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CHRISTMASTIME IN CULLMAN

Santa Claus speaks to the cameras at this year's Christmas in Cullman Tree Lighting.

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Hanceville decked out for holidays



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

One of 28 displays is seen on the Hanceville Civitan Club's Tinsel Trail Friday night, Dec. 4, 2020 at Hanceville's Veterans Memorial Park.

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – A sizable crowd braved the cold temperatures Friday evening to see the tree lighting ceremony at Hanceville's Veterans Memorial Park. This is the fourth year the Hanceville Civitan Club has organized the tree lighting and Tinsel Trail.

Rev. James Fields served as the emcee for the short ceremony.

Mayor Kenneth Nail addressed those in the crowd and urged everyone, "Check on your neighbors and friends," reminding everyone that this year has been tough, and for many, the holidays can be especially hard.

Nail also expressed his gratitude to the Civitan Club for "always promoting the City of Hanceville." This year the Civitans had a record 28 sponsors for the Tinsel Trail located around the city's walking trails at the park.

Pastor Glenn Hood from Laodicea Freewill Baptist Church performed "O Holy Night" and Fields followed with the history of the Christmas hymn.

Families gathered around as Nail led the countdown to the lighting of the tree, and afterward visitors posed for pictures and strolled around the park's Tinsel Trail.

Guest were invited to head downtown to Commercial Street where merchants opened for extended hours for Christmas Open House. The Civitan Club served cookies and hot chocolate outside the library and Mr. and Mrs. Claus walked the downtown sidewalks to the delight of the many children enjoying the Christmas festivities.

Said Nail, as he visited each of the downtown merchants, "I think it went well. I was happy with how many people came out, and the park looked great. The Civitans have done a great job."

HEALTH

Cullman Regional selected as 1st round COVID-19 vaccination site for Alabama

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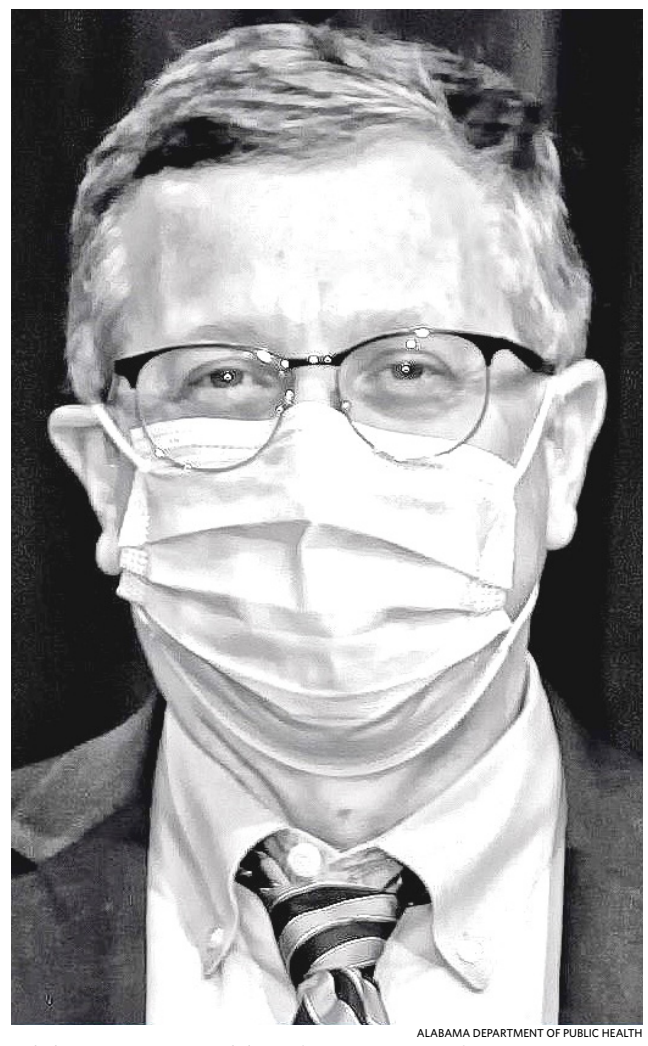
EDUCATION

CMS implements schedule change in effort to limit COVID-19 contacts, reduce contact tracing needs

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OPINION

State Health Officer Scott Harris: Keep this season full of hope and protect others



ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Alabama State Health Officer Scott Harris

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LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

DRENNON PROPERTIES LLC,

PLAINTIFF,

VS. CASE NO. CV-2020-900287

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

AND

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

DEFENDANTS.

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CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

NOTICE

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

DONE this the 5th day of November, 2020.

LISA MCSWAIN, Circuit Clerk

PB ADT BK 57 PG 516 - 11/20/2020 08:12 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Re: The Matter of Adoption of MAH,
DOB: November 9, 2007
A Minor Child

Case Number: AD2020-089

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: Randy Campbell
Address Unknown

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

DONE THIS THE 20th DAY OF November, 2020.

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate
Cullman County, Alabama

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

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES

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

Deborah Jean Chesser Powers
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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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 reopen 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

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. 5-6, 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. 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.

4D Farm "Country Christmas"
• Games, activities, food, sweets, rides, and of course, farm animals. 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.
• 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.
• $14.95 + tax per person includes attractions and 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/4D-Farm.

Cullman Moose Lodge Turkey Shoot
Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Lodge on Eva Road. Proceeds will benefit the Lodge Special Projects Fund and local charities. Call 256-318-3013 for additional details or information.

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.

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Funny Things from Yesterday: You spit on me

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During the early and mid-1950s, I was attending A.P.I. (Alabama Polytechnic Institute), which is now Auburn University. A few other boys from Cullman were also in college at this time. Two of these boys were friends of mine, and we had attended grammar school and high school together.

The fall quarter had just started, and football practice was in full swing.

These two friends and I had gone to the football stadium to watch the players scrimmage. It was a beautiful fall day, and we were enjoying the afternoon.

Now, you know that boys will usually have a little horseplay when they get together.

The big thing, in that day, was to pretend that you had cleared your throat really good and blow a dry puff of air on the back of someone's neck to make him think that he had really been spit on.

I'll call my two friends Bob and Don so as to keep straight what happened. We were standing around watching the football scrimmage when Bob decided to pull the trick on Don. Bob gave a very good performance as he pretended to clear his throat.

He then walked over behind Don to blow a dry puff of air on the back of his neck. Accidents will happen, and Bob actually spit on Don's neck.

I can never recall seeing a gunfighter's hand move any faster than Bob's did as he wiped the spit off of the back of Don's neck.

Don turned to Bob, as he reached back to wipe his neck, (which was already dry by Bob's quick action) and said, "Dad gum, Bob, you spit on me."

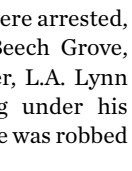
Bob, with his face red and a big guilty grin, said in his most innocent voice, "No, I didn't."

Well, boys will be boys, and I guess there will always be some horseplay between them, but don't spit on anybody.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Sweet Ginger (65) has left us

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



The sweetest dog I have ever loved has left us. We called her by a number of names that included Sweet Ginger, Sweet Girl, Big Girl, Sixty-Five, Ole Velvet Ears, Ging, Ginger Lou, and Ginger Lafavius, to name a few. We also called her Maybelline because she had the most beautiful eyes that looked like she was wearing eyeliner. Her official name was Ginger, although she was not registered. Ginger was a yellow Labrador, but she was not a thoroughbred. I'm not sure what else was part of her mix, but I do know sweetness was mixed in there quite heavily. She definitely was mostly retriever because she retrieved everything she could get her mouth around. She often kept a racquetball in her mouth, and sometimes two or three at the same time. She has been known to carry sticks of all sizes and even a few rocks. She has tried to bring a stick inside the house that was wider than the door opening. She was a beautiful dog. She had beautiful blonde hair that was thick as molasses.

I must confess, I did not always love Ginger. It was not love at first sight but aggravation that we unexpectedly had another dog. When she landed at our house, we already had a rambunctious Golden Retriever named Sage. Sage was a gorgeous dog, but he could be a handful. I did not want another dog, but our daughter, Ashley, thought Sage needed a four-legged friend. She returned from a visit to Lee County Flea Market with a six-weeks-old flea carrier.

I put down my number tens and ordered her to take that puppy right back where she came from. Everyone knew I would fall in love and give in. We nicknamed Sage and Ginger, Romeo and Juliette. Ginger followed Sage around like a love sick puppy...yes, pun definitely intended. Those two only had four-years together. One night, they bolted through their underground fence and went exploring. The next morning, someone found Sage lying by the side of the road with Ginger resting her head on him. She grieved and mourned his absence for days. About a year later, we got Ginger another dog. She was a fully-grown dappled dachshund who you know as Cocoa or Fifteen. Those two were like Mutt and Jeff...Sixty-Five pounds of sweetness and Fifteen pounds of ego. Now Fifteen is mourning. If she doesn't start eating again, we will have to change her nickname. We all miss her big buddy tremendously.

No doubt, there will be reminders of our sweet girl for some time to come. With the help of my neighbor Rick and my friend Joe, we buried Ginger in her

favorite spot in the backyard. She is across the creek and at the edge of the woods. Drew wanted to put a cross on her grave, so he and I built and erected a little one. Her final resting place is visible from our back porch. We will dig up other reminders too... no, really, literally. Ginger not only loved to retrieve things, but she loved to bury what she had retrieved. Once I found a CD case filled with classic music buried in our yard. Eventually, I found the rightful owner and Ginger and I returned his CDs. If I run low on racquetballs, I can always go out in the yard and try to dig up a few.

I forgave Ashly long ago for bringing home a puppy I didn't want. I'm glad she did. God did a great work when he created people, but dogs aren't bad either! We will miss the sweetest dog I've ever loved for a long time. Rest in peace sweet girl.

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1950

From the files of 1950

Henry Ford Turner of Hanceville is working on his doctorate at the University of Alabama.

Three men were arrested, on Sunday, at Beech Grove, after store owner, L.A. Lynn was found lying under his porch, beaten. He was robbed of $200.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel J. Jones were injured when a 15-year-old youth attempted to pass Walter L. Horton's vehicle, knocking it off the road and hitting the Jones' vehicle head on.

Mr. Jones has a broken leg and cuts and bruises. Mrs. Jones has a lacerated scalp and bruises.

Mrs. Nellie Coffman, age 86, fell at her Hanceville home and broke a hip, last Thursday. She is the mother of John T. Christian.

Maxine Floyd, age 19, was killed in a Garden City accident on October 19th. Maxine's twin sister, Christine, died an hour later and another sister, Mrs. Margaret Jones, suffered a back injury.

They were all three telephone operators in Birmingham.

The ladies were enroute to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Floyd, of Vinemont. They were well-known as the Floyd Sisters Trio.

John. T. Harper, age 69 and John Frank Lambert, age 69, both died this week in separate incidents of self-inflicted gunshot wounds, according to coroner, Grady Moss.

Roy Richter is leaving this week for a pre-induction physical.

F.S. Green has the flu and has been confined to his New Hope residence.

Mrs. Eva Handley, of Berlin, has dug about six hundred crates of sweet potatoes.

Roy James Stewart and Margaret Jean Bice, of Walter, were recently married. Margaret is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bice.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Buckness and daughters, of Oneonta, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Razzie Rice.

Mrs. Emmie Smith and Mrs. M.A. Alldredge spent Sunday with relatives in Mount Pinson.

Alton Duke and his son went fishing last week.

Several persons in the Gold Ridge Community are painting the school this week.

State Senator, B.R. Fant, Veteran President of the Cullman County Farm Bureau has been elected to another term.

The new Seventh Street Baptist Church building is almost complete.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Burrow of Trade celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary, on October 15, with a dinner party.

Janet and Patricia Gibbs, of Birmingham, attended church at Holly Pond on Sunday.

Jeff Ray of the Welcome Community remains ill.

J.P. Hudson, of Fairview, is in serious condition in Veteran's Hospital in Tuscaloosa.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, Dec. 4, 2020 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

- Total confirmed cases in AL: 219,069 (+3,131 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 45,130 (+709 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 3,411 (+36 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 420
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 3,535 (+50 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 1,371 (+54 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 38 (+2 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 12
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 26,557
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,424
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 920
- Total tested in Alabama: 1,626,368
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 36,350
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 117,320
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,875
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 26,331
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 168,387

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

Friday, Dec. 4, 2020 update from Cullman Regional

The hospital reported 54 positive COVID patients, with 9 on ventilators.

Friday, Dec. 4, 2020 COVID-19 update from Alabama's K-12 COVID-19 School Dashboard

- Total cases reported by Cullman City Schools last week: 16
- Total cases reported by Cullman County Schools last week: unreported

See more details at https://bit.ly/31Z4uhd.

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POET'S CORNER

Ready or Not

By: Randy C. Hale

I know the bogeyman
prowls outside my door,
but he can find you anywhere,
one surly can't ignore.

So hidden away with locks
and guard dogs posted near,
is not the life I choose to live,
entombed with constant fear.

I prefer to live my whole life,
not just one little part,
and practice safety when I can,
not hiding in the dark.

You see, what good is life
trembling all your way,
tucked away like heirlooms,
safe another day.

I want to wear my pants out,
fad my t-shirts in the sun,
for life's not worth preserving
if I can't have some fun.

COMIC – CHIRP & FLIT



EDUCATION

Wallace State Diagnostic Imaging celebrates Class of 2020

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The Wallace State Community College Diagnostic Imaging program recently celebrated its graduating class of 2020 with a socially distanced event at the college's Peinhardt Conference Center. With a limited number of guests watching, the students completing their final semester of the program were recognized at the pinning ceremony marking their achievements.

These graduates will soon join the workforce as health care heroes in the radiology departments of hospitals and clinics. Diagnostic imaging plays an important role in diagnoses of numerous conditions. Professionals perform X-rays, CT scans, MRIs, mammography and more.

This class faced a number of unknowns, not the least of which was the pandemic. They were also the first cohort for the new four-semester curriculum.

Speaking on behalf of her classmates, Victoria Braswell of Falkville said they were going to be facing something new. "But none of us knew that COVID was going to happen," she said.

"That we were going to be told on March, Friday the 13th that clinic was dismissed until further notice and we had no idea what we were going to do."

She added, "We have hit so many bumps along the way, just faking it until we made it. And here in a couple of weeks we can finally say that we made it. We should be proud and take this time to celebrate with our friends and family because of their support and their words of encouragement to get us across the finish line."

Braswell expressed thanks to program director Jim Malone and clinical coordinator Kelli Rich as well. "They dealt with us in the trenches of all this confusion and insanity, dealing with hundreds of questions from us and complaints, losing sleep trying to figure out what we were going to do and not make it any harder than it was going to be for us."

Malone and Rich admitted they were challenged as well as they tried to make sure their students were provided with the resources that they would need to complete their training. That included clinical training during a time when clinical sites were unable to take on students due to COVID-19.

"I knew it was my responsibility to make sure that our students had a clinical site where they could get their competencies needed so they could graduate," Rich said. "And at times I didn't know that we were going to make it. All I could do is pray. I did a lot of praying."

Fortunately, clinical sites began to open early in the summer.

"This class worked so hard," Rich said. "And you are all set for graduation and to be eligible to sit for your registry, and I am so proud of each and every one of you for the hard work you've put in, for hanging in there when times got tough. I thank all of your family, because it wasn't just you; it took everybody in the household."

"This class will be the most memorable for me," Malone said, "because it has been one for the books. But today marks a milestone in your journey as a student radiologic technologist. It means an achievement of a goal, a steppingstone to other goals. Let today serve as a journey to the entry of our great profession of radiologic technology."

Awards were presented to a number of students for their personal achievements, including in Academic Excellence and in Clinical Excellence. The Academic Excellence award is presented to students who maintained a 4.0 GPA while in the Diagnostic Imaging program. The in Clinical Excellence award is awarded to the student who exhibits remarkable qualities during their clinical experience.

Jason Phillips of Cullman earned both the in Academic Excellence and the Clinical Excellence awards. Peyton Montgomery of Sheffield, McKenzie Maddox of Remlap and Bridget Savage of Birmingham each earned the Academic Excellence award.

Wallace State's Diagnostic Imaging program consistently boasts high with credentialing examination and job placement rates. The most recent rates for 2019 are 97% for successful first attempts on the credentialing exam and 96% for job placement.

Registration is currently underway for the spring 2021 semester. To register and for more information about the Diagnostic Imaging and other programs at Wallace State, visit www.wallacestate.edu or call 256-352-8000.

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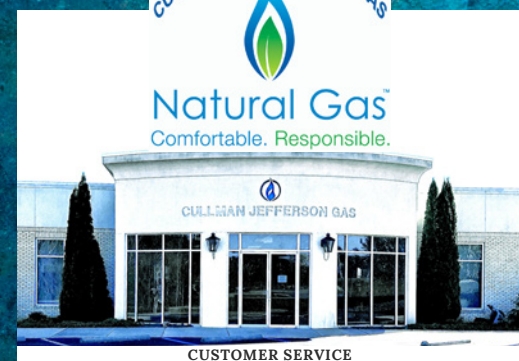
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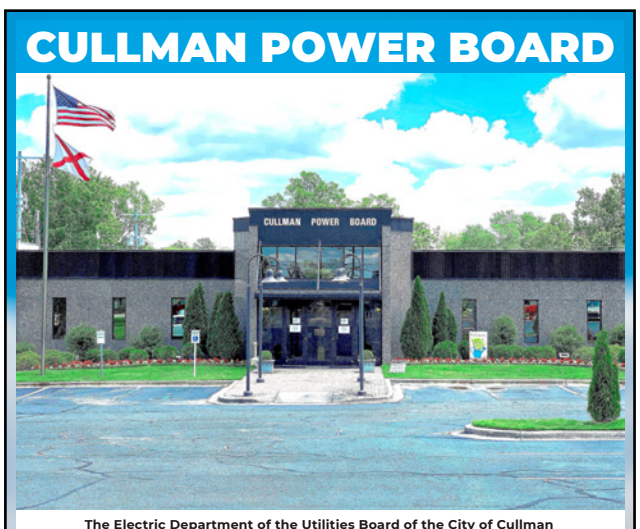


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A Round of Applause for the Joy-Givers: Holiday cocktails and mocktails

Ben South
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PIXABAY

HOORAY FOR THE JOY-GIVERS! We always need more smiles, music and laughter. This fun series salutes those seriously unsolemn people, places and things that bring joy to the world. Starting during the pandemic, an oft joy-challenged time, readers are introduced to present-day joy-givers and reminded of cherished joy-givers of the past. Each salute will have online links to add more opportunities for happiness in the comfort of your socially-distanced home. Many installments of the series will include a salutary food or drink recipe to add another element of pleasure.

The "SHIELD THE JOYOUS" shields, which will be given to those honored or to their family, are inspired from a passage in "The Book of Common Prayer" (1662). Prayers are lifted to "tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying...and shield the joyous."

Joy-givers are precious. Let us preserve them, protect them, treasure them, smile with them, laugh with them, tap our toes with them and give them A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

PLEASE GIVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR HOLIDAY COCKTAILS AND MOCKTAILS

Here are seven, joy to your world, Christmassy cocktails (some with no-alcohol mocktail versions) for you to savor a new taste each day for an entire week this holiday:

SANTA'S SACK
"Sack" is the Olde English word for dry sherry, a key ingredient in this cocktail. SANTA'S SACK also salutes Wendy Sack, our gifted and joy-giving editor at The Cullman Tribune, with her favorite winter chaser (besides Brad Pitt) cranberry juice. Epicurious.com calls this holiday classic a "Cranberry Cobbler" but we call it delish...SANTA'S SACK.

• Ingredients: ¾ cup sugar, 1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries, 1 lemon (cut in wedges), ½ orange sliced into thin rounds, 1 ½ cups dry gin (Amy Winehouse's Tanqueray, anyone?), ½ cup and a wee bit more Sack (dry Sherry) and 6 sprigs of evergreen garnish

• Preparation: Bring sugar and ¾ cups water to a boil in a medium-sized saucepan; stir until sugar dissolves. Remove from heat. Pour off all but 1 cup simple syrup; refrigerate the remaining syrup for another yuletide pleasure. Heat syrup in pan almost to a boil; reduce heat to medium. Add cranberries and simmer until they just begin to burst (Alabama readers: this means "bust open."), 2-3 minutes. Let cool in syrup. Place 2 tbsp. drained cranberries and 6 tbsp. cranberry syrup in a large pitcher. Add lemon wedges and orange slices. Using a muddler (which sounds like a Batman villain) or wooden spoon, mash the fruit. Stir in gin and Sack (dry Sherry). Steep for 5 minutes. Strain into a medium pitcher. Fill 3 glasses with crushed ice. Pour half of mixture into a cocktail (or mocktail) shaker. Fill with ice; shake like a bowl full of jelly for 10 seconds. Strain into the iced glasses, then mound with more ice. Garnish each glass with an evergreen sprig and 3 cranberries. Repeat to make 3 more cocktails.

• To make a SANTA'S SACK Mocktail: Skip the gin and sherry and add ¼ cup tonic or spicy ginger ale like Alabama's Buffalo Rock.

YULE MULE
Smirnoff Vodka created the popular, bray-worthy Moscow Mule in the 1940s and we give it bit of Bethlehem panache and Christmas crimson color with a jigger of pomegranate juice.

• Ingredients: 1.5 oz. Smirnoff Vodka, 4 oz. ginger beer (Buffalo Rock) 3 lime wedges

• Preparation: Combine chilled vodka, chilled ginger beer and a jigger of pomegranate juice and squeeze 2 lime wedges into a copper mug. Stir to combine and garnish with lime wedge.

• To make a YULE MULE Mocktail: Skip the vodka (the best vodka isn't supposed to have a taste anyway, so enjoy a good laugh the next time you hear some show-off insist on Grey Goose or Absolut).

I'LL HAVE A BLUE, BUT NOT TY-D-BOL BLUE, CHRISTMAS: SPICY BLUEBERRY FELIZ NAVIDAD MARGARITA
The calming color, BLUE, has been my favorite during this all-is-not-calm, all-is-not bright year (check out my blue paintings at www.BendigoArt.com). But, I only want Ty-D-Bol Blue Curacao cocktails in the summer or maybe on Christmas Island. However, Fats Domino and I would both find a thrill with this Spicy Blueberry Feliz Navidad Margarita.

• Ingredients: ¼ cup fresh or frozen blueberries and a few more for garnish, 4 tsp. sugar, 4 thin slices of jalapeno chile, plus more to kebab with blueberries for garnish, ice, 6 oz. of tequila, 2 oz. orange liqueur, 2 oz. fresh lime juice

• Preparation: Divide the ¼ cup blueberries, sugar and 4 jalapeno slices among 4 glasses. Muddle blueberries, fill glasses with ice. In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, shake Tequila for about 10 seconds with the liqueur and lime juice. Strain into iced glasses, stir and garnish. Makes 4.

RUN, RUN RUDOLPH
(Note to friends: THIS is the cocktail I most want to try this holiday, okay, SBG?) I found it at www.imbibemagazine.com the ultimate in "liquid culture" and they got it from Miracle in NYC. It's caffeinated, liquored up fun and the "perfect trifecta of holiday flavors."

• Ingredients: 1 ½ oz. tequila, ½ oz. coffee liqueur, 6 oz. COLD hot chocolate (for which they offer an elaborate recipe, but we could just use Bosco and more tequila)

• Preparation: Combine all ingredients in an ice-filled highball glass and stir to mix; squirt whipped cream on top and sprinkle with cinnamon-cocoa dust (there's also a recipe for that at Imbibe or we can improvise).

MULLED HOLIDAY CHEER BEER
Warm beer has been a yuletide tradition across Europe since the 17th century. I adapted this recipe from ChilledMagazine.com and used Goat Island Thrill Hill Porter, which is a decadent beer with a pleasant, vanilla aroma and a mix of holiday tastes like caramel, chocolate and coffee. This dark but surprisingly light-tasting beer is available only in the wintertime. www.GoatIslandBrewery.com

• Ingredients: 3 tbsp. honey, 2 cinnamon sticks, ¼ tsp nutmeg, 6 whole cloves, ¼ tsp brown sugar, 1 tbsp. brandy, 24 oz. dark beer/ale

• Preparation: Pour beer in a saucepan over low heat. Add the brown sugar, cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon sticks and honey. Turn the heat up slightly to medium and keep stirring occasionally for 5 minutes. Stir in the brandy, then turn off the heat. Cover the saucepan but don't remove from the stove. After a few minutes of steeping, your Mulled Holiday Cheer Beer is ready for sipping. Ladle into mugs and garnish with a cinnamon stick.

DERBY PIE MARTINI
I'm a professional pie judge (my favorite job, ever) at various county fairs. The dreamy mix of bourbon, pecans and chocolate that is Derby Pie is one of the all-time blue-ribbon winners. This recipe, which is like Derby Pie-in-a-glass, was adapted from "The Drink Blog" and would be great for brunch, bedtime or anytime in between. It's bourbon-thirty somewhere.



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• Ingredients: 2 oz. pecan-infused bourbon, ¼ oz. maple syrup, ¾ oz. dark Crème de Cacao, chocolate bitters. Glass type: Old-Fashioned

• Preparation: Make your pecan-infused bourbon (it's not hard and plenty of quick recipes online). Add the maple syrup, dark Crème de Cacao and bitters into a cocktail shaker with ice. Shake. Let it rest. Put a big ice cube or a few small ones in an Old-Fashioned glass. Strain as you pour over it. YUMMM! PIE OH MY!

ANGEL NIPPLES
These little darlings are sweet conversation starters in shot glasses. Perfect to have a masked-up butler pass on a tray at your 2020 socially-distanced holiday party.

• Ingredients: 2 parts Butterscotch Schnapps to 1 part Irish Cream, whipped cream and fresh raspberries for garnish

• Preparation: Add ice, Butterscotch Schnapps and Irish Cream to shaker. Shake well. Strain mix into shot glass, top with squirt of whipped cream and a raspberry nipple

Please give "A Round Of Applause" to all the joy-giving cocktail and mocktail mixologists whose gifts of creativity are shared in this delightful array of holiday thirst-slakers. CHEERS Y'ALL! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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PREP BASKETBALL

Addison collects comfortable sweep of Lynn

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. – Addison hosted the Lynn Bears, county rivals from the far western edges of Winston County, for a two-game set at lovely Allen Stephenson Gymnasium Thursday night. The girls were too much for the Lady Bears and ran away with an 82-32 victory and the boys had a similar time with the Bears and came out with a comfortable 65-41 win.

Addison 82 – Lynn 32 (varsity girls)

The Lady Dawgs came out under Head Coach Bailey West with their foot on the gas and totally dominated the Ladies from Lynn. Addison jumped on Lynn for a 20-7 lead after the first period. Addison was being led by "Tiny" Bracey Rodgers and Hadley "Shooter" Butler punishing the Lady Bears from downtown with three-point bombs. The second period was no easier for Lynn. The Lady Dawgs outscored Lynn 15-9 to take a comfortable, 35-16 lead. With Rodgers and Butler handling scoring, Gracie "Bug" Manley and Anna Grace Luker taking care of the boards, it was an excellent half for the Lady Dawgs.

If you were hoping for a miracle comeback from the Lady Bears, it didn't happen this evening. Coach West brought out her young ladies and they completely clamped down defensively on the girls from Lynn. Lynn was outscored by a whopping 27-8 margin in the third period. Addison had a commanding, 62-24 lead going into the final frame. Addison's Molly Gilbreath started dropping bombs and the rout continued.

The game came to a merciful end with Addison outscoring Lynn 20-8 in the fourth period. That made the score, Addison Lady Dawgs 82, Lynn Lady Bears 32. This improves Addison to 4-4 on the young season.

After the game, Coach West said, "The girls played hard tonight. When your shots are falling you look good and that carries over to our defensive end. It was good to see how well we shot the ball tonight and that everyone was involved. I just hope that the girls can carry over the intensity till next week. We have a big game with our rival, Winston County, next Tuesday night here at home. If we continue to play defense like we have been for the majority of our last two games, then I believe that good things can happen for us."

"Tiny" Rodgers led the Dawgs with 30 points, five rebounds, five assists and three steals. "Bug" Manley had 16 points, 15 boards and four steals. "Shooter" Butler had 16 points and two rebounds. Gilbreath had 10 points, two boards, three assists and five steals. Luker had six points, four rebounds, two assists and four steals. Lydia Ergle chipped in two points but had seven rebounds.

Lynn was led by Junior Laney Upton with 10 points and five rebounds. Junior Ella Brown had seven points and three rebounds. Junior Ashley Aldridge had six points and four boards.

Addison 65 – Lynn 41 (varsity boys)

Addison came out hoping that they would be able to contain Lynn with their very stingy defense. Addison has gotten better every game with their defense and that is something that Coach Ben Mastin pounds into their heads.

The Dawgs took the opening period to let Lynn know that nothing would be easy on this night. Addison outscored Lynn 18-10 in the first period. Eli "Curly" Howse and Christian "Ice Man" Roberts led in the scoring. The second period was more of the same as Addison frustrated Lynn as they batted passes and kept the Bears off the boards. Addison won the period 20-10 and went in at the half leading 38-20. Xavier "Smooth" Barley owned the glass in the first half pulling down six rebounds. Logan "Baby Shaq" Wilkins added 3 of his own along with six points.

The third period continued the onslaught as the Dawgs outscored the Bears 14-9. Wilkins brought the gym to their feet as he had a thunderous dunk over a hapless Bear player, it was a true poster moment. Going into the fourth period Addison led 52-29.

The fourth frame showed the depth of these bulldogs as Jessie "Rooster" Brock had six points and Brady "Stick" Gilbreath tossed in five. The game ended with Addison winning easily 65-41. Addison improves to 3-5 on the season.

After the game, Coach Mastin said, "We played a good game. We have extra motivation because our goal is to keep teams from scoring over 32 points a game. I know that is a low number but that is what we strive for. If teams score more than that there are consequences. The simple fact is, we guard we win. This team will win with defense and this team takes pride in its defense. "

Wilkins and Howse led in scoring with 16 points apiece. Wilkins added seven rebounds and two assists. Howse had three boards and three assists as well. Roberts had nine points and three boards. Cannon "TNT" Hiller had a solid game with eight points, four boards, three assists and three steals. Brock had six points and Gilbreath had five points, three boards and two assists. "Smooth" Barley had nine boards and two points.

Both Addison teams will host the Double Springs Yellow Jackets Tuesday.

UAB wins 3rd straight after 73-48 victory over Kennesaw State

Ted Feeley
UAB Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Trey Jemison recorded a double-double with career-highs of 13 points and 14 rebounds along with three blocks in UAB's 73-48 victory over Kennesaw State on Wednesday evening. Michael Ertel scored a team-high 16 points, Jalen Benjamin 11 and Quan Jackson added 10 along with seven rebounds while being a +27 as the Blazers open the season a perfect 3-0.

KSU's Spencer Rodgers scored a game-high 17 points as the Owls were handed their first loss of the season.

With the game tied at 14-14 midway through the 1st half, UAB went on a 17-4 run capped by a Tyreek Scott-Grayson 3-pointer at 5:28 to make the score 31-18. The Blazers would only allow one more field goal the remainder of the half as Ertel's 3-pointer closed out the scoring giving UAB a 43-22 lead heading into halftime.

A 10-0 run beginning at 9:28 of the 2nd half, finished by four straight points from Jemison, made the score 66-38 and gave the Blazers their largest lead of the game at 28 points. UAB would hold another 28-point lead after Tavin Lovan scored five straight points making the score 70-42 with 4:25 remaining.

The Blazers ended the game with 12 steals and scored 22 points off 19 KSU turnovers. They dominated in the paint, outscoring the Owls 38-22 and won the rebound battle 46-38.

"Trey Jemison's presence was huge with 13 points, 14 rebounds and three big blocks. He's going to have a 20-and-15 night sooner rather than later," said head coach Andy Kennedy. "He continues to stay focused, persevere and has the best energy in the gym every day. I'm really proud of the way he's played. He deserved a night like tonight."

The Blazers remain at home to face Troy (1-1) on Sunday. Tipoff time is 2 p.m. The Trojans were scheduled to play Wake Forest tonight, but that game was canceled. Now the Trojans will travel to Lubbock to face No. 17 Texas Tech on Friday night.



UAB ATHLETICS

The UAB Blazers picked up their third straight win after defeating Kennesaw State 73-48 Wednesday night.

GAME NOTES

- This is the second straight game that Jemison recorded career-high in points – he scored 12 in Saturday's win over Southeastern Louisiana
- Jemison's previous career rebounding high was seven at Notre Dame on Feb. 9, 2020
- Ertel tied a career-high with three steals
- 16 of UAB's 46 rebounds were on the offensive end
- In 71 minutes played this season, Benjamin only has one turnover

Troy heads to Mobile for 'Battle for the Belt'

Adam Prendergast
Troy Athletics

TROY, Ala. – Troy heads to Mobile, Ala., and the brand-new Hancock Whitney Stadium looking to make history in the soon to be 9-year-old "Battle for the Belt" series between the Trojans and their in-state rival South Alabama. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. and the game will be broadcast on ESPN3.

Troy (4-5, 2-3 Sun Belt) heads south with back-to-back victories over South Alabama (4-6, 3-4) in tow. No team has won three straight games in the series and last year the Trojans became the first home team to win the game since The Belt was introduced in 2015; the Trojans have won three of the five games with The Belt on the line.

"We have three games left," head coach Chip Lindsey said. "Like I told our team, we still have a fourth of our season left to play here in December. This is an opportunity for us to take another step forward.

"How we finish these last three games will determine if we get to go to a bowl game and will build momentum for next season. We have a lot of guys coming back, and we have a pretty young football team. There is a lot of opportunity for us to grow these last three games and it starts with the Battle for the Belt."

The Trojans are looking to regain their early-season swagger when they won four of their first six games of the season and scored 31-plus points in five of those games. Troy has dropped its last three games and three of its five losses on the season have come by a combined 12 points.

"It has been tough and even the best teams in the country would tell you that," Lindsey said.

"We tried to set the tone early because we knew this was going to be a season like no other. We knew we were going to have to handle the ups and downs of the season.

"That is great to say, but when you are in the middle of it, it is tough for these guys. I am really proud of how they have handled the adversity throughout the year.

"We haven't played as well here lately, and we need to get better no matter who is on the field. No one is going to feel sorry for us, so we have to go to work."

The Trojans have plenty to build on for the last three games starting with the pass blocking of the offensive line, led by junior left tackle Austin Stidham.

Troy leads the country with a 92.7 pass blocking efficiency rating by Pro Football Focus, while Stidham ranks second among all offensive tackles with a 98.4 efficiency mark.

Behind them, sophomore quarterback Gunnar Watson will make his third start after returning from an upper-body injury that cost him 11 quarters of action. Kaylon Geiger continues to be one of the nation's top receiving threats as he enters the game with eight career 100-yard receiving games and is third among active players with 5.95 receptions per game in his career.

Defensively, Troy has players at all three levels performing among the nation's elite.

Along the line, Will Choloh is the highest-rated pass rusher among interior defensive linemen in the country per PFF, while linebackers Carlton Martial, KJ Robertson and Jayden McDonald all have premier numbers.

Robertson leads all linebackers in the country with just two missed tackles, McDonald is the fourth-highest rated pass rushing linebacker in the country and Martial is averaging 10.8 tackles per game over his last five contests; his 11.0 tackles per game in November were the 11th most in the country (min. three games).



TROY ATHLETICS

Troy is traveling to South Alabama Saturday for a matchup against the Jaguars.

Know Your Foe

Saturday's contest is the final one of the season for the Jaguars who are coming off a 38-31 victory at Arkansas State to snap a four-game losing streak. South Alabama has locked up the No. 2 spot in the Sun Belt West Division no matter the outcome Saturday.

The Jaguars are led offensively by a strong passing attack spearheaded by quarterback Desmond Trotter (11 TDs, 3 INT) and receivers Jalen Tolbert (99.3 YPG, 9 TD) and Kawaan Baker (65.9 YPG, 8 TD).

Defensively, South Alabama has the Sun Belt's top two tacklers in Riley Cole & Nick Mobley.

Notable

- Troy ranks second nationally since the start of the 2016 season averaging 1.90 turnovers forced per game.
- Troy is 1-8 on coin tosses this season ... Troy has received the opening kickoff in 16-of-21 games under Chip Lindsey and has scored on 10 of those possessions.
- Troy has scored on its final possession of the first half in 8-of-9 games; this includes two defensive scores against Georgia State.
- Carlton Martial is the nation's active leader with 8.48 tackles per game in his career.
- Jack Martin leads the country with a 45.8 net punting average this season (min. 20 punt attempts).

Site (from Front)

Mary Beth Sellers
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Regional on Friday announced it is one of 13 health systems in the state of Alabama selected to provide vaccinations to frontline health care workers in the first round of COVID-19 vaccine distributions in the state.

"We are proud to have been selected as a Phase 1 Vaccination Clinic location," Cullman Regional CEO James Clements said. "Phase 1 of the vaccination program is designed to provide front line health care providers with the vaccine."

According to Alabama Department of Public Health, the state of Alabama will receive an initial allocation of 40,950 Pfizer vaccines which will be distributed to 13 health systems and include 15 vaccination clinic locations. Of that total, Cullman Regional will receive 1,950 vaccines.

Federal and state government guidelines specify how the vaccinations will be allocated to frontline workers.

The allocations are: EMS staff (15% of allocation), physicians (15% of allocation), nursing home personnel (20% of allocation) and hospital staff (50% of allocation).

Cullman Regional is currently working to set up an on-campus vaccination clinic with appointments to accommodate all parties in a timely manner.

Each dose of the vaccine must be defrosted prior to use and must be used within a limited timeframe; therefore, appointments will be required to ensure efficient use of all allocated vaccinations.

"The vaccine we will receive is set to be granted EUA (Emergency Use Approval) by the FDA on Dec. 10," said Chief Medical Officer William Smith, MD.

"We hope to receive our allocation soon after the approval; therefore, we will have our full vaccination plan ready by next week.

"We hope to learn more in the coming days and will share information with the community as it becomes available."

For more information, visit www.CullmanRegional.com or follow Cullman Regional Medical Center on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for up-to-date information.

CMS (from Front)

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Middle School implemented an updated schedule format this week in an effort to limit COVID-19 contacts and cut down on the amount of contact tracing required among students, and officials say the new system is already making a major impact.

The new schedule system essentially pods students into the same group throughout the day, cutting down crossover between student groups to further limit contacts.

The change shifted the middle school schedule to a six-period school day, with students divided into their "zero period" group for the day.

Officials say the system allows students to remain in these static groups throughout the school day to minimize the amount of contact tracing needed if a student tests positive or is exposed to COVID-19.

Each group rotates through its four core classes, one elective class and physical education class each day.

"It's going really well so far, and this week let us work out the kinks and get things moving smoothly under the new schedule," Principal Jake Johnson explained.

"Coming back after Thanksgiving break helped, as well, giving everyone a chance to take a break and get some space over the holiday."

Johnson said contact tracing this week ran much smoother under the new schedule system, which should help reduce the number of students required to quarantine when and if possible exposure occurs.

"We actually had to do some contact tracing this week, and we only had to send seven students home to quarantine as a contact," he said.

"In the past, we've had to send as many as 25 to 50 students home to quarantine simply due to contact tracing. So it's helped for sure in limiting that exposure and allowing students to safely remain on campus."

The new system has also made some changes to the number of electives students can attend throughout the day, though Johnson said students are still able to attend electives — they just have to fit into the schedule within the new pod groups.

"We have it worked out where they do get to go to their electives, they just may not get to go every day," he said.

"But they're still able to go on certain days for electives like band, or art, or ag classes — it's just no longer every day. But they're still able to attend those classes, which is what's important."

Looking ahead to 2021, Johnson said he hopes the new schedule change will prove temporary and the restrictions can be loosened in the coming months — but that all depends on how the COVID-19 pandemic evolves in our state and community. In recent weeks, cases continue to trend up across the state and county.

"I'm hopeful our community numbers get better, and maybe we can go back to our regular schedule after Christmas," he said.

"But right now, this is the best option we have, and we really think it will do a lot of good to minimize our contacts heading into the rest of the school year."

Harris (from Front)

Scott Harris
Contributor

"I Miss Precedented Times." That's a T-shirt slogan seen recently, and indeed the year 2020 has brought unprecedented challenges due to the coronavirus COVID-19. As December begins and the weather becomes colder, COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths have increased in Alabama, and it is feared that activities associated with the upcoming holidays may lead to unprecedented COVID-19 surges. Due to ongoing community transmission, it continues to be important for everyone to follow all preventive measures assiduously. COVID-19 threatens all of us, not just those with underlying risk factors or people of advanced age.

In December, people tend to spend more time indoors where the risk of exposure is greater and asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic people may be too close. Friends, family, and associates may be careless and inconsistent in following commonsense prevention measures that have been proven to prevent transmission of this highly contagious virus. This failing can be compounded by stress and anxiety associated with the holiday season, which when coupled with the pandemic may lead to risky behaviors including substance abuse.

Increased travel during the Thanksgiving holidays, despite travel advisories to stay at home, foreshadow serious consequences in the weeks ahead if the public lets its guard down and ignores personal responsibility. Leading up to the holidays, consider ways your plans can be modified to reduce the spread of COVID-19. This may mean hosting remote celebrations and exchanging gifts with family and friends using contactless deliveries. Do not let your guard down, because there is hope.

Despite rising case numbers, there are many reasons to be encouraged. Several treatment modalities are now available, including a newly authorized monoclonal antibody treatment for outpatients which decreases hospital admissions for COVID-19 and the antiviral medication remdesivir that has been found to shorten hospital stays.

With the anticipated emergency use authorization of vaccines produced by several pharmaceutical companies, Alabama is making plans to vaccinate critical healthcare workers and residents of long term care this month, and to continue the vaccine rollout through spring. The goal of the plan is to distribute a widely available COVID-19 vaccine which is safe, effective, and equitably distributed. This vaccine is especially important for vulnerable populations living in rural and low-income urban areas.

Rest assured that Alabama will adhere to COVID-19 vaccine storage and handling requirements. While documentation and regular reporting of vaccine administration will be required, patient privacy will be protected.

Remember that we are in the midst of a serious pandemic, so I urge you to carefully consider your actions and be consistent in maintaining good COVID-19 prevention habits. During this holiday season, care for others, and keep the health and safety of seniors and those with chronic health conditions especially in mind. Enjoy the holidays, and please keep yourself, your family, friends, and others safe for a happy 2021.

Scott Harris, M.D.
State Health Officer

Obituary Announcements: Dec. 5

Michael "Mike" R. Heatherly, 68, died Wednesday afternoon the 2nd of December 2020 in the presence of loved ones. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Daily Heatherly, his sons, Brian (Heather) and Ben (Loren), and four grandchildren, Ashlen, Brooks, Magnolia, and Emory Kate. He is also survived by four brothers: Robert, Raymond (Imogine), Bill, and Jerry (Charlotte). Preceded in death by his brother James. Mike was born Aug. 22, 1952 to Mack and Dora Heatherly. Mike was a proud graduate of Good Hope HS. He then attended Birmingham Southern College and later finished his bachelor's degree at St. Bernard College, where he lettered on the collegiate tennis team. He then finished his master's and Ed.S at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He began his career in education in 1974 as a teacher at Fairview School where he later served as Assistant Principal for 18 years. He then served as principal at Vinemont High School for six years. He finished his 40-year career in education as a member of the faculty at Athens State University. He loved traveling, especially to the beach. For many years he was an avid runner and triathlete. His favorite entertainment was attending the activities of his children and grandchildren. A private family graveside service will be held at Vinemont Baptist Cemetery Sunday, Dec. 6. Since there will not be a visitation, the family asks for special memories and condolences to be sent to 256-338-7668 for text messages or mheatherly33@gmail.com. Mike was very involved in the children's ministry at Vinemont Baptist Church for 18 years. In lieu of flowers, donations to the children's ministry may be sent in his honor to Vinemont Baptist Church, P.O. Box 835, Vinemont, AL 35179, or @vinemontbaptist through Venmo.

Funeral services for Jewell Turner Harvell, 84, of Hanceville, Alabama will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Bethlehem Cemetery in Dodge City. Craig Edwards and Larry Walker will be officiating. Visitation is at Hanceville Funeral Home on Sunday beginning at 12:30 p.m. Mrs. Harvell is survived by her children, Sandra Means, Hilda Walker, Ernie Turner and Paul Turner; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren. Mrs. Harvell was preceded in death by her granddaughter, great-granddaughter, two sisters, a brother, and two husbands.

Funeral services for Larry Monroe Folds, 73, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Monday, Dec. 7, 2020 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Cullman Memory Gardens with military honors. Rev Steve Rodgers and Rev. Tommy Graves will be officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Folds passed away Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020 at Cullman Regional Hospital. He was born Jan. 20, 1947 to William R. & Gladys L. Lanningham Folds. He was a reserve officer with the Hanceville Police Department. Larry loved Alabama football. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his brother, Robert Folds; sisters, Linda R. Maddox, Doris (Brian) Smith; nieces, nephews, family and friends. Visitation will be at Cullman Funeral Home Monday from noon-2 p.m. Everyone is requested to please wear masks and social distance. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Mrs. Shirley May (Campbell) Peak, 83, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Friday, Dec. 4, 2020. Shirley was born February 6, 1937 in Cullman, Alabama. Shirley is survived by son: Randy Peak; daughters: Donna (Neal) McKoy, Sherry (Philip) Blackwood, Denise (David Stallings), Shirlene (Curtis) Lindsey, Darlene Edge; grandchildren: Charlie Jo, Lisa, Chris, Wesley, Levi, Josh, Amber, Hayley, Emily, Celina, Daniel, Ashley; sister: Faye Weeks; and a host of loving great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents: Haywood Mathis and Freda Rusk Campbell; husband Dureal D. Peak; daughter: Cynthia Peak; son in law: Terry Edge; daughter-in-law: Donna Peak; sister: Betty Jo and Avel Swann; and brother-in-law: Bobby Weeks. A celebration of life visitation for Shirley will be held Monday, Dec. 7, 2020 from 9-10 a.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. Following the celebration of life visitation will be a celebration of life graveside service at Fellowship Cemetery in Cullman, Alabama at 11 a.m. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Peak family.

Charlsie Faye Loyd, 93, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Dec. 1, 2020 at Cullman Regional. She was born Sept.21, 1927, to the late John Oliver and Mae Belle Scott. Faye is survived by her three sons-Clarence Herman (Becky) Loyd, Robert Eugene (Sheila) Loyd, and Terry Lynn (Renee) Loyd; Seven grandchildren-Susan Hassell, Misty (Chad) Shannon, Christopher Loyd, Trent (Misty) Loyd, Amanda (Chris) Dunn, Chelsey Gray, Ryan McAnear, fourteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband William Clarence Loyd, and her brother and sister-in-law, Johnie (Hynette) Scott. Funeral Services will be held at Moss Service on Monday, Dec. 7, 2020 in the chapel with a visitation from noon-1 p.m. Burial will follow at Center Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Zeak "Sonny" Clifford Mitchell, Jr., passed away on Nov. 29, 2020. Cliff was born on March 15, 1933, in Cullman, Alabama, to Evelyn (Harris) and Zeak Mitchell, Sr. He graduated from Fairview High School in Cullman, AL. After high school, Cliff joined the United States Army. He met his wife, Rhoda Iona Stringfellow, at the roller skating rink, and they married on September 24, 1955. In 1959, Cliff graduated Samford University in Birmingham, AL, with an AB Degree. In 1962, he graduated the Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans, LA, with a Bachelor of Divinity Degree. In 1966, he graduated from Chaplains' School in Newport, RI. Cliff lived a life of service. He served his community, congregations, and God. Cliff was a pastor to several Baptist churches in Alabama. As a United States Navy Chaplain of 20 years, he served two tours in Vietnam with the Destroyer Squadron Thirty-One and the First Marine Division. While in Vietnam, he supported and worked with the local orphanages. He was also assigned to Navy and Marine bases in southern California; Corpus Christie, Texas; Okinawa, Japan; and Memphis, Tennessee. He served as a Board Member to the Runaway House/Family Link in Memphis, and throughout his career, he taught Pre-Marriage and Marriage Enrichment workshops and Effective Parenting workshops. Cliff is lovingly remembered by his family as a father, grandfather, preacher, farmer, and marathon runner who enjoyed playing the guitar and tinkering with cars, ham radios, and computers. One of Cliff's favorite songs was "Bridge over Troubled Water" by Simon & Garfunkel and, for his family, friends, and congregations, he was that bridge. Cliff was preceded in death by his parents; wife; son, Mark Clifford Mitchell; and sister, Doris Crisler-Staub. He is survived by his children, Terry (Mike) Mitchell Lanfear and Robbin (Joe) Mitchell Esterman; grandchildren, Tyler Mitchell Lanfear, Benjamin William Lanfear, and Stephen Mitchell Esterman; and cousin, Lynda (Keith) Carter. The family would also like to thank the caregivers of Hanceville Nursing and Rehab Center who provided care and love to Cliff the past two years. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to the Parkinson's Foundation. Cliff's family invites you to join them on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020, at Concord Baptist in Cullman for visitation at 11 a.m.-1 p.m., followed by funeral service and burial.

Master Sergeant (Ret) Jimmy B. Riddle, 72, of Cullman died peacefully in his sleep on Dec. 2, 2020. He was a devoted husband to his wife Cheryl Tyler Riddle to whom he was married for 54 years, 8 months and 9 days. Born in Dunn, NC on August 15, 1948, he was the son of the late Noah B. and Lena C. Riddle of Dunn, NC. He entered the United States Army in 1966 and proudly served on active duty until 1974. He then joined the Alabama Army National Guard in 1976 and served his state until retiring in 2004. Jimmy enjoyed fishing and playing golf as often as the weather would allow, sometimes when the weather wouldn't allow. In addition to his beloved wife Cheryl, the love of his life, he leaves behind his son Christopher and wife Lucy Riddle and son Joseph and wife Keely Riddle. He was the grandfather to Austin T. and wife Savannah Riddle, Alex J. and wife Shauna Bruce, Justin D. Bruce, Emma V. Bruce, Daisy Jo Riddle, and Justice Jane Riddle. He was the cherished brother of Randy Riddle and family, the late Libby Tart and family, Tony Riddle and family, Donald Riddle and family, and Peter Riddle and family. He was also the brother-in-law of Benny Dye who he called "Brother." The memorial will take place at Cullman Heritage Funeral home on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020 at 1 p.m. The family will receive guests starting at 12:15. In lieu of flowers please donate to "homes for our troops" at https://www.hfotusa.org/ or "tunnels to towers" at https://tunnel2towers.org/ in memory of Jimmy Riddle.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 4

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 4, 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

Dec. 1

- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $120

Dec. 3

- theft by deception; person; cash
- second-degree theft of property; person; Larkwood Dr. NE; guns; $1,100

ARRESTS

Dec. 3

Atkins, Anthony M., 38

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- driving without a license

Ford, Shayla M., 24

- fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Cullman (from Front)



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Foster Jackson meets Santa at Cullman's tree lighting ceremony Friday evening.

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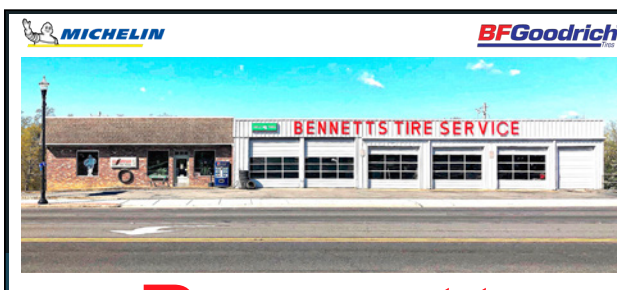
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