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Service recognition

4 CPD officers recognized for years of service



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Left to right are Officer Kelley Hubbard, Officer Hunter Potts, Officer Jonathan England and Officer Dustin Colburn. » PAGE 5

CHRISTMAS LOVE

Nexan Building Products grants Christmas wishes for 12 area children



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Shown are (back row, left to right) Blake Malin, Jacob Bailey, (front row, left to right) Christy Gowens, Crystal Carpenter, Beth Wagoner, Jerry Bartlett, Corey Harbison and Matt Stewart.

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – The Christmas spirit is alive and well at Nexan Building Products in Good Hope. For at least 10 years, the staff at Nexan has been giving back to the community by making sure children have a very merry Christmas. This year, the company bought wish list items for 12 children from Good Hope Schools through the schools' Christmas Love Program.

Good Hope Mayor Jerry Bartlett and workers from the City on Wednesday morning picked up 12 huge boxes, six giant teddy bears and four new bikes from the company.

Nexan Office Manager Crystal Carpenter, employees Christie Burrow, Christy Gowens and other staff said they look forward to shopping for the kids every year. They met bright and early Black Friday and shopped into the evening.

Carpenter said, "Normally we do Thanksgiving, go home and take a nap before meeting Thursday night for all the sales, but this year, stores weren't open Thursday."

The ladies loaded up two large vehicles with toys, winter coats, teddy bears and bicycles. » PAGE 6

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'We're looking at some pretty dark days for the foreseeable future'

Harris talks COVID-19 hospitalizations, vaccines as Ivey extends mask mandate » PAGE 3

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Colony council infighting and community concerns on the table

Crowd fills town hall for marathon session » PAGE 2

Former Alabama Coach, AD and All-American Ray Perkins dies

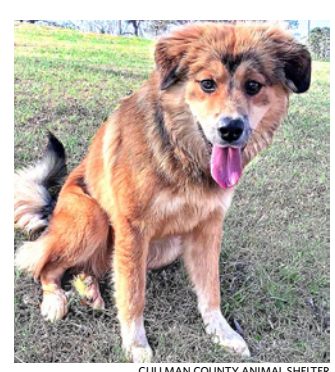


UA ATHLETICS

Former Alabama head football coach, director of athletics and All-American wide receiver Ray Perkins passed away Wednesday morning at age 79. » PAGE 6

(BONUS) PET OF THE WEEK

Try a shot of Whiskey!



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Can you say CUTE?! » PAGE 6

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 9

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 9, 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. 3

• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; Rose St. NW; miscellaneous

Dec. 8

• identity theft; person

• fourth-degree theft of property, third-degree criminal trespassing; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $181

ARRESTS

Dec. 8

Sanford, Christopher L., 36

• third-degree criminal trespassing

• possession of drug paraphernalia

Fuller III, Evan J., 25

• FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

• FTA- insurance violation

Cadle, Tracy L., 54

• fourth-degree theft of property

• third-degree criminal trespassing

Basinger, Timothy L., 53

• public intoxication

Jones, Jonathan S., 20

• DUI

Hannaford, David C., 44

• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Colony (from Front)

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COLONY, Ala. – The Colony Town Council on Tuesday evening cranked up its pre-meeting work session around 5 p.m. and did not finish its regular meeting until shortly before 8 p.m. Members sparred with each other, sometimes aggressively, in front of a packed house of local residents who came to voice a variety of complaints and concerns about things that have happened in the town, as well as the current direction of the divided council.

When Councilman Eric Carwell asked the crowd what the citizens of Colony would like to see the council do, he sparked a series of responses and sometimes heated exchanges that would carry beyond the work session well into the official meeting time, concerning:

• **A desire for residents to be able to view the Town budget**, especially sources and amounts of revenue, so they can know how much money the Town has available.

• **A call for the reopening of the Community Center.** One audience member observed that, in years gone by, Colony had the gym, water park, day care and other amenities that are no longer available, concluding, "I don't see how the people of Colony are benefiting from being a township." Carwell said that reopening the facility should be one of the council's first goals.

• **The ongoing lack of cooperation between council members, who have divided themselves into two equal camps:** Mayor Curtis Johnson, Mary Parker and Jasmine Cole on one side and Mayor Pro Tem Ethel Alexander, Sam Ashford and Carwell on the other.

Asked why they did not go with Johnson to the Cullman County Probate Office to be sworn in Nov. 2, Alexander, Ashford and Carwell argued that they were not notified. Johnson said that he tried to call but got no answer.

The legality of the organizational meeting held Nov. 2 was questioned, as it was held in Johnson's absence. Asked why the meeting, which included Cole along with the mayor's three opponents, was held when Johnson was not there, Carwell pointed out that Johnson was there but left.

• **A desire for the council to assign specific office hours for Town Clerk Patricia Ponder and to require her to be in the office during those hours.** Birmingham attorney Louis Willie, on hand at the request of Johnson, told the council and crowd that, since the council did not assign hours at its organizational meeting, the mayor is free to assign the hours. Ponder argued that she has been working from home more in the last few months to be COVID safe, but that she has continued to perform her duties. She also noted that she has supplied her own printer and ink, as well as Wi-Fi router, for the town hall office due to inadequacies in the Town's equipment. Former clerk Gwendolyn Purifoy, who led the call for the establishment of the clerk's hours and required attendance on Ponder's part, told Johnson that he needed to provide Ponder with the equipment she needed. Purifoy also called for the council to establish and publish the Town's holiday hours.

• **Carpenter's Cabinet food pantry operating in leased space in the Educational Complex.** A common concern among those speaking was the distribution of food to people and families from outside Colony. When an audience member asked how much the Town spends on the food, Ponder responded, "Not one penny." Noting that Ponder spends time working in the pantry, and that the pantry distributes food to people from outside Colony as well as local residents, a guest asked why Colony is paying someone to give food to people who are not residents of the town.

• **Use of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds.** Guests questioned the distribution of sanitizing supplies from the food pantry and asked who applied for the funds from the State. Ponder responded that no one applied for the funds and that the County contacted the Town to inform it of the availability of funds. She also noted that supplies were kept in a storage room at the Educational Complex and that overstock was kept on unused shelves in the pantry, separate from the food, adding that the pantry itself had not taken any CARES funds. People complained that certain people and churches had received supplies while others had not received anything; Carwell responded that the council could not be aware of every need around the community but tried to do what it could.

A particular point of contention was a large payment made to a cleaner and crew for the complete top-to-bottom sanitizing of three municipal buildings- Colony Town Hall, the Educational Complex and Community Center/gym- at a cost of $20,000. Audience members argued that the amount was highly excessive, especially for the two buildings that are seldom used, claiming that one local church building was sanitized by an established company for only $250; one asked Ponder if the head of the crew was her brother. Ponder responded that the head of the crew was her son.

Town attorney?

Within the council itself, finance committee chair Carwell questioned a $500 payment made from a Town account by Johnson to Willie to come and represent the mayor in his conflicts with council members over the clerk and his effort to remove Ponder from her post. The bank counter check was not approved by the council. According to Johnson, a town ordinance or council resolution allows him as mayor up to $500 in discretionary funds to spend as he sees fit. Carwell asked to see the regulation and said that he would accept the expenditure as long as it was allowed. No ordinance or resolution was presented at the meeting.

For his part, Willie told the council and crowd that he would like to be Colony's town attorney, and, if hired, that he would represent the entire town, not any one person within the town government, saying, "I will respond to everybody if I'm hired as city attorney."

During his remarks, Willie admitted that a claim he had previously made that Ponder was disqualified from office because she lived outside Colony had been proven incorrect, but he also told the council that Ponder's previous claim that the mayor's vote cannot create a tied council vote was also incorrect.

Willie said that he had provided "50-60 hours of work" for the $500 he was initially paid, and that he has not submitted an additional bill. He added that he has an interest in helping Colony that goes beyond legal services to the mayor or council, and that he would provide his services at a good fee rate for the town.

Council business

The council actually had four items on the agenda:

• $200 renewal of membership in the Cullman County Mayors and Commissioners Association - approved

• $200 renewal of membership in the Alabama Conference of Black Mayors - approved

• $20 renewal of membership in the Arbor Day Foundation

• A resolution to move the start time of the work session to 5:30 p.m. and the start of the regular meeting to 6 p.m. was tabled without a vote.

• In addition to the agenda items, the council also voted to move the next meeting from Dec. 22 to next Tuesday, Dec. 15, because of the Christmas holiday.

The Colony Town Council meets again Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020 at Colony Town Hall, with a work session at 5 p.m., followed immediately by a regular meeting. The public is invited to attend.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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
• 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!

Church Services- St. Paul's Lutheran Church
• Advent Season will be highlighted at St. Paul's Lutheran Church during weekly evening prayer services held every Wednesday night at 6 p.m. The focus of the readings will be chapters 47, 48 and 49 from the prophecy of Isaiah.
• St. Paul's Christmas Eve services are scheduled for 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. The service of lessons and carols will begin at 6 p.m. and feature talents and voices from Sunday school students, members of the Senior Choir, the Hand Bell Choir and a chamber ensemble from St. Paul's and the community featuring woodwinds, brass and percussion. The 11 p.m. service will feature carols and candlelight in the Divine Service. Divine Service will begin at 9 a.m. Christmas morning.
• All are welcome to join in these celebrations at 513 Fourth Ave. SE in Cullman.

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. 10-13, 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/4DFarm.

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)
Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020 from 7-9 p.m. 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 via its Facebook page at https://bit.ly/2JHxTpR.

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."

Santa in Garden City
• Friday, Dec. 18 at noon at Dollar General in Garden City
• He's going to be checking who's been naughty and nice and letting everyone get a picture with him! Cause who wouldn't want a picture with Santa!! We all hope to see you there! Look for the big red engines!

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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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – "Because the pandemic has stretched must longer than we ever imagined, we're all just downright exhausted by the disruptions to our daily lives," said Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey in a press conference Wednesday, "and even though the vaccine's delivery is right around the corner, we shouldn't lull ourselves into complacency by thinking we're out of the woods yet."

Ivey extended the state's Safer at Home Order, along with the mask mandate, with no changes, until Jan. 22, 2021 at 5 p.m. It had been slated to expire this week.

"These are some of our darkest days since COVID-19 became part of our daily conversations, and the rising number of cases has put a strain on our health care system unlike any time in recent memory," said Ivey. "Y'all, I'm not trying to be 'Governor Meemaw,' as some on social media have called me. I'm simply trying to urge you to use the common sense the Good Lord gave each of us to be smart and considerate of others."

The bulk of Wednesday's press conference was some dire words from State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris, who addressed the current state of the pandemic in Alabama and the timetable for vaccine distribution.

"We really are in a difficult time right now in Alabama. This is a very challenging time, and we're looking at some pretty dark days for the foreseeable future.

"As you know, even in the country now, there are numbers that are out of control in many parts of our nation," said Harris.

"Here in Alabama, we've reached new numbers of hospitalizations. We're right at 2,100 people who are inpatients. That's about 500 more than we were seeing back in July when we were having such a difficult time. It's significantly higher at this point, and we're seeing more than 3,000 new cases a day for the past few days.

"These are not backlogs or data dumps, these are new cases. And finally, we've just got to remember we've got almost 4,000 family and loved ones and friends who aren't going to be here this holiday season that we've lost so far in our state. If you had a 747 crash every month for the last 10 months, that's about how many people we've lost in the past 10 months in our state."

But, Harris said, Alabamians do have some cause for optimism with the rollout of the vaccine, the first doses of which are expected to be available in the state next week.

Addressing concerns about the vaccine's safety head-on, Harris said, "I'll just say upfront that if it's approved by the FDA (U.S. Food and Drug Administration) and ACIP (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices), that gives us all the confidence I need to take that vaccine. I'll take myself; I'll recommend it for my family, and I would recommend it to you all when it's your turn to get the vaccine. We have a lot of confidence in the safety process that they have put in place for that."

Harris said when the state gets the vaccine, it is expected to be the Pfizer product, which has to be stored at -80°C. He said it is shipped in minimum quantities of almost 1,000 doses, which are recommended to be used within 10 days of the packages being opened. He said there are only a handful of places around the state that can handle those requirements. Approximately 15 hospitals, including Cullman Regional, have been named as locations that will be receiving the initial shipments.

"Once the hospitals get those vaccines and we have the recommendation from the advisory council, the ACIP, we'll be ready to get shots into arms hopefully that day- that day or the next day.

"The hospitals will be keeping a portion of their allotments for their own staff, but then they are also going to work with us to reach out to others in that top priority group," he said.

"We can reach the majority of people in our state actually just from these 15 sites alone. The next week, the following week, we expect to have more Pfizer product, and we believe that the Moderna vaccine product will probably start shipping that week as well.

"The Moderna product is a lot easier to handle in terms of the cold chain requirements; it can go in a regular freezer, refrigerator/freezer that you would find in any pharmacy or doctor's office or clinic or community health center. It will be able to get to a lot more places more easily than the Pfizer product will."

Harris said the priority groups Alabama is using are those that were identified by the ACIP. (Find the State's COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Plan at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf.)

"We are prioritizing those frontline health care workers and those residents of skilled nursing facilities as the Priority 1a population who will be the first to receive the vaccine," said Harris, who stated the number of health care workers in Alabama is close to 300,000, "so, within that group, we have to do some prioritization of risk. Those who are really on the frontlines and face the most risk will be the first to go. Those are people who work in hospitals. Those are people who work in public health, and in some cases, people who work in certain doctors' offices or clinics."

Harris said he wanted the public to be aware that the vaccine rollout will be slow.

"I think the most difficult thing for us to say after waiting all this time is there's just not going to be enough. There is going to be a scarcity of vaccine, and that's going to continue for a while. We want people to understand that," he said.

"We fully recognize there are going to be some people at the very tip-top of our priority list who are frontline workers and who are deserving, and they're not going to get the vaccine on the first day. It's going to take a little time before we have enough to go around."

According to Harris, the State expects to receive 40,950 doses of the Pfizer vaccine initially, enough to vaccinate that number of people before the second doses arrive. The Pfizer product is a two-shot series, with the shots administered three weeks apart, so the people who receive the shot the first week will receive their second shots when the second round of doses arrives. He said the State expects around the same number of doses from Moderna, and that product is also a two-shot series, with the shots administered four weeks apart.

Harris said nursing home residents will begin getting the vaccine with the second allotment of vaccine doses, due to the State participating in a federal program using CVS and Walgreen's to distribute vaccines to nursing homes. He said one-third of the state's COVID-19 deaths have been nursing home residents.

"We would hope that we could get all of our Phase 1a groups vaccinated within a few weeks, but that mostly depends on what kind of allotment Alabama gets," said Harris.

"I'm sure you've seen national stories about the scarcity of vaccines, so we're still waiting to work that out. We have others in our Phase 1a group like paramedics and EMS, but also other first responders, police and fire and other people who are essential to maintaining our society, and they will all be part of that 1a group as well and will get vaccinated as soon as we have enough to go around for those folks. It will be a little bit longer before the average healthy young Alabamian gets the vaccine unless they're in one of those essential services."

He continued, "We think that by the spring there will be a lot of vaccine out there. We will have covered hopefully most of the people in our Phase 1 group and have moved on to others, but it's likely to be early summer before we have enough for the average Alabamian to receive their vaccine."

Harris said by that time hopefully people will be able to get vaccinated by their health care provider or at a drug store.

"I appreciate very much what the people of Alabama have done so far," said Harris. "People have sacrificed so much. It's been such a difficult year for everybody. I would say everybody knows someone whose been sick from this disease, and most of you know someone whose died from this disease. We still have some tough weeks ahead of us, but I know that we can get through it together if we can hang in a little bit longer. Please remember to stay home if you can, to wear your mask and stay 6 feet away from people if you can't stay home. Hopefully, we'll have better news as our vaccine starts rolling into our state.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

- Total confirmed cases in AL: 231,539 (+2,532 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 48,648 (+990 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 3,525 (+29 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 460
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 3,869 (+55 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 1,508 (+23 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 44 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 12
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 27,830
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,789
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 1,104
- Total tested in Alabama: 1,673,164
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 41,430
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 120,729
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 2,111
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 27,560
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 174,805

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

Friday, Dec. 4, 2020 update from Cullman Regional

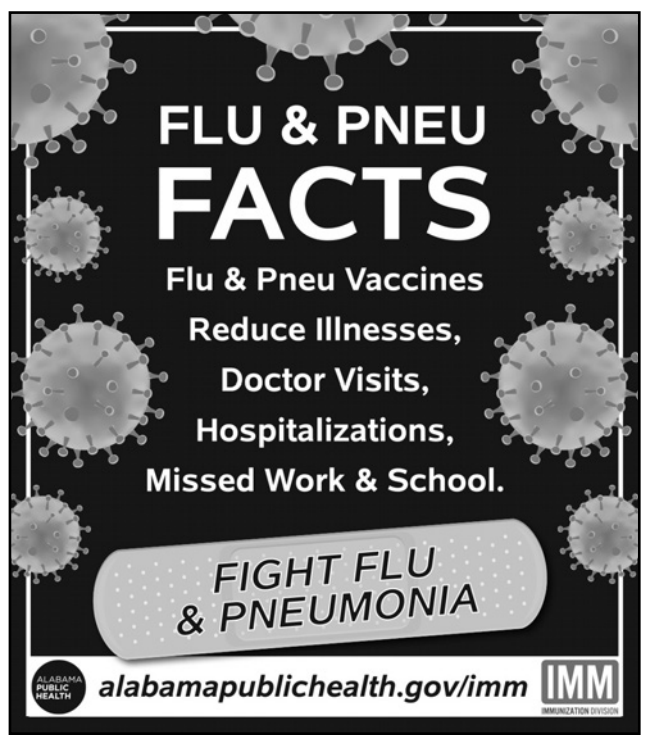
The hospital reported 54 positive COVID patients, with 9 on ventilators.

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

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PREP BASKETBALL

Raiders, Lady Raiders handle Vinemont at home

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – Good Hope is coming off a sweep of Fultondale on the road and they looked to keep things rolling against a Vinemont squad that is coming off a sweep of their own at Hanceville. It was senior night for Good Hope and the Lady Raiders and Raiders both came away with convincing wins over Vinemont 68-24 and 69-49, respectively.

Good Hope 68 - Vinemont 24 (varsity girls)

The first quarter saw Vinemont take an early 5-3 lead on baskets by Berkley Gable and Abby Young and a free throw by Madysen Hacker with 6:20 remaining in the opening period. Good Hope countered with a huge run of their own as they went on a 12-0 run and seven of those points came from Ivey Maddox as they took a 15-5 lead. But the Lady Eagles answered right back with six in a row, including a three from Maggie Burks, to make it a 15-11 game. The Lady Raiders got a layup from Kyndall Seal to help increase the lead to 19-12 after one.

Vinemont cut the deficit to 21-16 on a Madalyn Flanagan layup, but that was as close as they would get the rest of the game as Good Hope ripped off 13 straight points. Five different players scored during the run to help push the Lady Raiders' lead to 34-16 at the half. Good Hope picked up from where they left off the second quarter as they scored the first 15 points of the third period to make it a 49-16 contest. Young stopped the bleeding with a layup for Vinemont, but the damage was already done as the Lady Raiders got numerous steals and turned them into easy baskets as they increased the lead to 57-21 after three.

It was a running clock for the entire fourth quarter as some younger players got some playing time and Good Hope pushed its winning streak to six in a row after their 68-24 rout of Vinemont.

All but one player found the scoring column for Good Hope (7-2), led by Maddox, who finished with 18 points, seven rebounds and six steals. Derrick added 16 points, four rebounds and four steals.

Desire Odachowski ended up with seven points and seven rebounds. Seal added six points and three steals. For Vinemont (2-8), Madysen Hacker (six rebounds) and Burks (six rebounds and a steal) each finished with six points. Young added four points and 11 rebounds.

Good Hope 69 - Vinemont 49 (varsity boys)

Good Hope started the game out strong, scoring the first nine points of the game as Lawton Farr scored five points and Tanner Malin and Michael Owens each added a layup. Vinemont got its first basket of the game with 3:38 remaining in the opening period on a Caleb Sharpe basket and another one by Collin Teichmiller made it a 9-4 game late in the period. An Austin Riddle basket cut the deficit to 12-8, but the Raiders ended the quarter strong as K'mal Bell nailed a three from the right corner just before the buzzer sounded to give them a 18-10 lead after one.

An Ethan Anderson trey was later followed by a Malin layup to push the Good Hope lead to 23-10 to start out the second period and they later stretched the lead to 29-13 after back-to-back treys from Malin and Colton Lindsey.

Malin later added another one from long range to make it 32-15, but the Eagles answered right back with its own three-point barrage as Ryan Stewart and Curtis Kennedy each nailed one from there to make it a 33-23 game.

A Farr trey made it a 40-25 contest, but a Sharpe basket cut the deficit to 40-27 at the half.

Another Farr trey, followed by a Malin layup, pushed the Raider lead to 45-27, but six in a row by Vinemont made it a 45-33 game. Farr continued his red-hot shooting from long range, nailing consecutive shots from there, to help Good Hope increase its lead to 53-36 and would take a 55-38 lead into the final period.



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Good Hope's Rudi Derrick finished with 16 points in the Lady Raiders' 68-24 win over Vinemont Tuesday night.

The Eagles would look to make another run as a Teichmiller three cut the deficit to 59-43, but Good Hope put an end to that as they played stifling defense the rest of the way and got everyone involved offensively as the Raiders defeated the Eagles, 69-49.

Good Hope (6-0) was led by Farr and Malin, who each finished with 21 points in the game. Lindsey added eight points, eight rebounds, a block and a steal.

For Vinemont (3-6), Will Rhodes finished with 14 points. Kennedy added nine points and five rebounds and Teichmiller ended up with eight points and four rebounds.

Good Hope will stay at home for its region opener against Oneonta Friday night, while Vinemont will travel to take on East Lawrence Friday. night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Addison collects home sweep of Winston County

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. – Addison hosted their archrivals, the Double Springs Yellow Jackets, in a two-game set at Addison High School. The ladies opened the night with a close 53-48 win and the men followed with a 63-42 win in the nightcap.

Addison 53 – Winston County 48 (varsity girls)

The ladies started the evening hoping to play well against the much bigger Double Springs Yellow Jackets. The game could not have started any worse. The first period started, and it seemed that the lady dawgs were still in the locker room. The Jackets were hot from the outside and when they did miss, they were able to dominate the glass. At the end of the period, Double Springs led 18-3 and Addison was lucky to be that close. The Lady Bulldogs woke up for the second frame but still had no answer for the much taller Jackets.

The second period ended with the Lady Jackets outscoring Addison 17-16 and leading comfortably 35-19 at the half. "Tiny" Bracey" Rodgers kept Addison close with eight points in the first half.

Addison coach Bailey West must have a gift for half time speeches because for the second time this year, a completely different team showed up to start the third period. Addison came out and what they did to the Lady Jackets should have been illegal.

Addison pressed, rebounded, blocked shots and scored when they wanted. Addison outscored Double Springs 14-0 in the period to close the gap to 35-33.

The fourth period started, and it should have been a close and it did not disappoint. A back and forth period with each team claiming the lead and the crowd going nuts. Addison's Hadley "Shooter" Butler was cold for most of the night, but she nailed a big three pointer to put Addison in the lead.

For the majority of the game Addison couldn't hit a free throw if they were standing above the net and just dropping it in. But in crunch time, the Lady Dawgs knocked down seven of their last eight to seal the 53-48 win.

After the game, Coach West said, "I am so proud of our girls. The game started as bad as it could, they were hot, and we weren't. At the half, I told them, we just have to chip away and just keep chipping away and we can get back in this.

"When they go cold, we have to take advantage of that. It didn't help that we had some foul trouble in the first half so that effected our defense because we can't press as well. Just glad to get the win and we have a huge game this Friday night with Cold Springs."

Cold Springs happens to be Coach West's alma mater, her little sister plays there, and her mom is the head coach of Cold Springs as well. That will be a tough night for her father, who do you cheer for?

Rodgers led the Lady Dawgs with 21 points and had an incredible eight steals. Gracie "Bug" Manley had a dominant 13 points, 16 rebounds and two steals. Lydia Ergle had six points and five boards. Molly Gilbreath chipped in seven points and seven rebounds.

Double Springs was led by Izzy Cofer with 15 points and nine rebounds. Olivia Wright had 13 points and three boards. Bailey Kelley had eight points and nine boards. Makayla Lindsey had five points but 10 rebounds.

The win improves Addison to 5-4 (1-0 region/2-0 county).

Addison 63 – Winston County 42 (varsity boys)

The boys came out with their tough defense and potent offense, but the Jackets were ready for the challenge. Double Springs took the opening period 16-14 with both teams playing well. Double Springs' Brooks Bonds nailed two three pointers in the opening frame.

Both teams tightened their defense and scoring was at a premium. The period ended with the Dawgs outscoring the Jackets 8-7 to go in at the half trailing 23-22.

Coach Ben Mastin has speeches of his own and the men came out and dominated the third period.

The Dawgs pressed and rolled the Jackets in the period outscoring them 20-6 to take a commanding 42-29 lead. The steam had been taken out of the jackets and the fouls started piling up as the frustration kicked in. Free throws, which have been solid all year were very good on this night as Addison knocked down 16 out of 20.

The Dawgs dominated the Jackets in the fourth period 21-13 to end with a solid 63-42 win.

Logan "Baby Shaq" Wilkins had 23 points and four steals. Cannon "TNT" Hiller got hot in the second half and had 11 points. Quentin "Fabio" Barley had seven points and five boards. Xavier "Smooth" Barley had six points and three boards. Seth "Fear the Beard" Paris, a crowd favorite, had six points, two assists, two steals and one board. Christian "Ice Man" Roberts had four points, 10 boards and two assists. Eli "Curly" Howse had four points and two steals.

After the game, Coach Mastin said, "We didn't play our best in the first half, but our effort was always there. Double Springs is a good team, but we weren't going to lose to them at our house.

"Our defense is our one consistent thing that we can rely on this year. Defense is about effort and our guys give it each and every night. We go to Cold Springs and it is a huge early season Region game.

"I may be wrong, but I believe someone told me that Addison hasn't won there in over 30 years. We hope to change that Friday night, but we will have to play our best game to come away with the win."

Double Springs was led by Brooks Bonds with 14 points. Austin Owens chipped in 12 points and seven boards.

Addison improves to 4-5 (2-0 in county/1-0 region) on the year.

Both teams travel to Cold Springs on Friday night for important region matchups.

UAB Cornerback Brontae Harris named nominee for Burlsworth Trophy

Ted Feeley
UAB Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Senior cornerback Brontae Harris has been named a nominee for the Burlsworth Trophy, which is given to the most outstanding college football player who began his career as a walk-on.

Harris is one of 67 players nationwide named a nominee and just one of six players from Conference USA.

A standout football and basketball player at Cullman High School, Harris signed with Alabama A&M in 2015 to play basketball after receiving zero offers to play football at the next level.

Harris quickly realized that his passion was still on the gridiron and transferred to UAB in 2016 to help rebuild the Blazer football program from scratch.

Harris was a walk-on during UAB's practice season and earned a scholarship entering the 2017 campaign, UAB's first year back on the field after a two-year hiatus.

Since then, Harris has been a lockdown corner and has helped the Blazers ascend as one of the top defensive units in the nation.

Harris was an All-Conference USA selection in 2018 but missed the entire 2019 season with a foot injury.

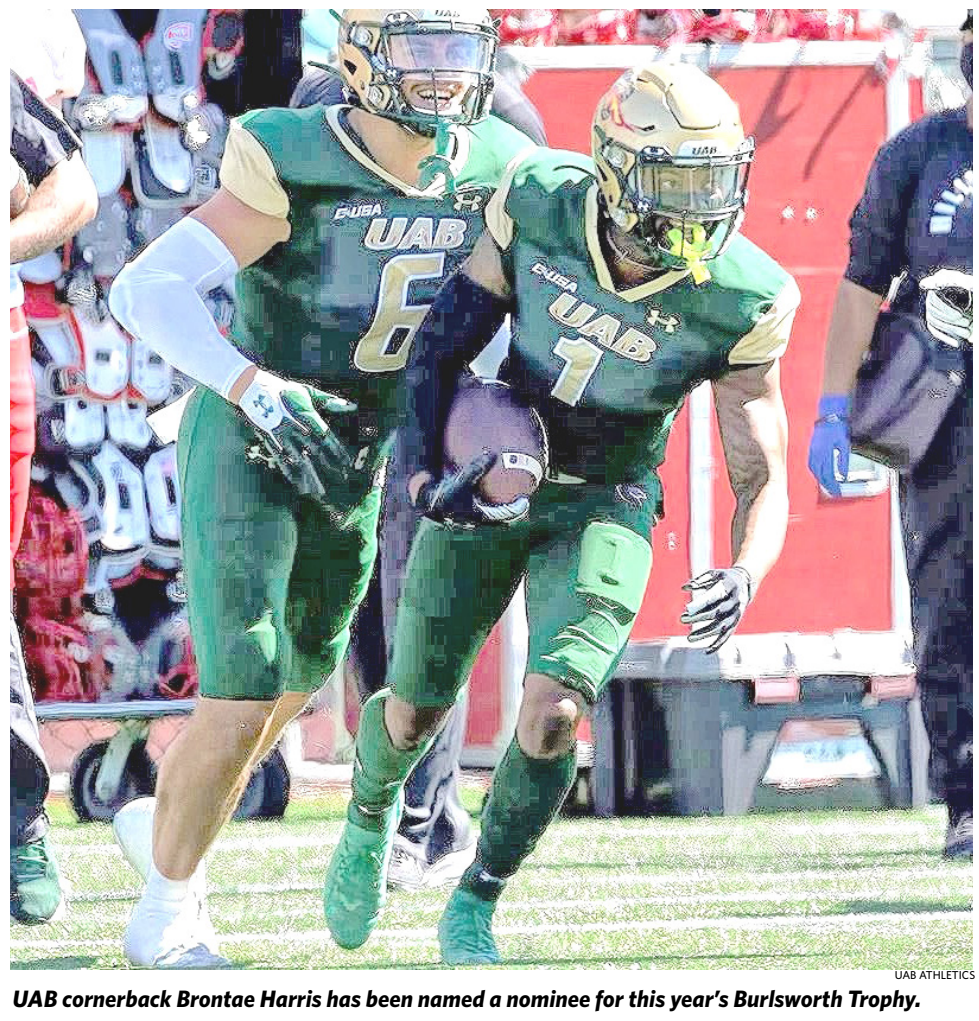
He has returned in 2020 to lead the nation's 12th ranked pass defense.

Harris has 24 total tackles and an interception through seven games this year and has once again proven to be a lockdown corner. For his career, he has 74 total tackles and four interceptions.

Now in its 11th season, the Burlsworth Trophy honors one player who began his first season of FBS football without financial aid of any kind from his university's athletic department.

The award is named after Brandon Burlsworth, a former walk-on offensive lineman from the University of Arkansas who was a three-year starter and would go on to earn All-America honors.

The Burlsworth Trophy will host an awards ceremony virtually on January 4, 2021 to honor the three finalists and to announce the 2020 winner.



UAB ATHLETICS

UAB cornerback Brontae Harris has been named a nominee for this year's Burlsworth Trophy.



Recognition (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Four officers with the Cullman Police Department (CPD) were presented with Years of Service Pins at a small ceremony Wednesday afternoon. Officer Kelley Hubbard, Officer Jonathan England, Officer Dustin Colburn and Officer Hunter Potts each received pins for 5 years of service.

Chief Kenny Culpepper, who made the presentations, said to his officers, "This is really putting a focus on how we do things because of COVID, and I know this is a bit unusual. I wish we could do it at a council meeting so that you could be before the mayor, council and everybody else by bringing your family up and doing it like we have done it."

According to the CPD:

Hubbard began her career with the CPD Dec. 10, 2015. She has had the opportunity to work as a patrol officer as well as a member of the department's Crime Suppression Unit. In 2018, she was named the Crime Suppression Unit Officer of the Year. She has completed numerous training courses including Alabama Narcotics Association courses.

Potts has been an officer with the CPD since Sept. 16, 2015. He has completed several training courses to include Internet Crime Investigation and Officer Safety Survival.

He received a commendation for his assistance in response to a gunfire incident in 2017. He is currently assigned to the traffic unit.

Beginning his career with the CPD Sept. 17, 2015, England is currently assigned to the traffic unit after serving as a traffic officer on night shift. In 2017, he became a certified Traffic Homicide Investigator.

He just recently completed the Advanced Traffic Homicide class and will soon become a Traffic Crash Reconstructionist. He is also a certified Alabama Roadside Impaired Driver Enforcement Officer and will soon become a certified Drone Operator.

He is also a Field Training Officer and hopes to further train the officers at CPD in crash investigations.

Colburn began his career with the CPD Dec. 28, 2015. Since then, he has completed and/or been certified in numerous training courses. He has worked on day, night and mid-shifts and was assigned to the Crime Suppression Drug Unit once it was formed. In 2019 he was recognized as having the most felony arrests in the department.





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Love (from Front)

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"A couple even asked for Barbie, and that was exciting."

Each child will also receive a new winter coat.

The City of Good Hope will once again be giving turkeys along with the toys donated by Nexan as part of Christmas Love. Bartlett said the City plans to donate 50 turkeys this year for families in need.

Whiskey (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Animal Shelter has extra love to share, so Donna Ruttkay shares a bonus Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Whiskey is a 1-year-old German Shepherd/Great Pyrenees mix. He's a lively-but-not-crazy medium-energy pet with good spatial awareness and fast rising skills in leash etiquette.

He seems to get along with other dogs, but he cherishes time with his people and likes to stay close by, though he'll respect your space. Ruttkay calls him "an agreeable fellow who loves life."

Whiskey has the makings of a good therapy, companion, reading or hiking dog.

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

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior.

Several of the shelter's canine friends have even been "hired" to work as therapy and special needs service dogs.

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

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.

Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE.

Perkins (from Front)

UA Athletics
Contributor

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Former Alabama head football coach, director of athletics and All-American wide receiver Ray Perkins passed away Wednesday morning. He was 79 years old.

Perkins lettered from 1964-66 as a wide receiver on two national championship squads and three Southeastern Conference championship teams. As a senior, he caught 33 passes for 490 yards and seven touchdowns, earning All-America honors as he capped his final season with 178 yards receiving in the Crimson Tide's 34-7 Sugar Bowl win over Nebraska.

He went on to be drafted by the Baltimore Colts and played in the NFL for five years, including appearances in Super Bowls III and V. After his playing career, Perkins established himself as a head coach, beginning with the New York Giants from 1979-82. Perkins succeeded Paul "Bear" Bryant as Alabama's head coach and director of athletics, compiling a 32-15-1 record and three bowl victories from 1983-86. He followed that with a stint as head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 1987-90 and as head coach at Arkansas State in 1992. Perkins also had assistant coaching stops in the NFL with the New England Patriots, San Diego Chargers, Oakland Raiders and Cleveland Browns.

Perkins was inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 1990, the Senior Bowl Hall of Fame in 2005 and was named Alabama's SEC Football Legend in 2019.

COMMENTS ON RAY PERKINS

Nick Saban, Head Football Coach

"Ray Perkins was a great friend and an outstanding football coach who served The University of Alabama with true class and integrity. Coach Perkins was a great leader who had a tremendous impact on the game of football at all levels. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Lisa, and his children Tony, Mike, Rachael and Shelby."

Greg Byrne, Director of Athletics

"We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Coach Perkins. Just a year ago we were celebrating him as our SEC Football Legend in Atlanta, an honor he was truly deserving of. Coach Perkins served in every possible capacity of Alabama Athletics as an All-American football player, head coach and athletics director, and he will certainly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Lisa, and children Tony, Mike, Rachael and Shelby, extended family and friends during this time."

Dr. Stuart R. Bell, UA President

"We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Ray Perkins. Ray was a great ambassador for The University of Alabama and we will be forever grateful for his impact on the Capstone."

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Bobby Noles

(PLAINTIFF)

VS CASE NO: SM-2016-900068

Amanda Drake

(DEFENDANT)

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAW SUIT

DEFENDANT(S), Amanda Drake, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him/her by the PLAINTIFF, Bobby Noles, for $3,860.59 plus court cost, cause of action being: Failure to pay promissory notes.

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 21st day of January, 2021, or a default may be rendered against him/her in the above styled cause.

DATED THIS THE 9th DAY OF December, 2020.

LISA MCSWAIN

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARY ELIZABETH CANTRELL, deceased. CASE NO. PC2020-338

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF MARY ELIZABETH CANTRELL, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Sharon H. Barrett on the 8th day of December, 2020, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

SHARON H. BARRETT, Personal Representative

TO: Publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

CHARLES EARL SMITH, deceased. CASE NO. PC2020-330

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Darlene A. Smith, Personal Representative

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RANDY KEVIN WREN, deceased. CASE NO. PC2020-339

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THE ESTATE OF RANDY KEVIN WREN, DECEASED.

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
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FRANCES EARLINE CORLEY,) CASE NO.: PC-2020-266
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Milda Laney as Personal Representative of the Estate of FRANCES EARLINE CORLEY, deceased, on the 8th day of December, 2020, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Milda Laney
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Frances Earline Corley, deceased

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED PERSONAL PROPERTY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Date & Time of Sale: **Monday, Dec. 14 2020 at 10:00 a.m./p.m.**
Sale Location: **121 Campbell Drive, Hanceville, AL 35077**

Writ of Execution Parties: **Dodge City Truck & Trailer Repair, Inc. vs. Tex-AL Freight Services, LLC, 504 W. Lee Avenue, Weatherford, TX 76086**

By virtue of an Execution issued to me by Circuit Clerk Lisa McSwain, pursuant to the Code of Alabama, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Execution issued on a judgment, with interest and cost. Upon the expiration of proper notice and advertisement, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time, and location listed above, all right, title, and interest of Tex-AL Freight Services, LLC, in the personal property, described as follows:

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THEREFORE, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Tex-AL Freight Services, LLC, in and to the above-described property on the date listed above, subject to all prior encumbrances of record.

Dated this the 2 day of December, 2020.

BY: Matt Gentry, Sheriff
Sheriff Matt Gentry

To the Cullman Tribune:

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Obituary Announcements: Dec. 10

Graveside services for Athel Robinson, 81, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 11, 2020 at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Cemetery Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Robinson passed away Dec. 8, 2020 at Cullman Regional Hospital. He was born Sept. 7, 1939 to Sherman and Callie Godbee Robinson. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Melba Robinson; and his brothers and sisters. He loved his family and friends and everyone he met. Survivors include his daughter Annette (Danny) Mays; step-children Brian (Trasundra) Marks, Heath Marks, and Kristy (Greg) Bryant; grandchildren Clark Mays, Brooke, Lexi and Zoe Marks, Lawson Bryant, Grayson Bryant, and Montana Marks; and nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Graveside services for Michael "Skeet" Dewayne Trucks, of Crane Hill who passed away Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020 at the age of 58, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020 at Bethany Baptist Cemetery with Bro. Jimmy McClendon officiating. Moss Service Funeral Home directing. Visitation will be at Smith Lake Baptist Church Friday, Dec. 11, 2020 from 5-8 p.m. Skeet loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. He loved traveling and vacationing with his family, he especially loved going to the beach. His hobbies included hunting, fishing and wood working. He had a great sense of humor and was known as a jokester. He worked as a Senior Project Manager for Walmart and truly loved his job. He was also a horse and cattle farmer. He was a member of Smith Lake Baptist Church and served as choir director for many years. He was preceded in death by his father Jerry Wayne Trucks. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 38 years, Cathy Goddard Trucks; daughters Jenna Trucks Brock (Jason) and Courtney Trucks Lowery (Zach); grandchildren Chloe and Chance Brock and Memphis Lowery; sisters Becky Freeman (Jeff) and Christie Burrow (Ron); nieces Haley Freeman and Abi Burrow; nephews Josh Freeman, Hunter Freeman, and Asa Burrow; and mother Ann G. Trucks. Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

Graveside services for Ophelia Brannon, 99, of Cullman will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, 2020 at Mt. Zion Cemetery; Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Brannon passed away Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020 at Cullman Regional. She was born Sept. 9, 1921 to Joseph and Jinnie Johnson Marshall. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Reuhl Brannon; and her brother and sisters. Survivors include her sons Ferrell (Joyce) Brannon, Rodger (Linda) Brannon, and Joseph Brannon; daughters Tammy (Jim) Kirkendall and Delores K. (Jim) Moore; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren; and family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Shirley Williams Fowler, 77, passed away Dec. 8, 2020. She was born Oct. 23, 1943 to Lincoln and Mary Young Williams. Shirley was the youngest of four daughters and grew up mostly at Valley Grove. Her family was in Missouri when she started first grade. When The Williams moved back to Alabama, she attended Good Hope School. The lovely young lady met the love of her life, Daniel Fowler, from Hanceville. They were married Dec. 14, 1959. They lived in Huntsville briefly then returned to Cullman County. Their daughter Evon was born in November of 1961. The Reverend Delwin Kilgo lost his wife, and Daniel ran the store with Delwin and Shirley took excellent care of his daughters. Daniel and Shirley joined the Baptist church and soon, Shirley was singing with a quartet. Her favorite solo selection was "Amazing Grace." Later, her daughter became an accomplished pianist and often accompanied her mother. The Fowlers were very active church members and contributed their time and resources. Shirley taught Sunday school for various age groups for five decades. They eventually bought land and a house on Stouts Mountain. It was improved over the years. They took care of Daniel's parents in their later years and helped with her parents as well. Shirley retired after 27 years as an x-ray technician and mammogram technician. For several years Shirley wrote a popular column for The Cullman Tribune. She loved to cook. She was very creative and made beautiful crafts and handmade quilts. Her yard was a real show place with all kinds of pretty flowers. The Fowlers loved to travel and visited most of the states and Mexico and Canada, often with other couples. Shirley took pride in looking neat and many of her clothes were very striking. For a number of years Shirley was a poll worker. Most recently she was an active member and a contributor at the Hanceville Senior Citizen Center, where her daughter is manager. Mrs. Fowler is survived by her husband of 61 years, Daniel Fowler; daughter Evon Fowler; sister-in-law Ellen McDonald; brother-in-law Paul Angell; several nieces and nephews; numerous friends; and a favorite dog. The Fowlers were active in the Auburn Alumni Association. Conducting the services at Hanceville Funeral Home will be the Reverend Delwin Kilgo and Reverend Trueman Davis. Interment will be at Fairview West Cemetery. Mrs. Fowler is preceded in death by her parents Mary and Lincoln Williams and three sisters Louise Bailey, Betty Angell, and Wanda Sams. During her terminal illness, several people assisted including her husband, her daughter, and a niece, Paula Sams. The family wishes to thank everyone who assisted in any way. A grand lady is rejoicing for eternity and left a wonderful legacy.

Rocky Terry Campbell, 60, of Crane Hill, Alabama passed away Tuesday, Dec.8, 2020. Rocky was born Aug. 10, 1960 in Birmingham, Alabama. Rocky is survived by his wife of 38 years, Darlene Cleghorn Campbell; son Terry Campbell; daughters Tabitha (Jamie) Scott, Keisha (Nathan) Miller, and Tiffany (Levi) Cook; grandchildren Zoe, Ava, and Aly Miller and Emerson and Stella Scott; and brothers Claborn (Keneiath) Campbell, Dwight (June) Campbell, Sandy (Amber) Campbell, and Mickey (Connie) Campbell. Rocky was known for the last 15 years as the Pepsi man. Rocky was preceded in death by parents Doyal Malcolm and Chelsey Coleen Campbell and brother Jason Campbell. A celebration of life graveside service for Rocky will be held Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Bethany Baptist Cemetery, 1612 County Road 201, Crane Hill, Alabama. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Campbell family.

Funeral services for Robert Wayne Pace, 82, of Cullman, AL will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, 2020 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Valley Springs Cemetery in Good Hope. Reverend Rick Briscoe will be officiating. Visitation will begin at 1:30 Friday at the funeral home prior to the service. Mr. Pace is survived by his children Anita Askew, Keith Pace, Clarissa Simmons, Melissa Twilley, and Melinda McGraw; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and brother Connie Dean Pace. Mr. Pace is preceded in death by his parents George and Pearl Crawford Pace and sister Zula Bush.

James Renee Anderson passed away Dec. 7, 2020. Renee was born in Cullman County on Prospect Mountain in 1926 to Clarence and Pearl Stewart Anderson who preceded him in death. He had two sisters and one brother. He was married for almost 60 years to Alice Jean Sawyer of Arkadelphia. He is survived by his son M. Kent Anderson; his daughter-in-law Judy Newberry Anderson; two grandsons James R. Anderson II and Harold Stewart Anderson; a sister Mary Kate Rowell; a sister-in-law June Sawyer Anderson; two nephews Rodney K. Anderson and Steven R. Rowell; and a host of other relatives and friends. His brother Billy K. Anderson and sister Betty Jean Anderson preceded him in death. Renee was a deacon in the Baptist church, serving for many years at Highlands Baptist Church in Huntsville. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite. Renee was a teacher and principal at Arkadelphia and Prospect schools in the 1940s and 1950s and then spent over 30 years in the lumber business, working for over 20 years for Moore-Handley and later for the L&L Lumber Company for his longtime friends Larry and the late George Landman. In light of the pandemic a celebration of life will be scheduled later. A private burial will be at the Arkadelphia cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to the Cullman, Chattanooga or Huntsville area food banks to help the needy.

Douglas Alan Kalvig, 61, of Double Springs entered into rest Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. Doug was born Oct. 29, 1959 in Waterloo, Iowa. He enjoyed traveling, golfing and football, especially Alabama, but most of all, he loved spending time with his family. No services are planned at this time. Doug is survived by his wife Darlene Kalvig; son Dalton Kalvig; daughter Madison Kalvig; stepson Opie Wright, Jr.; stepdaughter Jennifer Henderson and her husband Bradley; seven grandchildren Courtney Henderson, Damara Henderson, Riley Henderson, Lillie Wright, Noah Wright, Mason Wright, and Rayden Wright; brother Bryan Kalvig and his wife Michelle; and sisters Connie Kalvig Graveman and her husband Steve and Nancy Kalvig Jacobs and her husband Wade. He was preceded in death by his parents Leo and Darlene Kalvig and brother Tim Kalvig.

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Rumors Deli kicks off Christmas drive to support CAAWA

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Rumors Deli on Wednesday kicked off a fundraising and supply drive for the Cullman Area Animal Welfare Association (CAAWA), hoping to help its animal clients have a merry Christmas and happy new year.

According to Rumors Deli Owner Annette Harris, the drive will run through Christmas and maybe into early January, seeking to bring in:

- Dog houses and beds of all sizes
- Plastic travel crates of all sizes
- Cedar shavings
- Purina Puppy Chow
- Kong toys
- Blankets
- Credit at Lee's Veterinary Hospital and Cullman Animal Hospital
- Cash

Of course, CAAWA would also like to see some of its canine companions and feline friends find their forever homes during the Christmas season!

Rumors has an established reputation as a pet-friendly place, providing food and water for animals who bring their humans to the restaurant's outside dining area, and handing out treats to pets in the cars that come through the drive-thru pickup line.

Harris told The Tribune, "I like helping CAAWA because these people don't have a lot of help. They love animals with all their heart. They do things for the right reason.

"They are a no-kill shelter, finding foster homes for these dogs. They work strictly from donations and many times take money from their own pockets to take care of their needs, rescuing them and nursing them back to health.

"They need so much, and we just want to help in some way so we reached out to them to see what they needed and they gave us a list. We are hoping to get as much as we can for them."

Get involved!

Donations can be dropped off at Rumors Deli, 601 Fourth St. SW, near the Main Avenue/U.S. Highway 278 intersection in downtown Cullman.

Monetary donations can be sent to CAAWA, PMD #16, 1236 Cullman Shopping Center NW, Cullman AL 35055.

For more information about CAAWA, including how to donate online, visit www.caawarescue.com.

American Red Cross holiday blood drive at Goat Island Brewing Friday

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The American Red Cross on Friday, Dec. 11 will hold a blood drive at Goat Island Brewing, 1646 John H. Cooper Dr. in Cullman from 2-7 p.m., to help restore blood supplies that are down due to a lack of blood donations during the pandemic. In addition to the satisfaction of helping others, donors will receive COVID-19 antibody testing and will be entered for a chance to win a pizza oven, fire pit and outdoor heater.

The Red Cross's Stephanie Holcomb told The Tribune, "It's always tough to collect blood around the holidays, and this year has been especially difficult."

Holcomb also said that the Red Cross is partnering with The Link of Cullman County now and for future events, to help people know that the organization is still active in the Cullman area.

Said Holcomb, "We've continued to do disaster services and stuff there (in Cullman County), but we closed our office, so most people just thought we left."

At a glance

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