NISSAN
Innovation that excites
TONY SERRA
NISSAN CULLMAN
256-676-2435 • TonySerraNissanCullman.com

The Cullman Tribune

SERVING CULLMAN – IN THE HEART OF DIXIE – SINCE 1874

VOL. 147 • 50¢ PER COPY | *WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020* | USPS 139-700 • NO. 241

–BUSINESS –

'I THINK CULLMAN HAS BECOME A DESTINATION SHOPPING PLACE'

Small business owners report success, community support amid challenging times

White Willow is located at 302 First Ave. SE in Cullman.

» PAGE 3



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

UNSUNG HERO: NANCY BRYANT

'If Cullman Caring for Kids was the song, she would be the lyrics'

Bryant has served Cullman Caring for Kids for more than 20 years



CCK

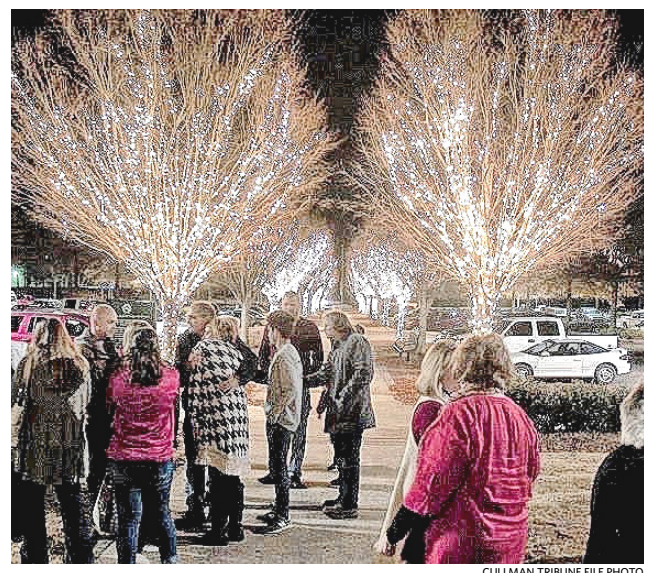
Cullman Caring for Kids Assistant Director Nancy Bryant

W.C. Mann
craig@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. – Child advocacy and child abuse prevention agency Cullman Caring for Kids (CCK) has enjoyed the service of Nancy Bryant for more than 20 years. The current assistant director joined CCK as a volunteer in August 2000 and has served as assistant director since 2005. Along the way, she has participated in every program the agency offers, and even started programs to educate new parents, offer life coaching for teen girls and prepare female inmates at the Cullman County Detention Center for life after release. Bryant also currently serves as **» PAGE 7**

Virtual 2020 Lights of Love program Thursday

This year's event to honor families impacted by COVID-19, health care heroes



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Attendees gather outside Cullman Regional at the annual Dr. Herman C. Ensor Lights of Love Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in 2018.

» PAGE 3

Cullman Caring for Kids: Plenty of need in the season of giving

» PAGE 3

AGRICULTURE

A cut above: Alabama Christmas tree farms offer holiday fun



CONTRIBUTED

» PAGE 7

THANKFUL FOR OUR CUSTOMERS!

Bill Smith
BUICK GMC

ALABAMA'S LARGEST BUICK GMC DEALERSHIP

WAS ~~$27,090~~
NOW
$19,866*

*Notates all rebates applied, must have 2005 or newer qualifying trade in. Prices are plus tax, title, & fee. Colors may vary.

NEW 2020 BUICK ENCORE
GX Select FWD



STK# 119760

BILLSMITHBUICKGMC.COM • 1940 SECOND AVE NW • CULLMAN, AL 35055 • 256-734-4472

© 2020 THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

AGRICULTURE

How to estimate a herd's winter feeding needs

Justin Miller
Contributor

With winter just around the corner, Alabama cattle producers should begin planning for their herd's winter feeding needs.

Farmers must consider the herd's nutritional needs and compare that to their supply of forages, both stored and grazing. Understanding need versus supply will help producers plan for a successful winter.

Nutritional requirements

Luke Jacobs, a graduate research assistant in the Auburn University department of animal sciences, said producers must first know their herd's nutritional requirements.

"This determination is based on the herd's stage of production," Jacobs said. "Production stage impacts several management decisions for your cattle. Average cow size can also be useful in accurately predicting forage intake and nutrient requirements."

Herd nutritional requirements vary greatly depending on herd type. For example, a nonlactating, late-gestation bred cow has the lowest nutrient requirement of any production phase, whereas cows in other phases have higher requirements.

"Cows have the highest nutrient requirements following parturition," said Maggie Justice, also a graduate research assistant in the department of animal sciences. "This is due to the onset of lactation and repairing of the reproductive tract to re-breed efficiently and in a timely manner. In this stage, supplementation or access to high-quality forages is often required."

Find more information on determining a herd's nutritional requirements in the Alabama Extension publication Nutrient Requirements of Beef Cattle, ANR-0060.

Determining needed forages

Once a producer determines the herd nutritional requirements, then they can determine whether there are sufficient forages.

Leanne Dillard, an Alabama Extension forage specialist, said there are several factors to consider.

"In order to determine winter forage needs, you must consider the number of animals you have and how many days you will need to feed hay or graze during the winter," Dillard said.

Grazing forages

There may be an opportunity to implement grazing as a part of the winter feeding season based on system type. Herds in central and north Alabama with tall fescue grazing systems can graze into December with fall fertilizer applications.

"You will possibly need to feed hay starting in January or early February," she said. "If it is not too cold, the tall fescue will begin growing again in mid-February to early March."

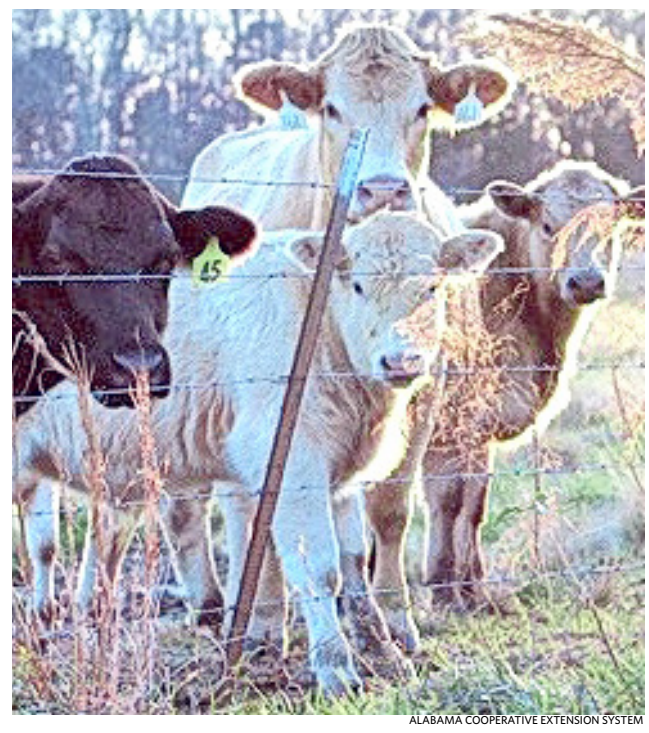
Dillard said the bermudagrass and bahiagrass goes dormant in late November in south Alabama. These grasses will stay dormant until late March or April (bahiagrass) or even into May (bermudagrass).

Producers who overseeded with a cool-season annual should be able to begin grazing in mid-February and continue through May. These cool-season annuals may include small grains, annual ryegrass or crimson clover.

"The grazing starting date will depend on the planting date of the cool-season annuals," she said. "This will leave six to eight weeks of hay feeding in December and January. If cool-season annuals were planted early enough, this window could be reduced to four to six weeks or less."

To help extend grazing in winter feeding schedules, Dillard said producers should utilize rotational grazing. This will help increase grazing efficiency and stretch out the grazing season.

"The most important thing is to avoid over-grazing or make a muddy field during hay feeding," Dillard said. "This will slow the green-up in the spring and reduce field productivity.



ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM

Stored forages

When estimating stored forage needs, producers have to look at not only the quantity but also the quality of the forages. The makeup of a bale of hay, as well as the storage conditions, makes a difference.

"It is extremely important to know the size or weight of your bales," Dillard said. "When calculating estimated dry matter intake per cow or per herd, knowing how much each bale weighs will assist you in knowing exactly how much to feed the cows."

Dillard said hay and baleage are expensive to produce. Producers should protect the investment with proper storage.

"Hay should be stored under some sort of cover," she said. "Even if it is stored outside, the bales should be place on gravel, or a well-drained area, and covered with a tarp."

Bale storage determines how much hay will be consumed. Hay stored outside can have a 30 percent wastage rate, while hay stored under a barn has a less than five percent wastage rate.

By reducing the percentage of bale waste, the needed quantity of bales will decrease. In addition to proper storage, feeding only what animals can consume in a day will help reduce wastage.

Implementing supplements

Producers may find it necessary to supplement their feeding program. If the forage and hay supply is abundant and can meet herd nutritional needs, a supplementation is not necessary.

"If nutrient requirements are not met, supplementation should be used to bridge the gap and provide what is lacking," Justice said.

While unnecessary, Jacobs said even if the forages meet the nutrient requirements, producers can offer a supplement to increase performance.

"A supplement may help improve overall performance, including increasing a cow's body condition before calving or breeding," Jacobs said. "Like many things, producers should consider cost, availability and the goal of supplementation to find the product that fits their specific operation."

The beef nutrition page on the Alabama Extension website has many resources to help determine if and what supplements are needed.

More information

For more information on estimating winter feeding needs, visit www.aces.edu or contact your county Extension office.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 1

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 1, 2020. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 27

• third-degree domestic violence; person; Main Ave. NE

Nov. 30

• third-degree burglary; person; Swafford Road SW; miscellaneous; $4,362

• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; 2nd Ave. SW; cash

ARRESTS

Nov. 30

Gray, Zachary Z., 47

• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

• Total confirmed cases in AL: 210,037* (+2,014 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in AL: 42,863 (+1,362 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in AL: 3,280* (+34 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in AL: 358
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 3,369 (+48 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 1,255 (+61 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 35 (+0 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 8
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 25,901
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,443
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 844
• Total tested in Alabama: 1,593,842
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 32,670
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 120,896
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,785
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 25,610
• Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 161,946

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

***ADPH Important Notice (12/01/20):**
Case counts and deaths reported on today's update are high. Today's increase represents a delay in reporting to the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) due to the holiday weekend.

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.

The Cullman Tribune
Cullman County's Oldest Business, Serving the area since 1874
Publication Number USPS-139-700
Telephone: 256-739-1351 Fax: 1-256-739-4422
Humble Roots, LLC
Published Tuesday - Saturday at 219 2nd Avenue SE, Cullman, Alabama 35055 Entered as periodical material at the Cullman Post Office Periodical postage paid at Cullman, Alabama 35055
POSTMASTER: SEND ADDRESS CHANGE TO:
The Cullman Tribune
219 Second Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Email Address: robin@cullmantribune.com

ANNUALLY BASED RATES

Cullman.....$100.00
Outside Cullman.....$150.00

Noah Galilee - Publisher
Dustin Isom - Associate Publisher
Wendy Sack – Editor
Christy Perry - Lifestyle/Reporter
W.C. Mann - Senior Reporter
Sammy Confer-Youth/JVSports Editor
Nick Griffin -VarsitySports Editor
JoeMcElroy -Photographer
Bill Piper - Photojournalist
Howard Cole - Photojournalist
Martha Needham - Photojournalist
Robin Winton - Newsroom Manager
Janet Chandler - Marketing Specialist

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

Christmas in Cullman Virtual Tree Lighting
Join us live on Facebook at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4 for a virtual tree-lighting ceremony that you don't want to miss! We're trying to find Santa and keep Cullman's Christmas spirit alive in 2020, and we need your help! www.Facebook.com/ChristmasinCullman

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.

STATE

Your Elf on the Shelf called; Apparently, you've been answering spoof calls

Dan Lord
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Elf on the Shelf is Santa's eyes and ears around the home and that is how he knows who goes on the naughty or the nice lists. Your elf made a special call to the Alabama Securities Commission (ASC) and said that you have been answering spoof calls. While that offense will not merit your name on the naughty list, answering spoof calls may harm your wallet or retirement savings.

To protect Alabamians this holiday season the ASC is providing a list of best tips to protect yourself from fraudulent calls.

Tip No. 1: Identify the caller. If you do not know who is calling, send it to voicemail. This is your best protection. Scamsters can fake their phone number (called spoofing) and make it look like it is from your area code. If you are expecting a delivery or medical test results, ask the service provider to give you the number they will be calling from and put it into your phone in advance.

Tip No. 2: Never give out sensitive information over the phone. Remember, a government agency and financial institution will not call and ask you to verify your social security number or bank account information. If someone calls claiming to be from the IRS, another government agency or your bank, hang up. Find their real phone number to call by going to their official website or find it on your last statement.

Tip No. 3: A legitimate investment opportunity does not require you to "act now." If someone calls claiming they have a "can't lose investment opportunity, but you must act now" hang up. All investing involves risk. Remember, a good deal today will usually be a good deal tomorrow. When considering an investment product or researching a financial professional you would like to hire, your first step should be calling the ASC at 1-800-222-1253 to ensure they are both registered. Also, you may request a free background check on the financial professional.

Tip No. 4: Register your number on the national do not call register. You can register your phone number with the FTC here. According to the FTC, if you are on this registry it is illegal for a company to call you with a sales pitch unless you are a previous customer. Once you are registered, anyone calling you and attempting to make a sale is already breaking the law. This will reduce the number of unwanted calls you receive; it will not stop them all.

Tip No. 5: Do not make charitable donations over the phone. It is always a good idea to research an organization before donating money. Ask the caller for written information and the organization's Federal Tax Identification Number. If they become hostile or pressure you to give, hang up the phone. Before you give, it may be wise to research charities at: www.charitynavigator.org; www.guidestar.org; www.IRS.gov (federal tax exempt status) or the Better Business Bureau's www.give.org. The ASC wishes you safe and happy holidays!

The ASC is Alabama's securities regulatory agency.

The mission of the ASC is to protect Alabamians from investment fraud and preserve legitimate capital markets in Alabama.

The investor's best protection from investment fraud is contacting the ASC at 1-800-222-1253 to ensure investment companies, individuals, and the products hold a registration with the Commission as required by law.

To access investor education materials or request a virtual or in-person presentation, visit the ASC website at https://asc.alabama.gov/.

Program (from Front)

Maria Stanford
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – This year's Cullman Regional Foundation Dr. Herman C. Ensor Lights of Love Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be 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. All community members and contributors are invited to join the Foundation via Facebook for the tree lighting ceremony to view a presentation of the names of those being recognized this year. The virtual program will also include special Christmas music by area artists. Donations may be contributed throughout the entire holiday season. 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.

Shopping (from Front)

Christy Perry
christy@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. – This year has been a tough year for small businesses due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but this past weekend was Small Business Saturday, a national event which began in 2010 and is held annually the Saturday after Thanksgiving. For the Alabama small business owner, that meant competing with the Iron Bowl this year. The Tribune talked to several local small business owners to see how holiday shoppers responded.

At Three Pears, Owner Carrie Taylor said she is pleased so far with the level of business she has seen this holiday season.

"We have been doing really well," she said. "Black Friday was awesome and then Small Business Saturday, it was good. With COVID, it's just different anyway so we all have to adjust to that, but as far as business and people coming in, I thought it was good."

Taylor said when the Iron Bowl began, the shopping stopped.

She laughed, "That's just normal."

White Willow Owner Libby Crider said of Small Business Saturday, "It's something we are proud of, being a small business, but I think it was mostly Christmas. I feel like most of the things we sold this weekend were Christmas items. Thanksgiving was over and people were ready to get the Christmas tree up. That's been kind of our main focus lately."

Has COVID caused people to be more aware of the importance of shopping local?

Answered Taylor, "I do believe that people have made an effort to shop local just to help the small business. I think sometimes they have gone online and not thought that much about it, but now I have customers come in and say, 'I want to shop local and I want to support our community.'"

Taylor said that the Cullman community has been wonderful and has "stepped up to make sure we are all still here."

Shawn Schiehl, owner of boutique Whoopsy Daisy, said, "I have a clientele that's kept me in business all these years, so thank goodness for them. I have received new customers since I have been here- men who come in after eating at Moe's to buy gifts for their wives."

Because of the pandemic, Schiehl said, she has had to adapt, creating the Whoopsy Daisy Instagram page.

"I noticed a lot of people posting about shopping local and punching that," she said. "Maybe people realize or maybe they hadn't thought about this being our living. I think it has made more people aware."

"We have been extremely busy since April," Crider shared. "I feel like a lot of people are at home; they have just wanted to update their home because they are there all the time."

Although she appreciates the effort put into creating Small Business Saturday, Taylor believes there could be improvements to the idea, saying, "Maybe if we could make it a little more special instead of lumping it in with Black Friday and Cyber Monday. I wish we could have a more special day."

Crider said her home decor business would have been busy Saturday regardless of the designation of Small Business Saturday, sharing, "It was a steady Saturday despite the Iron Bowl going on. It really was more people just getting what they needed instead of supporting Small Business Saturday. Luckily for us, we have had that support this whole time."

Today, more than ever, people are making online purchases for many of the everyday things they need, as well as for holiday gifts. To remain competitive, Three Pears, although it does not have a website, offers price matching.

Taylor explained, "You can always call us and order. All of our boots and shoes, I try to keep up with what's on sale on Amazon and other websites and honor that. I would rather you come here and purchase and get the same deal than to go on there and purchase. I will price match anybody!"

Many of small business owners The Cullman Tribune spoke with said they feel that Cullman has become a shopping destination for many out-of-town shoppers.

"I want to be different and special and set apart. I am thankful for what we have. I think we are pulling people this way," said Taylor.

"Southern Accents Architectural Antiques is here, Busy Bee and Emily who has Rattles and Rhymes. 412 (Public House) has been awesome for us. People eat and walk here so that's also been great and vice-versa. People come in from out of town to shop and they ask where they should eat. Go to 412 or All Steak."

Crider said that White Willow does a lot of "lake business," adding, "The real estate market has been crazy and most of those people are from out of town and new to the community. They need a local person, and our realtors are great, and they will send them to us."

Crider said she refers people to other local shops when they ask for great places to shop or eat.

"We send them around," she said. "We will send them to the Warehouse District, Southern Accents, Three Pears. I think Cullman has become a destination shopping place with all our cute little shops and restaurants."

Three Pears, located at located at 118 Fifth St. SE in Cullman, has shoes, boots, clothing, accessories, candles and gift cards that never expire. Find out more at www.facebook.com/Three-Pears-267019902761/.

Schiehl posts new items each day on Whoopsy Daisy's Instagram page at www.instagram.com/whoopsy_daisy_boutique.

Although she doesn't have a website, Schiehl asks customers to leave comments or send messages and items can be delivered. The boutique is located at 104 First Ave. NE, Cullman

White Willow is located at 302 First Ave. SE in Cullman. Find out more at www.instagram.com/whitewillow_cullman or www.whitewillow-cullman.com.

Need (from Front)

W.C. Mann
craig@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. – As the community enters the season of giving, The Tribune checked in with Cullman Caring for Kids (CCK), one of the area's most active charities, to see how things are going in the face of the pandemic and often increasing needs this time of the year.

CCK Executive Director Javon Daniel told The Tribune that his agency served 502 families and distributed approximately 30,000 pounds of food in November.

Said Daniel, "Of course, we were closed for the holidays, or we would have done even more than that."

A typical month at CCK can see more than 600 families served, and many families depend on the agency for ongoing support.

Daniel said in a previous interview, "We're here all the time, and it's not a one-time thing. You know, we have people that come in, some- especially those with small children or the elderly- will come in every month. It's really important for people to understand that the food bank- we can't just worry about today. We've got to worry about tomorrow and the next day, and the next day and the next day. So we always need food: canned food, dry goods, whatever."

This week, Daniel told The Tribune, "We need whatever people would like to donate. We always need food donations, monetary donations. This time of year, especially, we don't always get what we need to be giving out, so we do buy more this time of year. So monetary donations are very important."

Daniel said that CCK especially needs "Dry goods: mac and cheese, pasta, cereal, beans, rice- things like that, that people can use, good staple food for this time of year."

More than a food bank

When people think of CCK, the term "food bank" often comes to mind, and with good reason: the organization distributes 8 to 10 tons of food per month to families in need. But how does a child advocacy group get into the grocery business?

Daniel responded, "If you have a hungry 2- or 3-year-old child, there's no food in the house, and you have no idea where that food to feed that child is going to come from, that child is crying, and they're grumpy and they're fussy. And if we can prevent one parent from being angry enough to strike that child, then the food bank has accomplished what we set out to do.

"It's a preventative, it's a proactive stance. And this happens a lot. Children are abused, especially younger children, when they're not happy, and the parents have gone to their wits' end and they just have to do something. We offer the alternative that, 'Hey, you can come in here and we can give you enough food to last you for several days, to help you past that point.'

"That one child may later wind up in the court system or in the DHR system. And if we can prevent that, that's what we're here for."

CCK's other programs include:

CASA-Court Appointed Special Advocates

Trained volunteers are assigned to specific cases by courts and conduct independent investigations into cases of abuse, to do whatever is in a child's best interest.

Daniel described CASA volunteers as "the eyes and ears for the judge, because the judge cannot get out and do that in every case. But, more importantly, I think, is that they become the voice for the child, because children have very little to say about custody cases and abuse cases. It's just important that they know that they have somebody who, their only purpose is to be there for that child. We don't work for DHR; we don't work for the attorneys. We are there as volunteers to help that child to get into a safe, permanent home as soon as possible."

"Kids Matter"

Radio shows on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays address child abuse prevention to a regional market of more than one million potential listeners.

Some topics might be uncomfortable to talk about, but Daniel insists that no worthwhile subject is off the table if its discussion can help stop or prevent abuse.

Said Daniel, "Kids do matter, and what they think, and what they're experiencing, and what they're going through does matter.

"What we try to do is we try to talk about children and family issues every week that will help those listeners to get as good information as we can possibly give them about a given situation or subject.

" I wouldn't say it's my favorite part, but it's way up on the list, because I like to talk! But it's very important."

Get involved

To find out more about giving groceries or to make an online monetary donation, visit www.cullmancaringforkids.com or www.facebook.com/CullmanCaringForKids/ or call 256-739-1111.



Auburn falls to UCF, Johnson pours in 18 points

Greg Ostendorf
AU Athletics

ORLANDO, Fla. – It was a strong effort defensively from Auburn on Monday night. But the Tigers struggled offensively and didn't have enough firepower to win on the road as they dropped a 63-55 decision to UCF to wrap up a three-game stretch in Florida.

"Defensively I thought our kids played hard. I thought we had a good game plan," Auburn head coach Bruce Pearl said. "To hold Central Florida down to 63 points, 37 percent shooting, turning them over 19 times – I thought we did a really good job there. Offensively, it was a disaster. There's no other way of putting it. We played much better in Fort Myers than we did tonight."

The lone bright spot offensively for Auburn was junior guard Jamal Johnson who finished with a career-high 18 points and made 5 of 12 shots from beyond the arc.

The Tigers got down by as many as 12 early in the second half, but Johnson responded with a 3 to jumpstart a 5-point possession and swing the momentum back in their favor.

Later in the half, he drained another 3 to cut the UCF lead to six. He also added five rebounds and two assists to along with his game-high 18 points.

"He had two assists, no turnovers. He shot a good percentage. He had five rebounds. I thought Jamal played really well," Pearl said.

"This is his fourth year of college basketball. He's really my only experienced college player. I think that's shown. I thought he played pretty well against Gonzaga, and I thought he played well again tonight."

As a team, though, Auburn struggled shooting the ball. The Tigers shot 32 percent (20-62) from the field and just 21 percent (7-34) from beyond the arc. They were 8 of 22 from the free throw line.

"It was just one of those days," Johnson said. "We couldn't buy a bucket. We couldn't make free throws. We couldn't make lay-ups. It just happens sometimes."

However, it was Auburn's effort on the defensive end and on the glass that kept the Tigers in it. They forced 19 turnovers, blocked five shots and held UCF to 37 percent shooting.

They also pulled down 19 offensive rebounds and won the battle on the glass, 48-40.

Sophomore Jaylin Williams grabbed a team-high eight rebounds for Auburn and was tied with Justin Powell for second on the team with eight points. Williams also chipped in two assists, two blocks and a steal while Powell finished with seven rebounds, matching his career high. The freshman now has six or more rebounds in each of the team's first three games.

Fellow freshman Dylan Cardwell, who had yet to score his first collegiate points, finished with six points on 3 of 4 shooting.

The 6-foot-11 Cardwell was on the receiving end of an alley-oop dunk from JT Thor in the first half and then threw down another dunk in the opening minutes of the second half.

After spending the past week in the Sunshine State, the Tigers (1-2) will return home to make their 2020-21 debut in Auburn Arena on Friday night against South Alabama.

"It will be good to get this team back home," Pearl said. "Maybe we'll play better at home just from the familiarity of it. It's going to be a great weekend at Auburn with the Texas A&M football game on Saturday.

South Alabama gave us all we wanted a year ago. We'll see if we can continue to learn and get better."

The game is scheduled to tip at 8 p.m. CT and will be televised on SEC Network.

Troy falls at Appalachian State 47-10

Adam Prendergast
Troy Athletics

BOONE, N.C. – Troy dropped a Sun Belt Conference road tilt against Appalachian State, 47-10, Saturday evening at Kidd Brewer Stadium.

The Trojans (4-5, 2-3 Sun Belt) were held to 231 total yards and managed just 13 first downs compared to the Mountaineers' 554-yard offensive output.

App State (7-2, 5-1 Sun Belt) struck early and often with a touchdown on its first two possessions, followed by a pick-six to open with a quick 21-0 lead over the Trojans.

The Mountaineers took a 28-0 advantage with a 22-yard touchdown strike from Zac Thomas on the first play from scrimmage to begin the second quarter.

Troy's offense finally found a rhythm midway through the second quarter after a 27-yard field goal from Evan Legassey capped a 13-play, 66-yard scoring drive for the Trojans.

On Troy's next drive, Gunnar Watson found Kaylon Geiger for a 33-yard touchdown strike to cut into the App State lead.

The Trojan defense also found a foothold in the second quarter holding the Mountaineers to two second quarter field goals to trail 34-10 heading into the break.

App State continued to find offensive success with two more touchdown passes from Thomas in the third quarter to extend its lead to 47-10 at the end of the quarter.

Parker McNeil and Kyle Toole made their Trojan debuts in the second half with each seeing a drive at quarterback.

Troy possessed the ball for nearly the entire fourth quarter and closed the game on a 16-play, 77-yard drive that lasted 11:42 and consisted entirely of rushing plays.

Watson finished 13-for-20 for 125 yards with a touchdown and an interception while Jamontez Woods led the Trojans with 43 rushing yards to go along with 15 receiving yards.

Seven Trojans registered a reception during the game, led by Geiger's 41 yards on three catches.

Thomas went 22-for-29 for 279 and four touchdowns at the helm of the App State offense while Camerun Peoples led the ground game as the contest's leading rusher with 95 yards on 10 attempts. Malik Williams was the Mountaineers' leading receiver with seven catches for 113 yards.

Quotable – Head Coach Chip Lindsey

"We didn't play very well tonight. We had a little spurt in the second quarter.

"We can make all different types of excuses, but at the end of the day, we just aren't playing good football. We have to keep challenging our team, stay focused and flip the switch tomorrow."

Notable

- Carlton Martial finished with a game-high 13 tackles for his 11th career game with double-digit tackles, his third this season and the third time in the last five games.
- Carlton Martial moved into 16th place all-time in Troy history with 280 career tackles passing Osi Umenyiora; it is the most by a Troy player since 2004. His 138 assisted tackles are tied for 13th in Troy history.
- K.J. Robertson recorded 10 tackles for his second career double-digit tackle performance.
- The Trojans lost the coin toss (1-8) and received the opening kickoff. It marked the eighth time this season and the 16th time in 21 games under Chip Lindsey that the Trojans received the opening kick. The Trojans were held off the scoreboard for just the sixth time in those 16 game-opening drives.

Up Next

Troy returns to action Saturday, Dec. 5, in the Battle for the Belt. Kickoff from Mobile between Troy and South Alabama is set for 1 p.m. on ESPN3.

Bill Smith
BUICK GMC
BUICK GMC CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED
BILL SMITH

NEW INVENTORY ARRIVING DAILY!

NEW 2020 GMC SIERRA 1500
Crew Cab Short Box 4-Wheel Drive Denali

WAS $68,215
STK# 450939
NOW $56,990*

NEW 2020 GMC TERRAIN
FWD SLE

WAS $32,760
STK# 310678
NOW $23,988*

NEW 2020 GMC ACADIA
AWD AT4

WAS $48,450
STK# 206878
NOW $38,652*

NEW 2021 GMC YUKON
2WD 4dr Denali

WAS $76,390
STK# 128683
NOW $72,857*

NEW 2020 BUICK ENCORE
GX Select FWD

WAS $27,090
STK# 119760
NOW $19,866*

THANKFUL FOR OUR CUSTOMERS! TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE GREAT DEALS ONLY AT BILL SMITH

Bill Smith BUICK GMC
*Notates all rebates applied, must have 2005 or newer qualifying trade in. Prices are plus tax, title, & fee. Colors may vary.
BILLSMITHBUICKGMC.COM • 1940 SECOND AVE NW • CULLMAN, AL 35055 • 256-734-4472
© 2020 THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE



PREP BASKETBALL

Raiders down Cordova 79-73, Lady Raiders crush Lady Blue Devils 80-17

Nick Griffin
nick@cullmantribune.com

GOOD HOPE, Ala. – Good Hope returned home Monday night after the Thanksgiving break and welcomed Cordova onto campus for a pair of varsity matchups. The Lady Raiders were all over the Lady Blue Devils and led the game 47-0 at one point on their way to an 80-17 victory while the Raiders remained unbeaten with a 79-73 win over Cordova.

Good Hope 80 – Cordova 17 (varsity girls)

The Lady Raiders took any potential drama out of this matchup almost immediately with a huge opening half against Cordova. Back to back buckets by Rudi Derrick gave Good Hope an early 4-0 lead and the press from the Lady Raiders led to a lot of turnovers and easy baskets. Kyndall Seal and Ivey Maddox each scored to make it 8-0 early in the first and two more buckets from Derrick and Maddox stretched the lead to 14-0 midway through the quarter.

Two more baskets by Derrick and Maddox made it a 20-0 game with three minutes in the first and Seal and Heather Tetro each added buckets to extend the lead to 24-0. A Renee McLeod shot made it 26-0 and back to back Bailey Tetro baskets gave Good Hope a 30-0 advantage in the first. McLeod got another jumper to fall in the final seconds of the period to give the Lady Raiders a 32-0 lead at the start of the second.

Derrick knocked down a three to put Good Hope in front 35-0 at the start of the second and Desire' Odachowski laid one in to make it 37-0. Derrick nailed another shot from long range to add to the growing lead and Maddox turned a block into an easy layup to make it a 42-0 game with five minutes remaining in the half. McLeod buried another shot and Maddox added another three to extend the lead to 47-0 midway through the second quarter. The Lady Blue Devils were finally able to get on the board on their next possession, but the Lady Raiders didn't let up. Another McLeod bucket followed by a trey from Maddie McKenney made it a 52-4 game with just over a minute to play in the half and Good Hope went into the locker room with a 53-7 advantage at the break.

Back to back baskets by McLeod kept the momentum going and kept the Lady Raiders in front 57-9 at the start of the third. A Bailey Keef basket made it 61-9 early in the third and Charly Johnson got a shot to fall to extend the lead to 65-9 midway through the quarter. Derrick laid another one in to make it 67-11 with just over two minutes to play in the period and an Odachowksi three put Good Hope on top 70-11. The Lady Raiders led the way 74-11 at the start of the final frame.

McLeod added five more quick points at the start of the fourth quarter to keep Good Hope in front 79-11 at the start of the fourth quarter and with the hot clock running, the Lady Raiders pulled away to defeat Cordova convincingly, 80-17.

Derrick the Lady Raiders with 20 points in the win, followed by McLeod with 18, Maddox with 17 and Odachowski with five. Good Hope improves to 3-2 with the win and will travel to take on Fultondale Friday.

Good Hope 79 – Cordova 73 (varsity boys)

Michael Owens gave the Raiders a 2-0 lead before the game even began by knocking down a pair of technical foul free throws after a Cordova infraction during warm-ups but the Blue Devils drilled a three-pointer to retake an early, 3-2 lead. Colton Lindsey buried a trey to give Good Hope a 5-3 advantage, but the Blue Devils were able to pull back ahead 6-5 midway through the period.

A Noah Barnette basket cut the lead to 10-7 midway through the opening quarter and Barnette added a three-pointer to trim the lead to 12-10 with just under three minutes to play in the first. A Lawton Farr jumper tied things up at 12 late in the first quarter and Tanner Malin buried a triple to put the Raiders in front 15-12 with less than a minute to play in the quarter. Malin laid another in for two more just before the buzzer to make it a 17-12 game at the end of the first.

Barnette knocked down another trey at the start of the second to put Good Hope in front 20-12 but the Blue Devils were able to cut it to 20-17 as the period went on. Malin scored inside to stretch the lead to 22-17 midway through the quarter and he converted a three-point play at the line to make it a 25-17 game. The Raiders continued to create some separation when goaltending was called on a Barnette shot to make it 28-17 and a three-pointer from Charlie O'Neil stretched the lead to 31-20 with less than two minutes remaining in the half. A Malin jumper made it a 33-21 game with around a minute to play in the half but the Blue Devils were able to get on the board one more time to trim the lead to 33-23 at the halftime break.

Another Barnette bucket kept Good Hope in front 35-25 at the start of the third quarter and five straight points by Farr stretched the lead to 40-28 as the quarter progressed. Another Malin basket put the Raiders in front 42-28 midway through the third and after a couple of Cordova buckets, Farr drilled another three to make it a 45-32 game. Barnette drove to the basket for two more points to stretch the lead to 47-35 with just under three minutes remaining in the third but the Blue Devils responded with a trey on the other end to make it 47-38. A three-pointer from Eli Pugh gave the Raiders a 52-38 advantage with just over a minute to play in the third quarter and Malin converted another three-point play at the line to make it 55-42 late in the period. A scoring run from Cordova at the end of the period cut the lead to 55-47 going into the fourth quarter.

The Blue Devils were able to make it a 4-point game early in the final frame, but a pair of K'mal Bell free throws put the Raiders back in front 57-51. Bell followed his free throws with a layup on the next possession to keep Good Hope in front 59-53 and Malin turned a steal into two more easy points to make it a 61-53 game with just over five minutes to play. Another and-one play by Malin kept the scoring run going and put the Raiders on top 64-53 and the junior point guard laid in another one to stretch the lead to 13 midway through the fourth. Barnette put one off the glass to make it a 68-55 game and Malin finished off yet another three-point play at the free throw line to maintain a 71-59 Good Hope lead with just over two minutes to play. A pair of Malin free throws gave the Raiders a 73-65 advantage with a minute remaining on the clock and Barnette laid one in to stretch the lead to 10 late in the game. Cordova continued to fight back but ran out of time and Good Hope held on to defeat the Blue Devils 79-73.

Malin led the Raiders with 29 points in the win, followed by Barnette with 20 and Farr with 14. The Raiders improve to 4-0 on the season with the win and will travel to play Fultondale Friday night.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Good Hope's Tanner Malin (11) posted 29 points in the Raiders' 79-73 win over Cordova Monday night.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Good Hope's Renee McLeod finished with 18 points in the Lady Raiders' 80-17 win over Cordova Monday night.

Alabama falls in Camping World Maui Invitational opener to Stanford

UA Athletics
rolltide.com

ASHEVILLE, N.C. – The No. 25 Alabama men's basketball team dropped an 82-64 decision to Stanford in the opening round of the Camping World Maui Invitational on Monday night. With the loss, the Crimson Tide (1-1) moves into the consolation bracket where it will take on the UNLV Runnin' Rebels (0-2) Tuesday night at 8:30 p.m. CT (9:30 p.m. ET).

Alabama was led for a second straight game by guard Jahvon Quinerly, who collected team highs of 14 points and three steals. Jaden Shackelford was the only other UA player to reach double digits, finishing with 10 points on the night.

Stanford was led by freshman star Ziaire Williams' 19 points as he led four Cardinal players in double figures.

Coach Nate Oats Postgame Comments

• "Obviously a disappointing first game for us here at the Maui Invitational. I thought (Stanford) played much harder than we did. That's on us as coaches to have our team prepared and play better. They outrebounded us by 16 and that does not bode well. They shot 53 percent from three compared to our 24 percent. They took better shots than we did. They are a very good team, but we have got to bring a better effort than that. We were in the game the first 16 minutes and it was back-and-forth game, but they closed the half on a run. We began the second half and closed it within seven at the under 16 timeout but it went from seven to 12 in like 30 seconds and we could never get it back. I am really disappointed in our play and we have to respond and try to salvage this thing by playing a lot better tomorrow night."

Team Stats

• Shackelford reached double-figure scoring for the 17th straight games dating back to last season.

• Alabama forced Stanford into 22 turnovers on the night to result in a 21-14 advantage in points off turnovers

• The Tide finished with 14 fast break points compared to seven for the Cardinal

• Stanford owned a big advantage on the glass, outrebounding Alabama 47-31

• Alabama shot just over 35 percent from the field, while Stanford shot 51 percent from the field.

First Half

• The game was tight early in the opening stanza as the two teams swapped the lead four times and had six ties over the first 15 minutes of action

• Stanford closed the half on a 12-2 run over the final four-plus minutes to take a 41-29 lead into the locker room

• Alabama missed its final eight field goals and hist just two of its final 14 shots from the floor to close the first 20 minutes of action

Second Half

• The Crimson Tide jumped out to a quick start in the second half and cut Stanford's lead to seven, 49-42, with 15:21 remaining

• However, a three-pointer by Bryce Wills sparked a Cardinal 10-0 run over the next 2:28 to increase the lead to 17, 59-42, with 12:43 left

• Stanford led by as many as 24 points before settling for the 18-point victory

Up Next

• Alabama and UNLV will square off in the consolation bracket on Tuesday night, with the contest being televised on ESPN2



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

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

OUTDOORS

ACES: Be a safe and courteous hunter this deer season

Victoria Dee
Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. – Deer season is in full swing, and with it comes camouflage, bright hunter orange and many excited hunters. Before someone heads out into the woods, they must first know their states' hunting requirements and laws. Also, while it is one of the most popular wintertime activities in the South, it can also be one of the most dangerous. Hunting is also an activity where many people utilize camps and other people's land. Because of this, it is also crucial to be both safe and courteous throughout the season.

State hunting requirements

"It is important to understand the license requirements for the state you are hunting in," said Bence Carter, an Alabama Extension forestry, wildlife and natural resources regional agent.

Alabama hunters can visit the Alabama Department of Conservation of Natural Resources (ADCNR) website, www.OutdoorAlabama.com, to read all the guidelines and requirements for the state.

Carter said the ADCNR magazine, Hunting and Fishing Digest, is also a source for this information.

"Alabama has a game check and harvest record requirement for certain species, such as whitetail deer," he said. "Registering your deer on the ADCNR game check system provides critical information to state biologists making wildlife management decisions."

It is also important to remember that all hunters at and over the age of 10 must participate in a hunter safety course hosted by ADCNR.

Safety

There are a multitude of things hunters must remember to stay safe in this sport. The first, and arguably most well-known rule, is to wear hunter orange while in the woods. This may be in the form of a cap or vest, as long as it has at least 144 square inches of the bright color and is visible from all sides.

While hunters in tree stands more than 12 feet from the ground are not required to wear orange in the stand, they must wear it when traveling to and from the stand.

When using a tree stand, it is important to use a safety harness to prevent injury from falling.

Also, a good rule of thumb is to treat firearms like they are loaded at all times. Always point them in a safe direction, and only shoot when you are absolutely positive it is on a target.

Be courteous

Great hunters always remember to be courteous to the wildlife, land and to other hunters around them. Carter emphasizes that hunters should only take shots at a reasonable range, where they can quickly and effectively ensure a clean kill. The ethical treatment of wildlife is an important facet of being a courteous hunter.

Also, no matter what land they are on, hunters need to make sure they are being respectful of it. They should remember to pick up any trash they might have brought in and to leave the land in just as good or better shape than they found it.

"Whether you are hunting private or public land, consideration of other hunters is also important," Carter said.

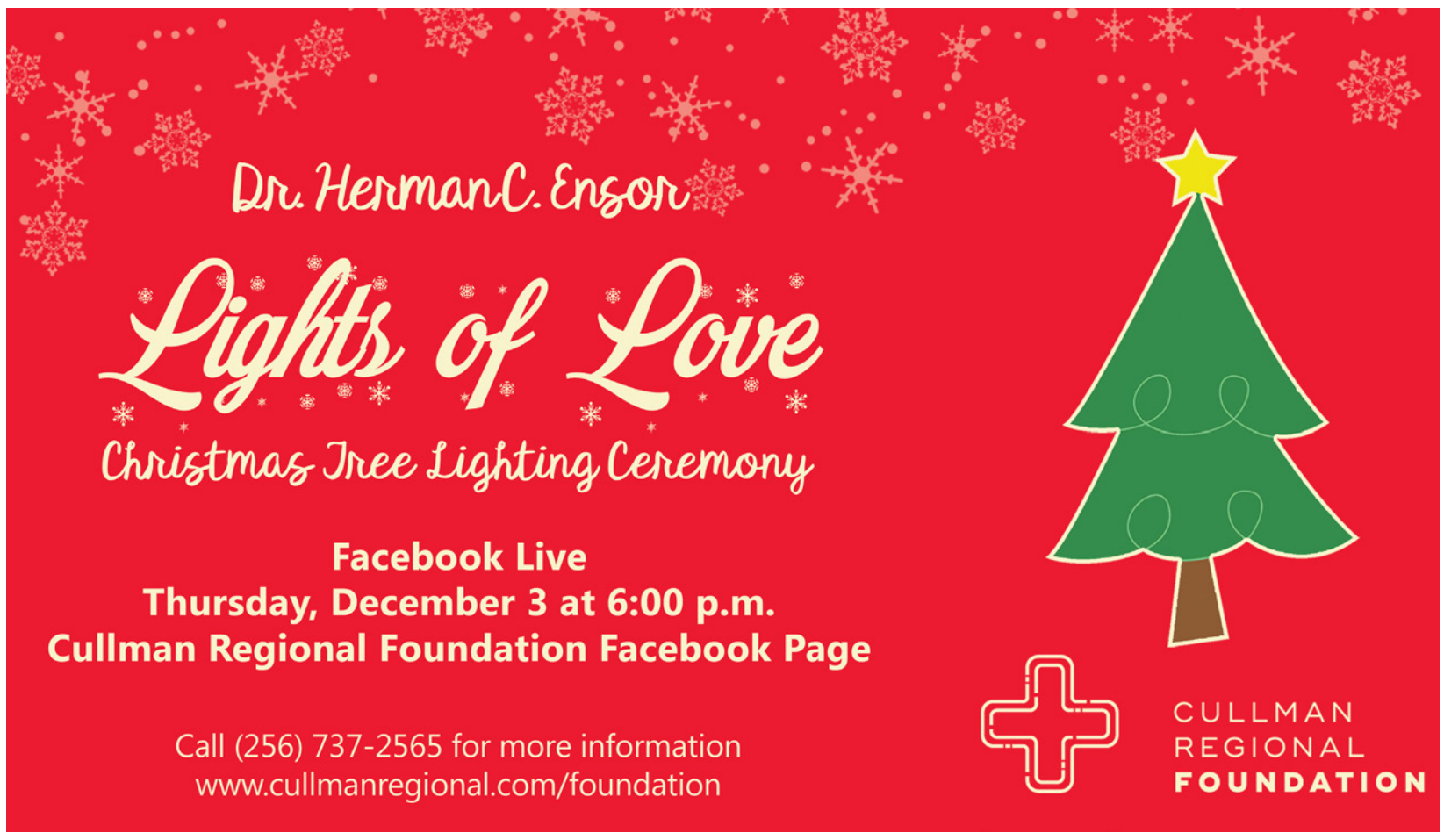


ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM

"If you see a vehicle or sign that someone is in or near your intended location, move somewhere else."

More information

For more information on hunter safety and courtesy this deer season, visit www.aces.edu, www.OutdoorAlabama.com or contact your county Extension office.



LEGALS

Legal Notice

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

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

JOHN DAVID HANES, DECEASED CASE NO. PC2020-295

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF JOHN DAVID HANES, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Jonathan Scott Hanes and Kristopher Justin Hanes on the 23rd day of November, 2020, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0398
Phone: (256) 734-4721
Fax: (256) 734-4774
e-mail:

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO. PC 2020-231
RANDY WAYNE POPE, JR., *
Deceased *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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

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

Randy Wayne Pope, Sr.,
Personal Representative

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

TO: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

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

PB ADT Bk 57 Pg 422 - 11/09/2020 04:24 PM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

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

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

DONE THIS 9th DAY OF November, 2020.

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

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

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

Done this the 23rd day of November, 2020.

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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

Joel David Reynolds
Personal Representative

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

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

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

Farms (from Front)

Marlee Moore
Contributor

As the calendar flips closer to Dec. 25, Christmas tree farms are providing fresh-cut evergreens and festive holiday experiences for families across Alabama.

"From the Gulf Coast to the Tennessee Valley, Alabama farmers grow, trim and prepare trees of all shapes and sizes," said Hunter McBrayer, the Alabama Farmers Federation Greenhouse, Nursery & Sod Division director.

"Growing a tree is a years-long endeavor. When a family visits a farm to pick out their perfect tree, they're taking home a labor of love."

Most Christmas tree farms open the Friday following Thanksgiving and close Christmas Eve.

These farms don't just offer trees; it's about the experience, McBrayer said. From hot chocolate to train rides and wreath-making stations to visits from Santa, festivities encourage families to make the season merry and bright.

Tree Choice And Care
When it's time to pick the perfect tree, McBrayer offers these tips:

Measure first
• Measure height and width of the space where you plan to display the tree. Account for extra height from the tree stand and topper.

Choose a tree with an appealing shape that fits your space.

Look for space between branches.
• For ornaments to hang straight, you'll want a tree with some space between the branches.

If buying a fresh-cut or harvested tree, look for dark-green needles and flexible branches.
• Needles should be flexible, adhere to the branch and not fall off in your hand.

Make a fresh 1-inch cut in the tree trunk before mounting on the stand.

Get the tree into water as soon as possible.
• Heat in a home can dry a tree out, but freshly cut trees that are well-hydrated and kept out of harsh sunlight or drafts can last up to a month.

Check the water level daily.
• For the first few days, check the level every couple of hours. After about a week, water intake will slow down, and daily refills should be fine.

When Christmas is over, don't trash the tree!
• Turn it into mulch, repurpose it as an animal habitat or replant living Christmas trees.

Alabama Christmas Tree farms
Searching for a Christmas tree farm near you? Check out this list, compiled by the Alabama Farmers Federation!

• Parker Acres Farm - Bay Minette

• Moody Farms - Oneonta

• Heart of Dixie Farm - Henager

• Gilbert Christmas Tree Farm - Lanett

• Old Dairy Christmas Tree Farm - Gadsden

• Pine Hills Farms - Birmingham

• Shell's Christmas Tree Farm - Tuscumbia

• Sokoll's Christmas Tree Farm - Florence

• Wadsworth Christmas Tree Farm - Wetumpka

• Wilderwood Farms - Ralph

• Clear Creek Christmas Tree Farm - Jasper

• Risner Christmas Tree Farm - Citronelle

• Springfield Christmas Tree Farm - Boaz

• Back To Christmas Tree Farm - Madison

• Trim-A-Tree Farm - Athens

• Home Town Christmas Trees - Sulligent

• Fish River Trees - Summerdale

• Neely Farms - Thorsby

• Beavers Christmas Tree Farm - Trafford

• Frazier Christmas Tree Farm - Albertville

Bryant (from Front)

co-director of CCK's Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program, which provides specially trained volunteers to look after the needs of children in the court system.

CCK Executive Director Javon Daniel said of his assistant and partner in ministry, "She told me several times that the first time she came into Cullman Caring for Kids, she knew this was where she was supposed to be."

Daniel continued, "She's very talented; she's more talented than she knows she is. She can put something together and organize, and set up something and get it flowing. She just has a knack for that. That's the part of this that I don't do well; you know, I don't create stuff. Give me numbers and figures and people to talk to, and I do fine. But put me in charge of putting something together- a campaign or something like that- and I don't do as well.

"We've been working together now for 20 years. We complement each other very well; my expertise is not hers and hers is not mine, and it just kind of flows.

"But I've known Nancy for 20 years now, and I think she's an incredible woman, incredible talent. She's very personable; people love her to death.

"I've always said if Cullman Caring for Kids was the song, she would be the lyrics. She is that unsung hero behind Cullman Caring for Kids."

CCK Administrative Assistant Tonja Grace told The Tribune, "She has been a hard worker and is also my boss. When COVID started, she put her life on hold to help others. We both work at Cullman Caring for Kids and went from a crew of 13 down to four and worked nonstop to make sure no one in the community went hungry. I have watched this lady work nonstop to help others.

"We serve a lot of elderly, and when they could not make it to come into the food bank, this precious soul took the food to them herself without hesitation. I have watched her suffer and wince with pain, but has never complained.

"She is the best mom, wife, friend and Nana anyone could ask for. She is truly an angel here on earth. She works nonstop taking care of everyone but herself, always putting others before herself. We also have a Christmas Love project she works on and helps to make sure the less fortunate have a Christmas.

"Her parents are both 87 and she cares for them as well. They are feeble and she makes time to see that they are taken care of. She is my best friend and has been by my side through it all, and I could not do life without her. I feel like God laid it on my heart to reach out and make sure this 'Unsung Hero' is noticed."

In celebration of Bryant's birthday last week, CCK posted this statement to social media:

"To say this lady is important, is an understatement. She's a mom, Nana, friend, and co-worker to many. She wears a hat with many roles. She jumps in 'headfirst' literally, in all she does. You might even see her driving the truck for the food bank. Her love for kids and the community goes beyond words. She loves nothing more than to sit and listen to the children tell her their stories and adventures. It doesn't matter how tired she is, she keeps pushing to make sure things get done."

VIRGIL B. FOWLER
Real Estate and Insurance
AGENCY
Quality Since 1935
734-3821
vbfowlerinsurance.com
Successors to
WILLIAM RICHARD & SON INSURANCE
" Established 1885 "
Virgil B. Fowler 1895-1978 - Virgil B. Fowler Jr. 1937-2019 - Dorothy S. Fowler - Jason S. Fowler

Obituary Announcements: Dec. 2



Martha S. Powe Pellegra, beloved Mama Bobo, born June 9, 1926 in Cullman, Alabama passed away Nov. 28, 2020. She was preceded in death by her husband Sam J. Pellegra after a loving marriage of 41 years. She was preceded in death by her parents William Henry Powe and Effie Oden Powe; brothers Ruben "Buddy" Powe, William Teddy Powe, Walter Powe, and Clarence Powe; sisters Dean Johnson and Jeanette Quattlebaum. She is survived by her sisters Jackie Quattlebaum and Gaynell Marty; her step-sons Conrad Pellegra and Gerard (Susan) Pellegra; step-daughter Jo Ann (Paul) Jones; her grandchildren Brian (Angie) Pellegra, Philip (Ariana) Pellegra, Corey Jones, Jamie Jones, and Ryan (Ryan Rane) Jones; great-grandchildren Ethan Pellegra, Zayne Pellegra, Halle Pellegra; and many nieces and nephews. Bobo worked for American Printing Company for over 30 years. She lovingly cared for her family in Cullman and in Birmingham. Bobo and Sam enjoyed hosting family events, and she always enjoyed her flowers and gardening. Due to COVID, the services will be for family. Family visitation will be at Ridout's Gardendale Saturday, Dec. 5 from 11 a.m.-noon and burial to follow 12:30 p.m. at Elmwood Cemetery. COVID restrictions will apply with face masks and social distancing. We extend special appreciation to the staff at Compassus Hospice for their compassion and care. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your local foodbank, or charity of your choice. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.ridoutsgardendale-chapel.com for the Pellegra family.

Ms. Willie Vonza Baker of Blountsville passed away Nov. 29, 2020 at the age of 66. She was born Jan. 19, 1954 in Shelby County to Dolphy and Ruby Jeanette Grayson Hopkins. She worked as a registered nurse at The Folsom Center. Funeral services are Friday, Dec. 4, 2020 at 1 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Denny Armstrong officiating. Interment will follow services in Harmony Baptist Cemetery in Empire, Alabama. Survivors are sons Jimmy Baker, Robin Baker, and Brent Baker; sisters Joyce (Johnny) Phillips, Mary (Paul) Ballenger, and Ruby Ellington; brother Douglas Hopkins; three grandchildren; and other family members. Visitation is Friday from 11 a.m. until service time at 1 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Funeral Home directing.

Graveside services for Betty Jean Howse, 73, of Cullman, Alabama will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020 at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville. Ms. Howse is survived by her cousins Dondra (Ronnie) Taylor, Debra (Courtney) White, Pat Scott, Barbara McMinn, and Sandra (Dwight) Laney; step-sister Diane Carroll; and step-brothers Donald and Dennis Carden. Ms. Howse is preceded in death by her father Conrad Howse; and mother Viola (Dan) Howse Carden.

Funeral services for Connie Cason Allen of Hanceville, Alabama will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville. Leon Mauldin and Devin Allen will be officiating. Visitation for Mrs. Allen will be at the funeral home Saturday prior to the service from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mrs. Allen was born June 7, 1961 in Cullman County and died at Cullman Regional Hospital at the age of 59. Connie is survived by her husband Ben Allen; mother Marie Cason; brother Rick Cason; nieces Christy (Eric) Main, Amy (Brad) Johnson, and Michelle (Lynn) Talley; nephews James (Erin) Cunningham, Devin (Shannon) Allen, and Ricky (Lacey) Cason; and a host of great nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her sister Deborah Jean Cunningham; niece Krystal Cason; and sister-in-law Doris Cason.

A memorial service for Hazel Estelle Scott, 86, of Hanceville, Alabama will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel.

FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED SINCE 1998
HOLLY POND FUNERAL HOME
SPECIAL PRICING ON CREMATIONS OPTION
Speak with one of our licensed funeral directors today for special pricing on Direct Cremation, Cremation with a Memorial Service, or Funeral Services followed by Cremation.
★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★
TRADITIONAL "CARE" BURIAL FUNERAL PACKAGES
CURRENTLY BEGIN AT $3,995. ADDITIONAL PACKAGES AVAILABLE.
THIS ESTABLISHMENT DOES NOT OWN A CREMATORY.
161 BROOKLYN ROAD, HOLLY POND, AL | 256-796-0333

THE TOMBSTONE COMPANY
Custom Granite Headstones and Monuments
Date of Death Engraving in Cemeteries
Locally Made and Locally Owned
Low Cost, High Quality
30-Day Delivery, Guaranteed
We Use Only American Granite
2117 US Hwy 278 West
Cullman, AL 35057
(2 miles West of I-65)
256-734-2005
Saturdays by Appointment
www.thetombstonecompany.com

Free Obituary Listings

HAVE YOUR FUNERAL HOME CONTACT US

Email: robin@cullmantribune.com • Fax: 256-739-4422

Complete obituaries may be found free of charge at CullmanTribune.com/obituaries.

BUSINESS

Publix named one of Fortune's Best Workplaces in Retail

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

Fortune has named Publix one of the 2020 Best Workplaces in Retail, ranking No. 3 of the 15 best large retail workplaces.

Great Place to Work surveyed more than 900,000 employees across the U.S. in the retail industry. Questions focused on their experiences with their companies, including the effectiveness of leaders, company values and ability to reach their full potential.

"Publix is proud to be recognized as one of the best workplaces in the retail industry," said Maria Brous, Publix director of communications.

"We strive to create a people-first culture for our associates. They are our greatest asset, so taking care of them is one of our top priorities."

With more than 1,250 stores across seven states, Publix associates named our resources, culture and giving back as reasons they enjoy working for our company.

To read more about our ranking and see the full list, visit greatplacetowork.com/best-workplaces/retail/2020.











