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– LOCAL GOVERNMENT –

GOOD HOPE COUNCIL MULLS UNNAMED RETAIL DEVELOPMENT

Members of the Good Hope City Council are seen at a special-called meeting Monday night, Nov. 30, 2020.

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Today is Giving-Tuesday

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Vinemont Councilman, former Mayor J.D. Marcum dies at 85



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J.D. Marcum

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SOUTH VINEMONT, Ala. – South Vinemont Councilman and former Mayor J.D. Marcum died Saturday evening at the age of 85. He was hospitalized at Crestwood Hospital in Huntsville after testing positive for COVID-19. Services for Marcum will be held Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Flint Creek Cemetery with Carlos Wilhite and Larry Woods officiating.

Marcum was born on Valentine's Day in 1935 to James Obra and Lorene Marcum. He grew up in the Cold Springs community and graduated from Cold Springs High School. After high school, he attended and graduated from St. Bernard College.

Marcum later joined the United States Army, then returned home to Cullman County. He worked at Sears for many years. He, along with his wife, worked at Doyle Real Estate before opening Marcum-Freeman Real Estate. He opened and retired from Certified Real Estate Appraisers.

Marcum is survived by his wife Edith, whom family and friends call "Deedie." They were married Dec. 8, 1972 and would have celebrated their 48th anniversary this month. In their many years together, the Marcums enjoyed spending time together and making memories with their family.

"He spent many years traveling with his kids seeing most of the United States," said son Brent Partain," pulling a camper and boat everywhere. He taught the kids how to hunt, garden and experience the outdoors. He supported his kids in their many hobbies and activities from motorcycle and go-kart racing to karate and all their school sports."

Marcum's daughter Jennifer Smith said of her father, "Dad served in the Army, was a church elder and a loving father."

J.D. and Edith » PAGE 6

CRIME

Vinemont man charged after shooting in Zaxby's parking lot in north Cullman



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Joseph Allen Gaines

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CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

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STATE

Ivey: Lynn Beshear retiring as ADMH commissioner; Kim Boswell appointed

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Gov. Kay Ivey on Monday announced that Lynn Beshear will retire as commissioner of the Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH) effective Dec. 16, 2020. Ivey appointed Beshear to the position in July 2017. Kim Boswell will take Beshear's place.

"When Lynn was appointed, I knew that she would approach her role always thinking of what is best for the people of Alabama," Ivey said.

"She has created a collaborative team approach within the Alabama Department of Mental Health to solve intricate problems regarding delivery of services for mental illness, substance abuse disorder and intellectual disability.

"I am truly grateful for her service to our state and wish her best in her next chapter."

While leading the ADMH, Beshear spearheaded many initiatives to increase access of services for Alabamians with mental illness while navigating complexities of delivery by the department and community providers.

"It is been an honor to serve as the commissioner of the department," Beshear said.

"I am stepping into the next chapter of my life proud of the accomplishments of the department and am incredibly honored to have worked with such dedicated individuals who are committed to improving the lives of others.

"I profoundly thank Governor Ivey for her trust in me these last three years and have no doubt the department will continue to change the lives of the people of Alabama for the better."

Under Beshear's leadership, the ADMH launched Stepping Up Alabama, which uses the national model to reduce the numbers of individuals in jails with mental illness.

Alabama is the only state to expand the goal to include ERs and substance use disorder.

It is anticipated that a case management component of Stepping Up will be in place in all 67 counties by the end of the 2022 fiscal year.

Also, three mental health crisis centers were announced as crisis diversion centers in the 2020 fiscal year with the goal of individuals receiving "the right care, at the right time, in the right place."

Expansion of school-based mental health services, hiring a housing coordinator for individuals' stabilization plans, and the expansion of infant and early childhood services and autism services are examples of the ADMH's expansion of services during Beshear's tenure.

Ivey is appointing Boswell to be the new commissioner effective Dec. 16, 2020.

Boswell has more than 36 years of experience working with individuals with mental illness, substance abuse disorders and developmental disabilities.

She currently serves as chief of staff for Beshear and has been both associate commissioner for administration and director of human resources for the ADMH.



OFFICE OF GOV. KAY IVEY

Kim Boswell

During her career, she has worked as a planner to improve human service delivery systems, a program evaluator, a School to Work transition coordinator, and has also served as the state office administrator for the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services.

"I'm pleased to announce Kim Boswell as commissioner for the Alabama Department of Mental Health," Ivey said.

"She has spent the entirety of her professional career devoted to helping struggling individuals and I appreciate her willingness to serve in this new capacity.

"Her background as a mental health provider as well as administrator makes her uniquely qualified."

Boswell received a Bachelor of Social Work from The University of Alabama at Birmingham and a Master of Social Work from Florida State University, with a specialization in planning and program evaluation.

Boswell is of no relation to Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Director Kenneth Boswell.

STATE

Revive Plus COVID-19 relief grant program

Rick Zapata
Contributor

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey recently announced the launch of Revive Plus, a grant program aimed at helping businesses affected by COVID-19. This program will offer cash grants in amounts of up to $20,000 to Alabama-based businesses, nonprofits and faith-based organizations that meet certain requirements.



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Who is eligible?
The application deadline is December 4. The application process is being administered by the Alabama Department of Finance. People can submit an application at https://alabama.submittable.com/submit.

The Revive Plus grant program is open to businesses that meet the following requirements:

- have 50 employees or less
- were in business March 1, 2020 and continue to this date
- have incurred eligible expenses because of interruption of business caused by COVID-19, up to the grant amount requested
- have not received a federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan

More information
To read all of the information related to this grant, visit the state of Alabama's Coronavirus Relief Fund website. There, people can find the program application, an eligibility overview, and a list of frequently asked questions.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Monday, Nov. 30, 2020 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

- Total confirmed cases in AL: 208,023 (+2,080 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 41,501 (+215 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 3,246 (+1 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 332
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 3,321 (+35 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 1,194 (+6 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 35 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 7
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 25,682
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,339
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 789
- Total tested in Alabama: 1,584,347
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 30,856
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 118,222
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,717
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 25,338
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 161,946

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

Monday, Nov. 30 update from Cullman Regional
The hospital reported 53 positive COVID patients, with 11 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

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NOTICE OF TEMPORARY CLOSURE
The St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church is temporarily closed due to COVID-19. Plans are to re-open Monday, Dec. 7, 2020.

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.
- Wednesday Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. "Events of the End Times-First Half of the Tribulation" by Pastor Bobby Dodd. Everyone welcome!
- Sundays 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

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.
- 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

Cold Springs Royal Blue Band Turkey Shoot
- Saturday, Dec. 5 at 8 a.m. 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, bacon or pork shoulder!

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.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 30

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 30, 2020. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Nov. 23
- criminal mischief, harassment; CR 1599
- domestic violence; CR 1718
- domestic violence; Hwy. 31
- harassment; CR 385
- burglary; CR 223
- harassment; CR 1551
- theft of property; CR 431
- harassment; Hwy. 31
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1545

Nov. 24
- violation of a protection order; CR 856
- criminal mischief; CR 447
- harassment; CR 1435
- theft of property, unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1691

Nov. 25
- domestic violence; Ryan Road
- domestic violence; Wooley Road
- criminal mischief; CR 284
- burglary; CR 38
- theft of property; CR 463
- harassment, trespassing; CR 641
- assault; CR 538
- illegal possession of prescription drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1460
- harassment; CR 18
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1163

Nov. 26
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 31
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 437
- theft of property; CR 1564
- domestic violence; CR 1194
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; Hwy. 69 N
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; Champagne Drive
- domestic violence; CR 862
- unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 W

Nov. 27
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 W
- assault; CR 1570
- unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 31
- domestic violence; CR 623
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1740
- domestic violence; CR 1508
- theft of property; CR 658
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; Beech Grove Road
- domestic violence; CR 404
- harassment; CR 1336
- criminal mischief; CR 1114
- burglary; CR 842
- trespassing; CR 623
- theft of property; CR 1763
- theft of property; CR 718
- domestic violence; CR 386
- theft of property; CR 1114

Nov. 28
- harassment; CR 216
- domestic violence; CR 1321
- theft of property; CR 437
- theft of property; CR 51
- unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 E

Nov. 29
- domestic violence; CR 1174
- burglary; Red Hill Road
- theft of property; CR 453
- harassment; CR 437
- criminal mischief; CR 703
- domestic violence; Hwy. 69 S
- domestic violence; CR 48

ARRESTS

Nov. 23-24

Clay, Cody Lemark, 32
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance (2 counts)
- second-degree promoting prison contraband
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Eidson III, Roger Dennis, 38
- first-degree theft of property
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (with theft)

Killian, Amanda Leann, 36
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- first-degree theft of property
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (with theft)

Kilpatrick, Justin Kenneth, 32
- diversion violation- third-degree burglary

Nickelson, Loyd Berton, 35
- third-degree criminal mischief
- third-degree criminal trespassing
- FTA- driving while suspended

Pajao, Patrick Rosa, 55
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Parker, Clay Austin, 39
- probation violation- second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument

Sandlin, Dallas Chase, 22
- FTA- driving while suspended (2 counts)

Winn, Chris Lavon, 33
- FTA- harassment

Nov. 25-29

Benson, Brianne Kay, 29
- DUI- influence of alcohol

Bishop, David Tandy Olen, 51
- public intoxication

Bonds, Melanie Louise, 50
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Brenner, David, 61
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Brenner, Joshua Wade, 40
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Cruz, Emmanuel Patino, 34
- FTA- driving without a license
- FTA- speeding

Curvin, Randal Allen, 44
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Flanagan, Shane Paul, 46
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Ford, Mitchell Allen, 46
- third-degree domestic violence- menacing

Jackson, Marcus Cornelius, 36
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Lang, Adam Wesley, 39
- FTA- driving while suspended (2 counts)

Lawson, Darlene Drummond, 52
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Lewis, Ashton Drake, 23
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- switched tag
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Marion, Chasey Rae, 36
- FTA- driving while suspended

Marquez, Antonio Lorenzo, 36
- DUI- .08 BAC or greater

Massey, Corina Linette, 20
- public intoxication

McKenzie, Cameron Blake, 26
- FTA- liability insurance required

Moody, Nicholas Cameron, 22
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Pajao, Patrick Rosa, 55
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription medicine

Perales, Salomon Alejandro, 28
- third-degree burglary
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Price, William Paul, 34
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
- probation violation- first-degree forgery
- trafficking in methamphetamine

Rowe, Jeffrey Kyle, 33
- DUI- .08 BAC or greater

Smith, Christian Xavier, 29
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Smith, Patrice Darcel Leeth, 57
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Stockman, Jessica Rachelle, 34
- FTA- illegal possession or use of a credit or debit card
- second-degree promoting prison contraband
- public intoxication
- fourth-degree theft of property
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Stone, Adam Lee, 31
- driving on the wrong side of the road
- DUI- .08 BAC or greater

Tersigni, Jilandra Ann, 48
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Trammell, Ryan David, 34
- FTA- first-degree criminal trespassing
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Tucker, Weston Boyd, 20
- FTA- harassment

Whitfield, Nathan Wayne, 37
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- reckless endangerment
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- violation of a domestic violence protection order (2 counts

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 24
- first-degree theft of property; Integrity Auto Group LLC; 2nd Ave. NW; miscellaneous; $18,115

Nov. 25
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; Hwy. 157
- identity theft; person

Nov. 27
- duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; Hwy. 157; damage to '04 Chevrolet Monte Carlo; $800

Nov. 28
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; person; 13th Ave. SW
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $76
- fourth-degree theft of lost property; person; Hwy. 157; gift card
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment; person; Demorie Ave. NW

ARRESTS

Nov. 25

Curvin, Joshua A., 24
- reckless endangerment

Nov. 27

Eubanks, Jody S., 45
- third-degree domestic violence

Nov. 28

Lewis, Ashton D., 23
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Golden, David G., 45
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- failure to signal

Swain, Kenneth L., 31
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- carrying a pistol without a license

Nov. 29

Gaines, Joseph A., 55
- attempting to elude
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- reckless endangerment
- stalking
- shooting into an occupied vehicle

Stockman, Jessica R., 34
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Cofield, Colyn L., 19
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

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LEGALS

Notice of Self Storage Sale

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Lindsey Peeples, units #523 and #728: 8245 County Highway 5, Hayden, Alabama 35079.

This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
BOBBY ARLEN TOWERY, JR., * CASE NO.: PC2020-269
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Ancillary Letters of Testamentary having been granted to LISA CARVER TOWERY as Ancillary Personal Representative of the Estate of BOBBY ARLEN TOWERY, JR., deceased, on the 13th day of November, 2020, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Lisa Carver Towery
Ancillary Personal Representative

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

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

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

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO.: PC2020-345
JOHN L. BRIGHT, *
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Sharon Bright, as Personal Representative of the Estate of John L. Bright, deceased, on the 30th 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.

Sharon Bright
Personal Representative

Shane Hanrahan
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 758
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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

THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
DECEMBER 1, 2020

No. 1 Alabama downs Auburn, 42-13, in the Crimson Tide's home finale Saturday

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – The No. 1/1 Alabama football team finished out its 2020 home slate with a dominant 42-13 victory over Auburn Saturday at Bryant-Denny Stadium. The Crimson Tide is now 8-0 on the season, while the Tigers fall to 5-3.

DeVonta Smith continued to roll up big numbers, tallying 171 receiving yards on seven catches, including two that went for touchdowns. It marked his fifth game this season with 140-plus receiving yards and pushed him over 1,000 yards for the season.

Smith's 1,074 on 72 catches in 2020 marks the second 1,000-yard season of his career, after tallying 1,256 in 2019. He now has two of the 11 1,000-yard seasons in Alabama history. Smith also bettered his Southeastern Conference and Alabama career receiving touchdown record to 35.

Mac Jones threw for 302 yards on 18-26 passing with a career-best five touchdown throws, tying the Iron Bowl passing TD record.

Two of his passing scores went to Smith, two to John Metchie III and one to Jahleel Billingsley.

It was Billingsley's first career touchdown. Najee Harris rushed for 96 yards on 11 carries, including a 39-yard touchdown run in the third quarter.

Harris has now scored rushing touchdowns in seven of eight games this season, totaling 17.

Josh Jobe led the Crimson Tide defense with a career-best 10 tackles, including five solo stops.

The Tide also came away with a pair of interception, one by Malachi Moore and one by Brian Branch that included a 30-yard return.

It was Branch's first pick for the Tide. Christopher Allen, Christian Barmore and Will Anderson Jr. all notched sacks against the Tigers.



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama running back Najee Harris rushed for 96 yards and a touchdown on 11 carries in the Crimson Tide's 42-13 win over Auburn Saturday.

How It Happened

First Quarter

• 05:10 – UA | Mac Jones found a wide open DeVonta Smith for a 66-yard touchdown to open the day's scoring.

Second Quarter

• 14:04 – UA | Jones dropped one in the bucket behind the Auburn defense, finding John Metchie III for the score. The seven-yard touchdown capped a seven-play, 66-yard drive that extended 2:21.

• 08:51 – AU | Anders Carlson hit from 47 yards to give Auburn three points.

• 06:24 – UA | The Crimson Tide answered quickly as Jones found Jahleel Billingsley for a 24-yard score. The Tide used up just 2:27 and covered 75 yards on only five plays.

Third Quarter

• 10:36 – AU | Carlson hit from 45 for his second field goal of the afternoon.

• 09:08 – UA | Smith caught the short pass and then outran the Auburn defense for a 58-yard touchdown. The drive lasted just three plays and 1:28.

• 04:28 – UA | Najee Harris found a huge hole on the right side and took advantage, rushing 39 yards to paydirt. The rush capped another short drive for the Tide that lasted just 2:07.

Fourth Quarter

• 13:27 – UA | Metchie hauled in his second touchdown of the afternoon, catching a Jones pass from 24 yards away to add to the Crimson Tide lead.

• 04:39 – AU | Bo Nix scored on a 1-yard run to put the final score at 42-13

Up Next

Alabama heads to Baton Rouge to take on LSU on Saturday, Dec. 5. The matchup between the Crimson Tide and Tigers, which was originally scheduled for Nov. 14, will be the 85th meeting between the two storied programs with UA holding a 53-26-5 advantage in the series, including a 28-9-2 mark in Death Valley. The network and kickoff times are still to be determined.

5 score in double-figures in UAB's 84-59 victory over SE Louisiana

Ted Feeley
UAB Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - Quan Jackson scored a game-high 18 points as UAB improved to 2-0 during the Andy Kennedy era in the Blazers' 84-59 victory over Southeastern Louisiana on Saturday afternoon.

Jalen Benjamin added 16 points off the bench, Tavin Lovan scored 14 and Michael Ertel 10 in the victory. Trey Jemison scored a career-high 12 points on 6-of-7 shooting.

Jackson and Lovan each had a game-high eight rebounds.

Jamon Kemp was the only SLU player to record double-figures as he scored 12 points for the Lions, who fall to 0-2.

With the score tied at 11-11 at the 9:31 mark of the 1st half, UAB went on a 15-1 run over the next 4:32 to take a 14-point advantage at 26-12. From there, SLU would only convert one more field goal in the half.

Back-to-back 3-pointers from Benjamin gave the Blazers a 32-14 advantage at 2:59 before five straight points from Jackson and a Jemison layup made the score 39-14 with 1:37 remaining.

The Blazers lead would become 28 points at 43-15 after consecutive dunks from Jemison and Tyreek Scott-Grayson.

The Lions' Keon Clergeot would close out the half with a pair of free throws to make the score 43-17 at the break.

Jackson's dunk at 13:30 of the 2nd half capped a, 18-9 run that gave the Blazers its largest lead of the game at 36 points, 62-26.

UAB would hold another 36-point lead at 12:37 when Kassim Nicholson's 3-pointer made the score 65-29. After beginning the game 5-of-23 from the floor, the Blazers finished shooting 53% (35-of-66), with Benjamin, Jackson and Lovan all shooting over 50%. UAB dominated inside, scoring 52 points in the paint to SLU's 34.

"I thought Trey Jemison was tremendous in his efforts tonight and Jalen continues to be our most efficient offensive player," Kennedy said.

"And I don't know what more we could ask from Quan Jackson. He leads us in most every category."

Jemison was a +32 today while Benjamin has not committed a turnover yet this season. Jackson leads the Blazers in minutes (62), steals (8), rebounds (17) and field goals (14).

Up next, the Blazers host Kennesaw State on Dec. 2. The Owls (2-0) have had convincing wins over Carver (87-40) and Toccoa Falls (106-44) heading into Wednesday's contest. Tipoff is at 6:30 p.m.

GAME NOTES

• Jemison's previous career-high was 10 points against Alabama A&M on Nov. 21, 2019

• Ertel recorded his 1,400th career point this afternoon

• Kennedy improves to 13-0 vs. Southland teams all-time and 2-0 versus Southeastern Louisiana

• This was the best 1st half defensive performance since Nov. 26, 2017 when the Blazers only yielded 16 points against Mississippi College

• This was the best 1st half defensive performance against another D-I school when UAB held Southern Miss to 16 points on Jan. 28, 2017



UAB ATHLETICS

UAB's Quan Jackson (13) led the Blazers with 18 points in their 84-59 win over SE Louisiana Saturday.

Flanigan scores career-high 20 in loss to No. 1 Gonzaga

Greg Ostendorf
AU Athletics

FORT MYERS, Fla. – Less than 24 hours after an overtime victory to open the season, Auburn suffered its first defeat of 2020-21 with a 90-67 loss to No. 1 Gonzaga on Friday. It was the second of two games in the Fort Myers Tip-Off.

"We were obviously disappointed we didn't play better," Auburn head coach Bruce Pearl said. "Gonzaga had a lot to do with that. Their two great players, (Drew) Timme and (Corey) Kispert, both dominated the game as you would expect. That said, we know a lot more about us now than we did about 24 hours ago. It's something to build on."

Sophomore Allen Flanigan paced the Tigers with a career-high 20 points, including 15 in the second half. Coming out of the break, he made back-to-back 3s and then threw down a left-handed slam as he scored the first 10 points for Auburn after halftime.

Flanigan finished 7 of 11 from the field and also pulled down five rebounds.

"I just played to my strengths," he said. "They tried to shade my left hand, and it gave me room to shoot the ball. You've just got to take shots."

Freshman JT Thor and junior Jamal Johnson joined Flanigan in double figures with 11 points apiece. It was a career high for Thor who was a perfect 7 of 7 from the free throw line while Johnson knocked down three shots from long range to lead the Auburn bench. As a team, the Tigers held a 25-14 advantage in bench points against Gonzaga.

"These two games have been a lot like practice," Pearl said. "We've got 10 or 11 good players. The cream hasn't risen to the top because we've got really good balance. We'd like to try to find five guys who are a little better than the other five guys, but that has not been the case."

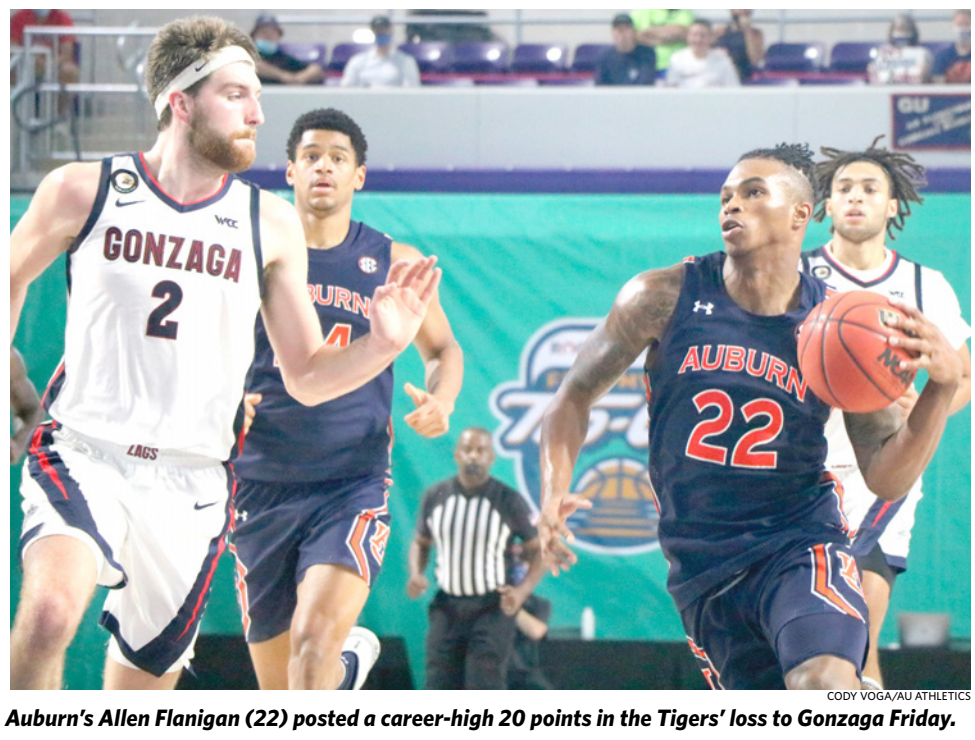
Freshman Justin Powell added seven points off the bench and led the Tigers with six rebounds and three assists. In Thursday's win, Powell scored 17 points and pulled down seven boards. He's only turned the ball over twice in Auburn's first two games.

Gonzaga's Drew Timme and Corey Kispert led all scorers Friday with 28 and 25 respectively.

The Tigers, who outscored Gonzaga 17-10 over the final eight minutes, will remain in the Sunshine State and travel to UCF for a game Monday.

"We knew we had three games," Pearl said. "We've got another short turnaround. The takeaway (from today) is which team is going to get better more throughout the season? Auburn or Gonzaga? If we continue to get better, we will have a chance to be a competitive team this year. That's the challenge."

Monday's game at UCF is scheduled to tip off at 6 p.m. CT and will be streamed on ESPN+.



CODY VOGA/AU ATHLETICS

Auburn's Allen Flanigan (22) posted a career-high 20 points in the Tigers' loss to Gonzaga Friday.

STATE

Support Children's of Alabama by purchasing holiday cards with patients' artwork

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor



COURTESY OF CHILDREN'S OF ALABAMA

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Share the magic of the season while supporting Children's of Alabama by purchasing holiday greeting cards from the HeART of Children's of Alabama greeting card program.

The unique artwork featured on each card is designed and created by patients at Children's of Alabama. Pricing starts at just under $1 per card, and several customization options give these distinctive cards a personal touch. Along with updated holiday artwork for the 2020 season, new this year is a 2021 calendar featuring artwork from patients each month. Customers may also choose to designate funding to various departments at Children's of Alabama.

"One great aspect of the card program is that donors can designate the department or unit at Children's that will receive the donation from their card purchase," said Angela Scott, community development coordinator at Children's of Alabama.

"Each year, many departments at Children's receive funding from the card program. If someone chooses not to designate a department for their donation to benefit, it will benefit our child life program."

Child Life is vital to the patient experience at Children's.

Child Life specialists work with patients to explain procedures in terms children can understand, provide activities to distract patients from procedures and give patients a much-needed break and a small amount of normalcy while in the hospital.

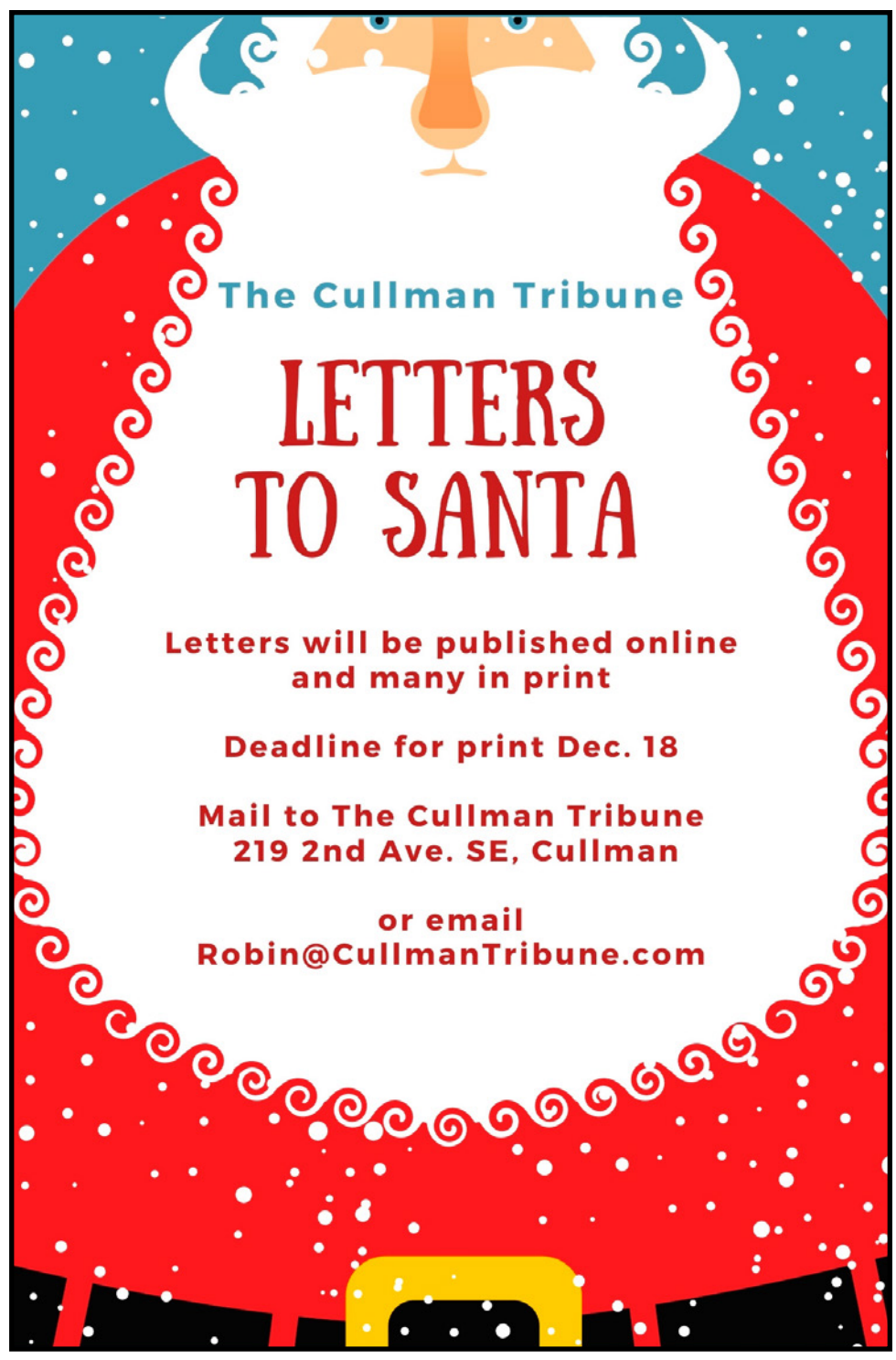
The card program began in 2010 and has grown from a seasonal to a year-round greeting card program. Proceeds from the cards have raised more than $50,000 for programs and services at Children's. The HeART of Children's cards are sponsored by Solutions Infusions Therapy and printed by Flex Digital. Cards can be purchased online at www.crinklednose.com/childrens-of-alabama.

View HeArt of Children's video at https://bit.ly/3onturp .









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AGRICULTURE

Pruning ornamental trees

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Nurseries do a great job in training ornamental trees when they are young and get them off to a good start. Once planted, it is important to continue the training process early in their life by properly pruning when needed. The smaller the branch pruned, the faster the bark will grow over the pruning cut. If the bark does not grow over and protect the pruning cut, problems can follow.

Pruning

Limbs with crossing branches should be avoided. Crossing branches can rub on one another as the wind blows or they can rub as they get larger. The damage done by one branch rubbing against another can be an entryway for problems such as insects and disease. Trees with forked trunks are weak and can become a hazard as they grow. Forked branches can be easily corrected when they are young but not when they get older. It is a good practice to prune large limbs in the winter. However, dead, damaged, or diseased branches that are causing a hazard should be removed as soon as possible, no matter the time of year. Pruning in the late summer or fall is not a desirable time, as new growth may develop and be killed by the cold.

Training

Start training the tree in the spring and throughout the growing season to make sure the tree is growing the way desired. If started early enough, there may be no need to prune late in the year. It is much easier to prune a limb when it is younger than when it is older. If you train the tree for the first several years of its life, it is possible that little pruning, if any, will be needed later.

For more information on training, see the Alabama Extension article Training Ornamental Trees.

Potential problems

When pruning, do not top a tree if at all possible. Many new shoots may grow where the tree was topped. They will compete for the central leader position, develop narrow crotch angles, and be susceptible to being damaged by the wind. If a large limb is broken by the wind, the bark may not grow over the injury properly. If bark does not eventually grow over the injury, water can enter the tree trunk and cause decay.

When removing a branch from a tree, do not leave a stub. Instead cut the branch back to the trunk or, for smaller branches, cut them back to where they grew from a larger branch. A stub will prevent bark from growing over or healing over the cut properly. The term heal over means for bark to grow over the woody part of the tree.

If the bark does not grow over the injury, eventually the exposed wood will begin to decay and become a path for water to enter. This will eventually lead to more decay, causing the trunk to become hollow. Wildlife love this, but it destroys the strength of the tree. As long as the bark is there to protect the wood, the tree is strong. Think of the bark like you would the roof of your house. Your house is made from wood, and it is strong. A leaky roof will cause the strong wood to decay and become weak.

Special precaution should be taken when removing large limbs. Cutting a large limb with one cut next to the trunk can cause damage. This happens when the limb is almost sawed through and the weight of the limb pulls it down. As the limb is falling down, it will begin to pull on the trunk. A heavy limb can rip bark from the trunk and injure the tree.



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This damage can be avoided by using the three cut system. For large limbs, this three cut system is used when people want to completely remove a branch or when they are pruning back to another major limb.

• The first cut is an undercut about 18 inches from the trunk. Simply cut the underside of the limb about as deep as 1/4 the diameter of the limb. Any deeper may cause the limb to pinch the sawblade.

• The second cut is from the upper side, out past the first cut. How much past the first cut? Usually about three times the diameter of the limb. If the limb is 3 inches in diameter, the second cut would be made about 9 inches beyond the first undercut. This would remove a lot of weight from the limb. If the limb did begin to rip bark from the underside before you cut through the second cut, it would only rip bark to the undercut and the trunk would be safe from harm.

• The third cut is removing the stub by sawing at the branch collar. The branch collar is the sometimes swollen part at the base of the branch. By sawing at the branch collar, the cut will heal much faster and cause the least amount of injury to the tree. You may choose to start several feet from the trunk removing weight before the final cut at the branch collar.

Meg (from Front)

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

Lil Meg is a 2.5-year-old terrier mix. She's a lively-but-not-crazy medium-energy pet who likes to be close to her people but has good spatial awareness. Ruttkay said, "It's like she recognizes an invisible barrier when she runs in close." She has a wonderfully expressive face that "reminds one of a small cartoon character with her big eyes."

Lil Meg has the makings of a good therapy or companion dog.

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

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

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

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

Marcum (from Front)

Marcum were founding members of the Ridgecrest Community Church where Partain said his dad remained active and served as an elder until his passing.

In 2015, after serving 12 years on the South Vinemont Town Council, Marcum was named mayor after the resignation of Melba Patton. He served as mayor for 18 months before returning to his council seat, which he held at the time of his death.

South Vinemont Mayor Radginal Dodson said of Marcum, "He was much, much help to me. He was very outgoing, and he was from 'old school.' He never had a smartphone, but he did have a flip phone. Him and that flip phone on various occasions would part company to where you couldn't get in touch with him. He was the epitome of the old way of doing things and was satisfied with things as they were. Something new, he needed to be explained exactly what it was and who it would benefit and once he got that straight, he was either for it or against it. He was not hard to get along with at all. He was the epitome of a helpful council person to anybody's mayor."

Former Councilwoman JoAnn Oakley, who served alongside Marcum during his many years in office, said, "He was a good man. He's been very active in the community for years, him and Edith both. I really enjoyed working with him on the council."

The City of Cullman released the following statement on social media: "We, the City of Cullman Mayor and City Council members, extend our condolences to the family and friends of Vinemont City Councilmember and former Mayor J.D. Marcum. Mr. Marcum was a true humanitarian who served the citizens of Vinemont with honesty and integrity. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends as well as with the citizens of Vinemont."

J.D. is survived by his wife Edith "Deedie" Marcum; children Ramona Tarrance, David (Misty) Partain, Brent (Danielle) Partain, and Jennifer (Jason) Smith; grandchildren Lindsay Partain, Trey Partain, Katelyn (Brandon) Brown, Carson Partain, Joshua Watson, Anna (Blake) Dingler, Luke Watson, and Cailah Campbell; great-grandson Jericho Dingler; brothers J. O. (Emily) Marcum and Charles "Tuffy" (Gary Sue) Marcum; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

GivingTuesday (from Front)

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According to www.GivingTuesday.org, "GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world.

"GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. GivingTuesday was born and incubated at the 92nd Street Y and its Belfer Center for Innovation & Social Impact in New York City. GivingTuesday is now an independent nonprofit and a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

"Whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for an issue or people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help, every act of generosity counts, and everyone has something to give."

Several local and neighboring nonprofits are participating in GivingTuesday this year.

From the North Alabama Agriplex on Monday:

Giving Tuesday is a special day set aside for nonprofits like us. It was created from a simple idea: a day that encourages people to be generous. Let's face it, 2020 probably won't go down in history as everyone's favorite year. If we focus on the good things though, we have had a lot of big things happen this year at the Agriplex.

With help from the state we were able to purchase the building next door to us and we couldn't be more EXCITED about the many opportunities this additional space will provide for our community! We have had some awesome support in the form of people donating their time to help clear out and clean up, but much work still needs to be done. We are asking our community to help start us on our future path this #GivingTuesday! Tomorrow our #GivingTuesday fundraiser will be live, with (Facebook) matching up to $7 million in donations!!!!!!

How you can help

1. Donate and share our #GivingTuesday campaign via our Facebook page that will go live Dec. 1.

2. Share on your social media why you are supporting us and create your own fundraiser benefiting the Agriplex (www.facebook.com/fundraisers). It's so easy- Click "Select Nonprofit" and just type in North Alabama Agriplex in the search engine and it will create it all for you!

3. Donate anytime via our clickable PayPal link at https://bit.ly/3qhj8uQ.

Thank you for your continued support!

From Tigers For Tomorrow on Monday:

We are so excited to announce Tigers for Tomorrow has a Guardian Angel! Angels in Distress has awarded us up to a $50,000 matching grant!

It has been a hard year financially for the preserve. We had to close our gates for six months after learning that tigers can contract the Coronavirus.

We have had to adapt, though difficult, just to open our gates on weekends, making it possible for guests to visit once again and enjoy the wonderful animals we have in our care. Our supporters have helped us get through much of these strange and difficult times.

This holiday season we need to ask for your help one more time!

We are trusting in your passion for our mission now more than ever. Angels in Distress has awarded Tigers for Tomorrow a matching grant up to $50,00!!! The match ends on Giving Tuesday, the 1st of December. We are calling this our Peace on Earth Matching Grant Fundraiser.

We have less than a month to make this happen! This year, year-end donations will count twice as much! If you give $10 it is matched as a $20 donation. A little goes a long way when everyone chips in. We can do this together!

Please help in any way; donate, share with friends, family, businesses, and groups to help grow support and make a difference in these amazing animals' lives. We appreciate any size donation. No amount is too small, and every gift makes a difference!

Other local nonprofits participating in GivingTuesday include:

• Curt's Closet- www.facebook.com/cw20curtscloset

• The Link of Cullman County- www.linkingcullman.org/how-to-help/donate.html

• Cullman Caring for Kids- https://bit.ly/3ogZ4qJ

• Saving Forgotten Warriors- www.facebook.com/donate/2771460399760582/?fundraiser_source=external_url

Find others by searching #GivingTuesday on Facebook.

OPINION

Sin, part 8

Tom Fillinger
Tribune Columnist

We continue in our study of sin. As you reflect on this series on sin, I urge you to be an active participant. Reflect on what you read. Examine your own soul. Do not ignore the reality of sin and the consequences related to this reality.

All men commit sins because all are infected with the sin principle, the sin nature. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (I John 1:8). "That which is born of the flesh is flesh" (John 3:6). "What is man, that he should be clean?" Job pondered this issue of sin.

Only those who repudiate the authority of the Word of God will challenge the fact of transmitted and inherited sin. None can deny that every individual is free to sin or not to sin, but all choose to sin. Why does every member of the race choose to do wrong? Certainly, one person could be found who obeyed God in everything if that person existed.

I have studied some of the arguments against the biblical teaching that by Adam's sin the race became guilty and corrupt and deserving of punishment, and I have concluded that it is so because God judicially declared it to be so. It was God and not a man who imputed the guilt of Adam's sin to the whole race.

Now many men, because of this, will blame God for man's sin and try to make the Almighty responsible. Adam and Eve did this after the fall. Adam said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat" (Genesis 3:12, 13). This kind of excuse-making is typical of all mankind. Questions are still being asked such as, "Why did God create man with the ability to sin?" "Why did God put restrictions on Adam and Eve in relation to the one tree of the knowledge of good and evil?" "Why did God allow man to be tempted?" "Why didn't God restrain the Devil from deceiving Eve?" I would not refuse to discuss such questions as these, but I do believe that they tend to confuse the point under consideration, namely, the effect of Adam's sin on the whole race.

The sovereignty of God and the seduction by the Devil do not eliminate the fact that man perpetrates and perpetuates sin, therefore he cannot be relieved of the responsibility for it.

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

Shooting (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Joseph Allen Gaines, 55, of Vinemont is facing multiple charges after allegedly shooting into an occupied vehicle in the parking lot of Zaxby's along U.S. Highway 157 in Cullman Sunday afternoon.

Cullman Police Sgt. Trey Higginbotham said the incident occurred around 4:18 p.m.

"We had a subject fire a weapon from his vehicle and struck an occupied vehicle in the parking lot," he said.

"We found the suspect vehicle and attempted to stop him, and he fled from us.

"We ended up getting him stopped at the Vinemont Condominiums, and he was taken into custody up there."

Higginbotham said the CPD believes Gaines was aiming at another, unoccupied, vehicle but missed and hit one that was occupied. No one was injured.

Police believe the incident was domestic in nature.

"His ex-girlfriend, or ex-wife, works at Zaxby's," said Higginbotham, "and that's why he was there in the first place."

Gaines is charged with shooting into an occupied vehicle, reckless endangerment, attempting to elude, first-degree stalking and second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana.

Obituary Announcements: Dec. 1

Daniel Timothy Thomas, Sr., 67, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020. Daniel was born April 30, 1953 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Joanne Bassler and Earl M. Thomas. Daniel is survived by his wife of 46 years, Patricia Ann Thomas; son Daniel (Tammy) Thomas, Jr.; daughters Danielle (Thomas) O'Donnell, Dixie (Robert) Heininger, Deanna (Erik) Schofield, Crystal (Henry) Malone, and Ashley (Patrick) Fillman; brothers Earl M. (Nancy) Thomas and Ronald M. Thomas; and sisters Joanne (Bruce) Weber, Sandi Blose, and Cynthia McDonnell; 17 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a host of loving nieces and nephews. A celebration of life visitation for Daniel was held Monday, Nov. 30, 2020 from 5-7:30 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. A rosary occurred at 7:30 in the chapel. A celebration of life Christian mass will occur Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Christ the King, 5060 County Road 1635, Cullman, Alabama 35058. An interment will follow at the Catholic Cemetery. Daniel was preceded in death by parents Joanne Bassler and Earl M. Thomas and great-granddaughter Emberly Rose Stephens. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Thomas family.

Funeral services for Wynell Ivey, 85, of Baileyton were at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, 2020 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; burial at Welcome Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Ivey passed away Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She was born June 13, 1935 to Grover and Hazel Stone. She is preceded in death by her husband Bobby Joe Ivey; parents; and son Ronnie Ivey. Survivors include her son Donnie (Stephanie) Ivey; daughter-in-law Jenny Rhodes; grandchildren Shannon Ivey, Wesley Ivey, Casondra (Alex) McDuffie, and Cadence McKinley; great-grandchild Finn McDuffie; and sisters Vera (David) White, Reba (Carl) Chambers and Betty Finley. Visitation was from noon-2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, 2020 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Tillman Hirem Netherton, 73, of the Nesmith community entered into rest Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020 at The Folsom Center in Cullman. Tillman was born Aug. 24, 1947 in Cullman, Alabama. He was a devoted son, brother, husband and father. He was the best kind of man, one that was kind and selfless. He was a peacemaker and loved all people. He had a constant smile and a charitable heart. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020 at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery in the Nesmith community. Brother Jimmy Drinkard will officiate. Tillman is survived by his son Robin Netherton and his wife Leah; grandsons Avery and Carter Netherton; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Joyce Netherton; daughter Pam Netherton; and parents Haywood and Onie Netherton. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.nicholsfuneralhomes.com.

Mr. John Oliver Barrett, 79, of Cullman passed away Monday, Nov. 30, 2020 at Brookwood Hospital. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Barrett was born Oct. 21, 1941. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Terri Barrett. Survivors include his wife Linda Allcorn Barrett; step-sons Wade (Dawn) Bentley and Jeffrey (Amy) Allcorn; step-daughter Rhonda (Robin) Bagwell; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Visitation will be Wednesday evening at the funeral home from 5-6 p.m. with the service following at 6 p.m. in Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at a later date at the National Cemetery in Montevallo. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Graveside services for J. D. Marcum, 85, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020 at Flint Creek Cemetery with Carlos Wilhite and Larry Woods officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Marcum passed away Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020 at Crestwood Medical Center. He was born Feb. 14, 1935 to James Obra and Lorene Marcum. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife Edith "Deedie" Marcum; children Ramona Tarrance, David (Misty) Partain, Brent (Danielle) Partain, and Jennifer (Jason) Smith; grandchildren Lindsay Partain, Trey Partain, Katelyn (Brandon) Brown, Carson Partain, Joshua Watson, Anna (Blake) Dingler, Luke Watson, and Cailah Campbell; great-grandson Jericho Dingler; brothers J. O. (Emily) Marcum and Charles "Tuffy" (Gary Sue) Marcum; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Memorial service details are incomplete at this time for Randy Wayne "Peanut" Jackson, 63, of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Jackson passed away Nov. 28, 2020 at Cullman Regional Hospital. He was born May 4, 1957 to Burtie and Syblene Cook Jackson. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his son Matthew Jackson; daughter Jessica (Michael) Coggins; brother Robert (Patsy) Jackson; grandchildren Brayden Coggins, Case Coggins, Levi Jackson; and family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Funeral services for J C Helms, 81, of Garden City will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2020 in the chapel of Hanceville Funeral Home. Brother Vernon Alvis will officiate with burial following at the Garden City Cemetery. J C was the son of the late Julius and Irene Dempsey Helms and was retired from the upholstery business. His family includes his wife Sharon; children and step-children Tammy Gooch, Tracy (Earle) Ginn, Rachel Ray, and Daryl (Betsy) McAvoy; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Also surviving are brothers Shirley, Fred, and Julius Helms.

Mary Grace Smith of Cullman passed away Sunday, Nov. 29, 2020 at the age of 94. She was born Feb. 25, 1926 to Ewell C. and Myrtis B. Smith and grew up on a farm in the Fairview community. She graduated from Fairview High School in 1945 and was the youngest member of her class. After graduation, she went to Florence State College (University of North Alabama) and received her B.S. degree. She later received her master's as an education specialist from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. She taught in several school systems in Alabama before going to Port St. Joe, Florida. Under her direction, Morgan County was one of the first schools in the state of Alabama to haveall elementary schools accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. After early retirement, she traveled extensively into every state except Hawaii, and to Mexico, Canada, England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother David "Tuffy" Smith. She is survived by her sister-in-law Carolyn Smith; nephew David E. Smith, Jr. and his wife Dawn; niece Dawn Alison Smith; and many cousins and friends. Memorial services will be held in the chapel of Moss Service Funeral Home Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020 at 2 p.m. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until service time. Moss Service Funeral Home directing. Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

Maria Grace Jones, 71, of Cullman passed away Sunday, Nov. 29, 2020. She was preceded in death by her parents Harold Wayne and Anneliese Moeller Buchanan; first husband Thomas Wayne Eveland; second husband James Terry Jones; grandson Blake Dalton Hollinger; and brother Harold Martin Buchanan. Ms. Jones is survived by her children Joe (Elizabeth) Eveland, Teresa Marie Jones, David Jones, Sharon (Mark) Dobbs, Rhonda (Frankie) Peek, Charlene (Tony) Price and Regina (Jack) Dawson; sister Ann Carpenter; brothers George Buchanan and Kenneth Buchanan; 16 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. No services are scheduled at this time. Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

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HEALTH

60% of Americans with diabetes skip annual sight-saving exams

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – People with diabetes are at increased risk of developing serious eye diseases, yet most do not have sight-saving, annual eye exams, according to a large study conducted by the Wills Eye Hospital in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Alabama Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Academy of Ophthalmology are promoting an animated public service announcement highlighting the importance of regular eye exams in light of November being observed as Diabetic Eye Disease Awareness Month.

Researchers at Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia have found that more than half of patients with the disease skip annual eye exams. They also discovered that patients who smoke – and those with less severe diabetes and no eye problems – were most likely to neglect having these checks.

The researchers reviewed the charts of close to 2,000 patients age 40 or older with type 1 and type 2 diabetes to see how many had regular eye exams. Their findings over a four-year period revealed:

- 58% of patients did not have regular follow-up eye exams

- Smokers were 20% less likely to have exams

- Those with less-severe disease and no eye problems were least likely to follow recommendations

- Those who had diabetic retinopathy were 30% more likely to have follow-up exams

"Vision loss is tragic, especially when it is preventable," said Dr. Ann P. Murchison, lead author of the study and director of the eye emergency department at Wills. "That's why we want to raise awareness and ensure people with diabetes understand the importance of regular eye exams."

One in 10 Americans suffer from diabetes, putting them at heightened risk for visual impairment due to the eye disease diabetic retinopathy.

The disease also can lead to other blinding ocular complications if not treated in time. Fortunately, having a dilated eye exam yearly or more often can prevent 95% of diabetes-related vision loss.

Eye exams are critical as they can reveal hidden signs of disease, enabling timely treatment. This is why the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the Alabama Academy of Ophthalmology recommend people with diabetes have eye exams annually or more often as recommended by their ophthalmologist, a physician who specializes in comprehensive medical and surgical eye care.

"Screening is crucial for people with diabetes because their retinal vessels can become severely damaged even if their vision is not affected," said Dr. Andrew Hsia, an ophthalmologist and founder of Alabama Retina in Montgomery and Auburn. "This is because often times, the vision is not affected until very late in the disease process. Those with diabetic eye disease should be referred to an ophthalmologist or retina specialist. Treatments including anti-VEGF injections and laser can sometimes significantly improve vision."

Hsia said not all patients understand how diabetes impacts the eye and resulting vision loss. "Unfortunately, some patients present to us with such advanced disease that little can be done to regain vision," Hsia said.

Good Hope (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – The Good Hope City Council on Monday evening held a special-called meeting in which it went immediately into an executive session to discuss an as yet unnamed economic development project.

Mayor Jerry Bartlett revealed that the council is in negotiations for a potential retail development along County Road 222, just west of Interstate 65.

"The main thing is he (the developer) wants a letter from the City guaranteeing sewer (access)," Bartlett said.

After coming out of executive session, the council voted to provide the letter requested promising to provide sewer access to the future development.

Council members said the city of Good Hope currently has sewer access on the east side of County Road 222 but not on the west side.

Bartlett said he will present the letter approved by the council Monday night to the developer Tuesday.

The Good Hope City Council will meet next on Monday, Dec 14 at Good Hope City Hall at 6:30 p.m.

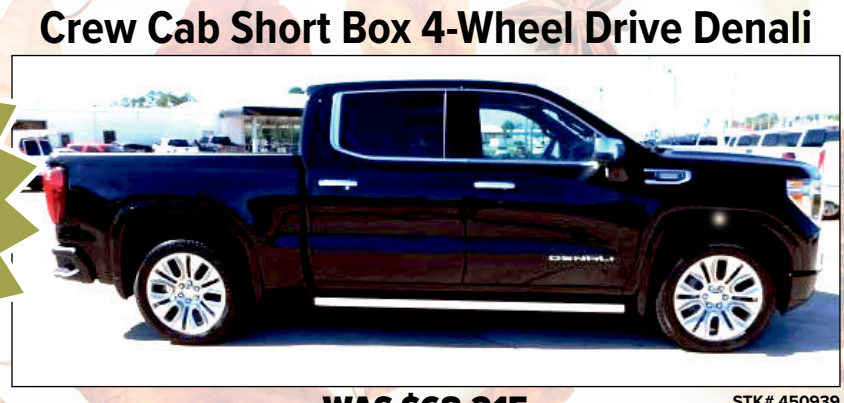






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