivia Sharee, 26
- second-degree promoting prison contraband
- FTA- first-degree theft of property

Couch, James Timothy, 41
- attempting to elude
- FTA- attempting to elude
- FTA- third-degree burglary
- FTA- driving while revoked
- driving while revoked
- FTA- driving while suspended
- improper lane usage
- FTA- reckless driving (2 counts)
- running a stop sign
- speeding- reasonable & prudent

Edwards, Cheryl Marie, 54
- FTA- DUI- .08 BAC or greater

Franklin, Cristy Linn, 45
- FTA- second-degree theft of property

Head, Norma Allison, 27
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hill, Jason Ray, 40
- fourth-degree theft of property

Hill, Jonathan Christopher, 57
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Hudson, Coy Ray, 48
- third-degree domestic violence

Kilpatrick, Justin Kenneth, 32
- attempting to elude

King, Brittany Rae, 36
- fourth-degree theft of property

Lindley, Chad Edward, 32
- first-degree theft of property

Mahler, Matthew Albert, 22
- FTA- driving while suspended

McCormick Jr., Kenny Lynn, 28
- FTA- attempting to elude

Peak, Robert Alan, 29
- first-degree theft of property
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (with theft)

Powell, Joseph Dustin, 23
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Roth, Tyler Joseph, 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Royster, Quentin Sheldon, 26
- obstruction- using false ID
- third-degree theft of property

Shaffer, Dameon Shawn, 23
- third-degree burglary
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

South, Jason Howard, 42
- FTA- driving while revoked

Watts, Jesse Weldon, 36
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Watts, Skylar Wayne, 28
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Wilbanks, Jeremy Dewayne, 35
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Williams, Colby Alan, 22
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Willingham, Janet Lee, 44
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Yarbrough, Ryan Henry, 44
- FTA- first-degree criminal mischief
- failure to register quarterly SORNA (2 counts)
- FTA- reckless endangerment

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 17
- fourth-degree theft of property; Cricket Wireless; Cherokee Ave. SW; phone; $230

Nov. 20
- third-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous merchandise, cash; $868
- third-degree criminal trespassing; Cullman Housing Authority; Logan St. SW
- fourth-degree theft of property; person; Lakeside Drive NW; bicycle; $400
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; 2nd Ave. SW/Cherokee Ave. SW; damage to '12 Chevrolet Cruze; $2,000

Nov. 21
- duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; 2nd Ave. NE; damage to '14 BMW; $300
- third-degree burglary; person; Eva Road NE; tools; $419
- fourth-degree theft of property; person; Denson Ave. SW; bicycle; $250

ARRESTS

Nov. 20

Brown, Timothy A., 28
- second-degree criminal mischief
- harassment

Kirby, Donald W., 32
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Hill, Jason R., 40
- fourth-degree theft of property

Ward Jr., John C., 49
- public intoxication

McCormick Jr., Kenny L., 28
- FTA- attempting to elude
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing

Nov. 21

Willingham, Janet L., 44
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Davis, Katherine D., 39
- DUI- controlled substance
- driving while suspended
- improper lane usage

Mahler, Matthew A., 22
- FTA- no tag registration in vehicle
- FTA- driving without a license
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving while suspended

Hays, Katherine A., 37
- FTA- expired tag

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

- Total confirmed cases in AL: 195,887 (+1,302 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 38,193 (+272 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 3,155 (+2 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 304
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 3,065 (+16 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 1,061 (+14 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 28 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 8
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 24,548
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,782
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 893
- Total tested in Alabama: 1,533,628
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 29,838
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 129,523
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,427
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 23,942
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 90,702

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

Monday, Nov. 23 update from Cullman Regional
The hospital reported 45 COVID patients with 10 on ventilators.

- 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.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

Church Services
- Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Please join us to pray or come for prayer.
- Sunday, Nov. 29 at 10 a.m. adult, youth and children's classes; 11 a.m. children's classes; praise and worship, and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd, "Know your deeds"

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.

18th Annual Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Display at Sportsman Lake Park
- Guests can enjoy driving through the park, train rides, carriage rides, hot chocolate and pictures with Santa.
- 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. 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.
- Free admission for seniors 60 and older Dec. 18-20
- Sportsman Lake Park is located at 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman.

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

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
- 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.

Cold Springs High School Royal Blue Band Turkey Shoot
- Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26 from 8 a.m.-noon beside Pop's Place in Dodge City, 721 Alabama Highway 69 S
- Shots are $4 or 3 for $10
- Come on out and win a turkey, ham or bacon!

Cullman Education Retirees Association Meeting
- Thursday, Dec. 3 at 11 a.m. at Stone Bridge Farms, 281 County Road 717, Cullman
- All education retirees are invited to attend. This month's program will be presented by Jan Hammond, dulcimer performer and photographer. Following the program, we will have a short business meeting and then lunch. We practice CDC guidelines by wearing masks and social distancing.

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

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.

3 killed, 2 injured in Saturday night crash in Cullman Co.

Wendy Sack
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CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. – A two-vehicle crash in southwest Cullman County late Saturday night killed three people and injured two. The incident happened along the 13000 block of Alabama Highway 69 South, southwest of Bug Tussle, at 10:26 p.m.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick on Sunday identified the deceased as Bailey Dewayne Bennett, 20, of Haleyville; Brookelynne Alexus Dowdy, 20, of Double Springs; and Tristan Stormy Lane Black, 22, of Lynn.

The three victims were in a 2005 Honda Element, driven by Black.

Alabama State Troopers said the Honda was struck by a 2010 Cadillac CTS operated by Kristi L. Cordes, 37, of Hanceville.

Troopers said Cordes' vehicle crossed the center line and collided with Black's vehicle.

Bennett, Dowdy and Black were pronounced dead at the scene by Kilpatrick.

A juvenile passenger in the Honda and Cordes were transported by helicopter for treatment.

Nothing further is available as Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate.

LEGAL

City of Cullman
Building Inspection Department

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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday, December 7, 2020, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Short form Subdivision – 5th Street SW & Morgan Ave. SW – move lot line
2. Short form Subdivision – Compass Way SW – Create two lots
3. Rezoning request off Bolte Road SE – R-1 to Planned Unit Development (PUD)

For further information contact Brian Landreth or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

LEGALS

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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 *
FRANCES EARLINE CORLEY * CASE NO PC 2020-266
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND
AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: GIGI SIDES, GINGER POSEY GOGGINS AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The Petition for Probate of Will and Amended Petition for Probate of Will for the Estate of Frances Earline Corley, has been set for hearing on the **17th day of December, 2020, at 9:30a.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 6th day of November, 2020.

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

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Beverly Paschal Poston
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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 *
BOBBY ARLEN TOWERY, JR., * **CASE NO.: PC2020-269**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Ancillary Letters of Testamentary having been granted to LISA CARVER TOWERY as Ancillary Personal Representative of the Estate of BOBBY ARLEN TOWERY, JR., deceased, on the 13th 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.

Lisa Carver Towery
Ancillary Personal Representative

Aaron B. Thomas
Attorney for Ancillary Personal Representative
1904 First Avenue North
Suite 300
Birmingham, AL 35203

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

Please publish the above Notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
TRAVIS ODELL DINGLER * CASE NO PC 2020-274
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: HAROLD DEWAYNE LEE DINGLER AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The Petition of Peggy Jean Coggins to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Travis Odell Dingler, deceased, filed by Steven C. Smith, Attorney for Peggy Jean Coggins, Petitioner, has been set for the **17th day of December, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

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

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

DONE this the 9th day of November, 2020.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF HANCEVILLE Planning Commission

Pursuant to the instructions of the City Council of the City of Hanceville, notice is hereby given that the property zoned B-1belonging to Anh Nguyen as described below will be considered for R-1 Zoning designation by the Council on Thursday, December 10, 2020 and that a public hearing will be held prior to consideration at 5:30 p.m. at the Hanceville City Hall, located at 112 Main Street SE, Hanceville, Alabama, 35077, where all interested citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard for or against the proposed zoning.

DRAFT

ORDINANCE No. 631
AN AMMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 510 INCLUDING THE ZONING MAP

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The public health, safety, morals and general welfare requiring it under authority granted by Article 4, Sections 11-52-70 through 11-52-79, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hanceville, Alabama Ordinance No. 510, adopted the 1st day of May, 2006, as amended, and more particularly the Hanceville, Alabama zoning map as a part thereof, is hereby amended, changed and modified as follows:

   (a) That the real estate being the property of Anh Nguyen located in Hanceville, Cullman County, be re-zoned to R-1, described as follows, to-wit:

   Lots 22, 23, 24 and 17 feet off the west side of Lot 25, Block 12, of the T. A. Williams Addition to the Town of Hanceville, Alabama, as recorded in Plat Cabinet A, Slide 8. (Map Book 1, Page 5) in in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
   Source of Title: Deed Book 539, Page 852.

   The above described property does not constitute the homestead of the grantor or his spouse.

   The address of the property is 1302 Commercial Street, Hanceville, AL 35077.

2. That this Ordinance has been published once each week for two (2) successive weeks with the latter being published at least fifteen days prior to passage, within the City of Hanceville, Alabama, and the publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim.

   That a public hearing has been held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the ____ of _____ _____at _____ p.m. at which time interested parties and citizens had opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

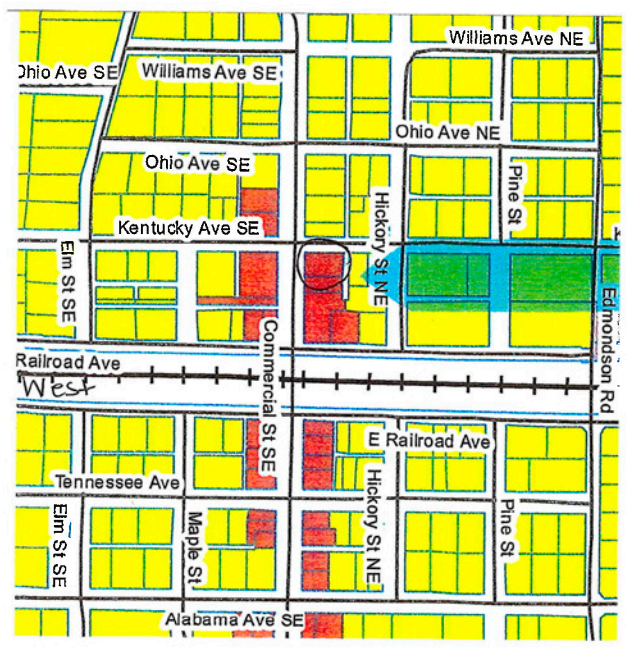
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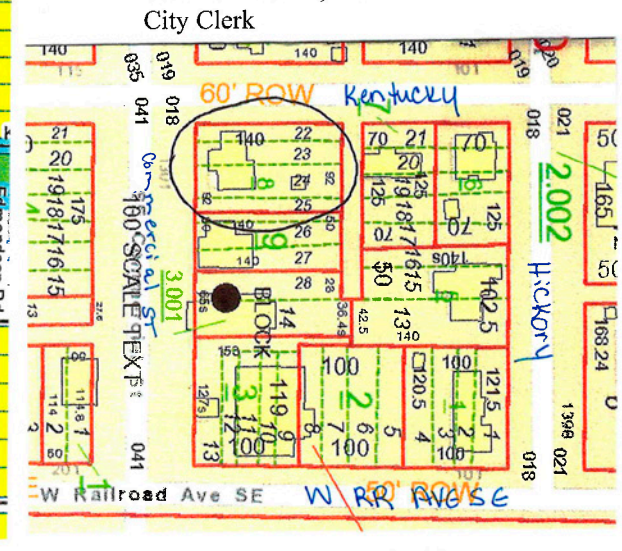
3. That all notices as required by law were given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing.
4. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Hanceville, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance be and are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.
5. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this ordinance.
6. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above described property is rezoned to R-1 and that appropriate action be taken to change and modify the City Zoning Map to so reflect the said land as such.
7. This ordinance adopted ____ day of _____, _____ shall take effect after its publication as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

_____
Mayor Kenneth Nail

ATTEST:

_____
Tania C. Wilcox, MMC
City Clerk





PREP BASKETBALL

Raiders dominate season opener 58-25, Lady Raiders fall to Susan Moore

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – Susan Moore made the trip to Good Hope High School Friday night for some hoops action and for the Raiders, it was their first game of the season. In their season debut, the Raiders routed the Bulldogs 58-25 to tip things off 1-0 while the Lady Raiders dropped to 1-1 after falling to a very good Susan Moore squad 68-54.

Susan Moore 68 – Good Hope 54 (varsity girls)
The Lady Bulldogs jumped out to an early 5-0 lead against Good Hope and kept the Lady Raiders off the board until Ivey Maddox netted a pair of free throws. Susan Moore's press gave the Lady Raiders trouble in the opening period and that, combined with 3-point shooting, allowed the Lady Bulldogs to build a 16-4 lead midway through the first. The lead stretched to 22-6 late in the quarter but a 3-pointer by Heather Tetro trimmed the lead to 24-10 going into the second quarter.

A Rudi Derrick basket made it a 27-12 game early in the second and that was just the start of a big quarter for Derrick. A trey from Desire' Odachowski cut the lead to 29-15 and another triple by Heather Tetro made it 32-18 with around four minutes to play in the half. That's when Good Hope began to seize the momentum. A 3-pointer and an and-one play by Derrick pulled the Lady Raiders to within six with just over a minute to play in the quarter and she added another three to trim the lead to 36-31 with 30 seconds in the half. Derrick added a pair of free throws in the final seconds of the period to cur the lead all the way down to 36-33 going into the halftime break.

Susan Moore maintained a 40-33 advantage early in the third until a layup from Bailey Tetro and a jumper by Maddox made it 40-38. A Bailey Tetro 3-pointer brought the lead down to one at 42-41 midway through the third quarter, but the Lady Bulldogs managed to move back in front.

The three's continued to fall for Susan Moore and the lead grew to 54-46 going into the final frame.

It was tough sledding for the Lady Raiders offensively in the fourth quarter. Another trey from Bailey Tetro made it a 57-51 game early in the fourth and Heather Tetro knocked in a jumper to hold the lead to 62-53 with four minutes to play but it wasn't enough to keep up with the Lady Bulldogs and Susan Moore held on to win it 68-54.

Bailey Tetro and Derrick led Good Hope with 15 points each in the loss. Heather Tetro finished with eight, Maddox added seven and Renee Mcleod posted five. The Lady Raiders will try to bounce back from this one when they travel to take on Brewer Monday.

Good Hope 58 – Susan Moore 25 (varsity boys)
The Raiders stormed Susan Moore to tip things off, jumping out to a 9-0 lead almost instantly and stretching it to 13-0 midway through the first. Tanner Malin put up seven points in the opening few minutes and would continue to fill it up for Good Hope.

A Noah Barnette basket gave the Raiders a 15-6 lead with two minutes remaining in the opening period and back to back Malin baskets followed by a jumper from Barnette made it a 22-6 game at the end of the first.

Good Hope continued to pour it on, pulling ahead 29-6 early in the second after a Lawton Farr 3-pointer. Baskets from K'mal Bell and Colton Lindsey extended the lead 35-6 midway through the quarter and another triple from Farr, followed by another Barnette bucket, made it a 40-8 game with less than two minutes to play in the half. Malin knocked down another jumper in the final moments of the period to give the Raiders a commanding, 42-9 lead at the half.

Buckets from Malin and Barnette added to the Good Hope lead early in the third and the Raiders pulled ahead 54-17 as the quarter continued. Malin dropped in two more baskets just before the start of the fourth to make it a 58-19 game going into the final frame.



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Good Hope's Tanner Malin (11) led the Raiders with 27 points in their 58-25 win over Susan Moore Friday night.

With the clock running, Good Hope cruised to a convincing, 58-25 win in its season opener.

Malin led all scorers with 27 points in the win, outscoring the Bulldogs himself in just three quarters of work. Barnette added 12 points for the Raiders, Farr posted nine and Lindsey scored six.

Good Hope will be back in action Monday at this year's Priceville Thanksgiving Tournament against East Lawrence.

PREP BASKETBALL

Addison, Hanceville, Cold Springs, West Point compete in play-day hoops action

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WEST POINT, Ala. – Five varsity girls' matchups were on tap at West Point Saturday and local squads were on the floor for each of them. Addison, Cold Springs and Hanceville, along with West Point, participated in the play-day games. West Point and Cold Springs dropped both of their games while Addison took care of business against Hanceville in a low-scoring affair to finish the Saturday slate of games.

Phil Campbell 62 - West Point 58
West Point got off to a quick start offensively, leading 13-5 behind a pair of threes by Braelee Quinn and one from Nikki Tyree. Summer Mendoza and Ryleigh Jones also added a basket as well as they led by a score of 15-10 after one. The Lady Warriors stretched the lead to 19-13 after consecutive baskets by Jones, but later lost a 23-19 lead as Phil Campbell scored seven in a row to take a 26-23 lead.

A Bethany Minck shot made it 30-28, but the Lady Bobcats tied it up at 30 and that was the score at the half.

The third quarter saw Phil Campbell score five in a row at one point to take a 46-40 lead, but the Lady Warriors finished the quarter strong behind Tyree and Mendoza as they tied the game up at 46 going into the final period.

A Jones trey gave West Point a 55-54 lead with 3:28 remaining in the game, but six in a row by the Lady Bobcats gave the lead right back at 60-55. Shadix hit a basket to make it 60-57, but Phil Campbell nailed a pair from the line to seal the contest as the Lady Warriors dropped their first game 62-58.

Shadix finished the game with 19 points for West Point. Braelee Quinn added 11. Jones ended up with nine and Tyree added eight.

Muscle Shoals 73 - Cold Springs 26
Behind a pair of treys from Toni West and a layup by Madison Bruer, Cold Springs held an 8-5 lead, but it would be all Muscle Shoals after that as the Lady Trojans scored the final 14 points of the quarter to take a 19-8 lead into the second period. Anna Kate Voce and Shay Sellers helped cut the deficit to 21-12 in the second, but the Lady Trojans quickly went on a 14-1 run to close out the first half and took a 35-13 lead into the locker room.

The deficit reached over 40 points for some of the second half as Muscle Shoals' speed and defensive intensity were too much for the Lady Eagles and Cold Springs wound up falling 73-26.

West finished with 14 points for Cold Springs. Brooke Crider and Voce each added three. Sellers, Malaya Taylor and Madison Bruer each chipped in with two.

Hazel Green 73 - West Point 23
In its second game of the day, West Point held a slim, 3-2 lead on a Shadix free throw, but Hazel Green scored the next nine points to take an 11-3 lead before Shadix made a shot to stop the run. Hazel Green then scored the final six points of the quarter to take a 17-5 lead into the second period. Jones made it 17-7 to start out the quarter, but it was all Lady Trojans after that as they went on a 22-2 run and the Lady Warriors found themselves trailing 39-9 at the half.

The second half was more of the same as West Point couldn't get anything going against an aggressive Hazel Green defense and the deficit reached 50 at one point as the Lady Warriors wound up falling 73-23.

Shadix led West Point (4-2) with 13 points. Jones added seven and Mendoza ended up with three.

Phil Campbell 57 - Cold Springs 34
Cold Springs got off to a slow start in its second game of the day as they were held to just a Voce free throw for the first period and trailed 20-1 after one. Baskets by Voce, Taylor and Lacey Rice cut the deficit to 23-7, but Phil Campbell quickly pushed its lead to 32-13 at the half.

A Madison Bruer layup made it 32-15 to start the second half, but they didn't go on that big run as the Lady Bobcats made sure that it didn't happen, pushing the lead to 20 at one point and took a 47-25 lead into the final period. West scored six in a row to help the Lady Eagles try and get back in the game, but the deficit proved to be too much as Cold Springs wound up losing the game 57-34.

West finished with 10 points for Cold Springs (2-2). Voce added eight and Crider ended up with six. The Lady Eagles will head back to take on West Morgan Tuesday.

Addison 43 - Hanceville 35
Hanceville's Victoria Stanley hit a three to give the Lady Bulldogs an early 3-2 lead, but Addison went on a 9-0 run behind Anna Grace Luker, Bracie Rodgers and Gracie Manley to take an 11-3 lead. Cassidy Campbell stopped the bleeding with a layup for Hanceville, but Addisyn Smothers hit the final basket of the quarter to give Addison a 13-5 lead after one.

Hanceville started to get back in the game, making it a 17-13 contest on a Stanley three-point play. Addison made it 21-13 after a Smothers basket, but Campbell nailed a pair from the line to cut the deficit to six at the half. Threes from Stanley and Campbell made it a 22-21 game with 3:38 to go in the third period. Addison pushed its lead back to four at 25-21 after a Luker made basket, but Hanceville went on a run as a layup by Stanley, a three by Campbell, and two free throws by Savanna McAnnally gave them a 28-25 lead, their first since early in the first quarter.

Both teams traded a basket to end the quarter as Hanceville took a three-point lead into the final quarter.

Five huge points by Luker to start out the fourth gave Addison a 32-30 lead. Campbell tied it up with a basket of her own, but Manley scored five in a row to give Addison a five-point lead at 37-32. After Hanceville made it 39-35, Rodgers drilled a huge three from the top of the key to stretch the Addison lead to 42-35 and she later added a free throw to help seal the 43-35 win for Addison.

Manley led Addison (2-1) with 15 points and 11 rebounds. Luker added 13 points, seven rebounds and three steals. Rodgers ended up with eight points and 10 rebounds. Smothers ended up with four points and six rebounds and Molly Gilbreath chipped in with three points and 10 rebounds. For Hanceville (1-3), Campbell finished with 19 points, 11 rebounds, three steals, and two blocks. Stanley added 11 points. Kate Sterling ended up with three points and McAnnally added two points and seven rebounds.

Addison will travel to take on Oneonta in a Thanksgiving tournament, while Hanceville will participate in the Hartselle Thanksgiving tournament on Tuesday.

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East Elementary School fourth graders created their own mini-version of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade with showbox floats and took them for a parade around the block.

SHOEBOXES ON PARADE

East Elementary students create mini-version of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

Cullman City School
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CULLMAN, Ala. – With the real-life Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade getting a socially-distanced and televised take for 2020, a couple of East Elementary School teachers decided to put their own local spin on the holiday tradition. Just, you know, a little smaller-scale than downtown New York.

East Elementary School fourth grade teachers Lea Casey and Kristi Jackson challenged students to create their own, pint-sized version of the parade with some shoebox floats — and they even took their mini-Macy's event on parade around the block outside the school, while parents were invited to park and watch the parade from their cars to ensure safe social distance.

Students designs included everything from Pac-Man, to Fortnite, to Christmas scenes with reindeer and snow. Some students even joined forces for two-part floats, like one team-up that featured popcorn and snacks on one float, plus a movie setting on the other.

The small-scale parade was part of a larger Thanksgiving-themed curriculum, with students learning everything from financials for what it costs to create a parade; the logistics involved with executing a citywide event; and the history of the Macy's event itself, which dates back to 1924.

"We've read about the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, studied the history of it, and watched videos, and read articles," Jackson explained.

"Then we decided to design and create our own miniature floats for the parade. Students chose a theme and started creating, and all floats had to have a plan on paper before the actual building began.

"Then I got with Ms. Casey, and we decided to put math in the project by learning how expensive it is to put on a production like this."

Casey said students developed the theme and concept for their own floats, and brought in supplies — which were sanitized upon arrival — and assembled as part of science class to learn about the design and engineering to make sure the students floats were able to stand on their own.

"The floats were designed to promote lessons on construction and design, and discussion of the processes and time required behind these parade floats and balloons. Each student created a plan for their own design for their float," Casey explained.

"They have loved this. They were excited all week to learn about this and create their own floats. We are blessed with some very creative students and they love to make things. Some even created platforms to have a two-level float."

Cullman Primary celebrates Thanksgiving



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Cullman Primary School celebrated Thanksgiving last week with a readers' theater activity in Ms. Dutton's classroom. Mrs. Norrell's class celebrated with a Charlie Brown Thanksgiving meal where students learned about the very first Thanksgiving, and Mrs. Thrasher's kindergarten class made T-shirts and hats to wear for their feast. The primary school also secured 55 Thanksgiving meals for families and sent home breakfasts and lunches with each child for the week that school is closed for the holiday.

Palomino RV Resort sign installed



JANET CHANDLER /THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The sign for the city's new Palomino RV Resort was installed Monday. Back in January, the City of Cullman revealed plans to develop the park at 1315 County Road 222, on land known locally as the Burrow property. Background: https://www.cullmantribune.com/tag/rv-park/

STATE

Holly Pond awarded $250K for new senior center

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – More than 60 Alabama cities and counties will soon see improvements in their communities thanks to almost $19.4 million in Community Development Block Grants (CDGB) awarded by Gov. Kay Ivey, who announced the awardees Monday. Included is the Town of Holly Pond, which was awarded $250,000 to construct a new senior citizen center.

The Cullman County Economic Development (CCED) office submitted the grant request for Holly Pond, according to CCED Director Bradley Williams. The new senior center will be located along Lions Park Road across from Guy Hunt Museum and Library.

"This is great news for the senior citizens of Holly Pond and the surrounding communities. Senior centers are vital for the health and wellness of our senior citizen community and it allows for engagement among seniors," said Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons.

"I would first like to praise our staff here at Cullman County Economic Development, who work hard every day to secure grant funding for our communities," said Williams.

"I would also like to commend the mayor and council for their forward thinking. This is a great partnership between Cullman County, the Commission on Aging and the Town."

"Community Development Block Grants help raise the living standards for thousands of Alabamians who may have struggled with dangerous roads, sewage backed up in their homes or find it difficult to wash clothes because of inadequate water pressure," Ivey said. "I am pleased to award these grants and I must commend those local elected officials who recognized those struggles and responded to address needs in their communities."

Grants are awarded on competitive basis in several categories including small city, large city, county, community enhancement, Black Belt and planning. Some cities received planning grants in addition to other competitive grants. In most instances, awarded governments are required to allocate some local funds to projects as a match for the grants.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) is administering the grants from funds made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"Many local governments, particularly this year with the COVID-19 pandemic, often struggle for funds to provide basic services for residents," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said. "ADECA is pleased to join Gov. Ivey in awarding these funds from the CDBG program, which enables governments to accomplish worthwhile projects to make their communities better places to live."

Other grants awarded and projects (in north Alabama) include:

North Alabama

• **Ardmore**- $350,000 to replace sewer lines and ensure safe disposal of sewage

• **Colbert County** - $182,876 to raise the roadbed and improve drainage to eliminate pavement flooding on Gnat Pond Road, Cassie Davis Street and Marthaler Lane

• **Courtland**- $350,000 to replace aging water lines and provide safe drinking water to residents

• **Fort Payne**- $450,000 to demolish and clear the abandoned Fort Payne General Hospital complex

• **Glencoe**- $450,000 to replace sewer lines on East Air Depot Road, Taylor Road and Lonesome Bend Road

• **Haleyville**- $450,000 to upgrade sewer, water and streets in several areas of the city

• **Limestone County** - $301,000 to provide pavement and drainage improvements on Chapman Hollow Road south of the town of Lester. The project is designed to alleviate flooding.

• **Morgan County**- $250,000 to upgrade and add an addition to the Falk Senior Center

• **North Courtland**- $347,300 to improve drainage along Davis Street and other parts of the town

• **Red Bay**- $445,000 to improve sewer lines in the southeast part of the city

• **Sheffield**- $210,000 to demolish and clear multiple dilapidated residential and commercial structures throughout the city

• **Tuscumbia**- $365,000 to raze and clear 23 dilapidated structures located throughout the city

• **Vina** - $348,650 to install a new boost pump at a water storage tank to improve water flow and pressure

• **Winfield**- $450,000 to improve drainage and upgrade streets to alleviate flooding along Regal Street

OPINION: Sin, part 7

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We continue in our study of sin. Last week, we briefly considered the distinction between sin as man's nature and sins, specific acts that violate God's law and his holy nature.

The Bible teaches that sin entered the human race with Adam's transgression. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12). Adam was the doorway through which sin entered to all of his posterity because the "one man" in Paul's statement is Adam.

Adam was the first man and the father of all men, so by virtue of the solidarity of the race, when Adam sinned the entire race sinned in him. Imputed sin is not the only basis for judgment, but the idea of the imputation of Adam's sin to all mankind is a clear part of the teaching of Paul's statement. It is true that we all are sinners by choice, but this is not the point of discussion here. Our concern is with the entrance of sin into the human race and to what extent it affected Adam's posterity.

God has made it clear in His Word that this all came about through the disobedience of the first man who stood and acted as the representative of his entire posterity.

That Adam's fall entailed disastrous consequences upon himself and his descendants is the plain teaching in both the Old and New Testaments. David said, "Behold, I was shaped in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me" (Psalm 51:5).

Now we know that David is not so much suggesting that the sexual relation between his mother and father, whereby he was conceived, was a sinful act. In substance he is saying the same thing that Paul is saying in Romans 5:12; namely, the natural depravity of the parents is transmitted to their offspring. The connection is natural and real. "The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies" (Psalm 58:3). The account given in Genesis 3 is the basis for the whole argument, so that David and Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit as was Moses, are in agreement that sin entered the human race through the one man: Adam. Sin entered through the disobedience of one man and thereby penetrated all men.

You, my friend, are a sinner because of Adam! Have you come face to face with the God of the Ages and acknowledged your nature as a sinner?

I invite response to these articles. You may contact me by phone at 803-413-3509. Leave a voice mail or send me an email at info@igniteUS.net. I am available to serve as an interim pastor or for pulpit supply. I look forward to your inquiries.

Parade (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – According to Cullman City Hall and Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism (CPRST) Executive Director Zac Wood, the 2020 Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting, which were scheduled for Dec. 4, have been canceled.

Also canceled is the Cullman Christkindlmarkt, which was scheduled for Dec. 11-12.

"It is out of an abundance of caution that we have decided to cancel our Christmas Parade scheduled for Dec. 4 and the Christkindlmarkt scheduled for Dec. 11-12," Wood said in a video statement.

"Although we can't be together in person, we are excited to bring the community together through a virtual Tree Lighting Ceremony. More details coming soon."

Rodeo (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Sheriff's Office Jimmy Arrington Memorial Rodeo will be a bit different this year. Held annually at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center, the event is going virtual as COVID-19 numbers continue to spike across the area.

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry said Monday that the full details of this year's rodeo, along with details on the annual Special Needs Rodeo, will be announced during a press conference Tuesday at 10 a.m. at his office. Cullman County Commissioner Gary Marchman spoke to The Tribune Monday, saying, "He (Gentry) came to us, and he made the decision to go a different route this year due to COVID. I believe he made the right decision as he is putting the health and well-being of the public first."

Marchman continued, "I hate this for everyone, but we need to keep people safe. They looked at options to socially distance inside at the rodeo, but it just wasn't going to work."

When asked if the rodeo has been canceled, Marchman stated, "No, it's not been canceled, but it will have a different look and feel. There won't be any spectators to my knowledge, and the rodeo will be live streamed and possibly broadcast on TV."

The Special Needs Rodeo is always a big draw each year. Marchman said he believes that event will be virtual as well. "From what I was told, the Special Needs Rodeo will be live streamed to schools and to those classes with special needs children," he said. "COVID is here and we just have to protect everyone, even if that means holding the events online."

Both events are normally slated for early December. Look for more details Tuesday at 10 a.m. at www.Facebook.com/CullmanTribune.

HomTex (from Front)

Cullman Tribune Staff
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Gov. Kay Ivey on Monday announced that HomTex Inc. received $10,572,100 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds to expand operations to Selma to develop Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). HomTex is a family-owned and certified minority-owned business headquartered in Cullman County. The new Dallas County manufacturing location will create 300 to 325 new jobs.

"HomTex has made Alabama proud by stepping up during the COVID-19 pandemic to shift their production to create critical PPE supplies," said Ivey. "Their ability to be flexible in order to remain operational is the exact intent of the CARES Act funds. I appreciate their commitment to the economy and Alabama workers by providing needed jobs in Dallas County and thank HomTex for being a great corporate partner with the state of Alabama."

In a partnership with the state of Alabama and Wallace Community College in Selma, HomTex will establish an operation to produce General Purpose and FDA-approved Level 1, 2 and 3 Surgical Masks and N95 masks. Wallace Community College will offer apprenticeship programs that will allow students to help make masks for their region and beyond.

"The coronavirus pandemic has clearly demonstrated that our country needs a dependable domestic production pipeline for PPE, and Cullman-based HomTex has stepped up to fill a portion of that critical need," said Greg Canfield, secretary of the Alabama Department of Commerce.

"With its expansion in Cullman and its new growth plans in Selma, HomTex is helping to make Alabama a U.S. hub for the production of PPE. In addition, the company's new Selma operation will provide an economic boost for the Black Belt region and advance our strategic goal of providing opportunities in Alabama's rural communities."

HomTex, Inc. was founded in 1987 by Jerry Wootten in Vinemont and now has its headquarters in Cullman. In addition to its Vinemont and Cullman locations, HomTex has production and distribution facilities in Sylva, NC; Belton, SC; and Leoma, TN.

"We are very honored to be the recipient of COVID-19 Relief Funds from the state of Alabama," HomTex President and Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Wootten said. "This second operation will make HomTex one of the largest face masks manufacturers in the USA, and we are proud to be manufacturing these products in Cullman and Selma. We very much appreciate the support from Governor Ivey, the State Senators and everyone who made the factory in Selma a reality."

During the COVID-19 pandemic, HomTex shifted production at the Cullman plant from bed linens to disposable medical grade masks as well as reusable, washable cotton masks. The manufacturer of DreamFit sheets, HomTex sells directly to furniture and mattress stores as well as national retail chains, specialty stores, gift stores and E-commerce.

This fall, HomTex secured a contract to provide protective face masks to the federal agency responsible for the operation of the U.S. Capitol Complex in Washington, D.C.

Officials in Cullman and Dallas counties welcomed the company's expansion plans.

"Through this pandemic, we have seen the need for bringing supply chain manufacturing back to America. The only way to make these expansions happen is by working together. The partnerships that made this project a reality include: Governor Ivey and her cabinet; the Cullman-Selma partnership; the Economic Development Committee in the Senate working across the aisle; and, Wallace State Selma and Wallace State Hanceville working as one to provide training," Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman said.

"Alabama is proving that partnerships are the key to creating a better future for our state and the nation."

"I must first thank God for these 320 new jobs in the Black Belt of Alabama. I am so appreciative of Governor's Ivey's decision and work to make this happen for the people of the Black Belt.

"It is a major step in our goal to help people help themselves out of poverty in Senator Singleton's and my district," Sen. Malika Sanders-Fortier, D-Selma said. "I am humbled by the bi-partisanship cooperation that made this all possible. This is how we build the Beloved Community. I believe this is a first step that can breathe new hope into the people of the Black Belt for much more economic development to come."

Discussions about the HomTex expansion began when a delegation from Selma traveled to Cullman in September to talk about how two remarkably different communities with polar opposite historical backgrounds might address differences and discuss future partnerships that allow each community to benefit from the successes of the other.

Alabama received approximately $1.9 billion of federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funding to respond to and mitigate COVID-19. Alabama Act 2020-199 designated up to $300 million of the Coronavirus Relief Fund to be used to support citizens, businesses, and non-profit and faith-based organizations of the state directly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

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Woods (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Kenneth Loyd Woods, 53, of Fairview, indicted in 2017 for multiple counts of human trafficking and other crimes, was released Friday, Nov. 20 following a plea deal worked out between defense attorney Alex Chaney and Cullman County Deputy District Attorney John Bryant and approved by Circuit Judge Gregory Nicholas.

Under the terms of the deal, Woods pleaded guilty to two counts of enticing a child for immoral purposes in separate cases (Circuit Court cases 2017-647 and 2017-648), and was sentenced to 18 years on each charge with the sentences to run concurrently.

The sentences were suspended, and Woods was released with credit for the 18 months he has already served since his bond was revoked in the cases due to charges of witness tampering.

All other charges and cases (Circuit Court cases 2017-659 and 2018-845) against Woods were dismissed, including:

- four counts of first-degree human trafficking
- two counts of electronic solicitation of a child
- two counts of transmission of obscene material to a minor
- a third count of enticing a child for immoral purposes
- second-degree rape
- second-degree sexual abuse
- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance to a minor
- tampering with a witness

DDA Bryant declined to issue a formal statement, but told The Tribune that forensics experts had not been able to retrieve telephone and online communication evidence the DA's office had hoped for, and that one of the alleged victims in the case is now deceased.

"A number of factors (sic) led to the plea," said Bryant, who concluded, "Under the circumstances, it was a situation where we felt like that was the best thing to do."

Under the deal, the new charges will be added to Woods' existing sex offender registration.

He was required to pay a $65 Crime Victims Compensation Assessment on each charge and will be on supervised probation for five years.

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Obituary Announcements: Nov. 24

Funeral services for Edward Junior Montgomery, 87, of Hanceville were at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Jerry Jordan officiating; burial at Herring Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Mr. Montgomery passed away Nov. 21, 2020 at his residence. He was born Feb. 18, 1933 in Cullman, AL to Hughes Montgomery and Bessie Montgomery. He is preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his cousins Suzie Henry, Theresa Sotelo, Ray Anderson, Kenneth Anderson, Kathy Kilpatrick, Keith Anderson, Carlie Turner, Jerry Turner, and Carolin Turner. Visitation was from 1-2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Steven Glenn John McCollum, known as "Steve-O," 26, of Haleyville entered into rest Friday, Nov. 20, 2020 at his residence. Mr. McCollum was born Jan. 13, 1994 in Miami, Florida. Visitation was held Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 from 1-3 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the service began at 3 p.m. Brother Ricky White and Brother Frankie Miller officiated. Burial followed in Ephesus Baptist Church Cemetery. Steven is survived by his father Billy Williams; brothers Alex (Aleisha) McCollum, Tyler Williams, Kevin (Shelley) Williams and Jeff (Amy) Williams; sister Julie Williams; nephew Caleb Williams; nieces Kinsley McCollum, Serena Vandiver and Emsley Williams; aunt Nell Cole; grandparents Joyce and Charles McCollum; and a host of other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother Glenda Marie McCollum Williams; grandmother Yvonne Gibson; and uncle Morris Cole.

The family of Evelyn Jean Lackey announces her passing Friday, Nov. 20, 2020 at the age of 91. She was born Feb. 20, 1929 to Earston Earl and Velma Eidson Sparks. Mrs. Lackey was a longtime, faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church. She adored her family, especially her grandchildren who lovingly called her "Meow." She dressed many women in Cullman for over 40 years as owner and operator of Jen-Ann Dress Shoppe, located in the Cullman Shopping Center. She was preceded in death by the love of her life, Paul Lackey; her parents; son Mitchell Lackey; and brothers Jimmy Sparks and Bill Sparks. She leaves to cherish her memory her daughters Paulette (Riley) Trimble and Donna (Jerry) Hendrix; grandchildren Jamie Oliver, Riley Trimble III, Eli (Sabrina) Trimble and Sara McClendon; great-grandchildren Austin Oliver, Keaton Oliver, Josie Oliver, Taylor Trimble, Walker Trimble, Ayden Trimble, Bentley McClendon and Logan McClendon; sister Judy Roberson; nephew Daryl (Beki) Moon; and great-niece and nephews Cele, Phoebe, and Ian Moon. Graveside services will be held at East Point Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020 at 2 p.m. with Rev. David Palmer officiating. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, masks are required, and social distancing will be practiced. Moss Service Funeral Home directing. The family expresses a deep gratitude to the staff of The Folsom Center for the loving care given to our mother for the past four years. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Presbyterian Church 615 Third Ave. SE Cullman, AL 35055. Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

Memorial service details are incomplete at this time for Ruth Christine Dodson, 93, of Cullman. Mrs. Dodson passed away Nov. 19, 2020 at Cullman Health Care. She was born March 22, 1927 to H.R. and Bertha Inez Gilmore Estredge. Cullman Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Mrs. Virgenia Renea Thornton, 52, of Cullman passed away Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020. Visitation will be Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020 from 10 a.m.-noon at the Cullman Funeral Home chapel. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Virgenia was born April 9, 1968 to Ronald and Faye Robbins White Thornton. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband Robert Thornton; step-sons Matt (Ashley) Thornton, Jake Thornton, and Daniel (Kendal) Thornton; grandchildren Annabell Grace Thornton, Jace Jeffery Thornton, Karigen Leann Thornton, and Korbin Daniel Thornton; aunt and uncle Bobby Lee and Bea Shelton; uncle Joe Robbins; aunt Margaret Givens; cousins Terry Littrell, Johnny White, and Blane and Bear Shelton; and family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Johnny Eroy Tucker, 86, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Monday, Nov. 16, 2020. Johnny was born July 22, 1934 to Hershel and Iva Connell Tucker, who preceded him in death. Johnny is survived by his wife Dorothy Tucker; daughter Tammy Frost (Ricky); son Ricky Tucker (Susan); son Randy Tucker; son Chad Tucker; sister Milo Dan Savage (Benny); brother Jerry Tucker (Theresa); five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. A celebration of life graveside service for Johnny was held Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Tucker family.

Graveside services for Elvia "MeMaw" Lynn, 96, of Cullman, Alabama will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27 at Valley Springs Cemetery in Good Hope, Alabama. Mrs. Lynn was born to Earl and Bertha (Browning) Lindsey in Walker County. Elvia Lynn is survived by her daughter Marion (Emery) Parker; daughter-in-law Dianne (Grady) Christian; grandchildren Denise (Tim) Hardin, Johnny (Pat) Lynn, Wayne Parker, Tammy (Danny) Buchanan, Cindy (Keith) Hancock and Donald "Jr." (Leigh) Lynn; 13 great-grandchildren; 17 great-great-grandchildren; and two great-great-great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, Elvia is preceded in death by her husband Gaston Lynn; son Donny Lynn; sisters Jessie Cantrell and Earline Downy; and brother Melvin Lindsey.

Barbara Hicks, 83, of Haleyville passed away Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 at Brookwood Medical Center in Birmingham. She was born Oct. 14, 1937. Arrangements are incomplete and will be posted Friday afternoon, Nov. 27, 2020.

Funeral services for Lisa Carol Bailey, 47, of Vinemont will be in the chapel of Moss Service Funeral Home Friday, Nov. 27, 2020 at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Mt. Joy Cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home directing. Ms. Bailey passed away Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020. She was born Dec. 4, 1972 to Gerry Randall Tubbs and Brenda Diane Day. Lisa loved her family and was the best Mimi to her five grandkids. She enjoyed spending time and playing with them. She had a wonderful sense of humor and was always "cutting up" with everyone. She was loved by everyone that knew her and will be greatly missed. She is survived by her sons Weslie Tubbs and Cory Bailey; mother Brenda Day; father Gerry "Tubbs" Tubbs; grandchildren Ava, Olivia, and Joseph Tubbs and Waylon and Braylon Bailey; sisters Martha (Paul) McDonald and Renee (Jessica) Aragon; brothers Albert Tubbs and Randy (Wanda) Tubbs; and nephews Dustin Tubbs (Blaine Stephens) and Matt (Tabby) McDonald. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Friday, Nov. 27, 2020 from noon until service time. Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

Graveside services for Dr. Burton Gilman Maxfield, 95, of Cullman, who passed away Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020, will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27, 2020 at Cullman City Cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home directing. Dr. Maxfield was a faithful member and deacon of Cullman First Baptist Church. He was a veterinarian specializing in the poultry industry in the diagnostic lab. He served in the United States Army and was a member of the American Legion. He was preceded in death by his parents Earl Gilman and Ethel Morrill Maxfield and daughter-in-law Rebecca Maxfield. His survivors include his wife of 74 years, Marie L. Maxfield; sons Larry N. (Cecilia) Maxfield of Decatur, AL and Robert G. Maxfield of Abingdon Beach, Maryland; grandson Michael A. Maxfield of South Carolina; and sister Virginia Massie of Williamsburg, VA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cullman First Baptist Church Building Fund.

James Clayton Fisher, Jr., 77, of Cullman passed away Friday, Nov. 20, 2020 at Cullman Regional. He was born June 8, 1943, in McMinnville, Tennessee to James Clayton Fisher, Sr. and Johnnie Ruth Fisher. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his brothers Larry Fisher and John Fisher and sisters Beverly McKervey, Kathy Fults, and Debra St. John. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Manchester, Tennessee.

John Wyatt White, 49, of Hanceville passed away Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020 at his residence. He was born Dec. 22, 1970 to Billy John and Diann White. He was preceded in death by his father Billy John White. Survivors include his son C.J. White; daughter Allison White; mother Diann White; and sister Kathy (Krel) Buckelew. A private family service will be held at a later date.

Larry D. Saint, 72, of Cullman passed away Nov. 21, 2020. Mr. Saint was born April 5, 1948 in Marshall County to Hubert Lee and Gladys Couch Saint. Mr. Saint was a longtime resident of his community. He attended New Home Baptist Church and was a 32° Scottish Rite Freemason. Larry was a veteran of the United States Army and served our country honorably in the Vietnam War. After the war, Larry worked as a Division Manager for Precision Chemical Cleaning. In his free time, he enjoyed collecting guns and knives, and he also loved to work in his yard. Mr. Saint kept a garden and enjoyed being on his tractor. The most important part of Larry's life was his girls, though. He loved any time spent with his daughters and granddaughters. Larry was blessed with two daughters, five granddaughters, and a great-granddaughter. Mr. Saint is preceded in death by his parents Hubert and Gladys Saint; beloved wife of over 35 years, Charlene Saint; sister Nina Jo Prince; and brothers Buddy Saint and Douglas Saint. Larry is survived by his daughters Amanda Stancil (David) and Telisha Caldwell (Richard); granddaughters ChaLyce Sale' (Gibson), Brittnee Caldwell, MarLah Stancil, Ashlee Caldwell, and August Grace Stancil; great-granddaughter Mia Cru Sale'; brothers Harry Saint and Carl Saint; sister Margarette Saint; and several nieces and nephews. Graveside services for Mr. Saint will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27, 2020 at New Home Cemetery, with David Stancil and Brent Garrett officiating. Mike Prince, Mason Atchley, Terry McDearmond, Brian Cassis, Lennie Thompson, Donnie Hadley, Billy Bentley, and Bo Coker will serve as pallbearers. Ray Hodge and Jackie Collins will serve as honorary pallbearers for Mr. Saint. Friends and family are invited to attend the services for Larry, but we ask that you please wear a mask and observe social distancing regulations if attending. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Saint family.

Brookelynne Alexus Dowdy, 20, of Double Springs entered into rest Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020. Brookelynne was born in Birmingham, Alabama and was a graduate of Lynn High School Class of 2019. Brookelynne loved everybody, especially her nephews Samuel, Carter, and Jett and her fur baby Willy. She loved taking pictures, having bonfires, and hanging out with her friends, being on TikTok and Snapchatting. She and Bailey loved laughing and joking with each other. Brookelynne was a precious person and was an inspiration to all who knew her. Visitation will be held Friday, Nov. 27 from 6-8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the service will be held Saturday, Nov. 28 at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in Ashridge Community Cemetery. She is survived by her parents Frankie and Amanda Adams; father Lee Dowdy; sisters Emilee (Jericho) Lewis, Faith (Evan Brimer) Adams, Summer Dowdy, Sarah Adams, Emma Fain, Allie (Bryan) Rothkin, and Amberly Snead; brothers Blake Adams (girlfriend Skylar Ewing) and Dakota Burke; grandparents Christeen and Hollis Adams, Jr. and Patti Sutton; great-grandparents Mildred Williams, Jenny Lee Burke, and Jeanette "Nanny" Beckman; nephews Samuel, Carter, and Jett; nieces Katie and Presley; uncles Neeley Adams, Jeremy (April) Herron, Patrick Herron, and Wendell Adams (girlfriend Kita); aunts Dorothy Adams, Amber Spradlin, and Jennifer (Chuck) Steinbrecher; cousins Ciara, Marquita, Hannah, Carley, Peyton, Arielle, Courtney, Zachary, Ella Ruth, Taylor, Brittany, Alexandria, and Sean; fur baby Willy; and a host of friends and family. Brookelynne was preceded in death by her boyfriend Bailey Bennett; daughter Madelyn Grace; and great-grandparents Hollis and Dorothy Adams and Earnest Green.

Bailey Dewayne Bennett, 20, of Lynn entered into rest Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020. Bailey was born March 9, 2000 in Winfield, AL. He played football for the Lynn High School Bears. Bailey loved hanging out with his friends and listening to his subs. He especially loved spending time with his girlfriend Brookelynne. Visitation will be held Friday, Nov. 27, 2020 from 6-8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the service will be held Saturday, Nov. 28 at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in Ashridge Community Cemetery. Bailey is survived by his mother Brittney Early; father Aaron Bennett; brother Isaiah Early; sister Marley Bennett; grandparents Debbie Bowling and Lori Lemmons; great-grandparents Jeanette Beckman and Bonnie Holt; fur baby Willy; and a host of friends and family. He was preceded in death by his girlfriend Brookelynne Dowdy; daughter Madelyn Grace; grandfather Donald Bennett; and great-grandfather Billy Beckman.

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Serving (from Front)

told me," he said.

Seated nearby was local World War II veteran Talmadge Drake and his family.

Drake said he looks forward to the Thanksgiving meal each year and he was especially eager to pick out his cake.

At each table were letters from Cold Springs students offering thanks and appreciation to the veterans. One letter from a sixth-grade student read, "Dear Veterans, Thank you for fighting for our rights. All branches of the military are equally as important.

"My grandpa's dad was in World War II. The branches I know are Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force, Marine Corps, and the Army. I know some military quotes: 'If a man hasn't discovered something he will die for, he isn't fit to live.' 'To command is to serve. Nothing more and nothing less,' and 'The soldier is the army. No army is better than its soldiers.'"

Many veterans chose to dine in at the Brandin' Iron or VFW, and many decided to take their dinners to go.

One veteran stated, "I got to get back to my job-babysitting my great-grandson."

Grabbing meals via curbside and carryout was a popular choice at both locations due to the ongoing pandemic.

At the time of the opening prayer at noon Monday afternoon, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office had already delivered 120 meals to homebound veterans and their families.

SFW Founder and President Jeremy Hogan said, "We'll hit 200 deliveries easy by the end of today. I don't know how many plates total, at least 1,000."

Back at the VFW, volunteers were busy serving meals and the Marines were also taking donations for Toys for Tots. The VFW will serve as a Toys for Tots drop-off location until Dec. 11.

The Cullman VFW and SFW have been working in partnership for some time now, most visibly on the "800 Club" supporting efforts to give veterans cost-free access to the Stellate Ganglion Block shot to combat the effects of PTSD. (See www.cullmantribune.com/2020/11/05/more-than-40-area-veterans-have-received-sgb-shot-to-combat-ptsd/.)

For more, reach Cullman VFW Post 2214 at 256-739-6611 or Saving Forgotten Warriors at 256-747-5006. Visit www.facebook.com/Savingforgottenwarriors/ or www.facebook.com/cullmanVFWPost.

Council (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman City Council on Monday evening helped the city's Cracker Barrel restaurant take an unusual step by approving the franchise's application for an alcohol license. When approved by the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, the local outlet will join an increasing number of Cracker Barrels across the Southeast that are serving such selections as beer, wine, hard cider and mimosas as part of the chain's efforts at recovery from over $160 million in losses due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Cullman's franchise and Gadsden's, which was just approved last week, will join more than 100 Cracker Barrel restaurants that are already serving alcohol; the company anticipates that up to 600 of its more than 660 local outlets will be participating in the near future.

The council also approved resolutions:

- 2021 – 43 to award the bid for one or more work trucks to Mitch Smith Chevrolet, the lowest responsible bidder, in the budgeted amount not to exceed $31,381.50 per truck. Eckenrod Ford Lincoln and Bill Smith Buick GMC were notified but did not submit bids.
- 2021 – 44 to enter into a professional services contract with GovtPortal, Inc. to set up an electronic payment kiosk for the City's Municipal Court at no cost to the City of Cullman.
- 2021 – 45 to set terms and appointment for a seven-member City of Cullman Planning Commission adding Brad Smith and the mayor's non-voting appointee Brandon Lewis.
- 2021 – 46 to approve the 2021 Cullman City Council Meeting Schedule, posted below.
- 2021 – 47 to authorize a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application and $100,000 local match for access road and fire loop accessibility road for Reliance Worldwide Corporation Warehouse.
- 2021 – 48 to authorize applications for a $350,000 CDBG grant and $350,000 Appalachian Regional Commission grant, with a $100,000 local match, for 24th Street Southwest in Industrial Park #2 resurfacing and improvements.
- 2021-49 to authorize an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for sidewalks and streetscape improvements along Second Avenue NE from Arnold Street NE to Oak Drive NE, under ALDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

The council also approved ordinances:

- 2021 – 05 to amend the officers of the City of Cullman, removing the Tech Village director and adding a right of way maintenance superintendent.
- 2021 – 08 to annex property on County Road 1319 into the city limits as R-4.
- 2021 – 09 to annex property on County Road 715 into the city limits as R-3.
- 2021 – 10 to vacate a utility easement on 1203 Welti Road SE.

The council held a first reading but took no action on Ordinance 2021 – 11 to approve the Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday Feb. 26-28, 2021. A vote on the ordinance will take place at a later meeting.

The Cullman City Council's 2021 meeting schedule is as follows. All meetings take place at 7 p.m. in the Cullman City Hall auditorium.

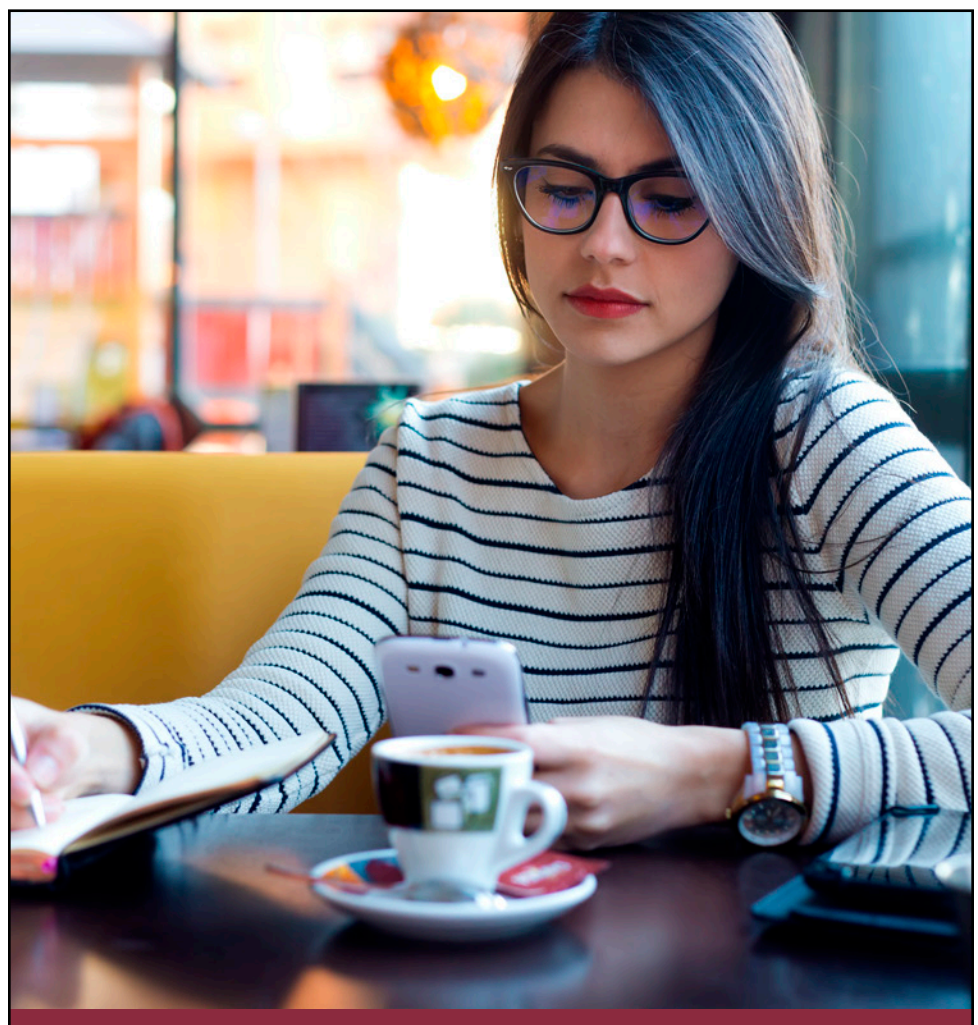
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- Monday, May 24
- Monday, June 14
- Monday, June 28
- Monday, July 12
- Monday, July 26
- Monday, Aug. 9
- Monday, Aug. 23
- Monday, Sept. 13
- Monday, Sept. 27
- Monday, Oct. 11
- Monday, Oct.25
- Monday, Nov. 8
- Monday, Nov. 15
- Monday, Dec. 5
- Monday, Dec. 13

Unless otherwise noted, the Cullman City Council meets on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month. The public is invited, subject to occupancy restrictions.









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