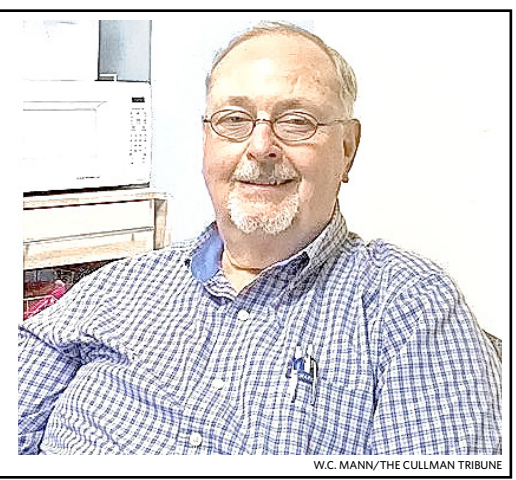
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JAVON DANIEL PASSES 20-YEAR MARK AS HEAD OF CULLMAN CARING FOR KIDS



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Cullman Caring for Kids Executive Director Javon Daniel

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4D Farm kicks off 'Country Christmas' this Saturday



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Brac Daniel poses for a photo with Jumper the Donkey at 4D Farm Wednesday.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – 4D Farm's "Country Christmas" opens this Saturday, Dec. 5, and the staff is busy putting the finishing touches on the lights and decorations. This will be a first for the popular family attraction as it welcomes visitors for the holiday season. The farm is full of games, activities, food, sweets, rides, and of course, farm animals.

Owner Beth Daniel gave the Tribune a tour of what is in store for visitors this Christmas.

"With this being our first year, it's hard to compete with all the traditional light shows," she said. "We have lights, but we have included some different things including hay bales and farm equipment with our lights. It really is a country Christmas and we have tried to be very creative."

The farm has something for everyone. Most of the farm's normal attractions will be open, as well as Santa's Barn, where Santa will be available for families to take pictures.

Next to Santa's Barn is the vintage roller coaster with unlimited rides.

Daniel explained, "This roller coaster is a 1952 Allan Herschell vintage coaster."

Special for Christmas, rides on the mechanical bull will also be included with the price of admission.

Daniel introduced us to the Barnstormer Tubing Slide, a unique attraction that takes riders zooming down the hill on inner tubes.

"To me it is so fun for children who live in Alabama and don't have the opportunity to go snow tubing very often," Daniel smiled. "That's my favorite thing."

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HEALTH

'It is completely up to the community'

Cullman Regional addresses surge in COVID-19 hospitalizations



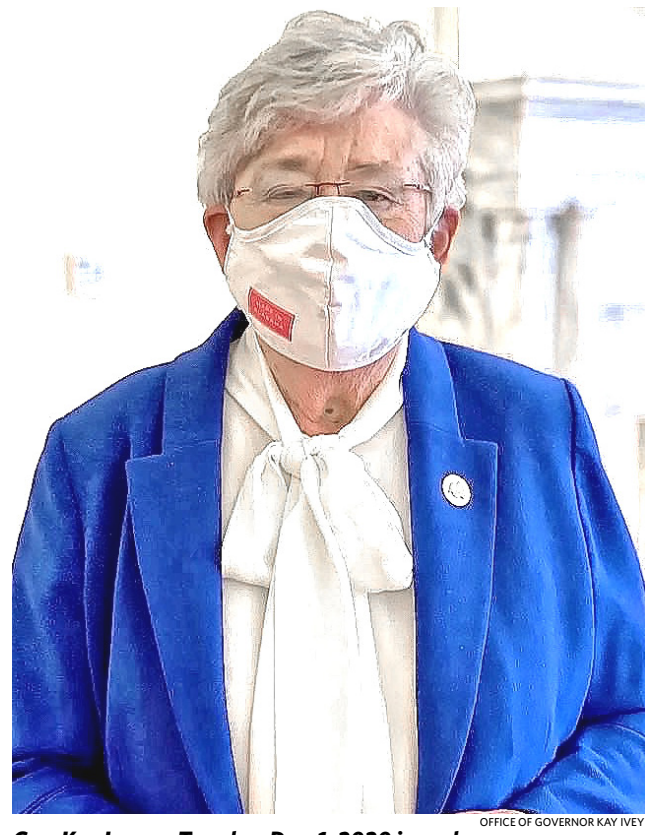
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EDUCATION

Ivey calls for return to in-person classes; officials and parents respond



OFFICE OF GOVERNOR KAY IVEY

Gov. Kay Ivey on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020 issued a statement urging school systems to return for in-person learning.

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Area seniors looking for pen pals

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BUSINESS

Mullins named president of Premier Bank of the South

Caitlin Schiehl
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Premier Bank of the South's Board of Directors on Wednesday announced that Jacob M. Mullins has been elected president of Premier Bank of the South.

Mullins has been with the bank for 19 years and has served in numerous roles during his tenure.

Chairman of the Board of Directors John J. Mullins stated, "We are pleased to announce that Jacob Mullins has been elected president of Premier Bank of the South.

"Jacob has the same vision that has made the bank successful for the past 33 years, which is providing our customers with the best possible service and products available. We are extremely excited about the future for our customers and employees."

Premier Bank of the South is a locally owned and operated bank with nine locations throughout north Alabama, providing a friendly and personal banking environment.

"Our main focus has always been, and will continue to be, providing the best possible financial services available for those we have the opportunity and privilege to serve," Mullins said.



PREMIER BANK OF THE SOUTH

Jacob M. Mullins

BUSINESS

Starbucks offers free coffee to front-line responders throughout December

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor



STARBUCKS

In response to the recent rise in COVID-19 cases and to recognize the significant efforts of the front-line responder and health care community, Starbucks announced Tuesday that it will offer a free tall brewed coffee (hot or iced) to front-line responders at participating U.S. Starbucks stores throughout the month of December to show appreciation for those keeping our communities safe during COVID-19.

"It has been an extraordinarily difficult year, especially for the front-line responders who are serving our communities," said Virginia Tenpenny, Starbucks vice president, Global Social Impact.

"We want to show our deep gratitude for those who support and protect us every day with a small gesture of kindness and a cup of coffee."

Here are the details:

Through Dec. 31, any customer who identifies as a front-line responder to the COVID-19 outbreak will receive a tall brewed coffee (hot or iced) at no charge (see full eligibility list below).

The offer can be redeemed at Starbucks U.S. company-operated locations and select licensed stores.

To further support the front-line responder community, the company also donated $100,000 to National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to support virtual mental health resources for front-line responders and has plans to surprise 50,000 front-line responders with care packages and Starbucks gift cards this holiday season.

Free Coffee Offer Eligibility

Those eligible for the offer include front-line health care providers and first responders, including: doctors, nurses, public health workers, pharmacists, dispatchers, fire fighters, paramedics, EMTs, law enforcement officers, dentists and dental hygienists, mental health workers (therapist, psychologist, social worker, counselor, etc.), hospital staff such as janitor/housekeeping/security, military on active duty, contact tracers, vaccine and pharmaceutical researchers, pilots, flight attendants, TSA and medical researchers.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 2

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 2, 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. 30

• third-degree forgery, first-degree theft by deception; EvaBank; Hwy. 157; forged check

Dec. 1

• fourth-degree theft of property; person; Logan St. SW; bicycles; $500

• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; Scenic Drive NE; wallet & contents, miscellaneous

• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; tool set; $97

ARRESTS

Dec. 1

Weissend, Daniel N., 40

• FTA- insurance violation

• FTA- expired tag

Henderson, David S., 43

• first-degree sexual abuse

Sinyard, Jack L., 59

• first-degree theft of property (2 counts)

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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



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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.

Free Firewood
Free firewood from oak tree (will need to be cut up). Call 256-796-0686.

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.
• Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
• 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. Saturday, Dec. 5. Proceeds 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. 3-6, 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 Prosthesis 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.

St. Paul's Back to the 80s New Year's Eve Bash
• Thursday, Dec. 31 at 8 p.m. at the Abbey Byre at Saint Bernard.
• The party will include everything that made the 80s fun- high hair, great tunes and totally awesome food. Costumes are encouraged. Two Maids & a Mop of Huntsville will be sponsoring the costume contest with the prize winner taking home $200. Time capsules will be raffled off featuring great 80s pop culture throwbacks. Seasoned Catering will be serving up some tasty eats.
• A limited number of tickets is available for this event to ensure proper distancing. Hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the venue and masks will be provided for those who need one. Our goal is to have a safe and responsible event.
• Tables are also available for purchase. Tickets can be purchased online at www.stpaulscullman.com. This is an 18 and older event.

STATE

Merrill honors AL EMA, Office of Information Technology, Power cooperatives with NASS Medallions

Grace Newcombe
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Secretary of State John H. Merrill on Wednesday awarded the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, the Alabama Office of Information Technology, Alabama Power, the Alabama Rural Electric Association, Electric Cities of Alabama and PowerSouth with NASS Medallions.

These medallions recognize individuals, groups and organizations for their exceptional service and dedication to carrying out the mission of the National Association of Secretaries of State.

"Just days before the General Election, Hurricane Zeta swept across the coast, leaving tens of thousands of Alabamians without electricity.

"As a result, polling places in more than 19 of Alabama's 67 counties were left without power," noted Merrill.

"Each of the power cooperatives awarded today, in addition to the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, worked tirelessly around the clock to protect our democracy through identifying areas in need, restoring power and providing generators."

Continued Merrill, "In addition, the Office of Information Technology consistently provides support for our office to see that no cyber-related vulnerabilities or irregularities occur on our end.

"Our elections would not be as safe and secure as they are now without the assistance provided by OIT, and we are most grateful."



OFFICE OF ALABAMA SEC. OF STATE JOHN MERRILL

Pictured left to right are Secretary of Information Technology Marty Redden; Electric Cities of Alabama Executive Director Jon Hand; Alabama Rural Electric Association President Fred Braswell; Alabama Secretary of State John H. Merrill; PowerSouth Director of Transmission & Distribution Operations Terry Wilson; Alabama Power Chairman, President, and CEO Mark Crosswhite; and Alabama Emergency Management Agency Director Brian Hastings.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2020 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

- Total confirmed cases in AL: 213,172* (+3,135 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 43,656 (+793 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 3,326 (+46 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 385
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 3,426 (+57 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 1,294 (+39 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 35 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 8
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 26,129
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,314
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 830
- Total tested in Alabama: 1,603,523
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 33,873
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 117,762
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,801
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 25,821
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 168,387

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

***ADPH Important Notice (12/02/20):**
The Alabama Department of Public Health processed a backlog of 706 positive PCR results from a facility on December 1. These will be classified as confirmed COVID-19 cases reported on 12/01/20 even though the tests were performed during November 23 through November 29, 2020. All laboratories are required by law to report all results (including positive and negative results) for SARS-CoV-2 to ADPH. Delays in reporting by required reporters is not within control of ADPH. Processing the backlog will not impact the ADPH COVID-19 Risk Indicator Dashboard. Please see Tab 7A: Daily Number and 7-Day Moving Average of Cases by Infectious Date to see cases by their infectious date and not the date reported.

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.

FAITH

St. Paul's announces Advent, Christmas services

Emily Trahan
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – As in years past, the Advent Season will be highlighted at St. Paul's Lutheran Church during weekly evening prayer services held every Wednesday night at 6 p.m. The focus of the readings will be chapters 47, 48 and 49 from the prophecy of Isaiah.

St. Paul's Christmas Eve services are scheduled for 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. The service of lessons and carols will begin at 6 p.m. and feature talents and voices from Sunday school students, members of the Senior Choir, the Hand Bell Choir and a chamber ensemble from St. Paul's and the community featuring woodwinds, brass and percussion.

The 11 p.m. service will feature carols and candlelight in the Divine Service. Divine Service will begin at 9 a.m. Christmas morning.

The development of Christmas carols, as we know them today, came over the course of centuries. As early as the 15th century, the "Quempas Carol" was one such carol which found favor particularly within the Lutheran tradition.

The title alludes to the account of the angels' annunciation of Jesus' birth (from Latin, "Quem pastores laudavere," tr. "He whom shepherds praised").

The lyrics are in the form of a report from the shepherds telling those who they encounter what they had seen and heard, and they follow a cycle of three distinct musical sections. The "Quempas Carol" has become a treasured aspect of St. Paul's Christmas Eve services in the last few years and will again be featured.

Traditionally, the first section is sung antiphonally by four small choirs spread throughout the church. This represents the spread of the four Gospels of Jesus Christ into the four corners of the world.

The middle section is sung by a larger, central choir, and features the account from the shepherds' perspective. The final section often features the youngest children and even the congregation with the main proclamation and its significance: "God's own Son is born a child! God the Father is reconciled!" All are welcome to join in these celebrations.

These services will be enriched by our choirs and musicians from St. Paul's.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is located at 513 Fourth Ave. SE in Cullman. Find out more at www.stpaulsl.com.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Warriors, Lady Warriors split home matchups with Cold Springs

Chris Pugh
Tribune Correspondent

WEST POINT, Ala. – Cold Springs traveled to the campus of West Point High School on a chilly Tuesday night for a pair of varsity matchups against the hosting Warriors and Lady Warriors. The Lady Warriors defended their home floor against the Lady Eagles 53-33 but in the nightcap, it was the visiting Cold Springs Eagles that defeated West Point 59-50.

West Point 53 – Cold Springs 33 (varsity girls)
Cold Springs started the game off with a couple quick three pointers but ultimately the lady Warriors overcame the early points and won convincingly 53-33 over the Lady Eagles.

Ryleigh Jones got the West Point offense rolling early with seven points in the opening quarter. Jones finished with 18 on the night.

Lexi Shaddix, after being held scoreless in the first, opened up the second quarter with a three pointer. Shaddix protected the paint most the night on the defense side and finished with 12 points.

Braelee Quinn was the other big scorer for West Point, scoring 13 through the first three quarters.

Summer Mendoza added eight points for the Lady Warriors.

Toni West provided most of the offense for Cold Springs throughout the night, finishing with 10. The Eagles struggled much of the night, unable to get the ball into the paint. The Lady Warriors man defense held them in check until late in the fourth quarter when Cold Springs was able to get to the free throw line.

Cold Springs 59 – West Point 50 (varsity boys)
Brody Peppers' opening and closing of the game was just what Cold Springs needed to get the county win on the road on a cold Tuesday night. He scored 10 in both the first and fourth quarter, finishing with 24 on the night.

Down 27-19 in the middle of the second quarter, Cold Springs used two three-pointers of its own by Micah Calvert to spring a 10-0 run. West Point went into the half up 32-31.

The Cold Springs run ended up being 30-11 after trailing by eight in that second quarter. Tanner Kilgo paced the Eagles' offense with five points in the third period while Will Cochran added six of his own. Cold Springs took a 45-40 lead going into the quarter.

That's when Peppers once again got hot and added just enough to keep Bowers and Cochran at bay. Bowers finished with 20, while Cochran finished with 15. While Calvert finished with 12, all on treys.

Overall, it was a basketball edition of the classic story of the Tortoise and the Hare. It was a live or die by the three kind of night for West Point. And Cold Springs did what it does do best, slow the game down and play disciplined basketball.

The streaky Warrior offense ultimately wasn't enough for the slow, steady offense of Cold Springs and the Eagles pulled away to win it 59-50.



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Cold Springs' Brody Peppers (5) led the Eagles with 24 points in their win at West Point Tuesday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Addison splits Tuesday night contests with Clements

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. – The Addison Bulldogs split a pair of games with the 3A Clement Colts on a chilly night in Allen Stephenson Gym. The ladies dropped a closer than the score indicated 69-58 game, while the boys took the nightcap in a rout 61-41.

Clements 69 – Addison 58 (varsity girls)
The ladies opened the night with high hopes as they hoped to tame the colts. The young bulldogs played hard and with tough defense led after one period, 14-13. Bracey "Tiny" Rodgers carried the ladies Dawgs by scoring 10 of the 14- points Addison scored in the period. The second period had Clements taking charge with their do all Sophomore point guard Jenny Trent driving to the basket and nailing three pointers. At the half, Clements had a slim 32-30 lead, and the game was still up in the air.

The second half turned into the third period of doom for the Lady Dawgs. Clements raced out and away outscoring Addison 24-11 in the period. Trent could not be stopped, and Senior Forward Janiah Anderson started rebounding and scoring as well. Rodgers and Molly Gilbreath tried to keep the Dawgs close but after three the Addison ladies found themselves down 15.

Addison first year coach Bailey West, who is very animated on the sidelines, get her young ladies to fight and claw back into the game and they actually outscored the Colts 17-12 in the final frame. But it was not enough as Addison had absolutely no answer for Trent.

Trent led the Colts to 69-58 victory over the Lady Dawgs. The loss dropped Addison to 3-5 on the season.

Coach West said, "I know I have said it before, but we are a young team and we are still learning what we need to do to win.

"The girls are playing hard, but I need them to give that intensity for the entire game.

"We are not good enough to not give 100% effort and expect a good outcome. The simple fact is if we don't play with maximum intensity we won't win.

"We are going to be a good team in the future. We have talent we just have to develop that talent and the wins will come."

Coach Paul WIlson, Clements' second-year head coach, said of Trent, "She loves the game and is a very hard worker.

"She was the best player on the floor tonight and is the heart and soul of our team. There isn't anything that she doesn't do well."

Trent led all scorers with 37 points and six steals. Anderson chipped in 15 points and three rebounds.

Addison was led by "Tiny" Rodgers with 25 points, six rebounds, two assists and five steals. Molly Gilbreath had 14 points, three boards and three assists.

Anna Grace Luker had a solid all-around game with eight points, seven rebounds, four assists and three steals. Gracie "Bug" Manley had eight points, four boards and two steals. Addisyn Smothers had six boards and two steals.

Addison drops to 3-5 on the young season.

Addison 61 – Clements 41 (varsity boys)
The Addison boys got their night off against a Clements Colts team that had only lost once on the season. The Colts were a run and gun machine who loved to go up and down the court bombing threes. Addison Coach Ben Mastin decided to slow the tempo down and play a very tough 3-2 zone defense which took away the Colts easy three-point shots.

The first period ended with both teams scoring 15 points, but the tempo seemed to be in the Dawgs favor. The period featured Clements senior guard J.T. Farrar hitting a few threes as well as junior guard Dylan Patrick driving to the lane for tough buckets. Addison attempted to get Logan "Baby Shaq" Wilkins involved by having him post up and drive the lane. Eli "Curly Howse was in control of the Addison offense. No one on then Colts could keep up with Howse as he drove to the basket at will.

The second period had Clements going on a small run to end the half by outscoring the Dawgs 15-11 to take a 30-26 halftime lead.

Coach Mastin kept the Dawgs in the locker room until 24 seconds were left in halftime. Don't know what was said but whatever it was he needs to bottle it up and use it every game. Addison's defense was suffocating, and the Colts were continuously frustrated by the Dawgs zone defense.

The Dawgs dominated the glass and outscored Clements 18-7 in the period. Addison went from trailing by four to up by seven going into the fourth period. The entire Addison team played amazing defense in the period. The Barley Twins, Xavier "Smooth" Barley and Quentin "Fabio" Barley dominated the boards.

Howse and Wilkins continued to score, and the defense only allowed four points in the fourth period. Addison outscored the Colts 17-4 in the period to come away with a resounding 61-41 win over a good Clements team.

Coach Mastin said, "This is why we play good teams. You don't get better by playing weak competition. I know our record isn't great right now, but we are a good basketball team. We are tough to beat when we play defense like we did tonight. I was so proud of how our entire team did the little things tonight."

Howse led all scorers with 24 points, three assists and two steals. Wilkins had 19 points, six boards, three assists, two steals and a block. "Smooth" Barley had seven points and seven boards. "Fabio" Barley had four points, three boards and two steals. Christian "Ice Man" Roberts had five boards, one assist and two steals. Brady "Stick" Gilbreath had four points, three boards and a steal. Cannon "The Assassin" Hiller had two points, two boards, three assists and two steals. Seth "Fear the Beard" Paris had three boards and a steal.

Clements was led by Farrar with 12 points and two boards. Patrick had eight points and five boards. Jamie Putman had nine points and three boards.

The boys pull their record to 2-5 and are looking to build on this effort.

Good luck to both teams the rest of the year.

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Classes (from Front)

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Governor Kay Ivey on Tuesday issued a statement encouraging school systems using online virtual education to return to in-person instruction as soon as possible.

Her statement read:
"Due to COVID-19, 2020 has been an extremely challenging year for everyone, especially for our parents, teachers and students. I'm extremely grateful for the flexibility everyone has shown as they have adapted to virtual instruction. However, virtual and remote instruction are stop-gap measures to prevent our students from regressing academically during the pandemic. These practices cannot — and should not — become a permanent part of instructional delivery system in 2021. As we are learning more about COVID-19, we are seeing more and more clear evidence pointing out that our students are safe in the classroom with strong health protocols in place.

"There are nearly 9,800 fewer students enrolled statewide in this academic year and a five percent reduction in students on the kindergarten level. This will not only result in a critical learning loss for our students today but will also likely lead to an equally negative impact on the readiness of our workforce in years to come. Additionally, it could have an equally important economic loss that affects the critical funding for our classrooms and teacher units.

"As we begin the holiday season and contemplate a return to a normalcy in 2021, I strongly urge our education leadership on both the state and local levels to return to in-person instruction as soon as possible.

"My Administration will work with Dr. Mackey, all of our local superintendents and the Legislature to ensure that our kids are back in the classroom in 2021. Our employers, our families, our communities, Alabama's taxpayers, and most importantly, our students, deserve nothing less."

Meanwhile, earlier Tuesday, when asked for a statement on the current COVID-19 situation in Alabama, State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris told The Tribune in an email, "Alabama has seen record numbers of new cases and hospitalizations over the past several days. Even though there is hope that our first doses of Covid-19 vaccine may arrive in the next two weeks, we are still months away from having enough vaccine to protect everyone. So, ADPH continues to encourage every Alabamian to stay home when possible, or to practice social distancing and wear masks when they must be out. Please protect the most vulnerable people in our state by doing the right things."

When the Governor's Office was asked for a comment on why students returning to in-person instruction would be advisable in the face of Alabama's record-high COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, Ivey's Press Secretary Gina Maiola replied, "I will let the governor's statement stand."

Alabama State Superintendent of Education Dr. Eric Mackey did not respond to The Tribune's request for a comment.

The numbers
In the last three weeks, 66 announcements have been posted across the state by county or municipal school systems initiating or extending virtual (online only) educational plans, while 12 others started or continued hybrid models. In some cases, multiple announcements were made by the same system as it updated its plan.

Cullman County School and Cullman City Schools, which both continue to offer modified in-person/hybrid education as well as virtual education, have seen their share of COVID cases. In the week prior to Thanksgiving (the last week for which statistics are available), the city system reported 30 new cases, while the county system reported 54 new cases; the area was considered a hot spot in terms of educational systems, while not necessarily for the population as a whole.

Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette told The Tribune, "We're not fully virtual or fully remote, and I think that's what she's basically trying: trying to get those schools that are fully remote to come back to face-to-face. So our goal is to be face-to-face as much as possible, and our (virtual learner) numbers are down. At one point we were up to about 2,000 kids taking classes online, and we're down to below 800 right now. Hopefully, at Christmastime, even more of those will come back.

The county system's middle and high schools are using a hybrid model at least until Christmas. Kindergartners go four days a week with Google Meet online classes on their at-home days.

Barnette added, "As soon as our virtual numbers, if they continue to go down, and the coronavirus cases continue to go down, we want to be back five days face-to-face as soon as possible."

Cullman City Schools Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson was not available for comment.

Parents react
The governor's statement was posted on The Tribune's Facebook page Tuesday with the following: "What do you think of Gov. Ivey's recommendation that schools return to in-person learning as soon as possible? Do you agree? Do you disagree? Do you think the record number of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations across the state right now should mean schools remain as they are until a vaccine is made available? Or do you believe it's better for students to return to the classroom now? We want to know your thoughts!"

Reactions from parents were mixed, including (unedited):
Yes schools and everything else should open up and operate like before the covid struck. The sad thing is that many small businesses will not be able to reopen.

The only reason she's doing it because she's afraid of losing federal funding.

Yes please!!!! Back to paper & pencil these chromebooks have GOT to go!!!!!!

The schools were flooded with covid and kids having to quarantine due to exposure... How can they even learn anything in that type of environment?

As someone who has worked several years in the school system it is absolutely rediculous to open these schools up as the numbers and deaths are rising. When you are continuously having to have them quarantine, instruction is continuously disrupted. These children shouldn't be put in an unnecessary situation if it isn't helping!

My kids are not doing as well with virtual learning.

Disagree...Covid is out of control ..

Literally she is a hypocrite for saying they should return when she closed schools down when it wasn't even half as bad as it was now. Plus she continues to extend the mask order because it's unsafe. She should put her money where her mouth is and end it if she thinks it's so safe.

Agree....kids need structure.

About time!

Considering both of my children's schools are working with mostly substitutes, I'd say it's a terrible idea.

If you're sick stay home. Otherwise kids need to be in school!!

Absolutely 100% agree. This is the smartest thing shes said all year.

I work in a peds office and I'm gonna have to say no. Not a good idea.

I think we need to send her to teach a class room full of COVID kids!!

If kids can play sports then school should be full swing. I don't believe the basketball team is practicing 6 ft apart on the court.

Back to school! More and more research is coming out showing that kids do not spread COVID. We must stop teaching the children to live in fear. All of us must stop living in fear.

I would say leave it up to the parents that wants them to go in person or visual. It relieves the school and government from responsibility and let the parents make that call.

And one that offers a good summary:
I'm totally glad I don't have to make these decisions.





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Community (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Around the country, COVID-19 is surging, and Cullman County is no exception. The county has seen 830 cases confirmed in just the last 14 days, according to the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH). Hospitalizations are soaring, too. Cullman Regional has seen record numbers of COVID-positive patients in the last few weeks (beginning the first week of November), prompting questions about the hospital's capacity in the face of what the ADPH fears will be an even bigger spike in cases and hospitalizations in the weeks after Thanksgiving and throughout the holidays.

Numbers at the hospital fluctuate daily, according to Cullman Regional Vice President, Marketing Lindsey Dossey. On Tuesday, Dec. 1, the hospital reported 81 total patients, with 50 patients hospitalized with COVID-19, or about 62% of the total number of patients. Wednesday, Dec. 2, the total number of patients jumped to 120, with the number of COVID-19 patients remaining at 50, or 40% of the total number of patients. Ten of those COVID-19 patients were on ventilators as of Wednesday, according to the hospital.

Also as of Wednesday, Cullman Regional had reported 64 COVID deaths to ADPH. Of those patients, 49 were from Cullman County.

"We continue to have around 50 patients in the hospital daily with COVID," Dossey said in an email Wednesday. "We've received a lot of questions from the community regarding the hospitals ability to handle any surge if needed. The reality is that we've been in crisis mode since March. Our current surge in cases is due to significant community spread of COVID-19. Therefore, it is completely up to the community as to whether or not we continue to see an increase in hospitalized cases or not. Today, we have 20% vacancy in the hospital, but what happens over the next month or two is completely up to the community members we serve. We need everyone's help to prevent the spread. We understand that the solutions are inconvenient and require us to do things in life differently than they have been done before, but that's what we need everyone to do. Now, more than ever, we need EVERYONE to simply do the following: Wear a mask when out, socially distance, wash your hands, limit gatherings of people and stay home if sick."

Dossey told The Cullman Tribune that Cullman Regional is licensed for 145 beds, and she said the hospital has a lot of flexibility for other areas if needed in a surge.

So, when does Cullman Regional "reach capacity?"

Below is what Dossey shared in an email to The Tribune Tuesday, Dec. 1:
"This question, although seemingly simple, doesn't have a simple answer.

"All hospitals and health systems across the United States have surge capacity plans that are practiced routinely each year. Although this situation is different and is lasting longer than a typical drill, i.e., tornado with mass casualties and injuries, the planning and preparation for any type of surge in capacity has been done. Rest assured Cullman Regional has processes in place to help ensure we are able to care for those that need care the most. It's also important to note that Hospitals work together to help meet the needs of the community members we each serve. Whether it's staff, equipment, etc. hospitals are prepared to step up and help one another in a crisis.

"The key message at this point is - what can the community do to help prevent an overwhelming surge in capacity? We need our community's help to slow the spread of this virus. Our failure to protect ourselves is catching up to us, and we need everyone to take this seriously and follow the guidelines.

Now, more than ever, we need EVERYONE to simply do the following:
- Wear a mask when out
- Socially distance
- Wash your hands
- Limit gatherings of people

"These things will help slow the spread and hopefully prevent any significant surges.

"Regarding our plan and processes, we've been in crisis mode since this pandemic began. Some of the key steps we've taken to prepare are outlined below.

• We began stockpiling PPE (gloves, gowns, masks, etc.) in March.

• We ordered new lab equipment in April in anticipation of a fall surge in cases. This lab equipment allows for in-house PCR testing which we reserve for patients who need to be admitted to the hospital.

• We ordered 3 additional ventilators in April, again, anticipating a possible fall surge.

• We ordered 5 more ventilators in July after we had our first significant wave of cases in the hospital. These will be delivered this month.

• We have our staff working with other health care facilities – nursing facilities, psychiatric facilities, etc. - daily in order to get patients who need to be discharged to other facilities. This sometimes creates a bottleneck in getting patients out of our facility; therefore, we also need all of our other community health care partners to accept these appropriate transfers in a timely/expedited manner in order to prevent overcrowding.

• We have MOUs (Memorandums of Understanding) in place for staff, equipment, etc. for crisis situations.

• We have already contracted with additional clinical staff to help care for patients in the event of a surge.

• We've implemented a tiering system for surgeries, i.e., all emergent surgeries proceed as planned all other procedures are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. This gives us the flexibility to postpone procedures if needed due to capacity.

"Our current surge in cases is due to significant community spread of COVID-19. Therefore, it is completely up to the community as to whether or not we continue to see an increase in hospitalized cases or not. Today, we have 25-30% vacancy in the hospital, but what happens over the next month or two is completely up to the community members we serve. We need everyone's help to prevent the spread. We understand that the solutions are inconvenient and require us to do things in life differently than they have been done before, but that's what we need everyone to do. Now, more than ever, we need EVERYONE to simply do the following:

- Wear a mask when out
- Socially distance
- Wash your hands
- Limit gatherings of people

"These things will help slow the spread and hopefully prevent any significant surges which should help until a vaccine is readily available.

"According to ADPH, a vaccine should be available by mid-December or January. However, the distribution of these vaccines is being determined and coordinated by both federal and state governmental agencies. These groups will be determining what vaccines we get, when we get them and who we are supposed to give it to – at least initially. We have purchased and ordered all necessary equipment needed to store the vaccines when they are made available to us."

For the complete breakdown of numbers from the ADPH for Wednesday, see page 3.

County Christmas (from Front)

Mamba Slide and Lane's Landsliiide will be open for the Country Christmas.

Other 4D Farm favorites including the Jumping Pillow, Low Ropes Obstacle Course, PlayBarn, Pony Rides, Gemstone Mine, Ziplines and Barnyard BallZone will also be available.

Several shops will be open selling treats and hot chocolate or cider, including MayBelle's Bakery and Gift Shop with fudge and souvenirs.

If it's Christmas lights you are hoping to see, 4D Farm's got em'! The park is beautifully decorated, and sleigh rides will take visitors on the Country Christmas Light Trail.

For those not comfortable with a sleigh ride, don't worry, visitors can opt to drive their own vehicles.

The Daniels have incorporated farm equipment and hay bales along with traditional lights and displays to create a whimsical and unique Christmas light display.

The cost of admission to the Country Christmas is $14.95 + tax per person and includes the attractions and the light trail.

For $5, treat cards are also available for purchase- they include treat kits as well as feed for the farm animals.

For those just wanting to drive through the Country Christmas Light Trail, the cost is $10 per vehicle.

Social distancing at the farm should not be a problem. The attractions are spread out, and the farm is a large area which allows for families to stay distanced. Masks are encouraged.

4D Farm is located at 7182 County Road 703 in Cullman. The farm will be open from 3-9 p.m. Friday-Sunday from Dec. 5-20.

The drive-thru light show is open Wednesday-Sunday from 5-9 p.m.

Find out more at www.4dfamilyfarm.com or www.facebook.com/4DFarm.

Daniel (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Tribune recently learned that Javon Daniel, executive director of Cullman Caring for Kids (CCK), has quietly slipped past the 20 year mark in his service to that agency and to its numerous clients, and we want to wish him a happy anniversary!

Daniel joined CCK as executive director in October 2000. When he first came on board, the agency's food bank- for which CCK may be best known- served an average of 10-12 families per month. In the last year, the average has run over 600 families per month, and more than 650 is not unheard of.

And CCK is not even a feeding agency. Its actual mission is child advocacy and the prevention of child abuse through programs like:
- Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), which provides trained volunteers to look after the needs of children involved in cases before the Cullman County Court system.

- "Kids Matter" weekly radio program that educates parents about many issues related to raising children and keeping them healthy and safe.

- Other programs that have offered support and life coaching to new parents, teenage girls and women in the county jail.

In his endeavors, Daniel has enjoyed the help of assistant director Nancy Bryant, who celebrated her own 20th anniversary with CCK this year.

CCK Administrative Assistant Tonja Grace said of her boss, "Javon has been at Cullman Caring for Kids for 20 years. He has made it known and shows the love he has for the community each day in everything he does. I have known Javon for many years. Back when I went to Holly Pond High School and was in the band, Javon was the bus driver for our band bus. I will always be grateful for all he has done for the community. Thank you, Javon, for a job well done!"

The final word
Around this time last year, Daniel told The Tribune, "Toward the end of the year, we would see kids come into the food bank in shorts and T-shirts on cold days.

"We give away coats. People donate coats, we give away coats. Why? Because the kids need a coat.

"It's the passion, man. It really is. It's what's deep in the heart.

"If it's not there, they're not going to be successful. If you've got that passion, there's a place for you to help Cullman Caring for Kids, to help these children."

Get involved!
CCK needs financial and food donations. The organization welcomes food donations but has a partnership with the North Alabama Food Bank that allows it to purchase food in bulk at tremendous discounts as low as 14 cents per pound for a wide variety of goods.

Those who wish to help can visit CCK's website or Facebook page to donate online or call the office.

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LEGALS

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WILLIAM RUDE WILHITE,
Defendant

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Done this the 4th day of November, 2021.

Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

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

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LESS AND EXCEPT: All that part of the above described 5 acre tract of land lying and being east of Fairview-Eva Public Road.
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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday, December 7, 2020, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

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Obituary Announcements: Dec. 3

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. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a scholarship in Connie's name through the WSCC Future Foundation: www.wsccfuture-foundation.org/give- (select the designation of "Other" and enter in Memory of Connie Allen) or by mailing to WSCC Future Foundation, P.O. Box 568, Hanceville, AL 35077.

Funeral services for Sara Ann Thomas Jordan, 76, of LaGrange, Ohio will be at noon Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Fairview West Cemetery in Hanceville. Visitation for the public will be from 11 a.m.-noon. Sara is survived by her son Jeffery Jordan of Gulf Shores, AL; daughters Mary Ann Jordan of Baton Rouge, LA and Frankie Lynn Rodda of Tuscaloosa, AL; sisters Callie Chamblee of Hanceville, AL, Fay Bradford of Blountsville, AL, and Nell Hawkins of Cleveland, OH; brothers James Thomas and Ray Thomas, both of Locust Fork, AL; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Sara is preceded in death by her brother Vann Thomas and parents Webster E. and Olmar (Nichols) Thomas.

Memorial services for Eddie Earl James, 75, of Cullman will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020 at the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the James family. Mr. James was born Jan. 3, 1945 to Talmadge and Mildred Earlene Quick James. He passed away Dec. 1, 2020 at the Cullman Regional Medical Center. He served his country in the Army National Guard for several years. He was a member of the Elks Lodge. Mr. James was a great father, grandfather, brother, the nicest man you would ever meet. Mr. James is preceded in death by his parents Buck and Earlene James and wives Susan Calvert James and Patricia Connell James. He is survived by his significant other Revonna Wren; sons Patrick (Belinda) James, Jeff James, and Eddie Earl James "Tooie"; daughters Mendy (Jeffrey) Kiolbassa and Jennie (Jeremy) Elliott; brothers Talmadge (Deborah) James, Larry (Rhonda) James, and Charlie James; sister Jaunita Rich; grandchildren Lauren James, Emily James, Allie Witcher, Zach Witcher, Tyler Johnson, Heather Schlechta, Alex Kiolbassa, Chandler Kiolbassa, Jubal Lindsey, Tray James, and Jaida James; two great-grandchildren; and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Graveside services for Mary Isabell Bookout, of Bremen, who passed away Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020 at the age of 70, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020 at Kinney Grove Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the family requests that everyone participate in social distancing and masks are required. Moss Service Funeral Home directing. A private family funeral service will be available via live streaming on Moss Service Funeral Home's Facebook page beginning at 1 p.m. Mary was a member of Kinney Grove Missionary Baptist Church. She loved watching and participating in sports. She was an excellent softball player and supported her granddaughters in every sport they played. She was a huge Alabama Football fan and rarely missed watching a game. She was preceded in death by her parents James William Harbison, Sr. and Ellen Keegan Harbison; husband Glenn Bookout; brother-in-law Raymond Campbell; and sister-in-law Ella Mae Sanders. She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter Kim Bookout; son Chris (Carrie) Bookout; granddaughters Alana (Miles) Hutcherson, Loren (Jordan) Lee, Keegan Johnson, Allison Bookout, Kelsey (Austin) Meggison and Kasey Johnson (Casey Gibson); great-grandchildren Mila Meggison and Caroline Gibson; sisters Martha (Kermit) Kilgo and Wynona Campbell; brothers Jim (Peggy) Harbison, Charles (Rita) Harbison, and Stewart Sanders; and a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family. Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

A memorial service for Ronnie Davis, 68, of Bremen, AL will be 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 2020 at Dorsey Creek Church. Brother Ted Blalock will be officiating. Mr. Davis is survived by his wife Renee Davis; children Ronnie Scott Davis and James Nicholas Davis; step-daughter Brandi Williams; sisters Debbie Turner, JoAnn Davis, and Becky Marks; brother Randall Davis; and grandchildren Nikki Davis, Natalie Davis, Allie Davis and Dexter Drummond. Mr. Davis is preceded in death by his parents Kenneth and Joyce (Griffith) Davis; son Kenny Davis; and first wife Kaye Davis.

Angela Lynn Morgan, 57, of Cullman passed away Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2020 at Cullman Regional. She was born Dec. 21, 1962. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister; and grandmother Mary Plumbley. Survivors include her husband Johnnie Morgan; sons Roger Calvert, Matthew Morgan, and Mark (Shelly) Morgan; two grandchildren; and a host of family and friends. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

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Pals (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The residents of USA Healthcare's Falkville Health & Rehab Center are joining in on the fun of the recently launched USA Healthcare Pen Pal Club, which has already been giving residents at Cullman's Woodland Village a much needed morale boost as the COVID-19 pandemic lingers on.

Stephanie Coleman, who oversees the USA Healthcare Pen Pal Club, said last month, "I got the idea from a little girl who is an ambassador for a group that is against bullying. These little girls have projects they do, and the project she decided to do was to become a pen pal to one of our residents at Woodland Haus."

Coleman thought it would be a great way to put smiles on the faces of all the residents in all USA Healthcare facilities.

She came up with the USA Healthcare Pen Pal Club, and the classes at St. Paul's Lutheran School were happy to help kick it off with cards and brightly colored paintings for residents at Woodland

Coleman said she hopes others in the community will join in on spreading the gift of love, happiness and friendship with USA Healthcare residents, and the opportunity is not limited to a classroom of young children.

"Anybody! Anybody who wants to participate, I would welcome all age groups. Kids, adults or whomever that would like to write, please do so," she said.

"The more we have, the better we make these residents feel through these next few months. I don't see this getting better over the next couple of months, especially with flu season and everything else."

With the holiday season upon us and family visitation in long-term care facilities still limited, area seniors could especially use the interaction with the community.

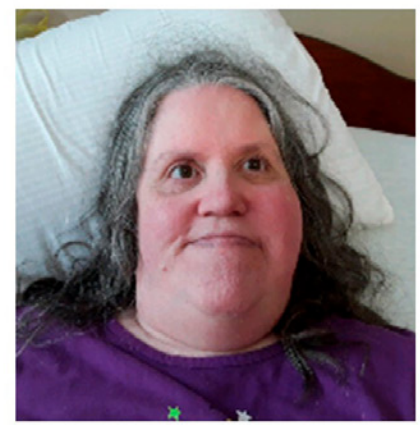
Coleman hopes to expand the program, and anyone who would like to participate can reach out to her directly.

To become a pen pal with a resident in Falkville or Cullman, contact Coleman at srcoleman@usahealthcare.net or 256-339-0534.

USA Healthcare facilities in Cullman County include Cullman Health & Rehab Center, The Folsom Center, Woodland Village and Woodland Haus.



Hello!
My name is...
Deborah



I am a....
Good Friend

I like to...
Listen to Country music, do arts and crafts, work word search puzzles and to read cooking magazines

My birthday is....
April 26th

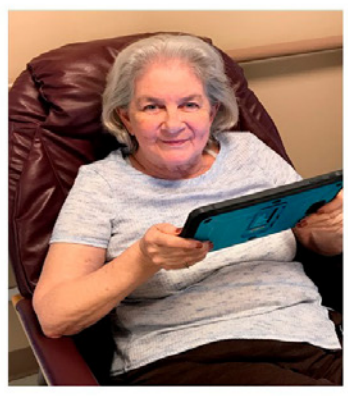


Will you be my Pen Pal?

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Falkville Health & Rehab Center residents who have joined the USA Healthcare Pen Pal Club and are waiting to be matched with pen pals include David Tubbs, Deborah Holcombe, Debra Lewis, Michael Terry and Rebecca Dean.

Hello!
My name is...
Debra



I am a....
Mother and
Grandmother

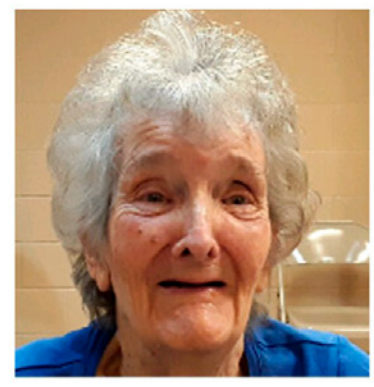
I like to...
Listen to music, dance, spend time outside, help others and decorate. I also love going to the beach



My birthday is....
September 20th

Will you be my Pen Pal?

Hello!
My name is...
Rebecca



I am a....
Wife, Mother and
Grandmother

I like to...
Play Bingo and trivia game, listen to Gospel music, and spend time with my family and friends.



My birthday is....
August 26th

Will you be my Pen Pal?

Hello!
My name is...
Michael



I am a....
Veteran of the
United States Navy and a Dad

I like to...
Play Bingo, watch Westerns and the History Channel on T.V., fishing and collecting American Indian artifacts



My birthday is....
November 19th

Will you be my Pen Pal?

Hello!
My name is...
David



I am a....
Auburn Football Fan

I like to...
Do arts and crafts and to watch westerns like Bonanza and Gun Smoke on T.V.



My birthday is....
July 21st

Will you be my Pen Pal?