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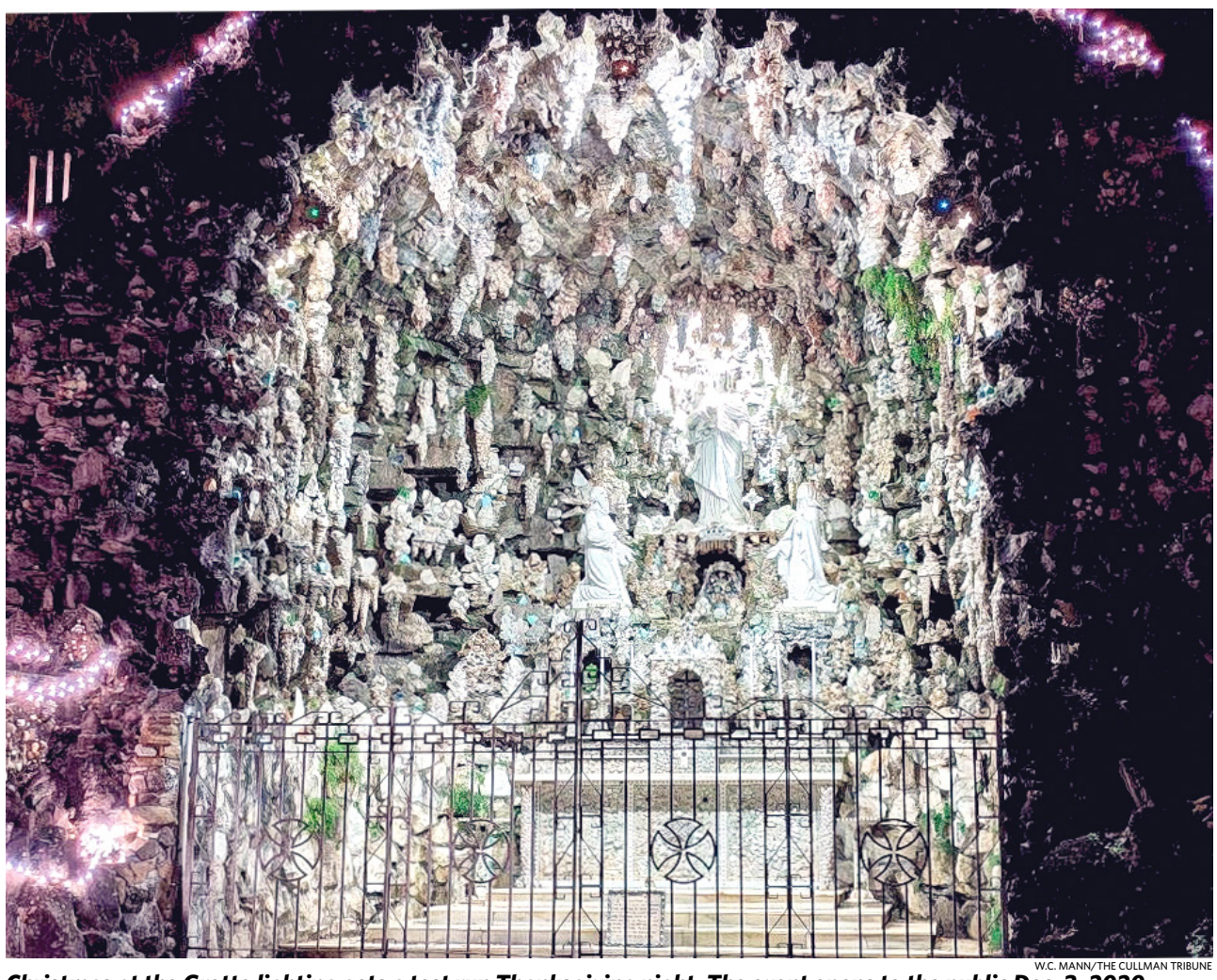
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Members of the Good Hope High School marching band are seen at the 2017 Cullman County Christmas Parade.

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– FAITH –

Ave Maria Grotto lighting up 'Christmas at the Grotto' starting Dec. 3



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Christmas at the Grotto lighting gets a test run Thanksgiving night. The event opens to the public Dec. 3, 2020.

W.C. Mann
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Ave Maria Grotto at St. Bernard Abbey will host a second edition of Christmas at the Grotto this December, building on the success of last year's inaugural event which featured evening tours through the park, much of which had been decorated with tens of thousands of Christmas lights.

This year's event promises to be even bigger, with a day of special activities, and with more lights covering more of the park, while maintaining a tasteful balance between "winter wonderland" and the devotional vision of Bro. Joseph, the Benedictine monk who made the Grotto and most of the park's works of art with his own hands.

Grotto Manager Roger Steele gave The Tribune a sneak peek this week and talked about what visitors can anticipate.

Said Steele, "We've added several more days and starting Dec. 3 this year; I don't think we started until the 18th or 19th of December last year, only ran three nights.

"This next month, this time, we're going to run it, have the park open 13 times. So it'll be basically, starting the 3rd, every Thursday, Friday, Saturday throughout December."

Steele said that he plans to open on a few other days as well, including Wednesday, Dec. 23 and possibly some weekdays between Christmas and New Year's Day.

"The whole park is going to be open, now," he added. Last year, only a limited portion of the tour area was lit, excluding the southern end, but the lights

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Hanceville's Tinsel Trail, Tree Lighting, Open House Dec. 4



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Christmas tree in Hanceville's Veterans Park in 2019

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USDA seeks applications for Rural Energy for America Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture

WASHINGTON, D.C. – United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Bette Brand recently invited applications for loan guarantees and grants for renewable energy systems and to make energy efficiency improvements, conduct energy audits and provide development assistance.

The funding is being provided through USDA's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), which was created under the 2008 Farm Bill and reauthorized under the 2018 Farm Bill.

This notice seeks applications for Fiscal Year 2021 funding.

The deadlines to apply for grants are Feb. 1, 2021 and March 31, 2021. Applications for loan guarantees are accepted year-round.

REAP helps agricultural producers and rural small businesses reduce energy costs and consumption by purchasing and installing renewable energy systems and making energy efficiency improvements in their operations.

Eligible systems may derive energy from wind, solar, hydroelectric, ocean, hydrogen, geothermal or renewable biomass (including anaerobic digesters).

USDA encourages applications that will support recommendations made in the Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity (www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/rural-prosperity-report.pdf) to help improve life in rural America.

Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that provide measurable results in helping rural communities build robust and sustainable economies through strategic investments.

Key strategies include:

- Achieving e-Connectivity for Rural America
- Developing the Rural Economy
- Harnessing Technological Innovation

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: Randy Campbell
Address Unknown

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

DONE THIS THE 20th DAY OF November, 2020.

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

Shay Persall, Esq.
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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

Robert Harold Lee
Personal Representative

C. Blake West
Attorney for Personal Representative
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
MATTHEW KINSER EDMONDSON *
Deceased. * CASE NUMBER: PC2020-325

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

PATRICK N. EDMONDSON, Administrator

KEVIN R. EDMONDSON, Administrator

Attorney for Administrator

TO: The Publisher of *The* Cullman Tribune:

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Judge of Probate - TAMMY BROWN

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
TEDDY WAYNE PHILLIPS, * CASE NO.: PC2020-323
*
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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

Donald Edward Phillips
Administrator

J. Bradley Wilson
Attorney for Administrator
Baggett & Wilson, LLC
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Cullman, AL 35055
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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CIRCUIT COURT
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LISA MCSWAIN, C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

Order of Publication and Notice of Pendency of Suit

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

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

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

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

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

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

DONE this 27th day of October, 2020.

CIRCUIT JUDGE

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

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

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES

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

Deborah Jean Chesser Powers
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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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. 28-29, 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

Hanceville Quarterback Club Turkey Shoot
• Every Saturday until 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.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, Nov. 27, 2020 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

• Total confirmed cases in AL: 202,473 (+718 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in AL: 40,401 (+199 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in AL: 3,240 (+0 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in AL: 332
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 3,203 (+11 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 1,151 (+9 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 35 (+0 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 7
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 25,328
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,605
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 770
• Total tested in Alabama: 1,567,713
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 29,786
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 124,699
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,526
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 24,451
• 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.

Funny Things from Yesterday: Locked in and locked out

Robert N. Tidwell, Sr.
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When our daughter, Robin, was 4 years old and Robert, Jr. was a little over a year old we had a problem of one being locked in and the other one locked out. Rudene was the secretary at Seventh St. Baptist Church and we had Rudene's young niece, Jean, keeping the children for us.

Jean was going out to hang out some clothes and she told Robin to stay in the house and watch over Robert, Jr. As Jean was hanging out the clothes Robin walked out to her.

She said to Robin, "You should be with your little brother to keep him from coming out."

Robin said that he couldn't get out for she had locked the storm door. This storm door had to be locked and unlocked on the inside. Jean got so excited she left Robert, Jr. locked in and crying, and Robin left out and crying because she couldn't get to her little brother. Jean, in her excitement, left the children there by themselves and drove to the Church to get Rudene.

When Rudene got home and saw the situation she called Dale, my brother, to come down and see if he could open the door. He was unable to open it, so they had to go through the basement and up the steps to the hall door. That door had a small chain on it to keep the children from going down the basement steps.

Finally, Dale had to remove the pins out of the hinges to open this door. All turned out OK, but it was an exciting experience and one that has never been forgotten.

Moving up to the present day there is a new experience of locked in and locked out. Our granddaughter Leanna and her husband Heath had this happen with the little twins.

Heath had just had a sinus operation and he could not lift the boys. Leanna bathed the boys, and while she was putting the bathroom in order Heath was to look after them. The little boys went into their room and in a little while the boys started to cry very loudly. They could hear that one was louder than the other one. When they went to check on them, they found the door locked.

Their doorknobs were the kind that had a little button in the middle and very easy to lock. There are no keys for this kind of lock. They tried to slide a card down between the lock and the door.

That didn't work. What to do?!!

Heath finally had to take the knob off the door to get them out. The reason one boy's crying was louder? He was just in the bedroom. The other little boy was also locked in the room's closet. This was a bad case of boys locked in and parents locked out. Boys will be boys.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Let us give thanks even in 2020

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



On October 3, 1789, President George Washington issued a proclamation of thanksgiving that Thursday, November 26th of that year, should be set aside as a day of thanksgiving for the people of the United States. That marked the first national observance of a day of thanks and it was observed each year for several years, but eventually the tradition faded away. Seventy-fours years later, on the exact same day as Washington's original proclamation, October 3rd, President Abraham Lincoln issued a new proclamation of thanksgiving. Like Washington, Lincoln proclaimed that Thursday, November 26, be set aside as a day of national thanksgiving.

The year was 1863. Thanksgiving has been celebrated annually since then, but did not become a legal holiday in the United States until 1941. In 1939, President Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving to one week earlier than it had been, in an attempt to make Christmas shopping begin earlier and bolster the economy in those latter days of The Great Depression.

In 1941, in response to a public outcry over the President's moving of the holiday, Congress named the fourth Thursday of each November as our national day of thanks.

When President Washington issued that first proclamation of thanksgiving, our nation was only thirteen-years old. The Revolutionary War had ended only six-years earlier.

Those were not easy days of high living. When President Lincoln issued his proclamation of thanksgiving in 1863, we were in the middle of The Civil War – arguably the worst war in our nation's history. When Congress made Thanksgiving a legal national holiday, Europe was the midst of war, but we were not involved yet, but that would quickly change. A little over two-weeks later, Japan bombed Pearl Harbor and we were involved in World War II.

As you can clearly see, with each of the beginnings of our national holiday called Thanksgiving, we were either on the heels of war, in the middle of war, or on the brink of war. In spite of those facts, we the people of the United States paused to give thanks to God Almighty for His blessings.

For most of this current year of 2020, we have found ourselves in a war of a different sort. This war is not being fought against a nation of foreign oppression, or states against states within our own nation, but an invisible enemy has waged war on us. This killer coronavirus has brought about a third world war, so to speak. It is not a war where soldiers fight against other soldiers, but one that has us fighting to stay well and alive none the less. It is a war that has killed over a million people worldwide and over 256,000 in the United States.

This figure is higher than the American death toll of any war we have fought. It is a war that has shut down a nation, our churches, businesses, and schools, for a period of time, and still limits our abilities to be together, to shake hands, or even be too close.

In spite of this terrible plague and the casualties it has caused, like those great Americans who have gone before us, we must still pause on the fourth Thursday of November to give God thanks for His abundant blessings.

We are still blessed beyond measure. Sadly, many will go to bed hungry, even on Thanksgiving; however, most of us have more than enough to eat every day. Most of us enjoy not only the necessities of living, but the luxuries of good living. Yes, we have much for which to give thanks, even in 2020...even in the midst of a worldwide pandemic!

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

HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1936, 1950

From the files of 1936

Congressman-elect, Luther Patrick of Birmingham will speak at the Cullman County Courthouse on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. It is a meeting of the Roosevelt Club and a Democratic Rally for Cullman County.

The L.O. Brock family is building a new home.

There will be a play at White City on Friday night. A small admission will be charged.

Those married from September 24 to October 1, 1936, were Glaynus Quattlebaum, 20, to Miss Loree Jenkins, 16 and Buell Hale, 18, to Miss Ruth Waters, 16.

A seven-pound sweet potato was grown by Ben Speegle on his farm, near Baldwin.

Henry Quattlebaum and wife of Welti visited D.L. Smith and family on Sunday evening.

A large crowd attended church at White Grove on Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. Floyd Linton has erected a new store building.

Pauline Camp and Cortez Johnson are attending Florence State Teachers College.

Velma Hicks was the Sunday dinner guest of Flossie and Flora Duke.

Mr. and Mrs. Val Woods drove to Montevallo on Sunday to escort Opal Brown to where she will be a student this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Glasscock spent Tuesday in Birmingham.

The new city school building has been finished and is now in use.

Dewey Rollo has returned from a trip to Springfield, Ohio.

The people of Chancey's Cross Roads have been making a lot of good syrup.

Thomas J. Boyd was killed by a truck, while walking across the Bee Line Highway, from the mailbox in front of his home.

Laudie Vandiver was married to Jewel Calvert this week.

Mrs. Aurelia McCabe will move to Vinemont, at an early date.

Doctor Sudduth was killed in an accident while helping others, following a wreck with no thought for his own safety.



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POET'S CORNER

Two Hand Tag

By: Randy C. Hale

That's what we called it,
kicked off, dodge whom
we could, end zone
straight ahead.
Hedge line to the left,
house to right,
barbed wire fences
behind us.

Bigger cousins, sometimes
pushed, our mouths
sucking
the hedge.
Bare hands slapped our
backs like Skin Bracer.

How beautiful the long
spiraling pass, like
Apollo rockets lifting into
the sky, the sun beaming
behind clouds silver lined.



If you found the pigskin
in the rays of bright light
you might go untouched,
free as rabbits leaving dust,
become your own
announcer,
screaming TOUCHDOWN!

Oh, those hot
summer days,
and leaves left in autumn,
sticking to the soles
of our feet.

Thanksgiving Days
and January
frost, scenes unfold
now when old,
looking out on these
barren fields
which hold the
pressed clay from
all my yesterdays.

Two hand tag, the hands
of friends, cousins, that
I can almost feel.

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

DRENNON PROPERTIES LLC,

PLAINTIFF,

VS.

CASE NO. CV-2020-900287

All that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 12, Range 2 West, laying Southwest of the Garden City and Blountsville Pike Road, and North of the Mulberry River, being about five (5) acres. Situated, lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama. LESS AND EXCEPT: All that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 12 South, Range 2 West, more particularly described as: commencing at an existing one-half inch pipe marking the Southwest corner of said forty; thence North 59 degrees 42 minutes 59 seconds East a distance of 371.54 feet to an existing 1 inch pipe on the South right of way of Third Street, SE; thence North 53 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds East along said right of way a distance of 150.27 feet to an existing 1 inch pipe and the true point of beginning of the property herein described; thence from said true point of beginning run South 27 degrees 33 minutes 12 seconds East a distance of 273.05 feet to an existing axle on the accepted South line of the above described forty; thence North 86 degrees 24 minutes 55 seconds East along said line a distance of 110.00 feet to a set5/8 inch rebar iron; thence North 27 degrees 52 minutes 12 seconds West a distance of 334.01 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron on the South right of way of Third Street SE; thence South 53 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds West along said right of way a distance of 100.00 feet to the true point of beginning and containing 0.69 acres more or less.

AND

JOHN W. KERBY and AMY B. KERBY, And A, B, C, D and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands,

DEFENDANTS.

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NOTICE

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

DONE this the 5th day of November, 2020.

LISA MCSWAIN, Circuit Clerk

Parade (from Front)

Christy Perry
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – "Christmas is on! The parade is on!" exclaimed Hanceville Civitan and Parade Director Brenda Carter.

The 31st annual Cullman County Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 5 at noon. The parade is organized by the Hanceville Civitan Club.

The parade will follow its normal route, beginning at Wallace State Community College and traveling south on U.S. Highway 31 to Hanceville Fire and Rescue Station 1. Santa and Mrs. Claus will participate in the parade and have agreed to visit with children at the fire station afterward. The parade is also expected to have several Cullman area marching bands.

Those participating in the parade will begin lining up at Wallace State at 10 a.m.

Laughed Carter, "We will have to roll out because Alabama plays football."

Typically, the parade loops through the Hanceville Nursing and Rehab Center property, but Carter said organizers aren't sure if the residents will be able to come out this year due to the pandemic. She said she is still waiting on final word from administrators.

"We are asking everyone to adhere to the CDC's COVID guidelines," said Carter.

"For example, use gloves when you do candy. Don't hand candy; throw it and let them pick it up if THEY want it.

"Keep your 6 feet and use your CDC common sense."

Everyone is encouraged to wear their masks.

The Hanceville Civitans will be accepting parade entries until the morning of the event. The entry fee is $5. For more information, contact Carter at 256-887-3508.

The Hanceville Civitan Club is a nonprofit organization which raises money each year to provide scholarships to Hanceville High School seniors.

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Wonderland Under Warrior returns to Rickwood Caverns State Park

Outdoor Alabama
Contributor

One of the state's unique holiday traditions returns this year at Rickwood Caverns State Park.

The park's centerpiece cave system will be home to "Wonderland Under Warrior," a magical experience as the cave is transformed into a festive underground winter wonderland. Holiday light displays and decorations accentuate the cave's natural formations.

"Wonderland Under Warrior is one of the top attractions at the park every year, and it's the perfect way to get into the holiday spirit," Rickwood Caverns State Park Superintendent Chris Bentley said. "We are extremely pleased to keep this holiday tradition going for all of our guests."

Wonderland Under Warrior began Saturday, Nov. 21 and runs through Dec. 30, operating from 2-8 p.m., on the days it's open, and the last tickets will be sold each day at 7:30 p.m.

Cost is $10 per person, and it's open Nov. 28-29 and in December, it is open almost daily, with the only closed dates being Dec. 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 24 (Christmas Eve), Dec. 25 (Christmas Day) and Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve).

A complete schedule can be found on the park's website. All regular cave tours are suspended for the duration of Wonderland Under Warrior and will resume in 2021. All cave visitors are required to wear masks as part of COVID-19 precautions, and guests are required to maintain a social distance of 6 feet from anyone not in their immediate family. Capacity restrictions will be enforced by park employees in the cave, nature center and gift shop and must be followed by all guests.

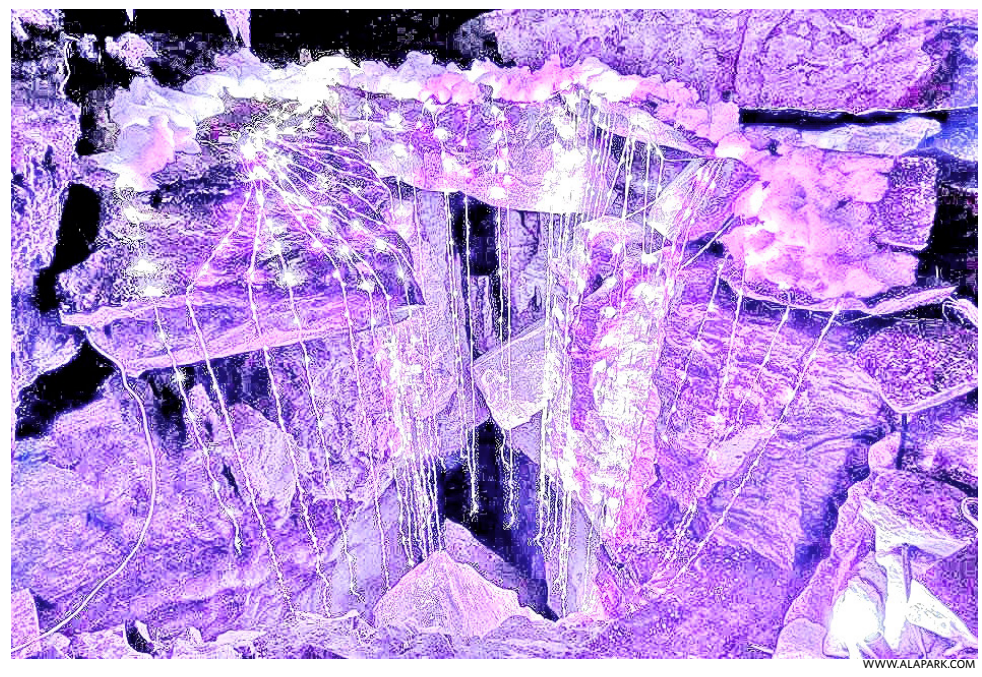
Hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the cave, and park staffers disinfect frequently.

The cave temperature remains at 62 degrees year-round, which makes it the perfect place to visit on a cold day. The park's gift shop will be decorated for the holidays and offer unique gifts, ornaments, snacks and hot cocoa to purchase.

Finally, Wonderland Under Warrior features an out-and-back self-guided tour, so the 110-step ascent at the end of the normal cave tour is not required. This makes the walk easier for anyone with mobility issues and small children. The entire walk is about a mile in the cave.

"Wonderland Under Warrior has become one of the top holiday attractions in the entire parks system, and we know many visitors look forward to it every year," said Greg Lein, director of the Alabama State Parks System. "The parks system offers unique experiences from the state's Gulf Coast beaches to the gorgeous scenery in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in northeast Alabama. Diving deep into Rickwood Caverns is a holiday experience unlike any other, and it represents another way to offer our guests something truly adventurous and memorable."

Rickwood Caverns State Park is located just off Interstate 65 in Warrior, at 370 Rickwood Park Road, Warrior, AL 35180.


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About Alabama State Parks
The Alabama State Parks Division operates and maintains 21 state parks encompassing approximately 48,000 acres of land and water in Alabama. The parks range from Gulf Coast beaches to Appalachian Mountains and provide opportunities and facilities from basic day-use activities to resort convention lodging, restaurant and golfing areas. Learn more at www.alapark.com

About Rickwood State Park
Rickwood Caverns State Park features 260-million-year-old formations that were created by water and reveal evidence that the cave was carved from an ocean bed, all 175 feet below the Earth's surface. The park also includes a campground, playground, hiking trails, gift shop and Olympic-sized swimming pool fed by cool waters from the cave. Learn more at www.alapark.com/parks/rickwood-caverns-state-park

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85th annual Iron Bowl set to kick off Saturday

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – The 85th meeting between the Auburn Tigers and Alabama Crimson Tide is set to kick off in Bryant Denny Stadium Saturday and for the first time since 2006, Head Coach Nick Saban will not be on the Alabama sideline. Saban tested positive for COVID-19 earlier this week and has been isolating at home but that isn't expected to change the game plan for Alabama this week. Saban tested positive earlier this season in the week before the Georgia game but it was determined to be a false positive after several negative tests.

The Tide and Tigers are both coming off SEC wins as they prepare for this week's Iron Bowl matchup. Auburn put together a strong second half to pull away from Tennessee 30-17 while Alabama comfortably dismantled Kentucky 63-3.

The Tide offense is putting up just over 49 points per game this season thanks in large part to stellar 2020 campaigns from quarterback Mac Jones, wide receiver DeVonta Smith and running back Najee Harris. Even with the loss of standout receiver Jaylen Waddle earlier this season, the Alabama offense has been humming every week and the Tigers will certainly have their hands full defensively.

The Auburn defense is allowing just 22 points per game this season and will need one of its best efforts of the year this weekend. The Volunteers ran for 222 yards in their loss at Auburn last weekend so the Tigers have shown they can be susceptible to the run.

Alabama has generated a lot of explosive plays through the air this season but has quietly been averaging a little over 180 yards per game on the ground. Auburn's secondary has pulled down seven interceptions this season and has proven to be the strongest unit on the Tigers' defense so don't be surprised to see a heavy dose of Najee Harris Saturday afternoon.

Auburn's offense and Alabama's defense have both been plagued by inconsistency this fall.

The Tigers are scoring just over 28 points per game and began to find some success in the running game behind freshman tailback Tank Bigsby.

A hip injury suffered on just his second carry of last week's game makes Bigsby's status for the Iron Bowl unknown but if he is unable to play, it'll be a big blow to the Auburn offense.

Both starting tackles on the Tigers' offensive line, Brodarius Hamm and Alex Jackson, will likely be out for Saturday's game as well. Those losses will make things even more challenging for an Auburn offense that has struggled on the road this year.

If there is a silver lining for the Tigers, its' that this year's Crimson Tide defense has not been as stout week to week as year's past. Alabama is allowing 19 points per game to its opponents this season, the most since Saban's first season in Tuscaloosa. Several SEC teams, most notably Ole Miss, have been able to move the ball against this Crimson Tide defense and Auburn will have to take advantage of the unit's weaknesses to have a chance Saturday.

After the Tigers took last year's showdown at Jordan Hare Stadium in dramatic fashion, Alabama will be anxious to get another crack at Auburn this weekend on one of the biggest stages in college football.



UA ATHLETICS/AU ATHLETICS

Alabama QB Mac Jones (left) and Auburn receiver Anthony Schwartz (right)

Balanced effort leads Auburn to overtime victory in season opener

Cody Voga
AU Athletics

FORT MYERS, Fla. – Five players reached double figures as Auburn won its season opener against Saint Joseph's, 96-91, in overtime Thursday night at the Fort Myers Tip-Off.

The Tigers were led by double-doubles from Jaylin Williams (18 points, 11 rebounds) and Devan Cambridge (13 points, 10 rebounds), while Justin Powell added 17 points and seven rebounds in his collegiate debut. Allen Flanigan and Tyrell Jones chimed in with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Auburn trotted out a brand new starting lineup from a season ago that included four sophomores and one freshman, while Saint Joseph's played a majority of upperclassmen in the 2020-21 season opener for both teams.

"When the game got tight and close late, that's when Saint Joseph's had the advantage because there were a lot of guys on the floor from a year ago and we were new," head coach Bruce Pearl said. "Jaylin Williams was the best player on the floor. What a win for the first time out this season."

After falling behind 7-4 in the first four minutes, the Tigers rattled off a 10-0 run to take a 14-7 lead.

That margin would grow to as large as 11 at 24-13 following a Williams jumper midway through the first half.

The Hawks chipped away and brought the score line to one, but an 11-4 run by Auburn that featured buckets from JT Thor, Powell and Flanigan gave the Tigers a 44-36 advantage at the break.

The lead was not relinquished until a minute to go in the second half when Saint Joseph's got a pair of layups from Taylor Funk to go up 83-80.

Following a pair of free throws by Flanigan and one from the Hawks' Ryan Daly, the game came down to one possession for each team.

With 13 seconds remaining, Williams slipped a screen, received the feed from Cambridge and slammed it home to knot the game back up at 84-84.

Daly then missed the game-winning shot and the contest went to overtime.

It was all Auburn in the extra period as Powell and Williams combined for eight of the Tigers' 12 points and elevated the Tigers to a 96-91 win.

"Saint Joseph's had older guys and were more experienced, while we were the younger team," Williams said.

"For some of our guys, this was their first college game. Down the stretch, we were more athletic and quicker. We came through and finished well as a team."

Auburn dominated the glass, outrebounding Saint Joseph's 56-39. The Tigers' 21 offensive rebounds led to 30 second-chance points on the evening.

It's a short turnaround for Auburn as it is set to take on No. 1 Gonzaga Friday morning at 10 a.m. CT on FOX and the Auburn Sports Network.



FT MEYERS TIP-OFF

Auburn's Justin Powell (24) posted 17 points and seven boards in the Tigers' overtime win against Saint Joseph's Thursday.

Troy travels to App State for Saturday showdown

Adam Prendergast
Troy Athletics

TROY, Ala. – Troy hits the road for the third time in its last four game with a trek up the mountain to take on App State on Saturday at Kidd-Brewer Stadium. Kickoff is slated for 2:30 p.m. (CT) and the game will be televised on ESPN2.

After playing last week with a depleted roster and coaching staff due to COVID-19, Troy (4-4, 2-2 Sun Belt) should be near full strength from a roster standpoint and will also look to have head coach Chip Lindsey back on the sideline.

"My symptoms were pretty mild to be honest with you," Lindsey said about his COVID-19 diagnosis. "I just felt a little fatigued, maybe a little bit of a head cold. I did lose some taste and smell, but really not as bad as I read about some people having so I am very fortunate from that standpoint. It was defiantly a shocking blow. You just don't ever anticipate not being there with your team. I think I'll be out of quarantine on Friday and should hopefully be back for this weekend."

The Trojans will be looking to shake off the sting from a pair of back-to-back losses by a combined 10 points; in fact, Troy's last three losses have come by a total of 12 points.

Despite playing with several key players, the Troy defense held Middle Tennessee to just 20 points; its third straight game allowing 20 or fewer points – a first since 2017. Overall, the Trojans are allowing 12.6 points and 40.6 yards fewer per game than they did last season.

Saturday's matchup features two of the nation's top defensive teams in terms of forcing turnovers. Troy is second nationally since the start of the 2016 season averaging 1.93 turnovers forced per game, while App State leads the country over that time period with 79 interceptions; Troy is second with 74.

Troy's linebacking trio of Carlton Martial, K.J. Robertson and Jayden McDonald have been a solid force this season. Martial leads the Trojans and ranks fourth in the Sun Belt with 8.25 tackles per game, Robertson has missed just two tackles all season – the fewest by a linebacker nationally – and McDonald is the third-highest rated pass rushing linebacker in the country per Pro Football Focus.

Offensively, Troy will be looking to get back on track after combining for just 27 points the last two games after topping the 30-point mark in five of the first six games of the season.

"For us offensively, we have to get our guys back together this week and back in cohesion and start executing a lot better," Lindsey said.

Quotable – Head Coach Chip Lindsey

Obviously disappointed in last weekend. We had some adversity for sure with a lot of guys out with COVID, including myself, which was an unusual experience for me to sit at home and watch your own team play. It was gut wrenching to be honest with you, but it was the hand we were dealt when we decided to play this year. It was something we had to have a plan for, and we did. In total we had three full time coaches out, all of our offensive GAs and going into the game about 16 players. Six of them got released the day of the game, which means they didn't practice for the last 10 days heading into the game. So, we were definitely playing less than full strength for sure.

Know Your Foe

App State, which has won four straight Sun Belt titles, saw its chances at another title take a major blow last weekend with its loss at Coastal Carolina. Under first-year head coach Shawn Clark, the Mountaineers are one of the nation's top defensive teams holding opponents to just 19 points and 338.8 yards per game. Quarterback Zac Thomas ranks second nationally among active players with a 29-5 record as a starter, while cornerback Shermar Jean-Charles leads the country with 15 passes defended.

Notable

• Troy's offensive line ranks fourth nationally (min. 300 passing situations) as a unit with a 92.1 pass blocking efficiency rating

• Troy ranks second nationally since the start of the 2016 season averaging 1.93 turnovers forced per game

• Troy is 1-7 on coin tosses this season ... Troy has received the opening kickoff in 15-of-20 games under Chip Lindsey and has scored on 10 of those possessions

• Austin Stidham ranks first nationally (min. 300 pass blocking opportunities) among all tackles with a 98.0 efficiency rating per Pro Football Focus (pressures allowed on a per-snap basic with weighting towards sacks allowed) ... he missed last week's game against Middle Tennessee

• Will Choloh is the highest rated pass rusher among interior defensive lineman nationally per PFF with a 90.3 grade ... his 25 pressures lead the G5 and rank third nationally (interior DL)

• In Troy's four wins, the Trojan defense is holding its opponents to just 17.5 points, 4.6 yards per play and 324.8 yards per game

• Troy has won 62.5 percent of its road Sun Belt games since 2006; the third-highest percentage in the league

• Troy is averaging just 67.75 offensive snaps over its last four games; the Trojans were averaging 74.56 plays per game in the 16 previous contests

• Troy ranks seventh since the start of the 2017 season with 336 tackles for loss; the Trojans are 10th over that time with 127 sacks.



TROY ATHLETICS

Troy will travel to take on Appalachian State Saturday at 2:30.

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Lighting (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The fourth annual Civitan Tinsel Trail and Tree Lighting Ceremony at Hanceville's Veterans Memorial Park are scheduled for Friday, Dec. 4 at 5 p.m. Visitors can already enjoy the Christmas displays around the park's walking trail now through Jan. 1.

Brenda Carter with the Hanceville Civitans said she hopes the community will come out for the short ceremony before heading downtown for Hanceville's Christmas Open House.

"At 5, we will have a short ceremony. We will tell the Christmas story and (have) some entertainment before the mayor addresses the crowd," said Carter, who said Rev. James Fields is scheduled to emcee the festivities.

"Christmas at Veterans Park is about Jesus being born. Santa Claus won't be there.

"He'll be downtown. We separate that.

"This is about the Christmas story."

She continued, "After we light the tree, we will dismiss to go downtown for Christmas Open House.

"We (will) have hot chocolate and cookies in front of the library with Christmas music playing."

Santa Claus will be at the library ready to take photos with the kids. Downtown merchants will remain open late.

Carter said this is the biggest year so far for the Hanceville Civitans' Tinsel Trail.

She said she is thrilled by this year's increased participation.

"We have doubled our walk this year from what we had last year," she smiled.

"We have 26 participants right now, and we are still getting them.

"We want this to grow and we want this to go all the way around the pond and the walking trails."

Carter said businesses and individuals are welcome to sponsor 10x10 plots at Veterans Park for $25.

The Hanceville Civitans will provide a sign for the space. "You can decorate them any way you want to!"

To sponsor a space on the Tinsel Trail, contact Hanceville Councilwoman Patty Nail Dean at 256-352-4872.

The Hanceville Civitan Club is a nonprofit organization which raises money each year to provide scholarships to Hanceville High School seniors.

Grotto (from Front)

will now cover the entire area, opening all of Bro. Joseph's creation for visitors to experience in this special way.

Crafts and choirs Dec. 19

A big new feature will be a special event Dec. 19 featuring a craft fair and live music at the Grotto. Steele said that he hopes to get 20 to 30 craft vendors to attend, and he is working on that part of the program with Joyce Nix, who coordinates St. Bernard Prep School's Bloomin' Festival and Bernard Blues and BBQ events.

Steele said that music for the special event will be provided by choirs, including those of:

• St. Symeon Orthodox Church, specializing in traditional chant

• St. Bernard Abbey, with monks presenting Gregorian chant

Steele added that he is talking to an African-American church about sending its choir, but he has not finalized an agreement.

The goal

The goal of Christmas at the Grotto, according to Steele, is "to have an elegant spiritual atmosphere" that highlights the artistry and devotional aspects of the Grotto while providing a fun experience.

Said Steele, "That's kind of the issue that you have here. I have some people that don't want as many lights, that want to highlight Bro. Joe's work at night; others want it to be Christmas wonderland.

"So I'm trying to hit kind of a happy medium. I don't like the colored or flashing lights, but kind of keep it the warm, non-LED lights, that kind of an elegant feel."

At a glance

Christmas at the Grotto
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.

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• Children 3 and younger - free

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/avemariagrotto/.

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 28

Glenn Lee Perry, 86, of Addison entered into rest Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Glenn was born April 29, 1934 in Cullman to John and Ruby Perry. He proudly served in the United States Army for two years. Glenn was a member of the Addison Town Council for 14 years, a charter member of the Addison Rescue Squad, and a member of the Addison Volunteer Fire Department. He will always be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and an overall good man. Throughout his sickness, he fought the good fight and kept the faith. A graveside service will be held Monday, Nov. 30, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery, Addison. Brother Tim Box will officiate. Glenn is survived by his wife of 59 years, Betty Perry; sons Brian Perry and his wife Jill and Brandon Perry and Chastity; daughters Diane Hadley and her husband Brad and Glenda Carpenter and her husband Michael; grandchildren Nathan Hadley, Seth (Katty) Hadley, Lexi (Taylor) Cheatham, Kinsie (Woody) Lassauw, Brett Perry, and Aaron Perry; great-granddaughter Jude Hadley; and a host of family and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother and father John and Ruby Perry; mother and father-in-law Tom and Ezella Darnell; son-in-law Doyce Hill; six brothers; and two sisters. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.nicholsfuneralhomes.com.

Funeral services for Pauline Rebecca Robbins, 78, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, 2020 at Center Point Baptist Church with Victor Quick and Darryl Bailey officiating; interment in Center Point Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020 at Center Point Baptist Church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Robbins passed away Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020 at her residence. She was born Sept. 16, 1942 to Buell and Virginia Brock. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband John Robbins; son Jason Robbins; and brothers Charles Brock and Gerald Brock. Survivors include her daughters Rebecca (Gary) McClendon and Katrina (Kenny) Haynes; grandchildren Jason (Stephanie) McClendon, Ariel (Ryan) Lampkin, Jeremiah McClendon, Joshua McClendon, Alisha McClendon, Amanda McClendon, April McClendon, Justin McClendon, Courtney (Riley) Whitehead, Caitlin (Zeb) Young, Jonathan Haynes, and Crissy Haynes; great-grandchildren Talyn McClendon, Rilynn Young, and Ashlynn Young; brothers Ronnie Brock, Larry (Carolyn) Brock, Roger Brock, and Kerry Brock; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Memorial service details are incomplete at this time for Jeffrey Paul Brown, Sr., 55, of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to be assisting the family. Mr. Brown passed away Friday, Nov. 27, 2020 at his residence. He was born July 24, 1965 to Joseph L. and Margaret Ann Holt Brown. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Linda Brown; brothers Steve Brown and Daryl Brown; and brother-in-law Mike Cooper. Survivors include his son Jeffrey Paul (Samantha) Brown, Jr.; daughter LaShay (Grant) Hulgan; brother Vernon Brown; sister Eloise Cooper; grandchildren Colton, Hayden, and Lindsey Brown and Madalyn Hulgan; and family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Mrs. Lee Sharron Hogeland of Hanceville passed away Nov. 25, 2020 at the age of 77. She was born July 9, 1943 in Cullman to Grady Edward and Berta Mae Harbison Burney. She worked at King Edward Cigar Plant and went to college and got her degree as a registered nurse and then her and her husband drove trucks for Wal-Mart. She loved gardening and quitting. She is preceded in death by her parents and daughter Vickie Williams. Funeral services are Sunday, Nov. 29, 2020 at 2 p.m. in Moss Funeral Home chapel with Bro. Johnny Williams officiating. Interment will be in Crossroads Cemetery. Survivors are husband Ralph Hogeland; daughters Sherrie (Danny) Miller, Pam Hogeland, Kristy Hogeland, and Shirley (Carles) Farr; sons Mark (Martha) Hogeland, William (Marsha) McMurry, Robert Hogeland, Paul Hogeland, and Jeremy Hogeland; sisters Becky Burney, Connie Sharpton, and Brenda Burney; brothers Ricky Burney, Marty (Tonya) Burney, and Rowdy Burney; 26 grandchildren; and 55 great-grandchildren. Visitation is Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020 at Moss Funeral Home from 5:30-9 p.m. Please send memories and condolences to the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Funeral Home directing.

Dorothy Carroll Henderson, 101, of Cullman, Alabama left her earthly home and entered the Kingdom of Heaven on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, 2020. She passed away peacefully at Woodland Nursing Village. She was beloved by her family and friends. Dorothy was a stay-home mother and then worked at Saint Bernard College where she served as faculty secretary. She was a lifetime member of First Christian Church, where she was a member of the choir, a deaconess, and served on various committees. Dorothy was born Dec. 2, 1928 in Cullman to Elbert and Daisy Mae Jones Carroll. She was the youngest of eight children, preceded in death by her two brothers and five sisters. She was married for 67 years to Millard Henderson, who precedes her in death, along with her son Wilson Henderson. Dorothy is survived in death by her daughter Penny Henderson Burkett and four grandchildren Lowell Henderson, Heather Henderson, Sharon Bates and John Bates. She also had several great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Graveside services for Mrs. Henderson will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020 at Hopewell Baptist Cemetery; Minister Robin Lambert officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to be serving the family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Graveside services for James Douglas Chance, 86, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 30, 2020 at Simcoe Methodist Cemetery; Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to be serving the family. Mr. Chance passed away Nov. 26, 2020 at the Folsom Center. He was born Feb. 9, 1934 to James Allen and Nellie Golden Chance. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Funeral service for Franklin Raymond Duckworth, 87, of Cullman will be at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 1, 2020 at Bethel Baptist Church, Fayette, AL; Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Burial will be in the adjoining cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Duckworth passed away Nov. 25, 2020 at Cullman Regional Hospital. He was born May 15, 1933 to Henry and Mildred Stewart Duckworth. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife June Duckworth; children Ricky Duckworth and Kathy Duckworth; grandchild Becky Duckworth and brothers and sisters. Survivors include his son Kenneth (Deborah) Duckworth; daughter Nelda (Raleigh) Brooks; sister Louise Benton; grandchildren Tracy (John) Coyne, Chris (Cindy Sue) Stover, Ricky Duckworth, Leslie Martin, Joey (Jessica) Duckworth, James Mefford, and Church Mefford; several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and family and friends. Visitation at Cullman Funeral Home will be Tuesday, Dec. 1 from 10-11 a.m. The family will receive friends at Bethel Baptist Church in Fayette from 1-1:30 p.m. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Funeral services for Ollie Christine Graham, 91, of Bremen, Alabama will be at 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Jerry Hackney will be officiating. Burial will follow at New Prospect Cemetery in Hanceville. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home Saturday, Nov. 28. Mrs. Graham is survived by her daughter Bobbie (Gary) Graves; grandson Timmy (Lori) Graves; great-grandchildren Mellissa (Dewayne) Light, Michael (Mollye) Graves, Elizabeth Vance, and Ethan Graves; great-great-grandchildren Makenzie Light, Bailee Light, Meya Graves, Layla Graves, and Linkon Graves; special niece Lorene Vincent; brother Curtis (Mary) Casey; and a host of nieces and nephews. Mrs. Graham is preceded in death by her parents William and Ila (Edwards) Casey; husband Willard J. Graham; sisters Clara Black, Irene Vincent, and Mary Brown; and brothers William F. Casey and James Casey.

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Boosting holiday cheer at home during a socially-distant season

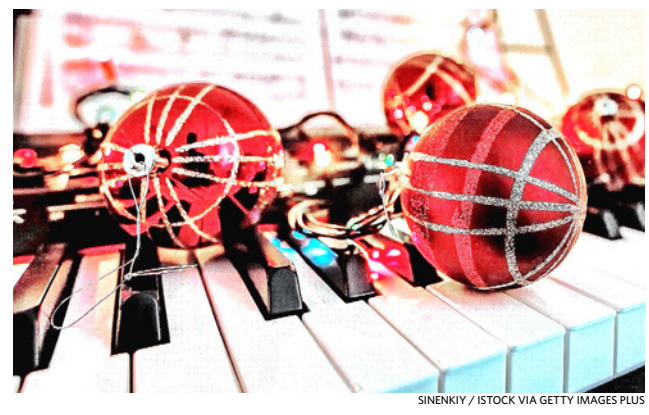
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Unfortunately, many Americans will be unable to celebrate the holidays with their extended family and friends in person this year, making it all the more important to boost holiday cheer at home. Here are few festive ideas for getting into the holiday spirit during this socially distant season.

• Don't skip out on the decorations: You may not be hosting any houseguests, gatherings or big meals, but this shouldn't be the year to skip out on the full-scale decorating you typically enjoy. Lights, trees, garlands, stockings and wreaths can evoke favorite memories of past seasons and invite hope for future ones all season long. You can even set up a video conference to enjoy the camaraderie of decorating with far-off loved ones.

• Deck the halls with music. Add a digital piano to your holiday-scape to help elevate the mood with Christmas carols and other seasonal tunes. Consider Casio's line of PX-S console digital pianos, which have a striking design that fit any room, décor and mood. A glossy top panel and unibody case evoke a luxurious acoustic grand in a sleek case that's barely larger than the keys themselves. Integrated Bluetooth audio lets you connect your device wirelessly to the musical keyboard, so you can play all your favorite holiday music through its powerful stereo amplification system.

• Add favorite aromas: Now that you have the sights and sounds of the season covered, don't forget its delicious scents. Your nose will know the holidays have arrived when you bake that first batch of gingerbread cookies or light candles in scents like evergreen and peppermint. You can even try simmering a pot of water and add aromatic ingredients to it such as cloves, cinnamon sticks and rosemary.



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• Send season's greetings: Set aside an afternoon to compose and send holiday cards. This end-of-year tradition allows you to reconnect with the people you care about most and can help lend the season a touch of normalcy.

While you may not be making your usual visit to relatives or throwing your annual bash, there are many creative ways to make the most of the season and create happy memories for years to come.



