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Hanceville Civic Center facelift continues



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

(Left to right) Destiny Phillips and Tony Chandler work to install new flooring in the Hanceville Civic Center Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020.

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The Hanceville Civic Center is undergoing a facelift and the City's Public Works Department was hard at work Tuesday installing new flooring, painting and renovating the kitchen.

Mayor Kenneth Nail was overseeing the work and said he is proud of the ongoing improvements. Future projects will also include painting the building's exterior. The expanded kitchen area will have new doors and windows as well as a new stove.

"These windows aren't heat efficient," Nail pointed out. "It was kind of our goal this year: the flooring, redo the kitchen and paint the outside. We will replace some of the old windows, but we won't be able to do all of them until later."

The flooring being installed will cover just over 6,000 square feet.

Said Nail, "We've decided to take it all the way to the front door. They started it Monday and it takes a good long while to cut out, so that was part of the slow-go with this thing. We have to do a little bit more floor leveling but it's going to look great."

At its last meeting, the Hanceville City Council approved the purchase of accessories for Hanceville Fire and Rescue's new Chevrolet Silverado pickup.

Assistant Fire Chief Bart Absher explained, "The truck will have organizers in the bed to store medical supplies for medical calls."

Nail reappointed Rick Cason and Kristi Barnett to the Hanceville Planning Commission; he also appointed Scott Sams to place 2 of the planning commission.

Reappointed to the Hanceville Historic Preservation Commission were Margie Burkart, Delton Blaylock and Norman Boone. There is one vacancy on the commission.

Hanceville City Hall will be closed Nov. 26-27 for Thanksgiving. The next council meeting will be Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m., and a public hearing concerning the Nguyen property rezoning will be held at the beginning of that meeting. The council work session begins at 5.

The Hanceville Civitan Club's Tree Lighting at Veterans Park is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 4 at 5 p.m., and the 31st annual Cullman County Christmas Parade will be Saturday, Dec. 5 beginning at noon. The parade will leave from Wallace State Community College and travel along U.S. Highway 31 to Hanceville Fire Station No. 1.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Bartlett earns professional municipal designation



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope Mayor Jerry Bartlett poses with his Advanced Certified Municipal Official award from the Alabama League of Municipalities.

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Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry addresses the media Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020.

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EDUCATION

Wallace State's Adrian Scott earns grant to implement open education resources

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State Community College's Adrian Scott, director of the college's Graphic Art and Design program, is the recipient of a grant from the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) and the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) that has the potential to save students money on textbooks.

The Open Education Resources (OER) Creative Commons Training Grant was co-sponsored by the ACHE and ACCS in an effort to reduce the cost of college for Alabama's students. The grant encourages faculty members to replace existing expensive traditional textbooks and other costly teaching and learning materials with OER. Open educational resources are teaching and learning materials that instructors and students may freely use and reuse at no cost without asking permission. Other benefits include immediate access to students on their first day of class and perfect alignment with classroom instruction, promoting higher achievement of desired learning outcomes.

With plans to implement OER in Fall 2021, Scott said students taking Art Appreciation (ART 100) and Art History (Art 203) will be the first to benefit. Instead of purchasing books that can range in cost from $70-$140 each, depending on the versions required, the students will have access to free online teaching materials through Commons OER.

Scott said the grant came at an opportune time, as he had already been planning to implement OER and Creative Commons (CC) curriculum into Graphic Arts and Design courses. "My goal is to continue to promote and facilitate trained the building of the OER/CC curricular platform at Wallace State and in the higher education system," Scott said.

Alongside of industry standard software such as the Adobe Creative Cloud, Scott also has for years utilized and students in the use of open-source graphic layout & design software. Open-source software, they are not a direct replacement for training in industry standard software, are still a viable and readily available foundation-building option for student's working remotely and who may not be able to afford industry standard software subscription costs.

Beth Bownes-Johnson, the dean of academic affairs at Wallace State, said she is proud of Scott's awarding of the grant and its ability to support the college's efforts in eliminating barriers for student success.



WALLACE STATE

Adrian Scott

Scott said interested instructors and administrators can find more information about OER and browse content at www.oercommons.org.

Registration for the Spring 2021 semester is underway, with classes beginning Jan. 19. For more information, visit www.wallacestate.edu or call 256-352-8000.

STATE

Ivey announces 3rd year of record number of Alabama foster care adoptions

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Governor Kay Ivey on Tuesday announced that, for the third year in a row, Alabama reported a record number of foster care adoptions. In Fiscal Year 2020, there were 814 foster care adoptions, which is an all-time record for the state. That is up from the previous year's record of 731 adoptions.

"I am so proud that Alabama has set yet another record and placed so many children in permanent homes," Ivey said.

"I am so appreciative for the innovative work of our adoption professionals and the Department of Human Resources, during this unique time, to complete this record number of adoptions.

"Also, I sincerely thank our foster families, and most importantly, the forever families, for giving these children loving homes and for your sacrifice and love for our children."

In FY 2020, 70.5% of children who left foster care, went home to family members or their parent(s). While most children in the state's foster care system do return to their families, there are still children that need adoptive families.

"This is a truly important milestone in a year that has seen many delays to finalizing adoptions, due to the pandemic.

"We are proud to have found permanency for these 814 children that deserve forever families," Alabama Department of Human Resources Commissioner Nancy Buckner added.

"We could not have accomplished this milestone without our vital partners in the permanency and adoption process, especially the judges and adoptive parents. However, we must be mindful that the work is not done. We have hundreds of additional children that continue to wait for his or her permanent family.

Our staff and others are working hard every day to give these children that needed permanency. There are no unwanted children, just unfound families."

Currently, there are 468 children in Alabama's foster care system that need forever homes. Governor Ivey also proclaimed November 2020 as National Adoption Month in the state of Alabama.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 24

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 24, 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. 23

- identity theft; person
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment; person; Hickory Ave. SW

ARRESTS

Nov. 23

Showers, Devante' T., 27

- third-degree domestic violence
- interference with a domestic violence emergency
- attempting to elude

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

- Total confirmed cases in AL: 197,848 (+1,961 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 39,017 (+824 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 3,165 (+10 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 307
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 3,129 (+64 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 1,082 (+21 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 29 (+1 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 7
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 24,851
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,899
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 892
- Total tested in Alabama: 1,544,865
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 30,785
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 133,199
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,428
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 24,160
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 90,702

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

Tuesday, Nov. 24 update from Cullman Regional

The hospital reported 52 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!

Hanceville Quarterback Club Turkey Shoot
- Thanksgiving Day and every Saturday between Nov. 28-Dec. 19 at 8 a.m. along U.S. Highway 31 South between Barbee Motors and Domino's. Look for the signs.
- All proceeds support Hanceville Quarterback Club.

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.

POLITICS

Aderholt introduces broadband-focused EXPAND Act

Dan Wunderlich
Contributor

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama on Tuesday released the following statement about his new rural broadband legislation, the Enabling Extra Time to Extend Network Deployment (EXTEND) Act.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has showcased the critical need for efficient and reliable rural broadband. Teleworking, telemedicine, and virtual classrooms have been our reality for the better part of eight months, and it could continue into the new year. Since Congress has passed stimulus funding for coronavirus relief, I believe states should be allowed to use that money to address this dire need.

"That is why I introduced a bill today to do just that, secure the ability for states to expand their rural broadband infrastructure with Coronavirus relief funds. This bill will help those rural areas that have been left behind by providing a pathway for states to determine which areas are particularly underserved, while also preventing overbuilding in areas where broadband access is widespread.

"I am hopeful that this legislation will set a precedent for future funding bills, ensuring that rural areas have access to funds to build out the broadband infrastructure they need, while also preventing waste and abuse."

"It's clear that adequate funding is needed now more than ever, and ensuring states the option to use Congressionally approved stimulus money for this issue is a step in the right direction."

Rep. Bob Latta, R-Ohio, the lead co-sponsor on the EXPAND Act, added, "When Americans can't access the internet, they aren't able to participate in our 21st century economy, learn remotely or communicate with others outside of their communities, all of which have become increasingly important during the COVID-19 pandemic. The EXTEND Act works to support the buildout of broadband infrastructure in areas that do not currently have broadband capabilities. It ensures funds from the CARES Act, which I supported earlier this year, can be granted by states for the deployment of broadband so all Americans, including people living in rural communities, have reliable internet connectivity. I'd like to thank my colleague Rep. Aderholt for his attention to this critical issue, and I am encouraged that with this bill, we are working towards a more connected future."

Back to the 80s NYE Bash planned at Abbey Byre

Emily Trahan
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – We know 2020 has been a bummer. Time to get footloose and ring in the New Year! The Back to the 80s New Year's Eve Bash will include everything that made the 80s fun- high hair, great tunes and totally awesome food.

Costumes are greatly encouraged. Two Maids & a Mop of Huntsville will be sponsoring the costume contest with the prize winner taking home $200.

Time capsules will be raffled off featuring great 80s pop culture throwbacks.

We are happy to have Cullman's newest catering company helping with the event.

Seasoned Catering will be serving up some tasty eats. Make your plans for a fun, local, New Year's Eve celebration!

A limited number of tickets is available for this event to ensure proper distancing. Hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the venue and masks will be provided for those who need one. Our goal is to have a safe and responsible event.

Get a jump on your holiday shopping- these tickets make great stocking stuffers! Tables are also available for purchase.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.stpaulscullman.com. This is an 18 and older event.

Talking turkey: the ins and outs of food safety

Justin Miller
Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. – While Thanksgiving might look a little different this year, proper food safety measures when dealing with the turkey have not changed. From thawing to cooking, there are safety measures that must be taken throughout the entire process.

Thaw safely

Thawing a turkey takes a little bit of planning ahead. It takes approximately 24 hours for every four to five pounds to thaw.

Bridgette Brannon, an Alabama Extension food safety and quality regional agent, warns that people must beware of the temperature danger zone when thawing. This zone is between 41° and 135° F.

"In this zone, pathogens can grow very quickly," Brannon said. "For this reason, the turkey should not be thawed at room temperature."

Brannon said the safest way to thaw a turkey is in the refrigerator.

"Place the turkey on a pan and put it on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator," she said. "Also, keep the bird in its packaging when thawing. This prevents cross-contamination with other items that it may come into contact with."

If it was thawed correctly, people can keep the turkey in the refrigerator for up to two days after thawing. The USDA says that foods thawed in the refrigerator can be refrozen without cooking, but there may be some quality loss.

Cook safely

When it comes to cooking, Brannon said the turkey should not be cooked at a temperature lower than 325° F. Also, before cooking the turkey, people should remove the giblets from the cavity and cook them separately.

"When testing the temperature of the bird, check several spots to ensure that the bird is cooked evenly throughout," Brannon said. "These spots should include the innermost part of the thigh and wing, as well as the thickest part of the breast."

Turkey and dressing go hand in hand at many Thanksgiving meals. Instead of cooking it inside the bird's cavity, people should cook the stuffing/dressing in a pan separate from the turkey. This is to ensure that it cooks to a temperature of 165° F.

Deep frying

Many have thrown out traditional cooking methods over the years and chose to deep fry their turkey instead. This kind of frying is done outside in a large kettle of hot oil over an open flame.

Janice Hall, also an Alabama Extension food safety and quality regional agent, said people must choose the correct location before cooking.

"It is important for people to choose a safe location for frying the turkey," Hall said. "This type of cooking should be done in a spot away from the house and other structures. There have been many fires started from this method of cooking."

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, people should only use a turkey fryer outdoors, on a sturdy, level surface, away from things that can burn. They suggest having a "3-foot kid and pet-free zone" around the turkey fryer to prevent injuries.

Having proper frying equipment is equally important. Hall said people should select a cooking pot that is large enough to completely submerge the turkey in 1 to 2 inches of oil without it spilling over the top.

"To determine the amount of oil needed, put the turkey in the container and fill with water," she said. "Remove and either measure the amount of water in the pot or mark a fill line on the outside of the frying container."

According to Hall, make sure the container is clean and dry before frying, then pour in the oil and heat to 350° F. Carefully lower the turkey into the hot oil and cook 3 to 5 minutes per pound.

"Before frying, make sure the turkey is completely thawed," Hall said. "Partially frozen turkey will cause hot oil to splatter."

The National Park Service website offers several tips on fire prevention and safety when frying turkeys. (www.nps.gov/articles/p52-deep-fried-turkey-fire-safety.htm)

Insta cooking

An even more popular trend recently is the idea of instant cooking. Many are surprised that even the holiday turkey can be cooked using this method.

"Cooking a turkey in an electric pressure cooker is a method many people may not have considered for the holiday season," Hall said. "Last year, I pressure cooked a 7-pound turkey for the first time, and it came out amazingly tender and full of flavor."

While there are many ways to pressure cook a turkey, Hall says she starts by cutting it in half and submerges it in chicken broth. She then adds celery, bell pepper, onion, poultry seasoning, garlic cloves or powder, salt and pepper.

"You can stick to whatever flavors you traditionally use to create a broth for stuffing," she said. "I set my cooker on high for 50 minutes and then allow it to naturally release in pressure."

More information

For more information on food safety during the holidays, visit www.aces.edu or contact the food safety and quality agent serving your area.

Rodeo (from Front)

Wendy Sack, Noah Galilee
Contributors

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Sheriff's Office Jimmy Arrington Memorial Rodeo, along with the Special Needs Rodeo, will be a bit different this year. Held annually at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center, the events will be closed to spectators and streamed virtually as COVID-19 numbers continue to spike across the area.

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry at a press conference Tuesday morning with rodeo announcer Adam Gibbs confirmed the changes, which Cullman County Commissioner Gary Marchman confirmed to The Tribune Monday.

"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," said Marchman.

"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."

"One of the challenges that we face is we are an indoor rodeo," Gentry said Tuesday morning.

He said the rodeo is usually "elbow to elbow, standing room only," and, "You know, as a sheriff, as a law enforcement officer, you want to keep everybody safe.

"That's what we do every day. We go out in the community, we patrol, we try to keep everybody safe, so we always have to be thinking about the community and what we do together."

Gentry said he began working with Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette and Cullman City Schools Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson months ago to plan for the annual Special Needs Rodeo, which is set to take place virtually Thursday, Dec. 10.

"The Special Needs Rodeo is really the heartbeat of who we are," said the sheriff, who said the kids will still receive T-Shirts, bandanas and Chick-fil-A gift cards and participate in the event virtually.

"2020 has been a tough year for everybody, and we know that," Gentry said.

"We're going to make it a virtual rodeo this year. Instead of a couple thousand people being able to attend, we're gonna have, our goal, is thousands of people that can see our rodeo and enjoy it and be safe doing it.

"That's our top priority- to ensure our community's safe."

The Special Needs Rodeo will take place Thursday, Dec. 10, while the Jimmy Arrington Memorial Rodeo will be Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11-12.

Both events will take place at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center but will not be open to spectators in person. Both will be live streamed by local media. Details on times will be released soon.





PREP BASKETBALL

HP Thanksgiving Tournament day 1 recap

Nick Griffin/Sammy Confer
Contributors

HOLLY POND, Ala. – The 64th annual Holly Pond Thanksgiving Tournament tipped off Monday afternoon and there were local squads involved in all of day one's matchups. The Fairview Aggies fell to Arab in the first game of the day and in the next contest, Cold Springs was narrowly defeated by New Hope. Cullman topped Lincoln County in the third matchup of the evening and Douglas outpaced Holly Pond in day one's nightcap.

Arab 71 - Fairview 44

Both teams were tied at five after Fairview's Landon Tweedie hit a pair from the line, but Arab quickly took over after that as they shot lights out from long-range, hitting seven from there, including three from Ed Johnson and a pair from Kolby Conley, and they held the Aggies to just a Owen Yarbrough basket the rest of the quarter as they took a 27-7 lead into the second quarter.

Fairview made it 29-12 after a basket by Yarbrough, but the Knights again went on a huge run as they got everybody involved on offense, outscoring the Aggies 16-6, the rest of the quarter as they pushed its lead to 45-18 at the half.

The Arab lead was 30 for most of the second half as Fairview had a hard time getting going against the Knights' tough defense. Arab won the game with ease, 71-44, to move on to the next round, where the Knights will take on New Hope at 5:30 Tuesday.

Everyone found the scoring column for Arab, with Johnson leading the way with 15 points. Conley added 10 points. James Reynoso ended up with eight. Dakota NeSmith, John Brady Bowman and James Jackson each finished with six points. For Fairview (1-2), Yarbrough led the way with 15 points. Tweedie added seven points, and Aaron Carpenter chipped in with five points.

New Hope 38 - Cold Springs 37

The second game saw New Hope take on Cold Springs and it was exciting right down to the end. Cold Springs was held scoreless for almost three minutes until a Micah Calvert trey tied it up at three. The Indians broke the tie and took an 8-3 lead, but the Eagles finished the quarter strong as a Seth Williams three made it a 10-8 game after one.

A Brody Peppers free throw cut it to 10-9 early on in the second quarter, but New Hope pushed its lead to 15-9 and they later made it 20-11 after scoring five in a row. A Tanner Kilgo layup ended up being the final basket of the first half as the Eagles went into the locker room down 20-13. An Indian trey quickly made it a 10-point game, but consecutive treys by Calvert made it a 23-19 contest. After New Hope hit a three to push its lead to seven, the Eagles went on a huge run to finish the quarter, as Peppers started the 12-0 run with a pair of free throws, and Roberto Ayala ended it by hitting back-to-back treys, as the Eagles took a 31-26 lead into the final period.

A New Hope three-point play cut the Cold Springs lead to 33-31 with 4:31 remaining in the game and Calvert kept the lead at two after hitting a pair from the line with 3:42 remaining in the contest. The Indians nailed a long-range shot with 2:10 remaining to take a 36-35 lead, but Kilgo later hit a huge shot down low to get the lead right back for Cold Springs at 37-36 with 15 remaining.

New Hope, though, hit a layup with 1.5 seconds remaining and a last-second shot from half-court was off the mark and the Eagles fell just one point short at the end, 38-37.

Calvert led Cold Springs (2-1) with 11 points. Kilgo added eight points. Peppers ended up with six. Seth Williams finished with three and Brodi Williams chipped in with two. The Eagles will take on Fairview in the losers' bracket game at 2 p.m. on Tuesday.

Cullman 65 – Lincoln County 60

A three-pointer from Tucker Gambrill and a basket inside by Max Gambrill kept the score knotted at 5 early in the first quarter. Lincoln County then began to pull ahead but a three from Jaden Orr and a tough basket inside by Kaleb Heatherly gave the 'Cats a 12-11 lead midway through the opening period. Buckets from Tucker Apel and Garrison Sharpe gave Cullman a 19-13 lead with three minutes to play in the first and a jumper by Dylan Sessions, followed by another Heatherly basket, helped the Bearcats build a 25-15 lead going into the second quarter.

Max Gambrill had a huge second quarter for Cullman, scoring eight points to help the 'Cats add to their lead. After six straight points from Max, Tucker Gambrill got another shot to fall and made it a 36-22 game midway through the second.

Brodie Malcom laid one in to make it 40-24 with just under two minutes to play in the half and another layup inside from Heatherly gave Cullman a 42-25 advantage at the break.

The Bearcats had some more trouble on the offensive end in the second half and were held scoreless for the first few minutes of the third quarter before Tucker Gambrill nailed a three-pointer to put Cullman in front 45-27. Jaden Kay added a three of his own late in the third to make it a 53-33 game and the 'Cats led the way 53-35 going into the fourth but Lincoln County was far from done.

The Falcons began to chip away in the fourth quarter, cutting the lead to 57-48 early in the period. A Malcom layup kept the Bearcats in front 60-48 with five minutes to play but a scoring run from Lincoln County made it a 5-point game with just two minutes remaining. However, Cullman was able to do enough at the free throw line to stop the comeback and held on to defeat the Falcons 65-60.

Max Gambrill led the Bearcats with 12 points in the win, followed by Tucker Gambrill with 11, Malcom with nine, Sharpe with eight and Heatherly with six. Cullman will take on Douglas tomorrow night at 7 in the next round of the tournament.

Douglas 60 – Holly Pond 47

A three-pointer from Casey Brown and a strong basket inside by Jayden Perkins gave the Broncos an early 5-2 advantage and a trey by Parker Sellers helped keep them in front 10-5 as the period went on. The Eagles began to climb back but another triple from Sellers kept Holly Pond within one at 14-13 midway through the first. Gunnar McBee dropped in a floater late in the quarter to cut the lead to 17-15 but Douglas went into the second quarter with a 21-15 lead.

Landon Rowell dropped in a three-pointer early in the second to cut the Douglas lead to 23-19 and Landon Perkins later added a three of his own to make it a 27-26 game with just over two minutes to play in the half. Jayden Perkins laid another in to keep the lead to 29-28 with less than a minute remaining in the period but the Eagles were able to get to the halftime break with a 31-28 advantage.

Points were hard to come by for Holly Pond in the third quarter. Douglas led the way 40-30 midway through the quarter and baskets from McBee and Jayden Perkins were all the Broncos could come up with before the start of the fourth. Holly Pond was held to just six points in the quarter and went into the final frame trailing 47-34.

The Eagles managed to pull ahead 50-36 midway through the fourth quarter but a three-pointer from Levi Boatright cut it to 50-39 with just over three minutes to play. However, the Broncos weren't able to slow down Douglas' offense and Holly Pond fell in Monday's nightcap 60-47.

Jayden Perkins led the Broncos with 12 points in the loss, followed by Sellers with eight and McBee with six. Holly Pond will play Lincoln County tomorrow at 3:30 in the next round of the tournament.



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The Cullman Bearcats held off Lincoln County for a 65-60 win Monday night.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Holly Pond's Gunnar McBee (4) finished with six points in the Broncos' 60-47 loss to Douglas Monday night.

UAB plays final game at Legion Field Friday against Southern Miss

Ted Feeley
UAB Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The UAB football team plays its final game at Legion Field this Friday, Nov. 27, as the Blazers host rival Southern Miss at 11:30 a.m. CST on CBS Sports Network.

THREE THINGS TO KNOW:

• The Blazers (4-3, 2-1 C-USA) are playing their first game in nearly a month. Following its contest at Louisiana Tech on Oct. 31, UAB had a bye week and two straight cancelations due to COVID-19. Southern Miss enters the game at 2-7 overall and 1-4 in C-USA action.

• Despite the lengthy layoff, UAB still controls its own destiny for a chance to play in its third straight C-USA Championship game. The Blazers must win their remaining two games against Southern Miss and Rice to make a return trip to the title game.

• Along with it being the final home game at Historic Legion Field, it is also Senior Day and UAB's annual Salute to Service game. The original Salute to Service game was canceled on Nov. 14, but fans can still donate a $10 ticket to the Tickets for Troops initiative. That ticket will then be given to an active or retired member of the military.

Head Coach Bill Clark:

Opening Statement:

"This is a historic game for us, with it being the last home game at Legion Field. It is senior day for our guys. What a great group of guys who have represented our program so well. It is a conference game. With everything out there, it is just us getting back to playing, which is what we are all excited about. We are trying to get back to some normalcy. Our guys have handled it as well as they can. We have a COVID test that is out right now, but our last round was all negative. We still have a few guys that will return later this week. We are waiting on them, so we have been shorthanded. That is, in today's world, to be expected. I am obviously ready to get back to action. I am glad it is sooner than later with a Friday game as opposed to Saturday. It is early in the day. We are definitely looking forward to it."

On rescheduling canceled games . . .

"The two teams that we would have made up with had already scheduled games prior to our games getting canceled. Our game was canceled so late, so those two teams, North Texas and UTEP, had already rescheduled games that had been canceled. Some of the good things about us never having canceled a game turned into negative with the fact that they had already rescheduled. Right now, we will play this game and then turn around and play Rice two weeks from now."

On playing a final game at Legion Field . . .

"Growing up as a kid going to these games and coaching championship games there as a coach prior to even getting to UAB, I was in three state championship games there. I think, for us, it was us making this our home all the way back to 2014. We put ourselves over there training. Starting in January, we practiced over there. Obviously, since 2017, it has been so good to us. We feel like we have put the time and effort into it. Our fans have been so great. It is going to be bittersweet. We are all excited about the new stadium. Legion Field has been great to us and it definitely has a lot of memories for us."

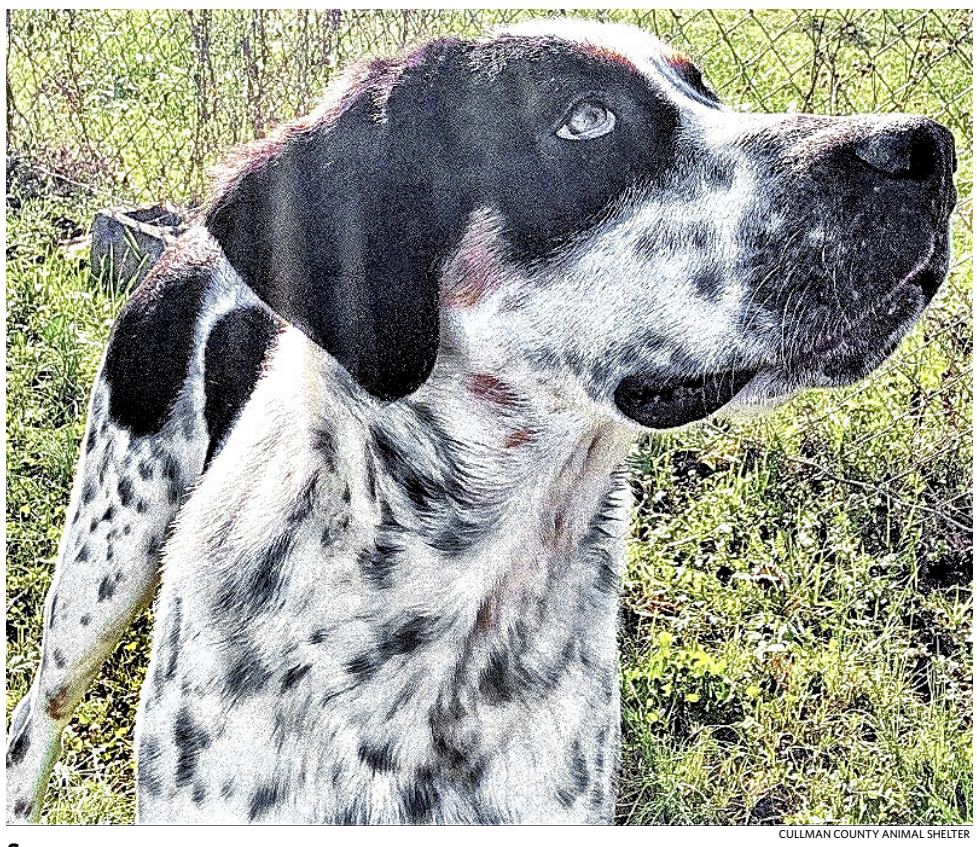
On the impact that Legion Field has had on UAB football. . .

"It is everything to our program to have gotten us to where we are. That is what has really been neat about what has happened since The Return. Our fans have really embraced it. We did a lot of great things when we brought in a group to manage our day-to-day operations. It made it nicer and made it better. The city helped us so much with that. I will always be a huge fan of Legion Field. It has been so good to us. I do think it is time to turn the page and go to this new stadium. At the same time, I will forever be a fan of Legion Field."



UAB ATHLETICS

The UAB Blazers will be playing their final football game at Legion Field Friday against Southern Miss.



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Sage

PET OF THE WEEK

Spice up your holidays with Sage!

W.C. Mann
craig@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Animal Shelter's Donna Ruttkay shares The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Sage is a 1.5-year-old English Setter/Hound mix. He's a lively-but-not-crazy medium-energy pet who's quickly picking up the finer points of spatial awareness and leash etiquette. Ruttkay said he has "a silly, puppy-like attitude!"

Sage has the makings of a good therapy, companion or hiking dog.

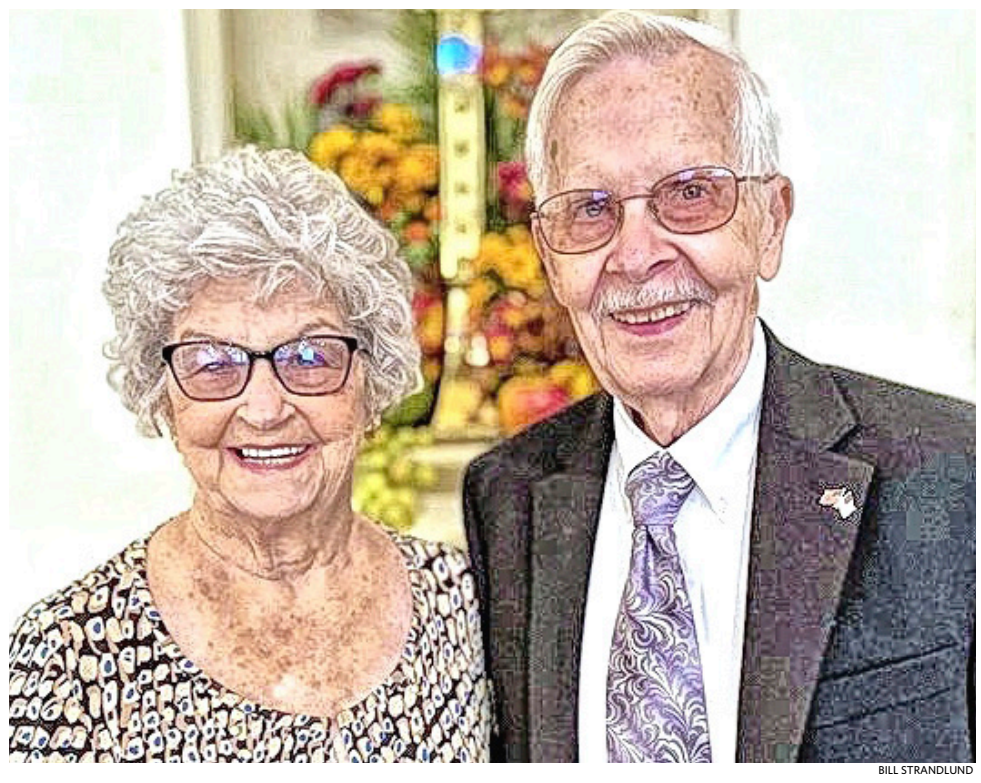
Sage's adoption fee is $100 which includes DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, neutering, microchip, free 30-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax).

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior. Several of the shelter's canine friends have even been "hired" to work as therapy and special needs service dogs.

Please consider adopting, to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life.

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





BILL STRANDLUND

Rev. Don and Mary Strandlund celebrate 70th wedding anniversary

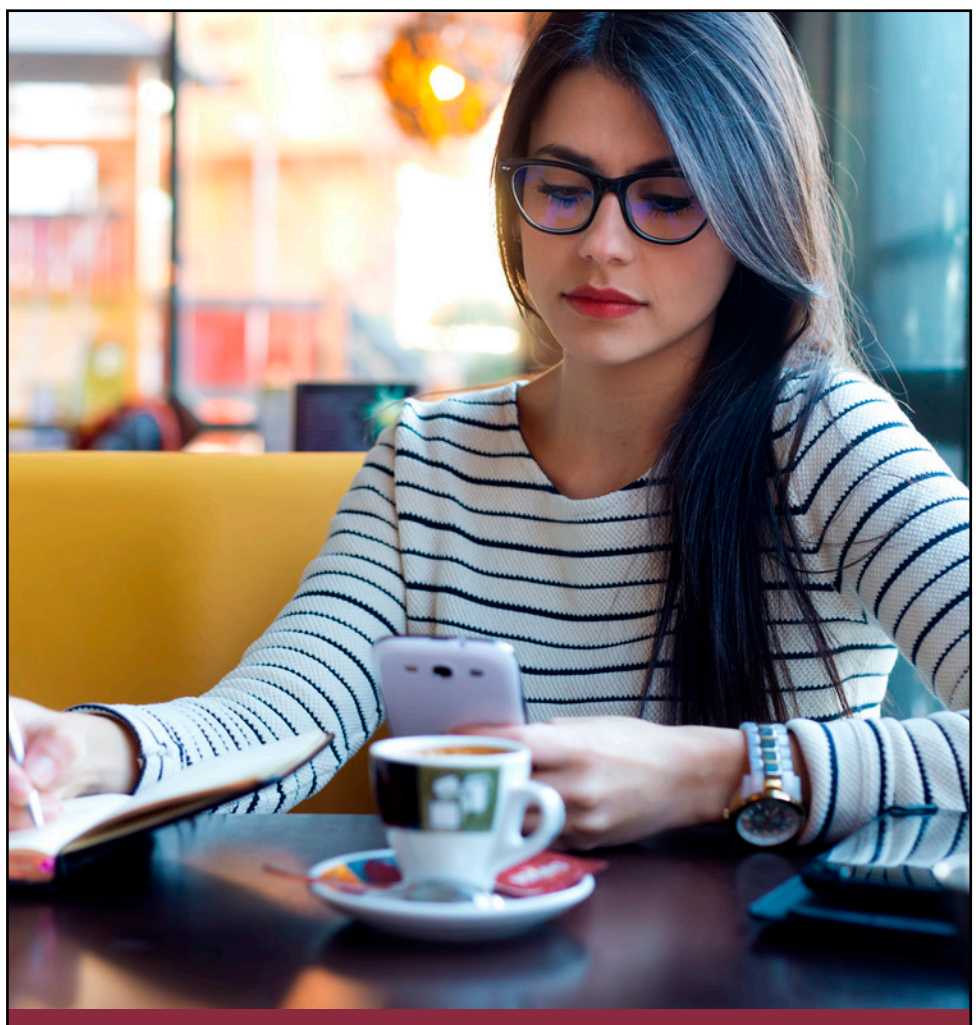
Bill Strandlund
Contributor

Don and Mary married Oct. 21, 1950 in Iuka, Mississippi. He attended Augustana College and Augustana Theological Seminary in Rock Island, Illinois.

Don and Mary served at Lutheran churches in Minnesota, Florida and Alabama before retiring in 1993 and settling in Cullman to be near family. After retirement, he served in Anniston, Jacksonville and Cullman, winding up a preaching career of 56 years!

They have two children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Claudia) Strandlund and Tina Strandlund, all Cullman residents. They have five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren (soon to be five). An outside dinner party was recently held to honor this momentous accomplishment.





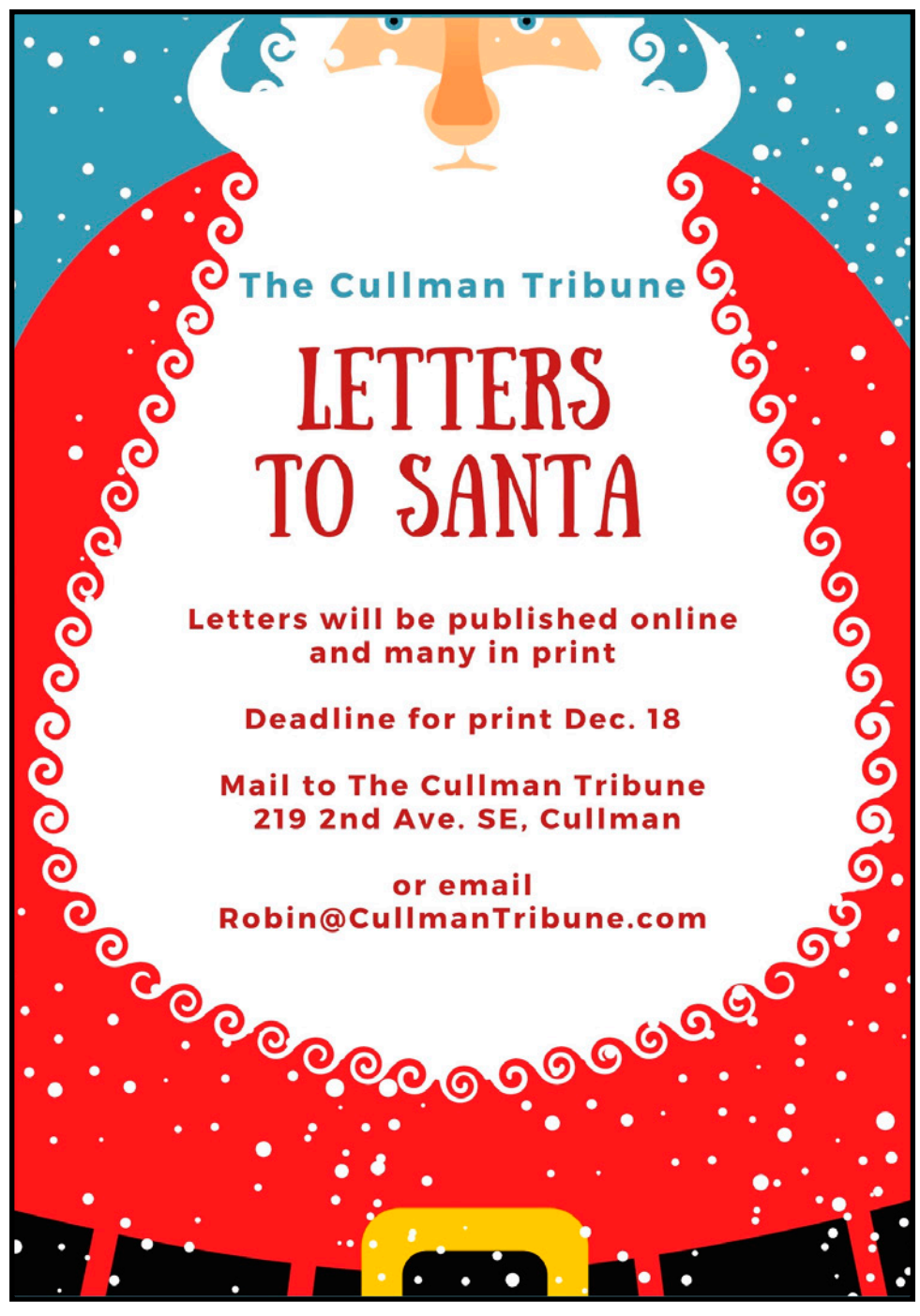
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OPINION

Letter to the Editor: COVID-19 threatens access to medical treatment; stressed professionals go above and beyond in response

Gail Swafford
Contributor

My family and I experienced a near tragedy this week. I want to share this to give some insight into our current COVID situation but also for other reasons. My precious Mother fell, causing a brain bleed. I want to give a big shout out to Cullman Medical Center ER staff for providing excellent care while we were there. The staff acted very quickly to get her a bed and necessary tests. We were given a hallway bed due to so many patients there. I'm not complaining but wanting you to know just how many people are sick right now. Due to the serious nature of her injury, tests were completed quickly. The doctor told me her diagnosis and that she needed to be airlifted to UAB or Huntsville Hospital.

I was still trying to process this when he came back to deliver the daunting news that neither hospital could take her because they had no rooms available. I'll never forget the look on his face when he told me. Despite wearing a mask, I could see how it affected him. Medical professionals work so hard to take care of patients. The fact he couldn't get her to a place to provide the level of care she needed was a hard pill to swallow (pardon the pun). He told me he was calling other hospitals and would let me know.

When he came back, he had that same look. This time the news was even more daunting. He had called 20 hospitals throughout Alabama. Not one had a bed. Now he said he would call out of state and named three in particular- Tupelo, Mississippi; Nashville, Tennessee; Atlanta, Georgia.

After a few minutes, he came back and said a hospital in Florence called back to say a patient had been discharged and could take her. She was flown to North Alabama Medical Center in Florence. She was given excellent care there as well. (Sunday) we were able to bring her home.

Why post this? First, I want to encourage you to do all you can to stop the spread of this virus. The virus is real. It is NOT a hoax. People are hospitalized and many have died. Wearing a mask and following other recommendations is not a big deal compared to losing someone you love.

Unless you have been in a situation like mine recently, you cannot possibly imagine the gut wrenching despair and fear that someone you love may die because they can't get the level of care they need due to lack of hospital bed space.

Please, please wear a mask, social distance and wash your hands. I am sickened when I hear "It's my right not to wear a mask. I won't be a sheeple." It's just a matter of simple respect for your fellow man.

My mother also has a right- a right to receive the appropriate level of medical care. There was a time when people had to be told to wear a seat belt or get vaccinations. Same difference to me.

Secondly, please take the time to thank medical professionals and first responders. They truly are heroes. They are overworked and put themselves at risk every single day to save other lives. They sacrifice time with their family and risk getting sick themselves. I experienced nothing but care, compassion and a desire to provide the best medical care possible to my Mother despite all this. I'll be forever thankful to all who continue to fight the battles day in and day out during this pandemic.

Thirdly, I want to give thanks to my Heavenly Father for allowing us to enjoy time on earth a while longer with my precious Mother. Like many others in similar situations, I found myself praying, selfishly begging Him to please get her through this.

I finally changed that prayer to one that was more trusting of His wisdom. My Mother looked at me before she was airlifted and asked me if she was going to die. I told her the truth. I promised her she was going to be alright. How did I know that? Because I knew that if God called her home, she would be more than alright. I would appreciate continued prayers for Mother. She still has hard work ahead in her recovery.



CONTRIBUTED

Gail Swafford

Gail Swafford, director of Brooks' Place Child Advocacy Center, took to social media after her family recently faced a near tragedy. She allowed The Tribune to share her story.

ADPH (from Front)

Karen Landers, M.D.
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Mary McIntyre this week cautioned Alabamians about rising rates of COVID-19 and asked them to be vigilant during the days ahead. The spread of the virus has resulted in the greatest increases in hospitalizations since July, and for the past six weeks there have been at least 1,000 new cases per day. In July, Alabama hospitals were at maximum capacity.

The statistics are alarming—there have been more than 230,000 individual cases in Alabama so far with 1.5% of cases resulting in death (3,459). This is about 15 times the death rate from influenza. In seniors age 75 and older the risk is far greater.

"We are not going to get 'a do-over,' but there are things you can do to stop the unchecked spread in many parts of Alabama," Harris said. "Please think about it and take responsibility for your behavior." As an example for others, McIntyre said her family is limiting its normally large Thanksgiving gathering to a total of seven people from two households. Before each person enters, temperatures are checked, and everyone wears facial coverings unless eating. Everyone uses hand sanitizer upon entry and prior to eating. Only one person will touch all serving utensils, they will use disposable tableware, and households will eat at separate tables to ensure they are separated by more than 6 feet. Other family members will celebrate virtually from other locations.

Encouraging COVID-19 vaccine development efforts continue. Pharmaceutical companies Pfizer, Moderna and AstraZeneca have announced they have developed promising vaccines that are safe and highly effective. The Food and Drug Administration Advisory Committee will evaluate them and make recommendations, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices will review, and Operation Warp Speed will ship and preposition vaccine shipments to avoid unnecessary delays. Input to determine priorities of when groups will receive vaccine has come from a committee of 50-60 stakeholders from across the state and the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force. Alabama's vaccination allocation plan defines populations and the order in which they will receive vaccine in four phases. The plan can be viewed at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf. Vaccine will be free for all Americans.

There is also good news in therapeutics for non-hospitalized patients with mild or moderate confirmed cases of COVID-19. Eli Lilly and Company's investigational monoclonal antibody therapeutic, bamlanivimab, received emergency use authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Bamlanivimab has already been used in Montgomery. Close to 40 Alabama hospitals have placed orders for it, and a supply is expected to be delivered this week.

The public is reminded to protect themselves and others from COVID-19 by staying at home as much as possible, wearing facial coverings as much as is practical, washing hands, avoiding large gatherings, maintaining good hygiene, socially distancing, and knowing their COVID-19 status. Health officials urge everyone to protect vulnerable people from COVID-19.

LEGALS

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF PAUL REUBEN SELF FOR THE ADOPTION OF — CASE NO AD 2020-084

J.P.H. A MINOR.
D.O.B. 6/22/2004

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER OF J.P.H., A MINOR CHILD BIOLOGICAL MOTHER, AMBER LEIGH SELF

The Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Paul Reuben Self, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioners, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 9th DAY OF November, 2020.

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

Jerry Kilgo
Attorney for Petitioner
105 1st Ave NE, Ste G
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
BLANCHE REYNOLDS WARREN * CASE NO PC 2020-238
Deceased *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to **Joel David Reynolds,** as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Blanche Reynolds Warren, deceased, on the 17th day of November, 2020, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Joel David Reynolds
Personal Representative

Thomas E. Drake, II
Attorney for Estate
419 2nd Avenue SW, Ste B
Cullman, Al 35055

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

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

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80:

1982 Dodge D150, Vin. #1B7FD14P9CS277413.
1991 Ford F150, Vin. #1FTDF15N6MNA51571.
1999 Chevrolet S Truck, Vin. #1GCCS1445X8180170.

These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Johnson's Auto Tire and Tow, LLC, 178 County Road 1332, Vinemont, Alabama 35179, on Friday, December 25, 2020, at 8:00 a.m.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
LINDA G. CASON,) CASE NO PC2013-085
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT AND AMENDED PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

TO: LOWELL CHAFFIN, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA CHAFFIN, GLENDEL HALE, BARBARA CROW, SUE HOOD, FRED HALE, RANDY HALE, SANDRA ALLISON MANION, TOMMY HALE, JR., INDIA ALFORD, WANDA MOSLEY AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTEREST PARTIES

Please take notice that a hearing on the Petition for Final Settlement and Amended Petition for Final Settlement, filed by Kenneth Weldon, Attorney for Sandra Allison Manion, Personal Representative of the Estate of Linda G. Cason, is set for hearing on the **21st day of January, 2021, at 10:00 A.M.**. Before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Done this the 23rd day of November, 2020.

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

Kenneth Weldon
Attorney for Personal Representative
1170 County Road 1152
Vinemont, AL 35179

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

JOHN DAVID HANES, DECEASED CASE NO. PC2020-295

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF JOHN DAVID HANES, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Jonathan Scott Hanes and Kristopher Justin Hanes on the 23rd day of November, 2020, by the Honorable 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.

Jonathan Scott Hanes and Kristopher Justin Hanes
Personal Representatives (Administrators)
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2020-077

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF JOSEPH ANDREW DANIEL TO ADOPT E.M.V., a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: ROBERTO VENLAZQUEZ, WHOSE WHEREABOUTS, RESIDENCE AND/OR ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN AND TO ANY UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED FATHER OF E.M.V., WHOSE IDENTITY, WHEREABOUTS, RESIDENCE AND/OR ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of E.M.V., a minor child (born on June 21, 2009, to Jasmine Elizabeth Johns), was filed on the 29th day of October, 2020, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Joseph Andrew Daniel, Petitioner. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE this 3rd day of November, 2020.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

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SMITH & SMITH, LLP
Attorneys for Petitioner
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
256-734-4721 (telephone)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
RANDY WAYNE POPE, JR., * CASE NO. PC2020-231
Deceased *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Administration of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 24th day of November, 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

All claims must be filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County.

Randy Wayne Pope, Sr.,
Personal Representative

C. Blake West
Attorney for the Petitioner
1701 Main Avenue SW, Suite 5
Cullman, AL 35055

TO: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper.

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

Closed (from Front)

Wendy Sack
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman County and City of Cullman offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26-27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Neither County nor City Sanitation will run Thursday, Nov. 26.

Thursday's routes will be run Friday, Nov. 27.

The Cullman County Commission and City of Cullman wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving holiday.

Bartlett (from Front)

Christy Perry
christy@cullmantribune.com

GOOD HOPE, Ala. – Good Hope Mayor Jerry Bartlett recently earned the designation of Advanced Certified Municipal Official.

According to a statement from the Alabama League of Municipalities:
"Mayor Jerry Bartlett of Good Hope has earned the professional designation of Advanced Certified Municipal Official. In order to achieve this high honor, a municipal official must first complete 40 credit hours of training conducted or endorsed by the Alabama League of Municipalities to receive the designation of Certified Municipal Official. The individual must then complete an additional 40 hours of training to receive an advanced certification. Mayor Jerry Bartlett is a member of the 22nd graduating class of Advanced Certified Municipal Officials and was recognized for his accomplishments during graduation ceremonies held in Montgomery, AL on October 29, 2020."

Unfortunately, Bartlett was unable to attend the graduation ceremony in Montgomery due to testing positive for COVID-19 at the time.

Good Hope (from Front)

Christy Perry
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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – The Good Hope City Council on Monday night announced the cancellation of the City's annual Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park events. Mayor Jerry Bartlett said the decision was made due to COVID-19 and the increasing numbers of cases in the county.

"We're just going to back up and punt," he said, "and maybe do a lot (sic) bigger and better next year."

The council also announced its 2020 School Fund Grant recipients. The council last September announced the grant program, which is in addition to the yearly donations the City gives the four Good Hope Schools each year. The City distributes an additional $15,000 from alcohol revenues for school projects through a grant application process.

Councilmen Taft Dillashaw and Terry Shabel, along with Good Hope school principals and Cullman County School Board member Kerry Neighbors sat on this year's School Fund Grant board, which decided how the $15,000 in grants were awarded.

This year's recipients are (with faculty members' last names):
Good Hope High School
• Witcher- $5,133 for a baseball batting/pitching facility

Good Hope Middle School
• Robinson- $1,063 for special education: wobble chairs and fidget bands
• Hood- $500 for library books
• Baker- $950 for special education: two iPads and Audible subscription
• Hyatt- $2,000 for career prep various materials

Good Hope Elementary
• Johnston- $500 for classroom transformation kit
• Self- $500 for tabletop grow lights
• Brock-$1,892 for Croc Walk- long balance beam

Good Hope Primary School
• Owens- $750 for age-appropriate books
• McKenney- $1,000 to purchase read-aloud books for classroom
• Wallace- $712 for flexible seating

Dillashaw explained the baseball facility to the council, saying, "It's for the high school, middle school and JV baseball and softball. It's going to be built at a central location."

The 40 X 80 building will provide the baseball and softball teams an indoor facility to practice hitting and pitching, said Dillashaw, who added, "We are about the only school around that doesn't have an indoor place to hit. Baseball, when it starts, it is brutal. It is cold."

Living Water Services President Grady Parsons addressed the council and praised the work done by City workers on recent repairs to the city's manholes.

He said, "They have done a remarkable job with this."

City workers have been busy clearing around the manholes, repairing cracks and sealing the joints as well as clearing large areas to provide access to the city's sewer lines.

Bartlett showed a time-lapse video of the work being done.

Said Parsons, "If you look at the number of manholes they have worked on, you are into six figures if you contract this work out. You are way over $100,000. Y'all have a good crew."

Work also continues on the new two-lane bridge along Doss Road.

Said Rep. Corey Harbison, "This is probably going to be an overkill for Doss Road at this time, but it ought to be a bridge that will withstand any development or anything that may happen through there of any kind."

The council and Harbison went into executive session to discuss an economic development project. Upon returning, they announced a special meeting will take place Monday, Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. at city hall.

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Funeral services for Mrs. Willie Mae Graves, 90, of Hanceville will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, 2020 in the chapel of Hanceville Funeral Home with Reverend Randall Waldrop officiating. Her burial will follow at Fairview West Cemetery. Her family will receive friends at the funeral home Friday from 11a.m. until service time. She is survived by her sons Butch (Teri) Graves of Hanceville and Bo (Brenda) Graves of Huntsville; grandchildren Tonia, Doug, Tracy, Brandon, and Jason; and great-grandchildren Jonathan, Jessica, Chloe, and Callie.

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 Freemason, as well as a Scottish Rite. 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 43 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 Dr. David Stancil and Rev. 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.

Funeral services for Braylee Ann Gorff, 7 months, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020 at Temple Baptist Church with Bro. Malcolm Carter II officiating; interment in Good Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Braylee Ann passed away Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020 at Children's Hospital of Alabama. She was born March 25, 2020 in Birmingham, Alabama to Brian Gorff and Mandi Bagwell. She was preceded in death by her grandmother Belinda Reeves and great-grandparents Henry and Jane Blair, and Frank and Barbara Hines. Survivors include her parents Mandi Bagwell and Brian Gorff; sisters Zoey Gorff, Kiara Gorff, and Maddie Gorff; brother Blair Gorff; grandparents Larry and Tammy Gorff, and Joe Reeves, Jr.; great-grandmother Jo Ann (James) Gravely; uncles Johnathan (Dezirai) Reeves and Branden (Korey) Swann; and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

John Leslie Bishop, 71, of Vinemont passed away Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 at Cullman Regional. He was born Nov. 2, 1949 in Illinois to Leslie and Betty Bishop. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his stepchildren Lisa Avans, John Caffero, and Angela Henneberry and sister Janet Bishop.

Funeral services for Katherine Lee McDonald, 54, of Cullman will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, 2020 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. McDonald passed away Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 at North Alabama Medical Center. She was born Sept. 14, 1966 in Birmingham, Alabama to Joe and Jane Lee. She was preceded in death by her mother Jane Lee Lee; husband Tim McDonald; sister Vicky Jo Lee; and grandparents Ima Jean Bellairs, T.L. Stewart, Ed Lee, and Opal Lee. Survivors include her daughter Rachel McDonald (John McLaughlin); sister Rhonda Bracero; brother Eric (Carol) Lee; father Joe Lee; niece Brittney Lee; nephews A.J. Lee, Nick (Arial) Bracero, and Wes (Brittany) Bracero; uncle Charles Stewart; aunt Odie Ponder; a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, family, and friends; and her dog Cookie.

Leila A. Bender, 85 of Hamilton, formerly of North Dakota, entered into rest Nov. 23, 2020 in Hamilton. A memorial service will be held at a later date at the Marion County Cowboy Church.

Tristan Stormy Lane Black, 22, of Lynn entered into rest Nov. 21, 2020.He was born Oct. 2, 1998. Tristan was a 2017 graduate of Lynn High School. He was a "free spirit" who had a big heart. Tristan never met a stranger and will always be remembered as a good brother, son, and friend. 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 at 11 a.m. Tristan is survived by his father Garry Black and his wife Vickie Guthrie; mother Michelle Jennings; brothers Jon Jennings, Brandon Black, and Ocean Bowman; sister Devin Norris; grandparents Arthur and Sharion Black and Teresa Jennings; and a host of family and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandfather Mike Jennings.

A graveside service for Myra Ruth Wise, of Hanceville, AL will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020 at New Prospect Cemetery in Hanceville. Myra was born June 9, 1935 in Cullman County, AL to J.H. and Mary (Pugh) Hunt. She died Nov. 23 at the age of 85 in Birmingham, AL. Mrs. Wise is survived by her children Tony (Patricia) Wise and Sonya (Mike) Gibbs; grandchildren Tammy Gibbs Russell, Monica Cheatwood, Erin Wise and Benjamin Wise; great-grandchildren Lacey Russell, Isabella Hawkins, and Sawyer Cheatwood; brothers Loyce Hunt and Junior Hunt; sister Nellie Fines; and a host of nieces and nephews. Mrs. Wise is preceded in death by her husband Billy Wise; son Billy Myron Wise; brothers Jimmy Hunt, Ervin Hunt, Harvey Hunt, Raymond Hunt, and Doyle Hunt; and sister Lillie Mae Lee.

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‘Turkeys’ take plunge for libraries

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Around 20 brave “turkeys” took a chilly dip in Smith Lake Saturday for The Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County’s (FPLCC’s) inaugural Freezin’ for a Reason Turkey Plunge. The event raised money for area libraries.

FPLCC board member Renee Welsh described Saturday as a “glorious day!”

With the outside temperature a cool 65 at the time of the Turkey Plunge, the water was recorded at 72 degrees.

Those taking the plunge could wade in just a bit or go all in. There were no rules other than to have fun.

Each participant was given a commemorative medal with a mask-wearing turkey, appropriate for 2020. Each person was also entered into a raffle for prizes and gift certificates. Also on hand was the Trimble Volunteer Fire Department, ready in case anybody were to need assistance.

Added Welsh, “Thank you to the Trimble fire department for coming out and supporting the event. We gave them a gift certificate so they could get lunch that afternoon.”

Welsh said she was happy with the turnout.

“We didn’t expect a huge crowd and we are happy with the number that did participate,” she said. “We learned some things and we hope to bring this back and make it a fun yearly event.”

Learn more about the FPLCC at www.facebook.com/fotplocc.

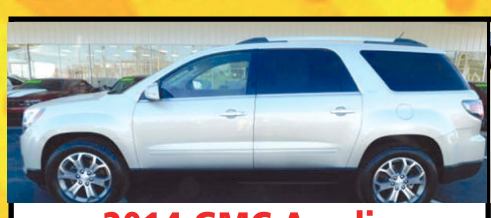


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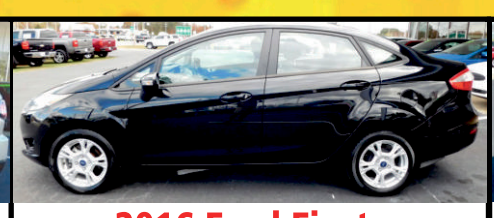
“Turkeys” gathered Saturday morning at Smith Lake Park to raise funds for Cullman’s public libraries.

Bill Smith Used Cars

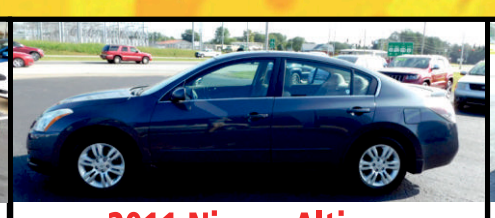
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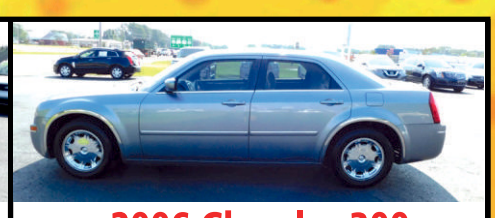
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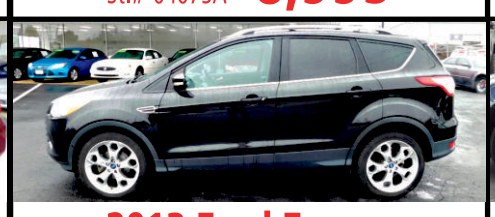
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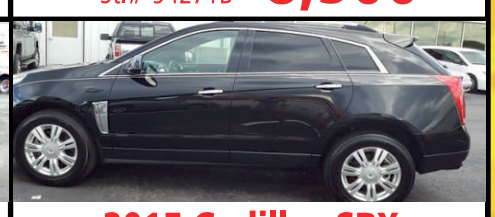
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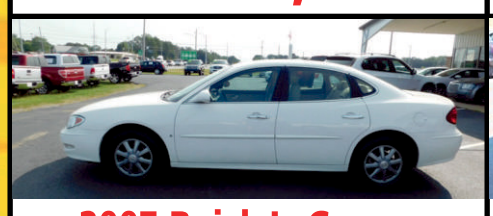
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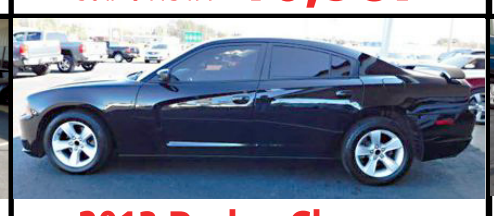
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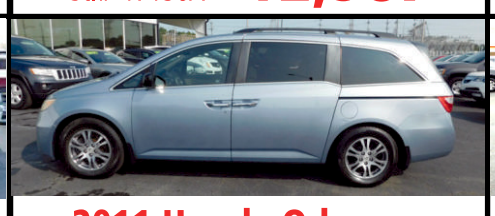
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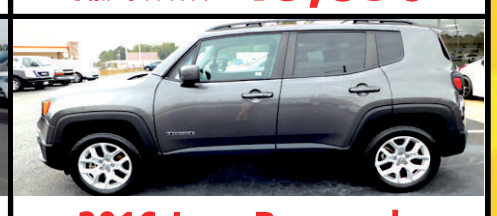
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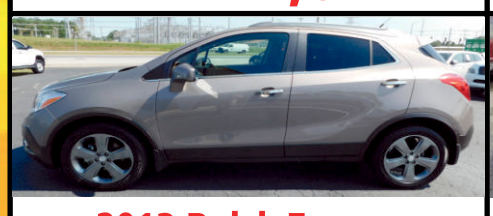
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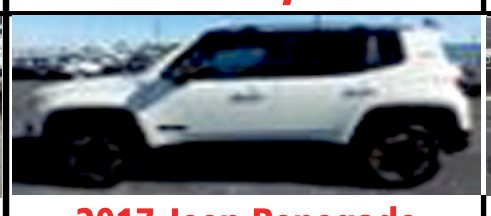
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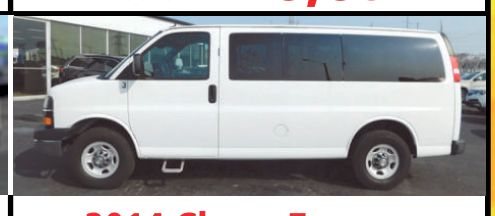
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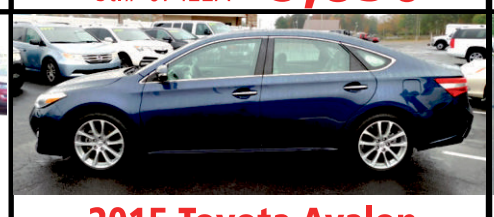
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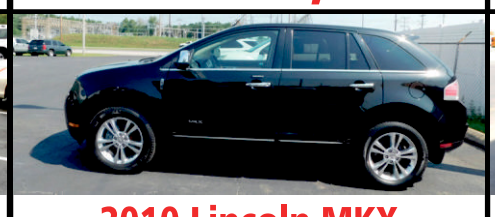
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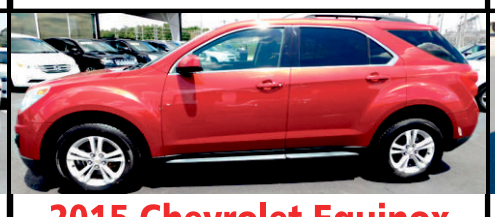
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