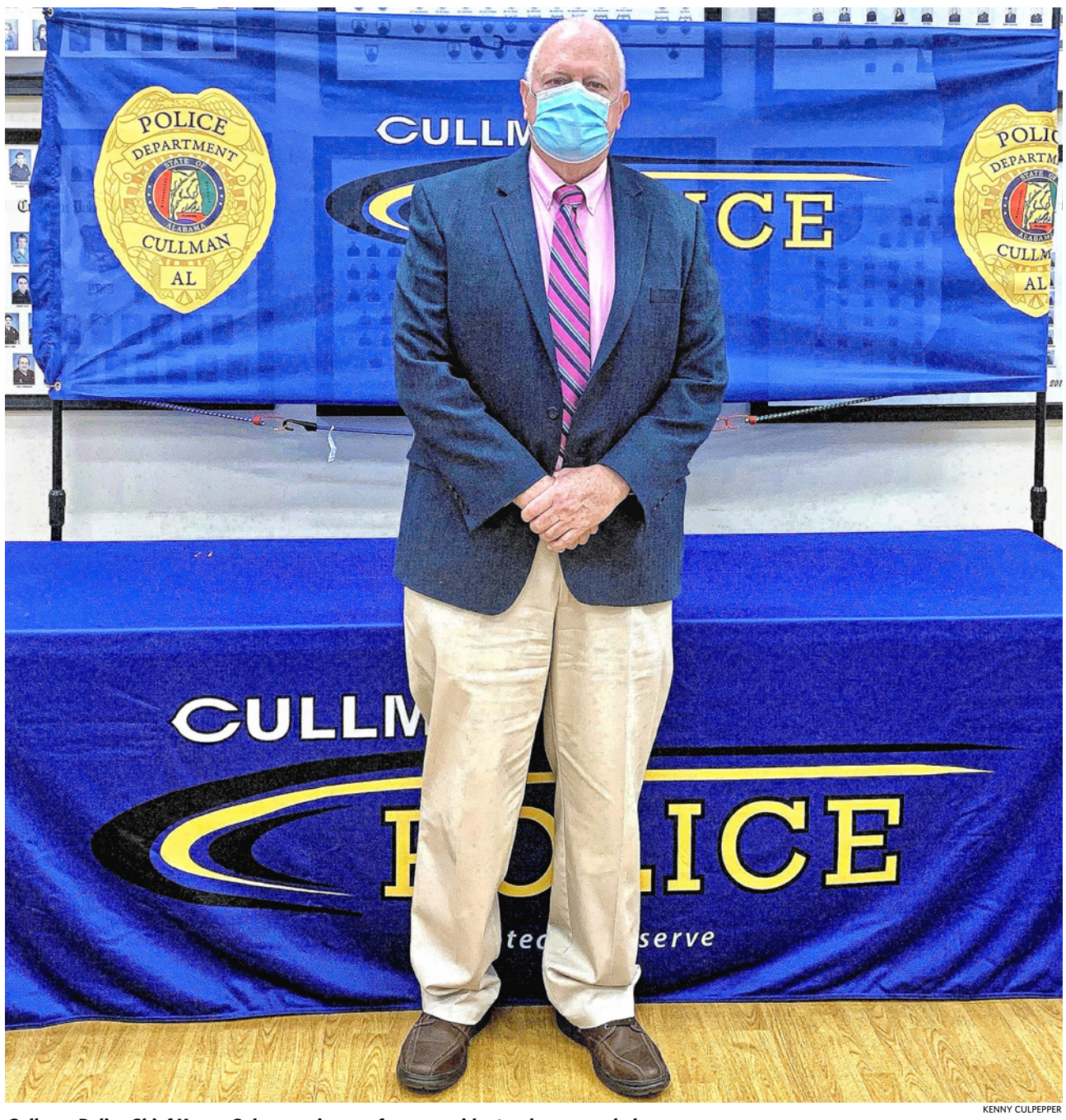
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– FEATURE –

What are you thankful for?



KENNY CULPEPPER

Cullman Police Chief Kenny Culpepper is one of many residents who responded to The Tribune's question, "What are you thankful for?"

Christy Perry, W.C. Mann
Contributors

CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. – The Tribune reached out this week to folks across the county with a simple question: "What are you thankful for?" With no limit on length or content, they could share anything from a phrase to a story, from fun to touching seriousness, and their responses ran the gamut. Here's what they had to say:

Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette

"First and foremost, I am thankful for my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Next, I am most thankful for my best friend and wife, Kristi, and my sons Ethan, Caleb and Noah. I am thankful for all of my extended family, church and friends. I am also very thankful to be a part of the greatest school system and community that exists. We are blessed to have employees that pour their heart into young people's lives even in these extremely tough times."

Cullman County Probate Judge Tammy Brown

"I am thankful not just for everything, but in everything. I have made decisions, like we all have, that I know I would like to change. When those decisions do not go in the direction I had hoped, I try to focus on how God brought me through and how I learned from the trials we all face.

"Going through these trials is where I learned that I am thankful for family, friends, co-workers and the many, many people that I have met and the relationships made throughout the years. People have been put in my life that I never imagined possible.

"I am blessed."

Karma in Cullman Director Rachel Fillmore

"We are asked every November what we are thankful for. We always respond with some cliche answer about how we were thankful for our jobs, our family, our church or our faith. However, I think this year when we answer that question, our answers will hit a little differently. For those who have been out of work for months due to COVID-19 will truly understand what being thankful for their job means. Those who have been unable to spend time with their family because of the shutdown or restrictions again will be feeling a different level of thankful this year. And those who are just returning to church on a weekly basis or those who have learned to praise the Lord safely from home are thankful for technology and good old-fashion faith.

"For me, personally, I am thankful for my new granddaughter, because she as with all the new babies is a reminder that God has not given up on us. I am thankful for any time that I can spend with my family safely after these past few months. Family events have been few and far between, but we know we would rather be safe than sorry. I am thankful for my health as I know that many in our community, our state, our nation and our world are struggling. I am also thankful that I live in a community that is filled with so many wonderful human beings who support a wide array of nonprofits to help those in need in our area. I am thankful for my friends » PAGE 8

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Alabama's Nick Saban tests positive for COVID-19



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Coach Nick Saban (center)

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EDUCATION

CHS shows Thanksgiving love to campus neighbors



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Cullman High School's National Honor Society put together gifts and personalized notes for the campus' neighbors who live nearby and delivered the goodie bags as a "thank you" gesture for Thanksgiving. Pictured are seniors Matthew Lai Hing (left) and Jaden Orr (right)

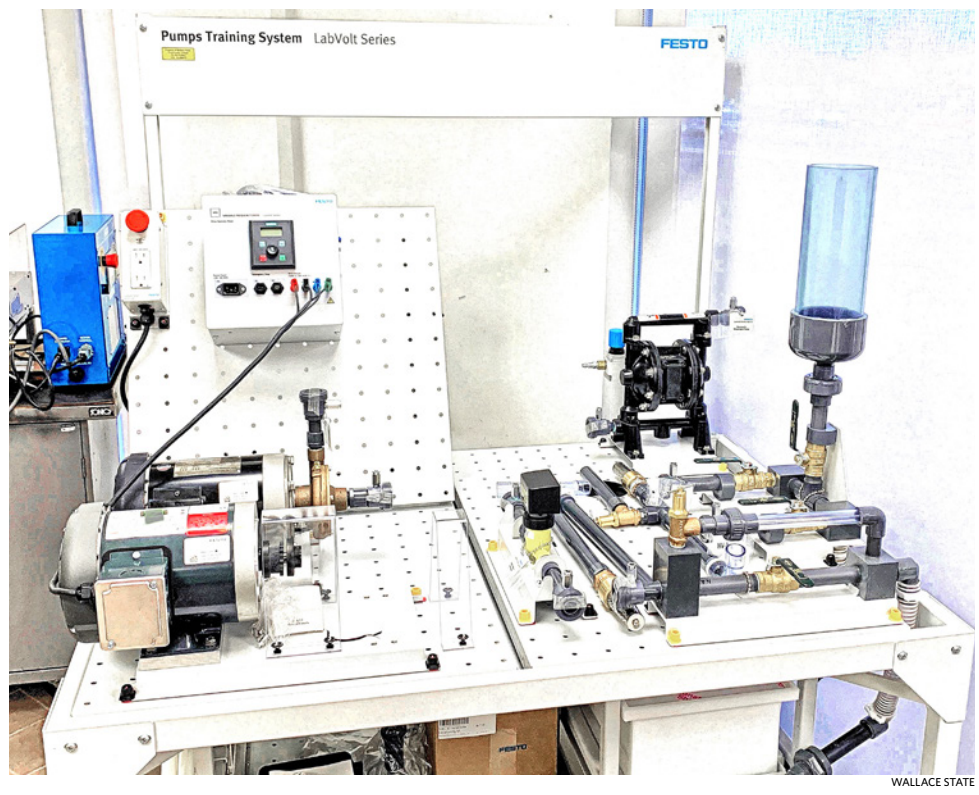
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EDUCATION

Mechatronics program among Applied Technologies options at Wallace State-Oneonta

Russell Moore
WSCC



WALLACE STATE

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State-Oneonta's campus has launched an Electronics Technology/Mechatronics program this semester and has multiple course offerings available for the Spring 2021 semester.

Applied Technology offerings in Oneonta now include Mechatronics, Machine Tool Technology and Welding.

Mechatronics classes for the Spring 2021 semester include DC Fundamentals (ILT 160), AC Fundamentals (ILT 161), Solid State Fundamentals (ILT 162), Digital Fundamentals (ILT 163), Circuit Fabrication (ILT 164), Hydraulics/Pneumatics (ILT 168) and a MSCC Safety Course (ILT 170).

James McKenzie is the instructor for the Oneonta-based Mechatronics classes. He joined the college last March after previously teaching at the Ernest Pruett Center of Technology in Jackson County.

"This is an exciting time in Oneonta and Blount County, and we believe there is untapped potential in the area for this program. We have many industries in this area looking for skilled mechatronics workers and we want to fulfill those needs and build a strong program," McKenzie said. "We want to have a presence in local high schools and help bridge that gap between high school and entering the workforce."

Wallace State's Electronics Technology program offers both an associate degree and certificate in Mechatronics in addition to short-term certificates in advanced electronics, basic automation and controls, and advanced automation and controls.

"Mechatronics is geared towards aligning students to be a multi-craft maintenance technician for industry. There are different doors or avenues they can take with the degree. It consists of an electronics theory with a mechanical feel," McKenzie said.

Spring 2021 online registration is currently in Oneonta. Register for classes here: www.wallacestate.edu/register.

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

CRIME: Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 25

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 25, 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. 24

- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $265
- duty upon striking and unattended vehicle; person; 4th St. SW; damage to '14 Ford Taurus; $1,000
- third-degree theft by deception; person; cash; $600
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment; person; Lee Ave. SW
- third-degree burglary; person; 12th Way SW; miscellaneous
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment; person; Cherokee Ave. SW

ARRESTS

Nov. 24

Cantrell, Jacob R., 28
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Terpo, Carmen S., 55
- fourth-degree theft of property

Roden II, Mark C., 27
- giving false information to law enforcement

Noe, Savannah B., 28
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- no driver's license
- FTA- failure to register vehicle
- FTA- open container in vehicle

Wright, Kimberly A., 25
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Wright, Randy L., 24
- fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

- Total confirmed cases in AL: 199,626 (+1,778 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 39,692 (+675 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 3,207 (+42 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 325
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 3,165 (+36 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 1,115 (+33 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 31 (+2 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 7
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 25,048
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,908
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 896
- Total tested in Alabama: 1,553,587
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 31,155
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 132,619
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,483
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 24,376
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 161,946*

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

***ADPH Important Notice (11/25/20):**
The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) continues to examine its COVID-19 data in order to provide the most accurate picture of the current status of this pandemic. In order to reflect numbers of COVID-19 presumed recoveries, ADPH Infectious Disease and Outbreak (IDO) team reviewed our Alabama NEDSS Base Surveillance System (ALNBS) and updated some parameters. This update now allows ADPH to report presumed recoveries from COVID of 161,946 persons. ADPH expects that this number will increase and continue to be reflective of our definition of presumed recoveries.

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.

Saban (from Front)

UA Athletics
Contributor

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Alabama Football Head Coach Nick Saban tested positive for COVID-19 Wednesday morning and will miss Saturday's Iron Bowl matchup against Auburn. Saban tested positive earlier this season in the leadup to the Crimson Tide's game with Georgia, but it was later determined to be a false positive after Saban recorded three negative tests.

Statement from UA's Dr. Jimmy Robinson and Jeff Allen

"This morning we received notification that Coach Saban tested positive for COVID-19.

"He has very mild symptoms, so this test will not be categorized as a potential false positive.

"He will follow all appropriate guidelines and isolate at home."

This year's Iron Bowl will kick off Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in Tuscaloosa and will be broadcast on CBS.

CHS (from Front)

Cullman City Schools
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Between things like rush hour traffic and the beating drums of Friday night football, living next to Cullman High School can bring its own set of unique circumstances. But it also has some nice perks. Most notably, all those students can make for some pretty good neighbors, too.

For the fifth year, the Cullman High School National Honor Society (NHS) teamed up for the Thankful Neighbor Project, which finds students writing personal messages and dropping off a goodie bag of holiday gifts for around two dozen of the campus' closest neighborhood residents. This year's goodie bags included personalized "thank yous" written by students, along with pre-packaged cookie mix, a kitchen towel and a spatula. Gifts from years past have included things like local honey and biscuit mix, wrapping paper and hot cocoa.

"The school day traffic and ringing bells are a daily thing, of course, and these families deal with noise and traffic on many occasions being so close to the school," Cullman High teacher and NHD Adviser Jennifer Calahan explained. "Our school is almost always active with sporting events, band events, theater events, and other activities at nights and weekends. Even during the summer, there are practices and meetings of all kinds on our campus. We want the families who live nearby to know that we are thankful for them and the tolerance, kindness and support they demonstrate to Cullman High School."

Calahan went on to explain how the project works, with students in the NHS taking it upon themselves to put the gifts together and put in some socially-distanced face time to say hello and deliver the packs themselves.

"The members signed up to donate money for the purchase of the gifts, to go purchase the gifts after school, to write the notes, to come in and package the gifts and to walk and deliver gifts to the porches of the homes," Calahan said. "We see this as a way to help teach the students to recognize when it is appropriate and necessary to show gratitude, and to encourage them to give back when opportunities arise."

Students have had to get a bit more creative than usual to pull off the Thankful Neighbor Project in 2020, dividing and conquering their duties across the staggered hybrid schedule the high school has been operating under this year to encourage additional social distancing due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

"Our NHS meetings have looked quite different because we are functioning on a hybrid schedule this year," Calahan noted. "But, I have a sign in my classroom that reads 'Please and Thank You are still the magic words.' I want to model that as well as have the members of the NHS to do the same. Also, in this time of pandemic and virtual 'everything,' I want students to remember we can still physically make contact with others while still remaining safe."

Cullman High School Principal Kim Hall echoed those sentiments, adding, "Our neighbors are very supportive of our school, and we appreciate them so much."

Docket (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman County Presiding Judge Gregory Nicholas on Wednesday issued an order postponing the Dec. 14, 2020 jury trial docket until a later time due to COVID concerns.

A press release issued with the order reads:

After conducting three successful jury sessions since jury trials resumed three months ago, a decision has been made to temporarily postpone the jury session scheduled to begin Dec. 14, 2020. While there have been no reported COVID-19 transmissions among court participants since the resumption of jury trials in September, the number of local people infected with the virus has significantly increased during the past few weeks.

For most people, the COVID-19 virus does not cause any long-term health concerns. But for a significant minority of people, especially older individuals and those with underlying health conditions, the virus can prove very serious, and even fatal. At least 40 people in our area have already died as a result of COVID-19 complications. Presently, 52 individuals are hospitalized at the Cullman Regional Medical Center who have tested positive for the virus and 10 of these individuals are currently on ventilators.

Finding the right balance between preserving people's access to the courts and protecting the most vulnerable people in our community from the potential harm posed by the current pandemic is never easy. The best medical advice currently available suggests that a large gathering of individuals for jury service so soon after the Thanksgiving holiday would be unwise and lead to an even greater spread of the virus within our community. According to a risk assessment developed by Georgia Tech University, whenever 100 or more people are gathered together, there is a 98% chance that at least one person in the group has the COVID-19 virus.

After consulting with State Health Officer, Dr. Scott Harris, local health care officials, District Attorney Wilson Blaylock, Circuit Court Clerk Lisa McSwain and Circuit Judge Martha Williams, as well as other judges from around our state, the risk to potential jurors, court participants and their families that could result from a large gathering of potential jurors is simply unacceptable in light of current and projected conditions.

Therefore, an order has been entered canceling the Dec. 14, 2020 jury trial session. Individuals who have received a summons to appear for jury service on Monday, Dec. 14, 2020 do not need to appear. Those individuals who have used the new online procedure to qualify and check-in for jury service have already been notified of the cancellation by email.

"One of the big advantages of the new online system is that communication has been greatly improved between potential jurors and the court system," said Nicholas. "We are now able to send emails directly to those individuals who qualified online and notify them of the cancellation. That will prevent those individuals from having to take time off from work or disrupt their normal routines to come to the courthouse only to learn that court has been cancelled," continued Nicholas. "Those jurors that were not able to use the online system to qualify should be receiving a written order by regular mail notifying them of the court postponement and releasing them from their summons. If conditions improve, it is expected that jury trials will resume in January and new juror summons will be issued."

Non-jury trials not impacted

The order postponing jury trials in December does not apply to smaller in-person court proceedings held in the local circuit and district courts. Any decision regarding postponement of those cases will be made by the circuit or district court judge assigned to handle the cases.

Nicholas noted that, "Even after in-person judicial proceedings were suspended by order of the Alabama Supreme Court in March of last year, Cullman Circuit and District Courts remained open, thanks to rule changes authorized by the Alabama Supreme Court that permitted the use of video conference software to conduct 'virtual court' hearings. Once in-person trials and hearings were permitted to resume in May, COVID-19 protocols were quickly adopted that allowed most non-jury in-person court hearings to immediately resume. It's vitally important that we take precautions to keep people safe during the pandemic, while preserving the public's access to courts. To accomplish that goal, temporary postponements of some court proceedings will sometimes be necessary."

Nicholas' order reads:

IN THE 32ND
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF ALABAMA

Because of the significant increase in COVID-19 cases reported in our community during the past several weeks and the expected surge in COVID-19 cases after the Thanksgiving holiday, the undersigned finds that the risk to potential jurors, court participants and their families that could result from a large gathering of individuals is unacceptable. Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that the jury session currently scheduled to begin December 14, 2020 is hereby cancelled and all cases set on that docket shall be carried over until the next scheduled jury session. The Circuit Court Clerk shall immediately notify all individuals that have been summoned to appear on December 14, 2020 for jury service of the cancellation and provide a copy of this order to the Alabama Administrative Office of Courts.

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Auburn football notebook: RBU, Bo to Flash, LBU, Iron Bowl awaits

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – When Tank Bigsby exited with an injury after rushing for 24 yards on three carries, Shaun Shivers and D.J. Williams sparked Auburn's running game in the Tigers' 30-17 win Saturday vs. Tennessee.

Shivers and Williams combined for 131 yards and a touchdown on 25 rushes, an average of 5.24 yards per carry.

"When your brother goes down, you want to step up for him. No matter who's in, I feel like they're going to do well," said Williams, whose 9-yard touchdown gave Auburn a 27-10 lead midway through the fourth quarter. "I was excited. I loved it. I loved the feeling but getting a [win] is even better."

"When Tank went down, we knew it was time to step up," said Shivers, one of Auburn's four captains. "Do the things we've been doing since we've been here at Auburn. Continue to play well, continue to run the ball hard, continue to get downhill."

"We knew both of those guys could get it done," Auburn coach Gus Malzahn said. "Throughout their careers, both of those guys have played really well. It didn't surprise us at all. Those are both really quality backs."

Bo to Flash 2.0

For the second straight game, Bo Nix and Anthony Schwartz connected on a long touchdown pass. After teaming up for a 91-yarder vs. LSU, Nix and Schwartz combined for a 54-yard TD early in the second quarter, Auburn's first score of the night, to begin a string of 27 unanswered points.

From the left hash, Schwartz sprinted uncovered past Tennessee's secondary, instantly attracting Nix's attention.

"Those are what you live for as a quarterback," said Nix, who has thrown 10 touchdown passes this season and 26 in his career. "Can't get the ball quickly enough to him. Whenever a guy like him is running wide open, just don't overthrow him."

"They were in a look we wanted, so I just went down the middle and ended up wide open," Schwartz said. "It's very exciting. Hitting these past two shots is going to be big in the game plan, I think that's going to be something to show for the next three games."

Linebacker U

When senior linebacker K.J. Britt, one of Auburn's team captains and the player defensive coordinator Kevin Steele calls "the quarterback of our defense," was injured in the Tigers' second game of the season, Owen Pappoe and Zakoby McClain assumed even larger roles.

"With a guy like K.J. being gone, we knew we had to step up," said Pappoe, who led Auburn with 12 tackles vs. the Vols. "Me and [McClain] are in competition with each other too, to see who can have the most tackles each week. It's a friendly competition."

McClain, who made six tackles vs. Tennessee, leads Pappoe 68-65 in their hotly contested bragging rights battle.



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Auburn running back DJ Williams (3).

Bring on the Iron Bowl

D.J. Williams needed only two words to express his excitement about Auburn's next opportunity.

"Can't wait," he said of Saturday's 2:30 p.m. CT visit to Tuscaloosa for the 2020 Iron Bowl.

"It's going to be a fun and exciting game," safety Jamien Sherwood said. "It's going to be physical. It's the best rivalry in college football."

"We have a lot of respect for them," Pappoe said. "It's the Iron Bowl. Auburn vs. Alabama. There's going to be a whole different energy in the complex next week. We're going to be really locked in and ready for them."

No. 25 Alabama opens 2020-21 season Wednesday night versus Jacksonville State

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – The second year of the "Ball and Oats" era gets underway on Wednesday night when the Alabama men's basketball team takes on Jacksonville State at 7 p.m. CT on SEC Network in the season opener for both teams. The Crimson Tide enters the 2020-21 season ranked No. 25 in the preseason USA Today Coaches Poll and No. 29 (50 votes) in the preseason Associated Press Top-25.

It's the first time the Crimson Tide will open the campaign among the nation's top-25 teams since the 2017-18 campaign. In addition to being recognized in both the AP and Coaches polls, Alabama was also ranked in the preseason top 25 by Blue Ribbon Basketball Yearbook (No. 14), Dick Vitale (No. 17) and Jeff Goodman's Stadium (No. 18) polls.

Alabama returns four starters and seven letterwinners for the 2020-21 season, while also welcoming a total of nine newcomers. The nine newcomers include four freshmen, two transfers and three players who return to the lineup after being forced to miss the 2020-21 season.

The Broadcast

• Wednesday's game will be televised on SEC Network with Courtney Lyle (play-by-play) and Dane Bradshaw (analyst) on the call.

• The radio broadcast can be heard on the Crimson Tide Sports Network with Chris Stewart (play-by-play), Bryan Passink (analyst) and Roger Hoover (sideline) on the call. The pregame show will begin one hour prior to tipoff.

About Alabama

• Despite losing starting point guard Kira Lewis Jr. to the 2020 NBA Draft as the No. 13 overall draft pick (New Orleans Pelicans), excitement remains high as the Alabama men's basketball team enters the 2020-21 campaign.

• Alabama will bring back the SEC's top two returning scorers from a year ago in Jaden Shackelford (15.0 ppg) and John Petty Jr. (14.5 ppg). The duo combined to score 29.5 points per contest last season.

• Of the four returning starters, three were named as All-SEC performers. Senior John Petty Jr. leads the way as he averaged 14.5 points and a team-leading 6.6 rebounds per game. After testing the NBA waters, Petty announced his return to the team in early August after he proved to be one of the most lethal three-point shooters in the nation, knocking down 85 threes last season. He also topped the SEC in three-point field goal percentage (44.0 percent, 85-of-193) on his way to earning second team All-SEC honors.

• Senior Herbert Jones is back and healthy after earning a spot on the SEC All-Defensive team and making a name for himself as one of the top defensive players in the NCAA. Meanwhile, sophomore Jaden Shackelford, who led the SEC in three-pointers made (55) during league play, returns after bursting onto the scene last season to garner SEC All-Freshman team accolades. Senior Alex Reese returns after establishing personal career bests in nearly every category last season, including leading the team in blocked shots (1.0 bpg), ranking third rebounding (4.8 rpg) and fourth in scoring (8.8 ppg) and three-pointers made (51).

• In addition to the returnees, Alabama welcomes six scholarship signees, five of which made up the nation's ninth-ranked signing class according to Rivals.com and the No. 12 overall by 247sports.com. The Crimson Tide signees include Keon Ambrose-Hylton (Toronto, Ontario/Andrews Osborne Academy [Ohio]), Keon Ellis (Fort Myers, Fla./Florida SW State), Darius Miles (Washington, D.C./IMG Academy), Josh Primo (Toronto, Ontario/Royal Crown International) and Alex Tchikou (Paris, France/Dream City Christian HS).

• The team recruiting rankings do not include another new addition in graduate transfer Jordan Bruner. Last season at Yale, Bruner earned First Team All-Ivy League honors after leading the conference in rebounds per game (9.2) and ranking fourth in assists (3.8 apg) and third in blocked shots (1.7 bpg) while adding 10.9 points per contest.

• Head coach Nate Oats is in his second season at the helm of the Crimson Tide program. After finishing last season at 16-15 overall, Oats, who is in his sixth season as a collegiate head coach, owns a career record of 112-58 (.659).

About Jacksonville State

• Jacksonville State returns one starter and four letterwinners while welcoming 11 newcomers to the 2020-21 squad. The Gamecocks are coming off a 13-19 record last season, including an 8-10 finish in the Ohio Valley Conference. JSU was picked to finish seventh in the conference by the league's coaches and sports information directors prior to the season.

• The 15-man Gamecocks' roster features four returnees and 11 newcomers – only four of which are freshmen. Senior Kayne Henry is the lone returning starter and is the team's top returning scorer (10.9 ppg) and rebounder (6.9 rpg) from last season. Senior Martin Roub, junior Maros Zeliznak and sophomore Juwan Perdue each recorded minutes in a JSU jersey last year. The list of new Gamecocks includes a graduate, senior and sophomore transfer, four junior transfers and four freshmen.

• The newcomers include three transfers who each received waivers to play immediately for the Gamecocks. Forwards Brandon Huffman, a senior transfer from North Carolina, and Amanze Ngumezi, a junior transfer from Georgia, along with guard Darian Adams, a grad transfer, are all expected to make their debut for the Gamecocks this season.

• Harper also added experience with four junior college transfers in Khalil Johnson (Shelton State CC), Jalen Finch (Florida SouthWestern State) – college teammate of current Alabama guard Keon Ellis – Demaree King (Northern Oklahoma-Tonkawa and Jay Pal (Claredon College).

• Ray Harper was hired on April 6, 2016 as the program's 11th head coach and the fifth to run the Gamecocks at the Division-I level. A veteran coach of 20 seasons, Harper boasts an overall record of 511-183, with a .736 winning percentage that represents the highest of all Ohio Valley Conference coaches, and a 80-56 (.588) overall mark in four seasons as head coach at Jacksonville State.

For all the latest information on the team, follow AlabamaMBB on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. General athletic news can be found at UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and Alabama Athletics on Facebook.

Kennedy era begins Wednesday when UAB hosts Alcorn State

Ted Feeley
UAB Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The Andy Kennedy era of UAB Basketball begins on Wednesday afternoon when the Blazers open the2020-21 season against Alcorn State at Bartow Arena. Tipoff is at 2:30 p.m.

UAB and Alcorn State history

The teams have met seven times in a series that began on Nov. 28, 1989, with UAB winning all seven meetings. In that inaugural contest, Kennedy scored 24 points on 7-of-13 shooting. The Blazers average 87 points per game against the Braves with a margin of victory of 27.4 points. UAB has reached the century mark three times in the series. The last game between the two teams was Dec. 18, 2018 – a 76-49 UAB victory.

Last time against Alcorn State

Jalen Perry notched his sixth straight game scoring in double figures and finished the contest with 17 points on Dec. 18, 2019.

UAB in season-openers

Wednesday marks the 43rd season of UAB basketball. In season-opening games, the Blazers are 28-14, winning their last four lid-lifters.

UAB against Mississippi schools

The Blazers are 60-26 all-time when facing schools located in Mississippi.

- Alcorn State: 7-0
- Jackson State: 7-0
- Mississippi College: 1-0
- Mississippi State: 4-3
- Mississippi Valley State: 8-0
- Ole Miss: 1-4
- Southern Miss: 32-19

AK in season-openers

Kennedy is 12-1 in his season-opening contests. The only setback was at the beginning of the 2014-15 season when Ole Miss fell to eventual Big South champions Charleston Southern. However, the Rebels earned an NCAA berth and advanced into the second round after defeating BYU in the First Four.

AK vs. the SWAC

Kennedy is a perfect 14-0 against team from the SWAC including a 1-0 record against Alcorn State.

AK against Mississippi Schools

Kennedy, a native of Mississippi, has a 23-14 coaching against schools located in Mississippi.

- Alcorn State: 1-0
- Mississippi State: 13-12
- Mississippi Valley State: 6-0
- Southern Miss: 3-2

Streaming

Wednesday's games will be streamed through CUSA.TV. This is a subscription-based service that offers a variety of packages. Select games will also be streamed on the ESPN family of networks.

Continue to monitor the UABsports.com schedule page as additional broadcast information is announced.

Radio

Blazer men's basketball games are set to air on 100.5 ESPN JOX 2 with David Crane and Murry Bartow on the call.

In addition, David Crane will host Blazer Sportsline every Tuesday during Conference USA play.

The show will take place live from Iron City Grill in downtown Birmingham and feature men's basketball head coach Andy Kennedy and women's basketball head coach Randy Norton.

The nine-episode show, which will air from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., begins Jan. 5.

Blazer Sportsline can be heard on 100.5 ESPN JOX 2 and fans will be encouraged to tweet questions to @BlazersLIMGC. Fans may also follow the Blazers this season by downloading the free TuneIn Radio app, online through Blazers All-Access at UABSports.com, or on the UAB Gameday mobile app.

Up next

The Blazers remain at home to face Southeastern Louisiana on Saturday afternoon. Tipoff is at 2:00 p.m.



CAPNA awarded $611,227 to assist low-income families with utility costs amid COVID-19 pandemic

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Gov. Kay Ivey has awarded grants totaling $13.8 million to help low-income households with home energy costs during the winter months amid the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Among the recipients is the Community Action Partnership of North Alabama (CAPNA), which received $611,227.

For more on CAPNA's Energy Assistance application process visit https://capna.org/energy-assistance.

From CAPNA:

2020-21 Heating Season Applications now available!

No-contact Energy Assistance Application Process

REMINDER: Customers may receive utility assistance ONCE per season (cooling/heating)

- *Cooling Season runs from June 1st through October 31st*
- *Heating Season runs from November 1st through May 31st*

In response to the COFID-19 pandemic, Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) application packets are available for pick-up, download or mailing:

- *Pick up. Designated literature boxes contain Energy Assistance application packets. The boxes are placed outside each of our 3 county offices (Cullman, Decatur, and Moulton). Packets are also available at local utility company offices in Cullman, Decatur, and Moulton.*
- *Download. Use the LIHEAP Application button to open and download the packet as a PDF.*
- *Mail. Clients may request a packet be mailed to them by emailing liheap@capna.org or calling 256-355-7843.*

Each packet has a step-by-step guide for completing and submitting the application and required documents. Completed applications can be submitted in 1 of 4 ways:

1. *Scan and email to liheap@capna.org*
2. *Mail to Community Action Partnership in Decatur (address is on instruction sheet AND the packets are in self-addressed envelopes)*
3. *Fax to 256-355-7953, ATTN: LIHEAP Department*
4. *Place in the outdoor Drop Box at our Central Office in Decatur (NOTE: This is the ONLY Drop Box location)*

More from Ivey's office

"As we enter the coldest months of the year, many low-income residents find themselves in even tougher situations due to the pandemic and may struggle to afford higher heating bills along with other needs," Ivey said. "These grants provide additional funding to assist in lowering the costs for many of them by making one-time emergency payments."

Ivey awarded the grants to 19 community agencies that manage the program at the local level and receive applications from individuals who wish to be considered for assistance according to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services guidelines.

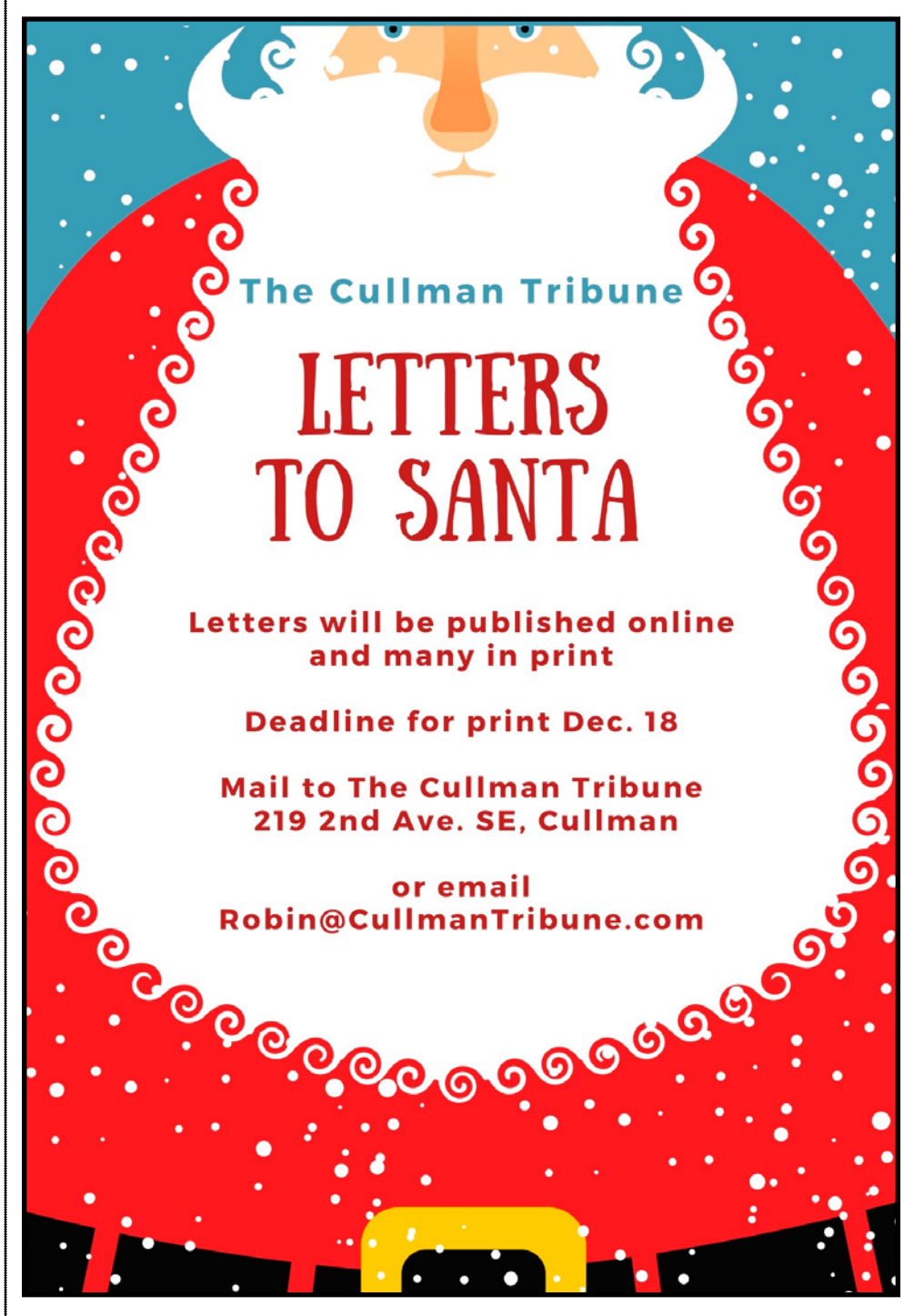
The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) is administering the grants from funds made available by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) ACT. These grants are supplemental to grant funds of $46.2 million awarded by Gov. Ivey through the state's yearly Low Income Home Energy Assistance allocation earlier this year.

"ADECA joins Gov. Ivey in supporting those who need it most during this time of need," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said. "Our partnerships with local community agencies ensure that many who truly need assistance receive help with heating their homes during the coldest months of the year."

Below is a list of each grant, the recipient agency, counties served and the agency telephone number:

- $542,604 to Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama Inc. (Colbert, Franklin and Lauderdale) 256-766-4330
- $1,265,543 to Community Action Partnership of Middle Alabama, Inc. (Autauga, Chilton, Elmore and Shelby) 205-755-1204
- $261,726 to Community Action Committee Inc. of Chambers-Tallapoosa-Coosa (Chambers, Coosa and Tallapoosa) 256-825-4287
- $620,803 to Alabama Council on Human Relations Inc. (Lee) 334-821-8336
- $1,053,290 to Community Action Partnership of Huntsville-Madison and Limestone Counties Inc. (Madison and Limestone) 256-851-9800
- $1,461,839 to Mobile Community Action Inc. (Mobile and Washington) 251-457-5700
- $920,830 to Montgomery Community Action Committee and Community Development Corporation Inc. (Montgomery) 334-263-3474
- $611,227 to Community Action Partnership of North Alabama Inc. (Cullman, Lawrence and Morgan) 256-355-7843
- $1,310,229 to Community Action Agency of Northeast Alabama Inc. (Blount, Cherokee, DeKalb, Jackson, Marshall and St. Clair) 256-638-4430
- $702,193 to Organized Community Action Program Inc. (Bullock, Butler, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Lowndes and Pike) 334-566-1712
- $1,113,933 to Community Action Agency of South Alabama (Baldwin, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Marengo, Monroe and Wilcox) 251-626-2646
- $767,624 to Community Action Agency of Talladega, Clay, Randolph, Calhoun and Cleburne (Calhoun, Clay, Cleburne, Randolph and Talladega) 256-362-6611
- $1,431,516 to Community Service Programs of West Alabama Inc. (Bibb, Choctaw, Dallas, Fayette, Greene, Lamar, Perry, Sumter and Tuscaloosa) 205-752-5429
- $244,171 to Walker County Community Action Agency Inc. (Walker County) 205-221-4010
- $660,700 to Southeast Alabama Community Action Partnership Inc. (Barbour, Coffee, Geneva, Henry and Houston) 334-347-0881
- $70,220 to Pickens County Community Action Committee and Community Development Corporation Inc. (Pickens) 205-367-1283
- $234,596 to Macon-Russell Community Action Agency Inc. (Macon and Russell) 334-727-6100
- $178,740 to Marion-Winston Counties Community Action Committee Inc. (Marion and Winston) 205-921-4224
- $368,651 to Community Action of Etowah County Inc. (Etowah) 256-546-9271







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Venison recipes perfect for holidays

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

When that Thanksgiving turkey has been reduced to a discarded carcass, it's time to break out those wild game and fish recipes to enjoy the feast Alabama's outdoors offers.

With Alabama's white-tailed deer season in full swing, it's probably time to clean out last year's harvest to make room for fresh venison.

Waxing nostalgic, our family probably ate about as much venison as beef when I was growing up, and this next dish was one of the favorites.

VENISON LASAGNA

- 1 1/2 pounds ground venison
- 1 can/jar prepared spaghetti sauce (or make it with Lawry's Spaghetti Sauce Mix, which is what my mom did)
- 1 1/2 tbsp. Italian seasoning
- 8 lasagna noodles, cooked, divided
- 1 cup cottage cheese, divided
- 3 cups mozzarella cheese, divided
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese

Brown meat (if no fat was added to the ground venison, you'll need about ¼ cup of oil in the skillet to prevent sticking) and drain. Add spaghetti sauce and Italian seasoning and cook 5 minutes. My Italian buddies would scoff at using a prepared spaghetti sauce, so, by all means, make your own if you have the time. We particularly liked the taste of Lawry's growing up, but use whatever you like.

Layer 4 strips of the cooked lasagna noodles on bottom of rectangular Pyrex baking dish. Spoon on half of the meat sauce mixture and spread evenly. Spread ½ cup of cottage cheese for the next layer, followed by 1½ cups of mozzarella. Add another layer of the ingredients, and then top by sprinkling with the parmesan cheese.

Bake in 350-degree oven for 30 minutes. Serves 6-8.

My go-to venison recipe that has been served to groups of a half-dozen to more than 30 also involves ground venison. To make enough for 30, you need a BIG pot.

VENISON CHILI

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- 4 large onions, chopped
- 2 large green bell peppers, chopped (optional, my girls don't like green bell peppers)
- 4 pounds ground venison
- 3-4 cans diced tomatoes
- 2 6-ounce cans of tomato paste
- 1/4 to 1/3 cup chili powder
- 1 tbsp. salt
- 4 16-ounce cans of kidney beans
- 1-3 dashes of cayenne pepper
- 1-3 dashes of garlic salt
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tsp. liquid crab boil (Don't scoff until you've tried it—adds some pizzazz that consumers can't identify)

Heat oil in a large stock pot with heavy bottom, and add garlic, onions and peppers. Cook until tender. Add venison and brown for 10 minutes over medium heat. Add tomatoes, tomato paste, chili powder, salt, kidney beans, cayenne pepper and garlic salt. Mix together and then add bay leaves. Bring to boil and then simmer for 2-3 hours. Serves 10-12.

Another standard around the Rainer household involved tenderized venison.

SMOTHERED COUNTRY-FRIED VENISON STEAKS

- 2 pounds cubed venison steaks (1/2- to 3/4-inch cuts)
- Milk (whole or 2%)
- 2 cups all-purpose flour, divided
- Seasoned salt and black pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup bacon grease or oil (olive or vegetable), depending on how healthy you're eating
- 2 cups water
- 1 cup coffee
- 1 cup extra-long-grain rice

If the venison steaks haven't been run through a cuber/tenderizer several times, then pound each piece with a meat mallet. Soak venison steaks in cold water for several hours, changing the water several times to soak out the blood. Drain steaks well, dip in milk (whole or 2 %) and dredge in 1 cup flour with seasoned salt and pepper already mixed in. Brown in oil in large skillet. (You can stop right there and enjoy, or you can go ahead and make the gravy.) Take remaining cup of flour and add to skillet, stirring constantly until desired color is achieved, and then add water and coffee (mixed) to desired thickness. Put steaks in Crock-Pot, pour gravy over the top and simmer on low.

While the venison is simmering, turn to the rice. When the rice is done, the venison will be ready. Spoon the venison and gravy over rice. Serves 6-8.

One of the many things that COVID-19 has taken from those who love to eat wild game is the opportunity to participate in one of the Alabama Wildlife Federation's (AWF) Wild Game Cook-Offs. Some of the best food I've ever tasted has been at these events.

If I were ever to appear on Food Network's "The Best Thing I Ever Ate" in a wild game category, I would highlight the dish that Beth Strickland prepared as part of the Middle Bay Boat Company team during the AWF Gulf Coast Cook-Off. This dish takes a little effort but is well worth it.

STUFFED TENDERLOIN WITH WHISKEY BEURRE BLANC

Venison tenderloin (backstrap)

Marinade:

- 1 cup Italian dressing
- 1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tbsp. minced onion
- 1 tsp. garlic
- 1/2 tsp. pepper

Stuffing:

- 1 asparagus bundle, trimmed
- 1 red bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 8 tbsp. butter
- Steak dry rub seasoning of your choice
- 6 ounces feta cheese
- Package of sliced prosciutto
- Bamboo skewers

Sauce:

- 8 tbsp. butter
- 1 sweet onion, chopped
- 1/4 tsp. garlic
- 1 cup Jim Beam Whiskey
- 1 cup beef broth
- 1 cup heavy cream
- Dash of salt
- Dash of pepper
- Flour (optional)

Mix all marinade ingredients together and pour on the tenderloin (backstrap) in a large Ziploc bag. Refrigerate the tenderloin for 2-3 hours.

After the tenderloin is marinated, start preparing the stuffing. Trim the asparagus. Slice the red bell pepper into thin strips. Melt the butter in a large skillet on medium heat. Add asparagus and cook for 8-10 minutes until slightly tender. Remove the asparagus and add the bell pepper to the same melted butter. Cook on medium heat for 8-10 minutes until the bell pepper is slightly tender.

Prep the tenderloin by butterflying lengthwise; be sure not to cut all the way through the meat. Cut the tenderloin into 3- to 4-inch sections. Depending on the size, this should yield 5-8 pieces. Dust each section with the steak seasoning. Use a Jaccard meat tenderizer to make the meat more pliable for stuffing. Place a spoonful of feta, 3 stalks of asparagus and 3-4 strips of red bell pepper in each section. Wrap the meat so that the feta is secure and the asparagus sticks out each end. Wrap in 2-3 slices of prosciutto, and secure with skewers.

In a clean pan, prepare the sauce by caramelizing onions and garlic in butter on medium-high heat. Turn the heat down. Add the whiskey and allow it to simmer a few minutes until the alcohol evaporates. Then add the beef broth and continue to simmer a few minutes while whisking. Continue to whisk while adding in the cream. Dash with salt and pepper, and let the sauce simmer and bubble on low, continuing to whisk gradually, while grilling the meat. If sauce is too runny add a little flour to thicken.

Heat your grill to a medium heat. Grill each side 5-10 minutes, until the prosciutto is slightly crisp. Remove and let sit for 5 minutes. Remove skewers, cut in half and drizzle sauce on top to serve.

Of course, none of the venison dishes will be worth eating if the deer is not properly cared for after harvesting. The best way to ensure top-quality venison is prompt action in the field, whether the deer ends up at home or at the professional processor. Obviously, the sooner the deer can be cleaned and gutted, the better. After you skin the deer, remove the area around the wound with bloodshot flesh. Rinse the carcass down and remove any hair or debris.

Then it's time to get the deer cooled down as quickly as possible, but it's not as simple as throwing the quartered deer on top of a bag of ice.

To get the deer cooled down properly, put a layer of ice on the bottom of the ice chest, followed by the deer meat, followed by another layer of ice. Keep the ice chest drain open to let the water flow out.

Aging venison helps the flavor and helps to tenderize the meat when done correctly. Seven days is about the maximum time for deer to age. If you've got a walk-in cooler where you can hang the deer, that is the best option. However, a well-iced cooler will work, just remember to keep the venison completely covered in ice the whole time. If the meat gets exposed to the air and warms to above 40 degrees, bacteria starts to grow.

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INVITATION TO BID

COMMUNITY SAFE ROOM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1997 Honda Accord, Vin #1HGCD5656VA099833
2010 Ford Focus, Vin. #1FAHP3HN3AW154352
2003 Toyota Camry, Vin. #4T1BE32KX3U162690
2012 Ford Focus, Vin #1FAHP3F24CL171951
2000 Ford Crown Victoria, Vin. #2FAFP73WOYX155844

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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

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

The following manufactured home to be auctioned separately and together with the real estate:
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Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

JEANIE MOTT WILHITE,
Plaintiff

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

WILLIAM RUDE WILHITE,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

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

Done this the 4th day of November, 2021.

Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

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

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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

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

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

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Obituary Announcements: Nov. 26

Memorial service details are incomplete at this time for Carolyn Swann, 77, of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Swann passed away Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020 at Folsom Center. She was born Jan. 5, 1943. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Memorial service details are incomplete at this time for Berniece Day, 77, of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Day passed away Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020 at her residence. She was born Aug. 18, 1943 to Duel H. and Bessie Lucille Gilley Melvin. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Larry Day; and grandchildren Eugene Day, Samuel Day. Survivors include her sons Mickey Day, Mark (DeeDee) Day, Melvin (Angie) Day, and Michael (Deborah) Day; daughter Melody (Donald) Sandlin; brothers Rickey (Ruth) Melvin and Roger (Judy) Melvin; 13 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Graveside services for Mr. Ervin Dillon Webb, 86, of Vinemont will be held Dec. 12, 2020 at 10 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Cullman Alabama, Deacon Pete Nassetta officiating. Cullman Funeral Home was honored to assist the family. Mr. Webb passed away Nov. 24, 2020 at his residence. He was born May 28, 1934 to Floyd C. and Cassie Nix Webb. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Larry Dwight Hines, 55, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020. Larry was born Dec. 14, 1964 in Cullman, Alabama to Willodean Vines and Junior Hines. Larry is survived by mother Willodean Vines Hines; sons Dereck Philyaw, Tyler Hines, and Malacki Hines; daughter Kara Hines; sisters Betty Hines, Peggy (JE) Bailey, and Linda Gourley; brothers Randy Hines, Timmy Hines, and Keith Hines; and eight grandchildren. Larry was preceded in death by father Junior Hines; sister Elizabeth Leighber; and brothers Billy Hines, Charles Hines, Ricky Hines, Gary Hines, and Vicky Hines. A celebration of life visitation for Larry was held Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 from noon-2 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. A celebration of life funeral service followed at 2 p.m. An interment followed at Crossroads Cemetery. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Hines family.

Thomas Timothy Drinkard of Cullman passed away Nov. 20, 2020 at the age of 81. He was born in Alabama Oct. 29, 1939 to Joe and Ollie Childers Drinkard. Mr. Drinkard was a veteran of the United States Army. A Celebration of Life Funeral Service was held Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home chapel. Interment followed services in Lawrence's Cove Cemetery in Eva, Alabama. Survivors are son Tim (Teresa) Drinkard; sister Geraldine Drinkard; grandchild Kalixta Drinkard; nephew Randy Bates; and several other nieces and nephews and other family. Visitation was Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 at Moss Funeral Home from 9:30-11 a.m.

Rayford Monroe Prichard (Ray) of Birmingham, Alabama passed away Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020 at the age of 87. Ray was born in Baileyton, Alabama Aug. 31, 1933 to Hurschel Rayford and Alice Frances Oliver Prichard as their only child. After his Mom was killed in a bus wreck when he was 2, Ray and his father joined the maternal family on the farm growing up with a large, loving extended family including his grandmother, aunts, and uncles. Times were tough, but he only told the happy stories and relived the fun times. Ray graduated from Fairview High School in Fairview, Alabama and continued to Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn University) where he obtained his Industrial Engineering degree. After graduating from API, he served in the Air Force as a navigator earning the rank of Captain. Ray married his sweetheart, Sherry Joann McCain, June 21, 1958 in Cullman, Alabama. She was the love of his life and so proud of her as a devoted wife, affectionate teacher, loving mother, and caring grandmother. They were married for 62 beautiful years. After the Air Force, Ray enjoyed a long career with Moore-Handley and held many different positions including Vice President – Industrial Division. During his career at Moore-Handley, he was an influential part of SIDA (Southern Industrial Distributors Association) which later became IDA (Industrial Distribution Association). He served in many different capacities in SIDA / IDA including President and stayed very active in the Past Presidents Club for many years. Ray was an instrumental part of the creation and development of The Storeroom, a Division of Thompson Tractor, which was an industrial supply company founded in Birmingham, Alabama. Ray and Bill French were great business partners as they successfully grew the distributorship into a regional favorite. The Storeroom later became part of Turner Supply, Inc. where he continued to lead and grow the Birmingham Division. Many deep, genuine relationships were formed during these years. Ray retired from Turner Supply after a long, successful career in Industrial Distribution. Ray was a long-standing Mason. He was deeply involved in the Elks organization serving as State President and stayed involved in the Past Presidents Club his whole life. He was a member of the Birmingham and Tuscaloosa Jaycees. He served as President of the Hoover Athletic Association for two terms. He served as Chairman of the Fairview High School Alumni Scholarship Fund and Chairman of the Oliver Scholarship & Charity Foundation. Ray was a longtime member of Lakeside Baptist Church where he worshipped with family and friends. He was a strong Christian and proud of his faith. Ray is survived by his wife Joann; children Michael (Tracey), Julie (Rusty) and Danny (Kathy); and grandchildren Ashley Prichard, Bradley Prichard, Zachary Adams, Carley Prichard and Sumner Adams Compher (Tyler). Services are being planned and will be announced at a future date. People wishing to honor Ray's lifelong commitment to family and community can make donations to The Fairview High School Alumni Association for college scholarships at 841 Welcome Road, Cullman, Alabama 35055. Please visit www.mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Billy Joel "Joe" Creel, 62, of Arab passed away Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020. He was born Jan. 3, 1958, in Marshall County to Joel Billy and Donna White Creel. Mr. Creel was talented with computers. Joe owned and operated a computer repair shop in Eagleville, Tennessee, for many years. He was also a volunteer firefighter, with the Eagleville Fire and Rescue, for as long as his health allowed. Joe is preceded in death by his father Joel Billy Creel and his brother Ricky Creel. Mr. Creel is survived by his mother Donna Creel; nephew Jonathan Creel; niece Alexandria Creel Latham; and four great-nieces and nephews. Friends are invited to share in a time of visitation with the Creel family Friday, Nov. 27, 2020 from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. It was Joe's wish to be cremated, and the family ask that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Eagleville Fire and Rescue in memory of Joe. You may mail donations to Eagleville Fire and Rescue, 126 S Main St., Eagleville, TN, 37060. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Creel family.

Barbara Ann (Pitts) Hicks, 83, of Haleyville, AL passed away Nov. 23. She has joined the love of her life, Jackie Ray Hicks. They've been separated for seven years and are now together. Both without pain and made whole. She was born to Perry and Rena Mae (Taylor) Pitts Oct 14, 1937 in Montgomery, Alabama. She was loved by many and will be missed by her family and numerous friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers and sister Enoch Rathel, John Pitts, Herrel Pitts, Roy Pitts, and Harriett Sue Berdeaux. She is survived by her five children Clifford (Sharon) Hicks of Cabot, AR, Anthony (Monika) Hicks of Illertissen, Germany, Ramona (Cecil) Willis of Fort Smith, AR, Tracy Lauderdale of Haleyville, AL, and Tammy (Joe) Hulsey, also of Haleyville. She had 14 grandchildren: Amy (James) Lang, Jennifer (Daniel) Menden, Ryan Hicks, Louisia Hicks, Jessica (Steffen) Rauhut, Emily Hicks, Ellen (Jeremy) Godsey, Lisa (John) Gladden, Justin Lauderdale, Samantha (Michael) Parker, Wenona (Daniel) Mertins, Chrissy (Bryan) Henderson, Johnathon (Megan) Gay, and Megan (Mark) Rickard. She had 22 grea- grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother and sister Jerrel Pitts and Wanda (Mike) Tanner; and numerous nephews and nieces. She loved to go on cruises and to travel. She was proud that she was able to go on 15 cruises and went to Germany twice. She loved going to the Senior Center to enjoy a meal and on some trips with her friends. She was involved in the Double Springs Civitan Club for several years. She and Jack owned a ceramics business and chicken house for almost 30 years. With Jack having a career in the Air Force, they lived in many different states and on Okinawa before settling in Haleyville. She never knew a stranger and she talked to everyone. She loved to play with her grandkids and great grandkids. Visitation will be Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs. The graveside service will follow at 3 p.m. at Winston Memorial Cemetery in Haleyville. Pallbearers will be TJ Savage, Gavin Godsey, Logan Godsey, Justin Lauderdale, Joseph Pitts and Anthony Weeks. Honorary pallbearers will be Jeremy Godsey, Ryan Hicks, and Dewayne Pitts.

Rejeana Ann Winsted, 57, of Haleyville entered into rest Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020 at North Alabama Medical Center. Mrs. Winsted was born Sept. 16, 1963 in Winfield, Alabama. Visitation will be held Monday, Nov. 30, 2020 from noon-2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the service will begin at 2 p.m. Brother Ricky Mann will officiate. Burial will follow in Hines Memorial Baptist Church Cemetery. Rejeana is survived by her daughters Nikki (Michael) Mays and Courtney (Patrick) Cochran; grandchildren Allie Holt and Tenley Cochran; brother Donald Steven Henson; sister Debbie (Lowell) Baker; and her best friend who was like a sister, Judy (Kenneth) Clark. She was preceded in death by her parents Don and Evelyn Henson.

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Thankful (from Front)

and family who make my heart smile on a daily basis and give me a reason to wake up each day.

"The biggest thing I am thankful for is my ability to be thankful. We live in a time and society where it seems some people feel entitled or owed and they never know what it feels like to be thankful and it truly makes me sad. Because being thankful is what makes you humble and is what often makes you kind. So, my friends, I hope this Thanksgiving you have many things to be thankful for, not cliche things; I mean I hope you are thankful for things that have touched your soul this year."

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry
"We know 2020 has been a very tough year for our citizens and our nation. Even through it all, I have been blessed and thankful for many things.

"A few of the things I am thankful for are My Lord and savior, my wife, children and family that continually support me through everything in life. I am thankful for the men and women of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office who work so hard for the community they love. The citizens of Cullman County who continually show us support every day. I cannot fully describe in words everything that I am thankful for this year, but without a doubt I have been blessed. I pray God's blessings over everyone this Thanksgiving season."

Victoria's Hope Founder April Bowen German
"This year has definitely taught me to be thankful for the moments as they are happening, before they become just a memory! And of course, I'm thankful for my wonderful husband, my boys, the opportunity to teach children and this amazing community who has made my dream a reality!

"After experiencing everything that this year has brought, I have learned to be thankful for the little things that I used to take for granted. I'm thankful to have been able to experience my son play his first season of varsity football. I'm thankful to be able to work side-by-side with my husband and still be able to experience how wonderful this amazing community is and the way we take care of our own. I'm thankful that I still get to teach my students face-to-face instead of in front of a computer. Those are things that I may have taken for granted before, but now I want to soak in every minute of it."

United Way of Cullman County Executive Director Becky Goff
"There are so many people that come to mind that I am thankful for this year, but without a doubt I am thankful for this community!! Cullman County is incredibly generous, and we have amazing partners that continue to rise above all the challenges to ensure that people in our community get the services they need.

"Personally, I am thankful for a rock solid faith. Even in times of discouragement- and this year has been full of that- I know that I can stand in confidence and with assurance on the promises God has given me. A better day is coming!"

The Link of Cullman County Director Julie Hall
"I am thankful for a Heavenly Father who loves me and for every person he has placed in my life to love - family, husband, workmates, church family, friends and strangers. Each and every relationship in each and every circumstance is an opportunity to live out His love, and for that I am truly thankful."

Cullman High School Principal Kim Hall
"I am thankful for my family and for salvation through Christ Jesus. I am thankful to have the opportunity to serve our community and students. This year, I am especially thankful for the small things- those simple moments of joy- the blessings of my grandson's laugh, the dogs running through the field, outdoor Thanksgiving dinners and beautiful sunsets."

Rumors Deli Owner Annette Harris
"I'm very thankful for many things. I'm thankful that we (all of us at Rumors) have remained safe from COVID so far throughout the pandemic. I'm really thankful for all the people who have surrounded and supported us, for my family and friends and my home. There have been a lot of uncertainties all around, but I am very fortunate to still have a job to get up and go to."

Good Samaritan Health Clinic Executive Director Jolanda Hutson
"I'm thankful for God's faithfulness, provision and abundant blessings in the midst of all the challenges of 2020."

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs
"God's grace during these uncertain times"

Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail
"Thanksgiving is a special time of the year that we should stop and just look around at all of our blessings. First that Jesus is our Lord and Savior. Second, our family and friends. Third, this great country that we live in."

Warehouse District Developer and Premier Promotions Owner Shane Quick
"This year has taught me that I have a lot to be thankful for. I'm thankful for my wife, boys and dogs. I'm thankful for my faith. It has sustained me throughout my life and in a year where few things seem certain. I'm thankful for my community, an amazing place to raise my family and grow old with the best people in the world. I'm thankful for my work family. We will see the other side of this pandemic and reach our goals even still. I'm thankful that the best days are yet to come!"

Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview
"I am thankful for faith, family, freedom, friends! I am thankful for safety and health! I am thankful for and appreciative to the men and women who do their jobs every day to provide everything I just mentioned! I'm thankful for the little things in life: morning coffee, blue skies, good music, just to name a few.

"I am thankful and blessed!"

Artist and Playwright Ben South
"'The gift of perpetual curiosity'- My mother said my first words were 'LOOK. LOOK!' probably because it's what I heard her say so often and so joyfully. 'Look up close at this, Bendigo. LOOK. LOOK!'

"I am regularly thankful for eagerly desiring to look, explore, think, read, study, discover something new in this wonderful, creative, grand world which is chock-ablock with wonders to thrill and amaze us. People with 'the gift of perpetual curiosity' rarely get bored.

"After living and working in large cities for decades, a great pleasure I've found in returning to Cullman, another thing for which I'm thankful, is there is greater calm, and freed from chaotic distractions, I'm more able to LOOK. LOOK!"

Rep. Scott Stadthagen, R-Hartselle
"I'm mostly thankful for my family. I'm thankful for the doctors that helped Amy overcome cancer and just thankful for being blessed through all that process."

Brooks' Place Child Advocacy Center Director Gail Swafford
Swafford, whose family faced a recent near-tragedy when her mother had an accident told The Tribune, "I've always been thankful for her and my family. This year I'm even more thankful. But in addition, thankful for medical professionals, first responders and teachers who risk so much for others. They truly are heroes."

Cullman Area Technology Academy Principal Billy Troutman
"This year certainly brings to mind what truly matters. I am thankful for my beautiful family and friends. I am thankful for my career and community. This year, I'm keenly aware of the little things we take for granted, like hearing your kids laugh, beautiful days, front porch friends, mowing grass... this could go on and on LOL!!

"The thing I'm most thankful for is knowing that God is in control. I'm thankful for His grace because we know that it's sufficient. (That's every day - not just Thanksgiving!)"

Curt's Closet Founder Ashley Wilson
"I truly have so much to be thankful for, I could write a book. From the obvious: my three amazing boys, to having a roof over my head and food in my pantry.

"But there is one thing I wake up to each morning that I am truly thankful for. And that is Curt's Closet. I am thankful for my little nonprofit for so many reasons. First, it is some good that came out of my tragedy. Curt's Closet is a way I may carry on Curt's name, his legacy, and spread a little joy in this dark world. As a grieving mother, I am so thankful I am able to do such in Curt's name. I am thankful to see the smile on a child's face when he puts on his new pair of shoes, or the teenage girl's excitement when she finds that perfect coat to wear to school the next day.

"I am thankful God opened these doors for me when He knew I would need it the most. I am thankful Curt's Closet can give back to the children of this amazing community we call home. I am thankful for the many generous donors and supporters that have made my vision a reality. I am thankful that God is at the center of Curt's Closet; He has blessed my nonprofit beyond my imagination. I am thankful at Curt's Closet we are showing each child that walks in our doors they are loved, worthy and accepted. I am thankful that the love Curt showed to everyone in his short life is still shining every day at Curt's Closet.

"No matter what life throws your way, how awful things can get, we can all find something to be thankful for."

Cullman Police Chief Kenny Culpepper
"I am so thankful for my family. I have been blessed with wonderful friends, co-workers and a great community, but family is no 1."

Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope
"Can I say that there's so much to be thankful for. It's hard for me to narrow it down to just two things.

"I would say that first of all I am thankful for my family. Growing up I had parents who didn't care to get a belt if they needed to, but they would also give support and praise when they needed to. I am the middle child. I have an older brother and younger sister. We have always had a strong friendship and grew up like almost all other siblings. We may fight with each other and get aggravated and mad, but we also know that when it comes to each other that we have each other's back and will be there for each other no matter what. Whitney and Hance are always there to support me. Hance is 2 now, and he has been all over this county shaking hands and meeting people since he was born. I appreciate the support they always give me.

"I think more so over the past few years than ever, I am thankful for the community we live in. After watching the news and seeing all of the crazy things going on all over the world, it's nice to have a little peace knowing that we live in community that we don't have to worry about most of these things. The people here are good, hard-working people that still love our country. They will stand for the national anthem. They support law enforcement. They believe in investing time with family. Heck, I think most people around here are like me and still watch Andy Griffith every night."

Fairview Elementary School Principal Marty Hardman
"I am very thankful for my family and our health. Also, to all my faculty and staff for their hard work during this difficult school year!"

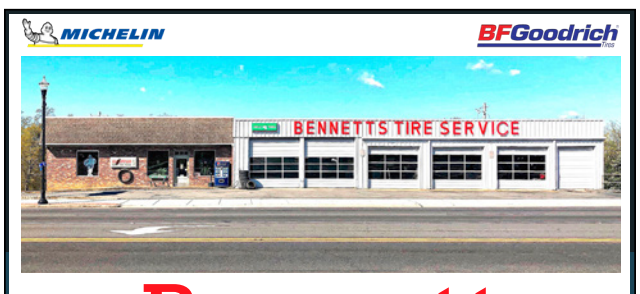
Good Hope Mayor Jerry Bartlett
"My family friends and staff, but most of all that my 89-year-old mother survived COVID."

Cullman County Commissioner Kerry Watson
"On this Thanksgiving Day in 2020, I am very thankful for my faith and the love and support of family and friends.

"I am also very thankful for my good health, the opportunity to serve the people of Cullman County and the privilege to be living in the greatest country that anyone could ever live in. My family and I would like to wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy Thanksgiving."


BECKY GOFF
United Way of Cullman County Executive Director Becky Goff is one of many residents who responded to The Tribune's question, "What are you thankful for?"


COREY HARBISON
Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope, pictured with his wife Whitney and son Hance, is one of many residents who responded to The Tribune's question, "What are you thankful for?"

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