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PARADE GOES ON

A large crowd came out Saturday on a beautiful sunny afternoon to see the 31st annual Cullman County Christmas Parade. While other parades scheduled around the area were canceled due to COVID-19 concerns, parade organizers, The Hanceville Civitan Club, felt this outdoor event should go on. Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff "Clem" Clemons served as grand marshal, while Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail and members of the Hanceville City Council greeted attendees along the parade route.



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– ARTS –

Wallace State, Cullman Band hosting virtual Christmas concerts Dec. 10



WALLACE STATE

The Wallace State Singers during a filming of its annual Christmas Spectacular concert. This year, the concert titled "There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays" will be held virtually via the Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts Facebook page on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. Along with the Singers, there will be performances by the Wallace State Jazz Band, Wallace State Concert Band and Wallace State Concert Choir.

Gail Crutchfield, Christopher Smith

CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. – Those wanting a boost of Christmas cheer will have at least two opportunities this Thursday evening, as both the Wallace State Community College Fine and Performing Arts program and the Cullman High School Band perform their holiday concerts via the internet.

Wallace State- "There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays" annual Christmas Spectacular

Wallace State Community College's Fine and Performing Arts program will present "There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays" as its annual Christmas Spectacular concert with a virtual event on Thursday, Dec. 10 from 7-9 p.m., via its Facebook page (https://bit.ly/2JHxTpR).

"Our students spent weeks in rehearsals followed by several more weeks filming our annual holiday show," said Ricky Burks, chair of the program and director of the Wallace State Jazz Band. "They've shown a great ability to adjust to changes as we've made efforts to decrease possible exposure to the coronavirus."

The ensembles filmed their portions at separate times and without an audience to avoid having a large number of people gathered at one time. Three different camera angles were captured for the performance and will be edited to create the show.

"Having an audience there to interact with is one of the biggest thrills for our performers, but they adapted very well," said Tiffany Richter, director of the Wallace State Concert Choir and Wallace State Singers. "One of the silver linings of filming the show is the students will be able to watch it with their families."

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Col. Fallin's new adventure

Local veteran takes on Mt. Kilimanjaro to raise scholarship funds



DON FALLIN

Retired U.S. Army Col. Don Fallin

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FAITH

St. Bernard's Fr. Bernard Denson completes degree

Joyce Nix
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – On Friday, Dec. 4, at the Benedictine Order's Pontifical University of Sant'Anselmo in Rome, Fr. Bernard J. Denson O.S.B., a monk of St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, AL, successfully defended his thesis entitled "The Presence of Christ in the Thought and Aesthetic of Percy Bysshe Shelley." He earned the canonical degree of Licentiate in Sacred Theology, with specialization in the History of Theology. He completed his degree with the distinction, "summa cum laude."

Shelley, who was a major poet of British Romanticism, was known for his atheism. Fr. Bernard's work strives to demonstrate the importance of theology's interdisciplinary dialogue with the arts in order to gain a greater understanding of the history and significance of both.

Fr. Bernard has already begun the program for his doctorate in sacred theology in the same specialization.



JOYCE NIX

Pictured left to right are Abbot Edmund Power OSB, abbot emeritus of the Abbey of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, Rome and professor emeritus of sacred theology at Sant'Anselmo; Fr. Bernard Denson OSB (Saint Bernard Abbey, USA); Fr. David Foster OSB, professor of philosophy at Sant'Anselmo (Downside Abbey, UK); Fr. Eduardo Lopez-Tello Garcia OSB, Dean of the Faculty of Theology, (Archabbey of Sankt Ottilien, Germany).

AGRICULTURE

Federation elects leadership during 99th annual meeting

Mary Johns Wilson
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The state's largest farm organization reelected President Jimmy Parnell to a fifth two-year term during the Alabama Farmers Federation's 99th annual meeting in Montgomery Dec. 7.

Parnell, a fifth-generation farmer from Stanton in Chilton County, is a partner in his family's cattle and timber business. He thanked the voting delegates representing all 67 counties who unanimously reinstated him. Parnell ran unopposed and also serves as Alfa Insurance president.

"I am excited about the opportunity to lead this organization into its 100th year," Parnell said.

"Throughout history, farmers have faced obstacles, and the past year brought special challenges. Despite those, farmers continued to feed and clothe America and the world. Our organization faced its challenges head on and continued to work for farmers every day. As we chart a course for the next century of this organization, we are still led by men and women who are dedicated to serving farmers and promoting the economic, social and educational interests of Alabamians."

Parnell, 56, is a former State Young Farmers Committee chairman and served on the Federation's state board from 1999-2008. He was Chilton County Farmers Federation president from 2006-2012.

Joining Parnell in leadership roles were North Area Vice President Rex Vaughn, 61, of Huntsville in Madison County and Southeast Area Vice President George Jeffcoat, 71, of Gordon in Houston County. Both raise cattle and row crops.

Vaughn was reelected to his fifth two-year term. His area covers Blount, Cherokee, Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Franklin, Jackson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan and Winston counties.

Jeffcoat was also reelected to his fifth two-year term. His area includes Barbour, Bullock, Chambers, Coffee, Coosa, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Elmore, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lee, Macon, Pike, Russell and Tallapoosa counties.

Elections were held for four district board positions, which have three-year terms.

John Bert East, 69, of Leesburg in Cherokee County was elected to serve District 3, which includes Cherokee, DeKalb, Etowah and Jackson counties. He is a row crop and cattle farmer.

Phillip Hunter, 51, a nursery owner in Shelby County, was reelected District 6 director. The district covers Calhoun, Clay, Cleburne, Randolph, Shelby, St. Clair and Talladega counties.



ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION

Jimmy Parnell

Bill Cook, 69, of Montgomery County was reelected as District 9 representative, which covers Autauga, Butler, Chilton, Lowndes, Montgomery and Wilcox counties. Cook grows timber and operates a lawn care business.

Thomas Adams, 43, of Newville in Henry County was elected to the District 12 board seat. He represents Dale, Geneva, Henry and Houston counties and raises row crops, cattle and poultry.

Reelected to a one-year, ex-officio term on the state board was Women's Leadership Committee Chair Kathy Gordon of Montgomery County. State Young Farmers Committee Chairman Brady Peek of Athens in Limestone County will also serve a one-year, ex-officio term.

The Federation has more than 330,000 member families representing all 67 Alabama counties. It is an affiliate of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Monday, Dec. 7, 2020 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard
Total confirmed cases in AL: 225,789 (+1,874 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in AL: 46,440 (+478 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in AL: 3,465 (+3 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in AL: 427
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 3,666 (+34 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 1,404 (+4 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 42 (+0 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 12
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 27,154
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,623
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 954
• Total tested in Alabama: 1,651,573
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 38,737
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 118,225
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 2,079
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 27,044
• 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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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
• Dec. 23, 7 p.m. Candle Lighting & Communion Service by Pastor Bobby Dodd. Everyone welcome!

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. 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. The Cullman County Commission will hand out candy to seniors Dec. 18-19.
• 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. 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 through Dec. 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.

37th Annual Cullman Band Christmas Concert (Virtual)
• Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020 at 7 p.m. The Combined CHS Symphonic and Concert Bands, the CHS Percussion Ensemble and the CHS Jazz Band will perform.
• Although parents and guests will not be able to attend this year's concert in person, everyone can watch the event using this live stream link www.nfhsnetwork.com/events/cullman-high-school-cullman-al/evt21ba945edf.

Wallace State Christmas Spectacular Concert (Virtual)
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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.

(Drive-Thru) Baileyton Christmas Party
• The Town of Baileyton's annual Christmas party will be held Saturday, Dec. 12 from 5-7 p.m. in a true 2020 fashion- a drive-thru.
• Traditionally the community gathers at the town's community center, but this year the event will take place next door at the Baileyton Volunteer Fire Department.
• Town council members have teamed up with the Baileyton VFD once again to give back to the community any way they can while still adhering to COVID-19 guidelines. They will be giving out hamburgers, hotdogs, fruit and candy.
• The tradition of raffling large stuffed animals will continue. Town Clerk Pat Gilbert said, "This year, we'll just have to call the winners."

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.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 7

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 7, 2020. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Dec. 3

- domestic violence; CR 1592
- theft of property; CR 717
- theft of property; CR 1087
- theft of property; CR 1058
- domestic violence; CR 702
- illegal possession of prescription drugs, theft of property; Hwy. 69 N
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 1545
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1508
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; Hwy. 278 W
- domestic violence; CR 649/CR 652
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1154
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, assault; Hwy. 91
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S

Dec. 4

- harassment, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 1321
- domestic violence; CR 736
- domestic violence; CR 1289
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 946
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1107
- theft of property; CR 260

Dec. 5

- burglary; Hwy. 278 W
- harassment; CR 18
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 W
- harassment, theft of property; CR 405
- domestic violence, assault, resisting arrest; CR 623
- menacing; CR 1122

Dec. 6

- burglary; CR 1030
- harassment, trespassing; CR 112
- burglary; Cupp Road
- burglary; CR 225
- theft of property; Main St. Arab
- burglary; CR 1466

ARRESTS

Dec. 3

Atkins, Anthony Marquel, 38
- third-degree assault
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (with theft)

Cole, Brett Alan, 51
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of obscene material – 17 YOA

Cole, Joshua Glenn, 25
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Conn, Nathaniel Brent, 39
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Curvin, Randal Allen, 44
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

England, Nathaniel Clay, 19
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (with theft) (2 counts)

Goodwin, Timothy Eric, 38
- FTA- reckless driving

Hann, Timothy Michael, 32
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- third-degree domestic violence- menacing
- FTA- driving while revoked (2 counts)

James, Donald Leon, 73
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Johnson, Ollie Jamal, 24
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Marable, Billy Ray, 42
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (with theft)

Milburn, Vernon Lee, 49
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Ritchie, Robin Lee, 40
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Rogers, Timothy Shane, 30
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Sears, Bridget Nichole, 35
- FTA- cruelty to animals
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree promoting prison contraband
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Sivils, Betty Mae, 40
- FTA- giving false name to law enforcement
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Suhy, Landon Michael, 19
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (with theft) (2 counts)

Watson, Zebary Cameron R., 30
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Dec. 4-6

Barnes, Kristian Renee, 45
- DUI- .08 BAC or greater

Champion, Larry Dale, 43
- FTA- speeding

Clay, Cody Lemark, 32
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree promoting prison contraband

England, Nathaniel Clay, 19
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (with theft)

Fitts Jr., Rickey Leon, 29
- FTA- third-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument

Gambrell, Kristina Lynn, 33
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Garza, Ricardo Javier, 34
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Heatherly, Raymond C., 45
- GJ- third-degree burglary

Hill, Thomas Brian, 40
- harassing communications

Hyde, James Ellis, 43
- FTA- proof of liability insurance required

James, Carie Renea, 40
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Johnson, Matthew Levon, 36
- FTA- carrying a pistol without a license
- first-degree theft of property

Little, Tommy Lee, 47
- second-degree assault
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- interference with a domestic violence emergency
- resisting arrest
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Scott, James Thomas, 36
- public intoxication

Shepherd, Andrea Leanne, 25
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- driving while suspended
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Suhy, Landon Michael, 19
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (with theft)

Tubbs, Stacy Lee, 46
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Dec. 3
- second-degree theft of property; person; Hayes Drive NW; cash, miscellaneous

Dec. 4
- fourth-degree theft of property, third-degree criminal trespassing; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; food; $87
- fourth-degree theft of property; person; Hwy. 278 E; jewelry
- harassment; person; Cherokee Ave. SW

ARRESTS

Dec. 4

Fanning, Ricky D., 29
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Twilley, Allyson C., 22
- FTA- driving without a license
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- failure to register vehicle

Scott, Randy A., 38
- fourth-degree theft of property

Dec. 5

Elms, Randy L., 25
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- driving without a license

Lovell, Anthony R., 46
- public intoxication
- resisting arrest

Bray, Stephen W., 28
- public intoxication

Castle, Kimberly M., 35
- FTA- insurance violation

Cummings, Madyson B., 23
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Investigation (from Front)

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. – A vehicle striking a power line at approximately 5:40 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 along the 9400 block of Alabama Highway 157 in front of Foley Products in Cullman County led to the death of a pedestrian who was moments before involved in a single-vehicle crash.

According to Alabama State Troopers, Chloe Camille Williamson, 20, of Vestavia Hills was killed when she was struck by a utility pole. Williams was initially involved in a single-vehicle crash in which her vehicle, moments earlier, struck the same utility pole, damaging the supporting guide wire. As a result, the power line which the utility was supporting dropped across the roadway. Williams then exited her vehicle after the crash and was standing near the shoulder of the roadway when a second vehicle struck the power line, breaking the utility pole and causing the broken pole to strike her.

Williams was pronounced dead at the scene.

The second vehicle that struck the power line remains unidentified. ALEA Troopers are requesting anyone with any information regarding this crash please contact the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency-Decatur Post at 256-353-0631.

Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate. Nothing further is available at this time.

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Please take notice IN-N-OUT Self Storage located at 106 13th Street, Cullman, Alabama 35055 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the facility by the below occupant who is in default at an auction. The sale will occur or otherwise disposed as an online auction via www.storageauctions.com on 12/16/2020 at 10:00 a.m. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings.

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

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

PB MIN BK 192 PG 594 - 11/30/2020 11:05 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Sharon Bright, as Personal Representative of the Estate of John L. Bright, deceased, on the 30th day of November, 2020, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Sharon Bright
Personal Representative

Shane Hanrahan
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 758
Guntersville, AL 35976
256-571-0151

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

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

Tammy Brown
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

HAMMONS VERNA, Plaintiff, V. WHATLEY JACQULYN, Defendant.) Case No.: CV-2020-900254.00

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The Plaintiffs having made a Motion for Service by Publication stating that the whereabouts and locations of Defendant: Jacqulyn Whatley and the following described real property;

A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINNG 0.46 ACRES IN CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS;
A PART OF THE NW ¼ OF THE SE ¼ OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, MORE PARTICULARY DESCRIBED AS FROM THE NE CORNER OF SAID NW ¼ OF THE SE ¼; THENCE SOUTH 89°29'15"W, 490 FEET; THENCE S 0°30' EAST 490 FEET; THENCE S 89°29'15"WEST 210 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89°29'15"W, 110 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0°30' WEST 200 FEET; THENCE N 89°29'15" EAST 110 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 0°30' EAST 200 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING .46 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

are unknown to the Plaintiff and it appearing that the Plaintiff has filed a Bill to Quiet Title seeking the entire and undivided fee simple interest in and to the subject lands with no restrictions thereon,

IT IS ORDERED that the above-named Defendants answer the Complaint by the Plaintiffs by the 1st day of February, 2021 or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the said Defendants.

IT IS FURTHERED ORDERED that this ORDER and NOTICE be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Cullman Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman County.

DONE this 25th day of November, 2020.

/s/ GREGORY A NICHOLAS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

PREP SWIMMING

Bearcats compete at AHSAA State Swim Meet

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CHS SWIM TEAM

Cullman placed 17th at this year's AHSAA State Swim & Dive Meet Saturday.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. – This year's AHSAA State Swim and Dive Meet was held at the Huntsville Aquatics Center and Cullman High School had several swimmers in the field. Reese McNeel, Madison Clements, Ruby Hudson and Anna Page represented the Bearcats at this year's State Meet. The four of them competed in the 200-yard medley relay and 400-yard freestyle relay as well as individual events. Cullman finished 17th at this year's state meet, third among 6A schools, and posted three new season-best times as well as a school record in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Individually, McNeel finished 10th in the 1-meter dive, Clements placed 12th in the 200-yard individual medley and 15th in the 100-yard butterfly, and Hudson added a 12th place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke.

No. 1 Alabama downs LSU, 55-17, in Baton Rouge Saturday Night

UA Athletics
rolltide.com

BATON ROUGE, La. - The No. 1 Alabama football team beat LSU 55-17 in Baton Rouge, La., Saturday night in Tiger Stadium. With the win, Alabama improves to 9-0 on the season and clinches the Southeastern Conference West title, while the Tigers drop to 3-5.

Alabama took control from the very first drive, coming away with touchdowns on its first five possessions and scoring on every possession of the first half, leading LSU 45-14 after two quarters and totaling 469 yards of total offense. Alabama finished the game with 650 total yards, including 385 passing yards and 265 rushing yards.

Averaging better than 28 yard per catch, DeVonta Smith rolled up 231 receiving yards on eight receptions against the Tigers, with 219 of those yards, along with three touchdown catches, coming in the first half. His three scores extended his SEC and school record for career receiving touchdowns to 38.

Najee Harris also tallied three touchdowns, all on the ground, and totaled 145 yards rushing. Mac Jones finished the night with four touchdown throws and 385 yards on 20-of-28 passing.

The Tide defense held LSU to just 98 yards rushing. Will Anderson Jr. and DeMarcco Hellams led the way for UA with eight tackles each.

Anderson also came away with two of Alabama's five sacks, while Christopher Allen forced and recovered a fumble against the Tigers.

HOW IT HAPPENED

First Quarter

- 11:56 – UA | Harris weaved his way through the LSU defense for a 14-yard touchdown on the Crimson Tide's opening drive.
- 05:50 – UA | Harris crossed the goal line from a yard out for his second touchdown of the night. The score capped a five-play, 85-yard drive that lasted just 2:02.
- 02:27 – UA | Jones found a wide open Jahleel Billingsley in the corner of the end zone for a 24-yard touchdown pass.

Second Quarter

- 14:53 – LSU | TJ Finley found Kayshon Boutte on a quick pass for a 44-yard catch-and-run. Boutte fumbled the ball at the goal line with Jontre Kirklan picking up the fumble in the end zone to get the Tigers on the board.
- 13:36 – UA | Jones found Smith deep behind the LSU coverage for a 65-yard touchdown pass. The receiving touchdown was Smith's 13th of the season.
- 12:32 – LSU | John Emery Jr. found a hole on the outside and took the rush 54 yards for a Tiger touchdown.
- 11:14 – UA | Alabama answered right back with a three-play, 75-yard drive that lasted just 1:18 and ended with 61-yard Jones-to-Smith touchdown.
- 03:20 – UA | Will Reichard hit a 30-yard field goal to add to the Tide lead.
- 00:46 – UA | Smith made a one-handed catch in the corner of the end zone for a 20-yard score to make it a 45-14 game at half.



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama QB Mac Jones (10) threw for 385 yards and four touchdowns in the Crimson Tide's 55-17 win at LSU Saturday night.

Third Quarter

- 03:39 – UA | Harris rushed for an 11-yard score, his third rushing touchdown of the evening.
- 00:31 – LSU | Cade York hit a 52-yard field goal to give LSU its only points of the second half.

Fourth Quarter

- 10:50 – UA | Reichard hit from 34 to stay perfect on the season and add three points to the Alabama lead.

Up Next

Alabama will conclude the regular season at Arkansas Saturday, Dec. 12 (rescheduled from Dec. 5) in Razorback Stadium. The network and kickoff times are still to be determined.

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

Cody Voga
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – On the game's opening possession, Auburn freshman Justin Powell stepped into a 3-pointer and drained it. It would be a sign of things to come for Powell and his teammates who found their stroke Friday night and beat South Alabama, 90-81, in the team's home opener.

Auburn made 22 3s in total, setting a new school record and tying the SEC record. Seven different Tigers connected from deep, and six hit multiple 3s.

"We obviously shot the ball extremely well tonight," Auburn head coach Bruce Pearl said. "I just kind of let the kids play out of space, not a lot of play calls, and I thought they did a really nice job. The fact that we had six guys make more than one 3 speaks to the fact that we've got some guys who can shoot it."

Powell, making his first career start for Auburn, knocked down 7 of 9 shots from long range and finished with a career-high 26 points to lead the Tigers. He was two 3s away from the Auburn freshman record for 3s in a game (9) set by Bryce Brown in 2016. Powell also dished out a career-high nine assists and added four rebounds.

"BP (Pearl) told me in the beginning of the week, 'You've got to be more aggressive and more assertive.' I went out there tonight thinking about that," Powell said. "The guys did a good job of finding me, so they made it easy for me."

"You tell me the best freshman home debut, and I'll put it up against that one," Pearl said. "Twenty-six points, nine assists, one turnover. He had four defensive rebounds. I'd say he played terrific."

Powell was one of five players to score in double figures for the Tigers who jumped out to a 25-7 start in the first eight minutes thanks to seven 3-pointers from six different players.

Sophomores Allen Flanigan and Devan Cambridge each made four 3s apiece. Flanigan, the team's leading scorer coming in, finished with 14 points. It was his third game this season with 10 or more points. Cambridge scored 12 points, one shy of his season high. Fellow sophomore Jaylen Williams had 13 points, four rebounds and four assists in 31 minutes, which matched Powell for the most floor time.

The fifth Tiger in double figures was freshman JT Thor who scored 10 points and knocked down a pair of 3s, including one toward the end of the first half to give Auburn a 47-32 advantage at the break. Thor scored eight of his 10 points in the first 20 minutes and posted four rebounds and four assists.



Auburn's Justin Powell (24) racked up a career-high 26 points in the Tigers' win over South Alabama Saturday.

As a team, Auburn finished with 24 assists on 30 made baskets, which is tied for the third-most assists by the Tigers under Pearl. They shot a red-hot 55.6 percent from the field (30-54), 53.7 percent from deep (22-41) and reached 90 points for the second time this season.

"Our spacing and our offensive efficiency was off the charts," Pearl said. "I thought they shared it. I thought they spaced it. The ball got inside out. I thought they were looking for each other. Guys were in a ready-to-shoot mode. I didn't think we took many bad shots."

Auburn also outrebounded South Alabama, 34-23. Freshmen Dylan Cardwell led the team with a career-high six rebounds while fellow freshman Chris Moore pulled down five boards.

With the win, the Tigers made it 30 straight victories against non-conference opponents in Auburn Arena. They are 41-3 at home against non-conference opponents since Pearl took over and 47-4 at home overall since the beginning of the 2017-18 season.

Next up for Auburn is a date with Memphis in the Holiday Hoopsgiving event. The two sides will meet on Saturday, Dec. 12 at State Farm Arena in Atlanta. Tipoff is scheduled for 8 p.m. CT.

Fallin (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Retired U.S. Army Colonel and Fairview High School alumnus Don Fallin is planning his second endurance challenge fundraiser for the Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund (JMSF) which honors military service and sacrifice by providing scholarships to veterans and military family members, especially to children of our nation's fallen or disabled. Between 2018 and early 2019, Fallin raised more than $17,600 for the fund with a months-long solo hike of the nearly 2,200 mile Appalachian Trail.

The new plan will take less time, from Jan. 10-17, 2021, but it is no less ambitious. Fallin will be joined by a team of military compatriots in east Africa to take on Mount Kilimanjaro as Team Johnny Mac.

Fallin shared in a message, "The goal is to summit Mount Kilimanjaro, which is one of the seven summits and the fourth tallest in the world.

"Located in Tanzania, it is also Africa's tallest peak and the world's tallest free-standing mountain. The summit, named Uhuru Point, is 19,341 feet above sea level. This challenge hopes to both provide awareness of the JMSF and raise funds for our nonprofit education scholarship program."

The Tribune on Monday spoke by phone with Fallin, who is currently serving as an advisor in Saudi Arabia while he finishes his training and preparations for the climb, about what led him and his team to the east African mountain.

Fallin told The Tribune, "I had served in the horn of Africa about a decade ago, and it piqued my interest, but I was unable to do it back then.

"So, after completing the Appalachian Trail last year, I was looking for something both challenging, and two, something a little different than a hike, and something that maybe I could bring more people into. So, that being said, I needed something a little shorter in duration, but something within reach for folks.

"So I came up with the idea. I pitched the idea to Mary Ellen (Picciuto), who is West Point Class of 1986 and Johnny Mac's classmate, and president of the Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund. She was really excited about it.

"So then, we reached out to anybody that was interested, and ended up getting-right now, I've got myself and two of my West Point Class of 1988 folks on there, and one of Johnny Mac's personal friends, John Magness, and potentially a couple more. We've got a month still recruiting folks."

Team Johnny Mac began with four Army veterans:

- Col. Don Fallin, Cullman AL, USMA 1988
- Jamie Brennan, Birmingham, AL USMA 1988
- LTC (Ret.) Todd Miller, Millidgeville, GA, USMA 1988
- John Magness, Hillwood CA, USMA 1986

The short length of the adventure makes fundraising a challenge

Said Fallin, "This one's not like the Appalachian Trail in fundraising where I could kind of fundraise along the way because of guys like you (The Tribune) and Channel 19, and my family and friends and classmates in Cullman. But this gives us the chance that we've got to start fundraising in advance. And the pressure of completing this thing, at least one of us getting the Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund banner to the top of the hill, at least takes the stress off of an individual, because we've got four really middle-aged people doing this-the other three in far better shape than I am!

"So, we're fundraising in advance, being optimistic that we will get to the top."

JMSF set up the fundraising campaign page https://give.johnnymac.org/campaign/team-johnny-mac-summits-kilimanjaro/c313175 for supporters to make tax-deductible donations. As of Monday morning, the campaign had already raised more than $6,000 of its $20,000 goal.

Fallin, who lived near his last pre-retirement post in North Carolina, will be moving back home to the Cullman area after his return from Africa.

Who is Col. Fallin?

According to JMSF:

Don Fallin first enlisted in the Army as a Private in 1982 after graduating from Fairview High School. He was assigned to the Field Artillery and served in Germany after completing basic training. Shortly thereafter, he was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York where he graduated in 1988 and was commissioned in the Infantry Branch.

His first assignment was in the 101st Airborne Division - Air Assault, where he served for three years in the 502d Infantry Regiment. After transferring branches to Aviation, he graduated from flight school and the AH-64 Apache Attack Helicopter course in 1993, and then served at Fort Bragg, North Carolina in the 229th Attack Helicopter Regiment (Airborne) as an Apache Attack Helicopter Company Commander.

He then served in the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea at Camp Stanley and Camp Page in the 2nd Aviation Brigade.

After graduating from the Ireland Defense Force Command and Staff College in Dublin Ireland in 2001, he was reassigned to the 229th Attack Helicopter Regiment (Airborne) at Fort Bragg NC.

He was then selected to serve as an AH64 Apache Longbow Air Cavalry Squadron Commander in Illesheim, Germany from 2006-2008. Following Squadron Command, he was selected to serve in a Special Mission Unit in the Joint Special Operation Command from 2008-2011. In 2014, COL Fallin was selected to command the Special Mission Wing under the NATO Special Operations Command in Afghanistan.

He has eight combat tours which include:

- *Infantry Platoon Leader - Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm*
- *Aviation Battalion Task Force Operations Officer - Operation Enduring Freedom at Bagram, Afghanistan*
- *Aviation Brigade Task Force Deputy Commander during Operation Iraqi Freedom at Balad, Iraq*
- *Four Special Operations combat tours in Somalia, Horn of Africa, Iraq and Afghanistan which included the Captain Phillips Hostage Rescue off the Somalia Coast in the Indian Ocean and Special Operations Task Force Commander for the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver Canada.*
- *Commander of the Special Mission Wing Special Operations Aviation Group (Mi17) in Afghanistan.*

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, five Bronze Star Medals, two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, three Meritorious Service Medals, the Combat Air Medal and three Army Commendation Medals. He is an Army Airborne Ranger and has been awarded the Combat and Expert Infantryman's Badges, the Combat Action Badge, Senior Army Aviator Badge, the Air Assault Badge and the Pathfinder Badge. He is helicopter rated in the Huey, Cobra, Apache, Longbow and the Soviet Mi17.

He is also a graduate Survival-Evasion-Resistance and Escape Course, the Jungle Operations School, the Arctic Warfare School the Canadian and Irish Airborne Schools and the Ireland Defense Force Command and Staff College. In addition, he holds two Masters of Science Degrees from Troy State University and the National Defense University. He retired in 2016 from Fort Bragg NC, with over 30 years of service in Infantry, Aviation and Special Operations assignments.

About the Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund:

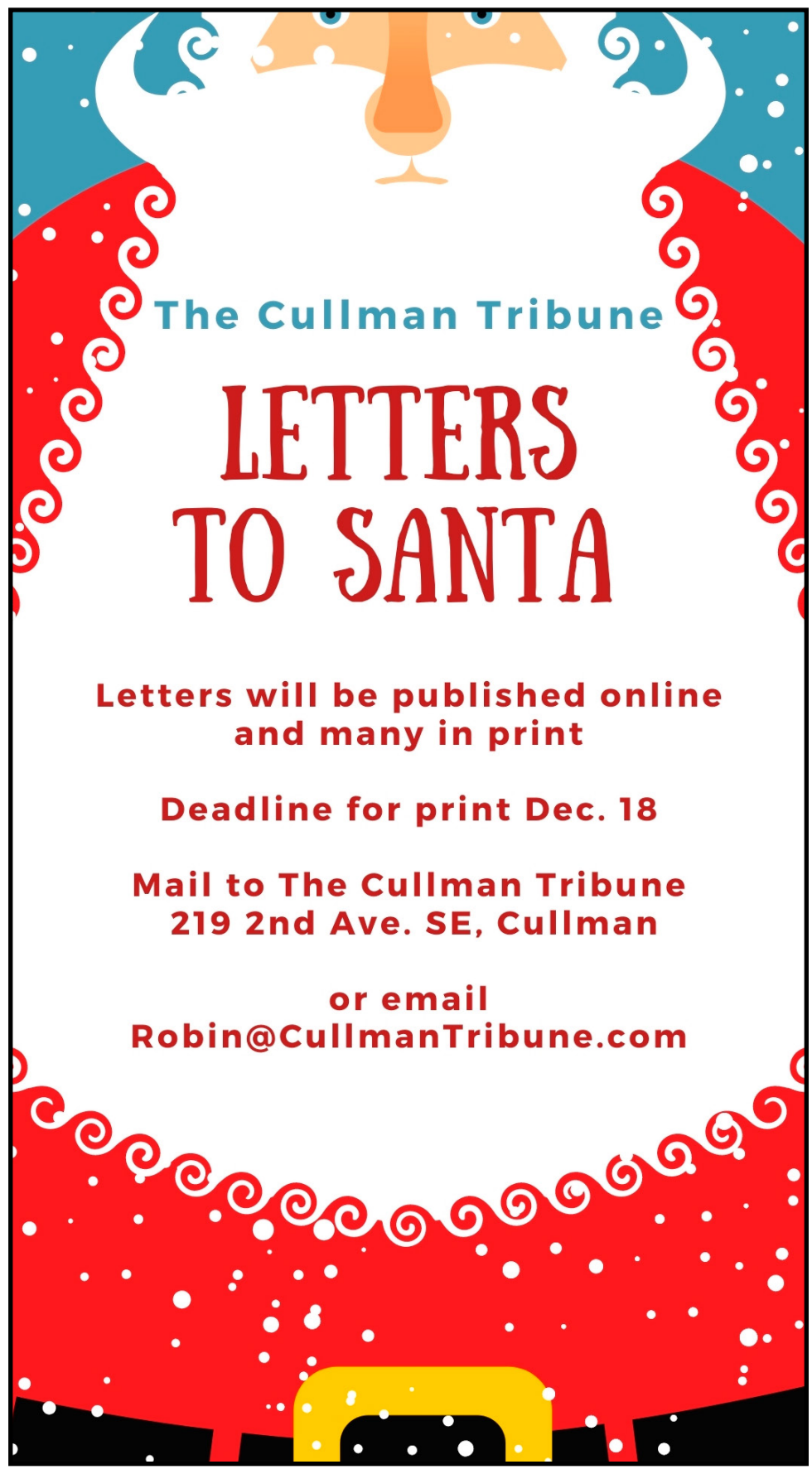
Giving Back Through Education: The Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund honors military service and sacrifice by providing scholarships to veterans and military family members, particularly children of our nation's fallen and disabled.

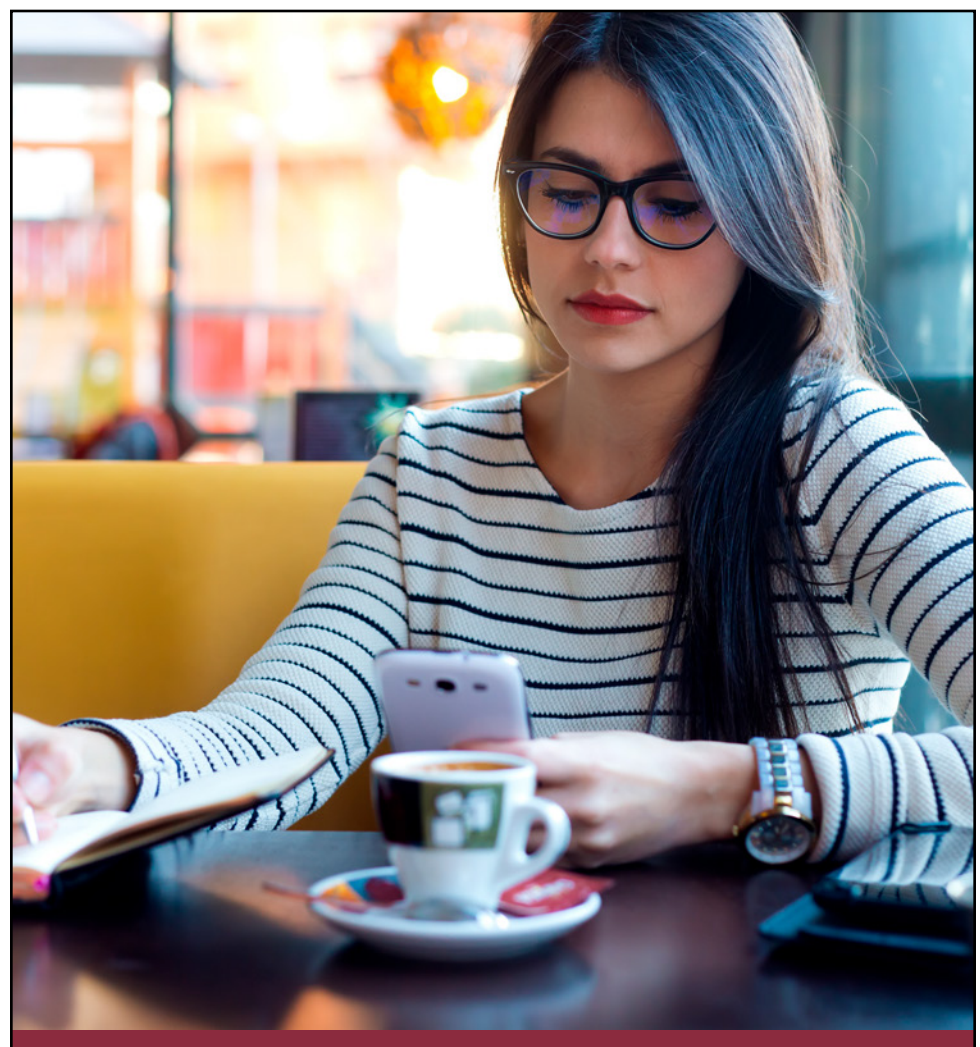
Time and again, our soldiers and their families are asked to give of themselves for the rest of us. While they ask little in return, we owe them so much. Through education, we give back to those who gave. We give back to "Our Own." It's the least we can do. You can visit the Johnny Mac site at www.johnnymac.org.

Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; donations are tax-deductible. All funds go directly to the Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund and a receipt is sent via email.

Visit www.johnnymac.org for more information.







VOICE

Dr. Adam Harrison responds to debate stoked by Facebook post

Adam Harrison
Contributor

Editor's note: *A post on a local Facebook page Saturday afternoon used a second-hand quote from Cullman physician Dr. Adam Harrison regarding in-person worship services without context or verification from Harrison himself. Sunday, Harris responded due to the heated debate that ensued as a result.*

Below is a letter, in full and unedited, sent by Harrison to The Tribune Sunday evening:

As I have quietly performed my job as a physician over the last few months, trying to bring healing to my patients, I have witnessed my community slowly fall into the grip of this terrible virus that has been unleashed on my colleagues, patients, and friends. Much to my surprise, and compounding this depressing state, my wife announced over dinner that I have become the source of a heated debate unfolding over social media.

I usually try to distance myself from social media but some of the recent comments have been shared with me and I feel a need to respond. If it takes some members of the community taking shots at my integrity as a Christian, a physician, and a community member, then I will gladly take a stand if I can save just one person from getting this terrible virus and potentially dying.

Following in the footsteps of the famous radio broadcaster Paul Harvey, here is "The Rest of the Story".....

YES, I did say that I encourage pastors to move to on-line services. Jesus and I have worked things out and I know exactly where I will be going when He chooses to take me home.

I feel strongly that services should move online unless pastors can provide congregations with a safe manner in which to worship. And that has become more and more difficult as Covid19 spreads through our community.

I had the great pleasure of speaking to Brother Malcom Carter, Pastor John Bussman, Brother John Garrison, and Brother Raul Dominguez all of whom have taken great safety measures to protect their congregates. Brother John Garrison shared with me about his successful drive-up services and his attempts to separate his more high-risk members from large crowds. Pastor John Bussman made a point that especially stuck with me. He fears that, as a result of the pandemic, he and other pastors are losing members from their churches which could affect those members' eternal salvation. As a Christian myself, I can only hope that those members will eventually find their ways back to their congregations. Please continue to worship and serve the Lord but please, do so safely.

Over the past weeks, I have seen my patients suffer from fear more so than at any other time during the pandemic. I write this to hopefully protect all members of the community and especially to protect my high-risk patients who have the greatest risk of losing their lives to this evil disease. This is what I wish:

I wish that I hadn't had to say goodbye to one of my long-term patients who lost his battle with Covid19 last week and hear his widow sob on the phone. I wish that I didn't have to call family members of patients hospitalized with Covid19 and hear their pleas to save their loved ones whom they are banned from seeing.

I wish that I hadn't had to convert my 4-year-old son's birthday party into a drive-by party out of fear that I might be the source of passing a potentially deadly virus to his friends or their families. I wish that this community where I was born, raised, and to which I have returned to serve would please come together and consider safe worshiping practices.

I wish you would consider doing curbside pick-up at restaurants and retail stores. And I wish you would consider not having that big football gathering, family reunion, or holiday party until we, as a community, start to see our Covid19 numbers significantly decline.

Until we see a glimmer of light at the end of this very dark tunnel, we must limit our activities voluntarily. And yes, that includes going on-line for our worship services.

The medical professionals at CRMC have worked tirelessly fighting a disease for which, at this time, we do not have a definitive treatment. We are tired of trying to put on a brave face to reassure our patients heading to ventilators that they will be fine and will see their families again.



CONTRIBUTED
Dr. Adam Harrison

We know too well that if you go on a ventilator with Covid19, your chances of coming off are a dismal 15%. We are tired and we have given about all we have in us. We need the help of the entire community. Please think twice before you walk into that retail store, restaurant, or house of worship. Wear your mask and skip the hugs and handshakes for a little while longer.

I realize that there are those of you who are in denial and feel it necessary to prove that Covid19 is hoax by running around the community without a mask or other precautions.

For you and for those you endanger, my colleagues and I will be here to care for you, your family, or friends. I pray you are one of the fortunate patients and do not require aggressive medical interventions.

I pray that this message reaches just one listening ear in this wonderful community that my family and I call home. I pray for those who feel the need to attack my colleagues and I when we speak out to protect us all. I pray that God might bring to light that, when you voluntarily take measures to protect our at-risk population, you aren't having your rights as an American stripped away. I pray that we, as a community, can soon get back to normal because the Lord knows that he has put about as much on our backs as we can handle.

Sincerely,
Dr. Adam Harrison

OPINION

Sin, part 9

Tom Fillinger
Tribune Columnist

We continue in our study of sin. An artist regardless of their skill and expertise cannot paint a portrait that does justice to the heinous ugly vile nature of sin. It is rebellion against the Holy God of the Ages. Only the Holy Spirit is capable of showing mankind the consequence of sin.

Adam and Eve were beguiled by Satan, yet they were pronounced guilty and punished by God (Genesis 3:16-18). In the end of the age those persons who are deceived by Satan and Antichrist are held responsible to God and judged by Him (II Thessalonians 2:9-12). The seat of sin is in man himself. Our Lord said, "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies" (Matthew 15:19).

The heart of man is the birthplace of all sinful thoughts, words and actions. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9). In each of us there is sin for which each is accountable. The hidden capacities for evil are present in even the best of men.

Man's antagonism becomes aroused when the subject of original sin is brought up for discussion.

He resents the idea that he is born with hereditary guilt and depravity. The Scriptures state clearly, "Therefore as by the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation," and "by one man's disobedience many were made sinners" (Romans 5:18, 19).

These are the plain facts as given to Paul from the Holy Spirit, and yet one theologian wrote, "We firmly deny that the sin of Adam is imputed to his descendants."

Another declared, "Neither scripture nor human wisdom will permit any man to say that Adam's sin has been imputed to Adam's descendants."

Human wisdom and sentiment may cause the natural mind to rise up in protest against the doctrine of original sin, but this is due to "the blindness of their heart" (Ephesians 4:18). "The natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (I Corinthians 2:14).

But no amount of unbelief can change the truth that all men are constituted sinners judicially by God. We must take our stand on the Word of God which silences all opposition.

Are your eyes open to the consequence and penalty of sin? A wise person deals with this reality now. Do not wait until you are standing before the Risen Christ. Too late then. Today is the day of salvation!

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

Council (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman City Council on Monday evening approved a request from Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism (CPRST) Therapeutic Recreation Special Needs Program for a COVID-safe drive-thru Christmas celebration at Depot Park Dec. 17 from 5-7 p.m.

According to the request, "Families will remain in their cars and drive around Depot Park as 'Special Guest' wave at them. Santa will be at the front of the Christmas tree to wish them a merry Christmas."

CPRST will give away 100 goodie bags to visitors. To get a bag, those planning to come must contact CPRST by Dec. 15 to RSVP. Email kpulliam@cprst.org or call 256-734-9157.

The council also approved a resolution to enter into a preliminary engineering agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc. for the development of Supplementary Safety Measures (SSMs) and warning system upgrades at Eighth Street Northwest, Ninth Street Southeast and Arnold Street.

According to City Engineer Erica York, the first project will be the installation of cross arms and lights at the Arnold Street railroad crossing.

Additionally, the council approved the City's participation in the annual Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday that will be held from Friday, Feb. 26 through Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021.

Items that will be tax-exempt during the holiday include:

- Batteries - AAA-cell batteries, AA-cell batteries, C-cell batteries, D-cell batteries, 6-volt batteries, 9-volt batteries, cell phone batteries. Car batteries and coin batteries are not included.
- Cell phone chargers
- Radios - portable self-powered or battery-powered radios, two-way radios, weather band or NOAA weather radios
- Portable self-powered light source, including battery powered flashlights, lanterns, or emergency glow sticks
- Tarpaulins
- Plastic sheeting, drop cloths and other flexible, waterproof sheeting
- Ground anchor systems, such as bungee cords, ropes or tiedown kits
- Duct tape
- Plywood, window film or other materials specifically designed to protect window coverings
- Non-electric food storage coolers or water storage containers
- Non-electric can openers
- Artificial ice, blue ice, ice packs or reusable ice
- Self-contained first aid kits
- Fire extinguishers
- Smoke detectors
- Carbon monoxide detectors
- Gas or Diesel fuel tanks or containers
- One portable generator priced under $1,000 with power cords

Mayor Woody Jacobs reappointed Tommy Waldrop to serve on the City's Alcohol Review Committee.

The Cullman City Council meets next at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14 in the city hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend, subject to occupancy restrictions.

Obituary Announcements: Dec. 8

Funeral services for Larry Michael Brown, 48, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Emeus Baptist Cemetery; Rev. Rodger McManus officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Brown passed away Friday, Dec. 4, 2020 at Cullman Regional Hospital. He was born July 11, 1972 to Larry D. and Judy Hinkle Brown. He was a member of West Point First Baptist Church. Mike coached softball for about 15 years. He loved his family and was loved by all who knew him. He was preceded in death by his mother. Survivors include his father Larry (Pat) Brown; wife Rhonda Brown; son Delton Thomas Cooke; adopted son Kyle Butler; daughter Makayla Grace Brown; brother Timothy (Kim) Brown; sister Robin (Robert) Marty; in-laws Ronald and Carolyn Ege; nieces and nephews Kacie (Ben) Swann, Megan (Adam) Seckfort, Emily (Jake) Lambert, Bailey Sims, Matthew (Taylor) Brown, and Rebekah (James) Sellers; and family and friends. Visitation will be at Cullman Funeral Home from 12:30-2 p.m. Everyone is requested to please wear a mask. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

A graveside service for Mr. Jerry Parker, 83, of Bremen will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020 at Bates Cemetery near Guthery's Crossroad. No visiting hours are planned. Jerry spent 30 years as a truck driver for Georgia Highway Express. In his off time, he enjoyed fishing and hunting. He is survived by sons Phillip and Stanley Parker; grandchildren Samantha Cole and Amanda (Billy) Parker; brother Bobby Parker; and sister Nelda Estrack. He was preceded in death by his wife Edna and sister Willie Mae Graham.

Willene Ann Young Duncan, 69, of Double Springs entered into rest Friday, Dec. 4, 2020 at Lakeland Hospital. She was born Dec. 15, 1950 in Tennessee. Willene is survived by her husband William Duncan; her daughter Shawn Young; a stepdaughter Althea Aaron; and a brother J.P. Holley. No services are planned at this time.

Betty Sue Self Graves passed away Dec. 5, 2020 at the age of 94. She was born Aug. 23, 1926 in Cullman to Henry Mancil and Sarah Pearline Green Self. She is preceded in death by her husband Edgar C. Graves. Graveside services will be held Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Cullman Memory Gardens. Survivors are sons Gary (Frankie) Graves, Donnie Graves, and Eddie (Nita) Graves; sister Lana Hardin; grandchildren Eric Graves, Jason Graves, Kari (Shane) Williams, and Adam (Stephanie) Graves; and four great-grandchildren. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Funeral services for Hermina Johnson, 82, of Vinemont will be announced at a later date. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Johnson passed away Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020 at her residence. She was born Friday, Oct. 14, 1938 to Herman Schaffer and Louise Schaffer. She is preceded in death by her husband Henry Johnson; her parents; a daughter Mary Rita Schaffer; and sisters Ann Campbell, Agatha Naler, Christine Webb, Thersa Schaffer and Charlotte Evans. Survivors include her children Mary Rebecca Nelms, Henry (Kathy) Johnson, Louise Angie Johnson, Shelly (Melvin) Curvin, Vicky (Frankie) Parker, and John (Heather Espy) Johnson; grandchildren Samantha Johnson, John Paul Johnson, Jr., Bradley Johnson, Hannah Johnson, Addison Johnson, and Brittany Parker; sisters Ester Whisenhunt and Edna Johnson; and a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church or The Margaret Jean Jones Center.

Graveside services for Charlotte Mosley, 74, of Sylvania will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home-Cemetery with Mike Adams officiating; burial at Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Mosley passed away Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020 at Dekalb Regional Medical Center. She was born Nov. 14, 1946 to Marvin and Inez Hall. She is preceded in death by her husband Kenneth Mosley; parents; infant daughter; brothers Cecil "Gert" Hall and Bill Hall; and sister Punk Hall. Survivors include her daughter Pam Powell (Shawn Smith); Tony Mosley (Bridgette Richardson); daughter-in-law DeeDee Mosley; grandchildren Christopher Stephenson, Kameron Wheeler, Keniesha Wheeler, Kainan Smith, Kason Smith, Kadi Smith, Austin Mosley, Nicholas Mosley, and Noah Mosley; great-grandchildren Opal Shea, Khloe, Dawson, Kade, Kabrie, and Kingston; sisters Grace Haynes, Mary Farley, and Nilah Harbison; brothers Jim Hall and Ralph Hall; and a host of nieces, nephew, family and friends.

Lawrence Joseph "Larry" Wolfert, 63, of Addison entered into rest Dec. 5, 2020 at his residence. Mr. Wolfert was born Oct. 25, 1957 in Hollywood, Florida. Larry loved his grandkids and great grandkids and was a good-hearted person. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. Visitation will be held Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020 from 2-3 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where services will be held at 3 p.m. The family requests that all who attend, please wear a mask. Larry is survived by his sisters Bonnie Wolfert Cagle and Marilyn Whipple; brother Roger Wolfert; daughter LuAnn (Wayne) Wilhite; son Dennis White; grandchildren Stephanie (Jonathan) Cleghorn, Isaiah Morgan, and Brooke (Ashley) James; great-grandchildren Silas Cleghorn, Tyden Cleghorn, and Alivia Cagle; close friend Joyce Wolfert and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents James and Gladys Wolfert and brothers Jimmy Wolfert, Richard Wolfert, and Rev. Bob Wolfert. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.nicholsfuneralhomes.com.

Funeral services for Gwendolyn Duke Cockrell of Cullman, AL will be at noon Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until service time.

In loving memory of Christine Johnston Coppedge. Mrs. Coppedge was born Dec. 25, 1929 in Hanceville, Alabama to Wilburn and Josephine (Cone) Johnston. She is survived by her daughter Pam Reid; two grandchildren Brett (Jennifer) White and Lacey (Zach) McGriff; four great-grandchildren Tarrant White, Lexi White, Mia McGriff, and Grayson McGriff. Ms Coppedge owned Ralph's Shoe Store in downtown Cullman until 1985. She retired from Walmart in 2006. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister Betty Wheeler; and brother Buel Johnston.

Mrs. Linda Westbrook Veal, 79, of Rainsville, Alabama passed away Friday, Dec. 4, 2020 at DeKalb Regional Medical Center. Funeral service will be held Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Rainsville Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Kenneth Johnson officiating and Rainsville Funeral Home, Inc. directing, www.rainsvillefuneralhome.com. Visitation was Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020 from 2-7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Survivors are sons Matt Veal (Jeni) of Rainsville, Alabama and Tony Veal (Mandi) of Fort Payne, Alabama; sisters Judy Long of Albertville, Alabama, Betty Heaton (Charles) of Cullman, Alabama, and Becky Patterson (Ervin) of Guntersville, Alabama; grandchildren Andrew Meadows (Krista), Brady Veal, Lacy Veal Overby, Charity Veal, and Molly Veal Bowlan (Andrew); great-grandchildren Cabela, Maverick, Levi, Ryder, and Tydus; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by parents Raymon and Ruth Westbrook; infant brother Verlon GaWayne Westbrook; and nephew Johnny Kittle.

Joyce Granade Phillips, 82, of Crane Hill was born Jan. 8, 1938 in Holly Pond went to meet her Savior Dec. 7, 2020. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Charles Phillips; sons Randy (Jenny) Phillips and Rex Phillips; grandchildren Tanya (Tim) Arnold, Tim Phillips, Cody (Andrea) Phillips, and Cory (Emily) Barnes; eight great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren; sisters Kathy Murphree and Rhonda Houts; and brothers Bobby, Wayne, and Donnie Granade. She was preceded in death by her parents Bernice and Myrtle Lee Granade; brothers Gerald and Glen Granade; and sister Kaen Granade. Graveside services will be Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Union Grove Cemetery in Holly Pond, Rev. Randy Phillips officiating. The family will have visitation from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the funeral home Wednesday. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Gideons, Cullman, Alabama. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Graveside services for William Franklin Self, 73, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020 at Berlin Cemetery; Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Self passed away Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020 at his residence. He was born April 28, 1948 to Henry Comillus and Onie Sophia Hammock Self. Frank was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Matthew Self. Survivors include his son Christopher (Linda) Self; brother Henry Self; grandchildren Alicia and Andrew Self; great-grandchild Ryleigh Self; nephew Rickey Self; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Funeral services for Virginia P. Parker, 93, of Cullman, AL will be at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020, at 2 p.m. with Ken Forrest officiating; interment in Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Parker passed away Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020 at Cullman Regional. She was born June 3, 1927 to James Harold and Bama Patterson. She was preceded in death by her husband Homer Isaac Parker, Jr.; parents; brothers Ulva, Jim, Franklin, and Mack Patterson, all of Florence; and sister Emogene Pruitt of Cleveland, Ohio. Survivors include her daughters Marilyn (Charles) Freeman of the Villages of FL and Janet (Ronnie) Putnam of Killen, AL; grandchildren Lee (Heather) Freeman of Smyrna, TN, Brian (Chelsea) Freeman of St. Augustine, FL, and Dillon (Jessica) Putnam of Florence, AL; great-grandchildren Charlie, Jacob, Benjamin, and Daniel Freeman of Smyrna, TN, Chloe and Kensley Putnam of Florence, AL, and Sarah and Zach Freeman of St. Augustine, FL; and great-great-grandson Wyatt Freeman of Smyrna, TN.

Graveside services for Lonnie Frances Ryan, 96, of Eva will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020 at Eva Cemetery with Steve Cummings officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Ryan passed away Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020 at Parkway Medical Center. She was born Aug. 19, 1924 to John Thomas and Edna S. Norris. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Roland "Shorty" Ryan; and 10 siblings. Survivors include her sons Ron (Betty) Ryan, John Robert (Diane) Ryan, and Chris (Lucretia) Ryan; grandchildren Lori (Rodney) Oden, Reggie Ryan, Leah (Adam) Sharp, Julie (Eric) Carter, Anthony (Anna) Ryan, Jennifer (Ryan) McCuiston, and C.J. (Anna) Ryan; 12 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and sister Novella Pye.

Jeremiah Lance Phillips, 41, of Arley entered into rest Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020 at his home. Lance was born Oct. 8, 1979 in Jasper, Alabama. Lance worked for many years in both the Birmingham and Winston County areas as a funeral director. He loved Fa So La singing and the farm life. He enjoyed genealogy and researching family history. Visitation will be held Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020 from noon-2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where services will be at 2 p.m. Brother Steton Hayes and Brother Josh Hogland will officiate. Burial will be in Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery. Lance is survived by his mother and step-father Shelia Kaye and Jimmy Dale Garmon; brother William Chad Phillips; sister Kimberly Lambert; and step-grandmother Katherine Garmon. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Calvin and Jeweldean Parris; grandparents Elzie and Nora Phillips; and step-grandfather Jimmy Ray Garmon.

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Some of the selections from the Jazz Band will include the Irving Berlin classic "White Christmas" and the "Christmas Waltz" featuring vocalist Chloe Nutt.

The Concert Band will perform "Christmas Pipes" and "Celtic Christmas," among other popular tunes.

The Concert Choir will present a new arrangement of "Silent Night," "Goin' to Bethlehem" and other holiday songs.

The Singers, backed by the Jazz Band, will sing and dance their way through a "Rockin' Holiday Medley," "There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays" and more.

Due to licensing restrictions, the streaming cannot be recorded and saved to the Fine and Performing Arts Facebook page for later viewing.

"So please join us on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. and enjoy the show from the comfort of your home," Burks said. "You can even sing along as loud as you want."

Cullman High School- 37th Annual Cullman Band Christmas Concert

Message from Christopher Smith, director of bands:

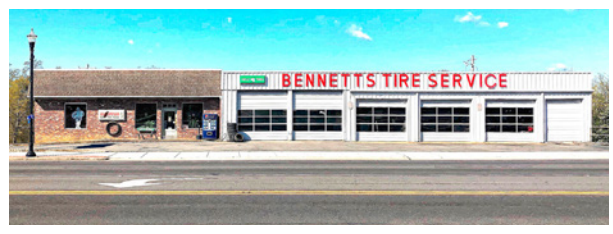
The students and directors of the Cullman High School Band extend to you a special invitation to watch the 37th Annual Cullman Band Christmas Concert on Thursday evening, Dec. 10, 2020 at 7 p.m. in a live stream performance. The Combined CHS Symphonic and Concert Bands, the CHS Percussion Ensemble and the CHS Jazz Band will perform.

Although parents and guest will not be able to attend this year's concert in person, everyone can watch the event using this live stream link: www.nfhsnetwork.com/events/cullman-high-school-cullman-al/evt-21ba945edf

Our students have been working extremely hard through very difficult conditions to make this concert enjoyable for everyone that watches online. Please feel free to share this link with all of your friends and relatives so that they can all enjoy this concert with us.

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