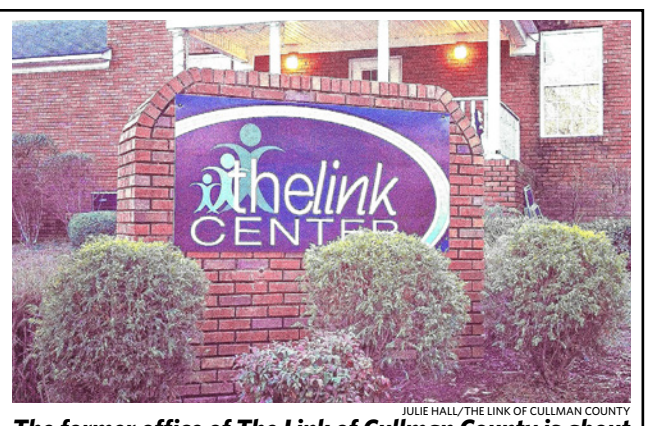
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The former office of The Link of Cullman County is about to receive new life with just as noble a cause. » PAGE 4

HOMEGROWN HOPE

Agriplex to give free raised garden beds, more to 30 lower income families



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The North Alabama Agriplex is located at 1714 Tally Ho St. NW, Cullman.

North Alabama Agriplex
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – The North Alabama Agriplex, a local nonprofit dedicated to education and promoting Alabama's agriculture and future sustainability, on Thursday announced its new program Homegrown Home, through which it will provide 30 lower income families with free raised garden beds, ongoing gardening education and tools of the trade in early 2021.

The Agriplex recently wrapped up its United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farmers to Families Food Box pickup service program in which it partnered with local farmers and several food bank agencies to provide fresh foods to community members in need.

Agriplex Homegrown Hope Director Julie Kelly said, "This first launch for Homegrown Hope is exciting for us. Who knows? Maybe next year we can provide two or three times as many garden beds and plants in more locations!"

COVID-19 has forced many businesses, nonprofits and other agencies to rethink and develop new ways to accomplish their goals. The Agriplex is stretching out in new directions to keep serving and educating Alabamians from a safe distance. To accomplish this new endeavor, the Agriplex is partnering with Alabama's Mountains, Rivers and Valleys RC&D Council, the Cullman County Extension Office and Alabama Master Gardeners.

To apply to participate in the Homegrown Hope program, visit https://bit.ly/3n9iBZP.

The Agriplex is located at 1714 Tally Ho St. NW, Cullman.

About the North Alabama Agriplex

Over a decade ago, community leaders and members of the Cullman Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee had a vision of a facility that would » PAGE 5

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Seniors 60+ get in free; Commissioners to hand out candy Dec. 18-19



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Cullman libraries moving to curbside-only service Dec. 11



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Lockers outside the downtown Cullman County Public Library are set up to be used for curbside pickup. » PAGE 3

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 10

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 10, 2020. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Dec. 7
- theft of property; CR 825
- theft of property; CR 1447
- unlawful possession of marijuana; Hwy. 157
- theft of property; CR 447
- harassment; CR 222
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 156
- harassment; CR 831
- harassment; CR 1600
- domestic violence; CR 1626
- theft of property; CR 1640
- harassment; CR 1763

Dec. 8
- unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1080
- domestic violence, criminal mischief; CR 38
- domestic violence; CR 1575
- menacing; CR 1223
- theft of property; CR 172
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; CR 1575

Dec. 9
- criminal mischief; CR 1367
- attempting to elude; CR 703
- theft of property; CR 1252
- criminal mischief; CR 1311
- domestic violence; CR 501
- theft of property; CR 601
- domestic violence; CR 1508

Arrests

Dec. 7

Conklin, Neal Patrick, 42
- FTA- illegal possession of alcohol

Cornelius, James Gregory, 29
- FTA- driving while suspended
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Dunaway, Matthew Fitzgerald, 32
- DUI- .08 BAC or greater

Haynes, Jeremy Ashton, 32
- motion to revoke bond-second-degree assault

Johnson, Matthew Levon, 36
- first-degree burglary

Newman, Heather Michelle, 40
- third-degree elder abuse and neglect

Dec. 8

Bullard, Eric Monroe, 26
- FTA- driving while revoked

Burney, Jesse Lasal, 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Fuller III, Evan Jon Craig, 25
- second-degree robbery
- first-degree theft of property
- second-degree theft of property
- FTA- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance
- FTA- first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana-not for personal use

Holcomb, Crystal Johnson, 39
- first-degree burglary

Hunter, Darwin Lafayette, 57
- third-degree criminal mischief
- harassment

Martin, Dakota James, 20
- FTA- driving while suspended

McCrory, William Donald, 52
- GJ- second-degree theft of property

Mickle, Daniel Joseph, 38
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Parker, Kristin Rachelle, 31
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Pitt Jr., Mark Calvin, 36
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Ragsdale, Skyler William, 22
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Sanford, Christopher Lee, 36
- attempting to elude

Dec. 9

Cofield Jr., William Anthony, 40
- attempting to elude
- FTA- third-degree burglary

Hicks, Tamara Nicole, 38
- contributing to truancy

Perry, Austin Clyde, 25
- FTA- driving while suspended

Quick, Larry Gene, 54
- public intoxication

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Dec. 9
- third-degree assault; person; Beth St. NW

ARRESTS

Dec. 9

Owens Jr., Joseph M., 39
- first-degree theft of property

Lowry, Ashley B., 41
- public intoxication

Drummond, David K., 40
- FTA- DUI
- FTA- driving without a license
- FTA- insurance violation

Kitchens, Timothy J., 29
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- public intoxication

Perry, Austin C., 25
- FTA- insurance violation

Hill, Dustin W., 37
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
- FTA- giving false information to law enforcement
- FTA- attempting to elude
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

- Total confirmed cases in AL: 234,992* (+3,453 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 49,930* (+1,282 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 3,569 (+44 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 465
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 3,936* (+67 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 1,538* (+30 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 45 (+1 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 12
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 28,001
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,773
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 1,149
- Total tested in Alabama: 1,684,362
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 43,413
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 122,396
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 2,170
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 27,618
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 174,805

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

***Important Notice (12/10/20):**
The Alabama Department of Public Health processed backlogs of positive PCR and antigen results from multiple facilities on December 9, 2020. These tests represent approximately 10% of cases reported on 12/10/20. Case numbers generated from these reports are classified as confirmed, if PCR, or probable, if antigen. Cases in this backlog were from October 5 through December 7. Processing backlogs does not impact the ADPH COVID-19 Risk Indicator Dashboard. For information regarding daily numbers and the 7-day moving average of cases by infectious date, see TAB 7A. Information on TAB 7A visualizes cases by date of infection rather than date reported. All laboratories are required by law to report all results (including positive and negative tests) for SARS-CoV-2 to ADPH. Delays in reporting by required reporters is not within control of ADPH.

Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020 update from Cullman Regional
- Cullman Regional is treating 48 positive patients, with 11 currently on ventilators
- Cullman Regional has reported 75 COVID deaths to ADPH. Of these patients, 56 were from Cullman County.

We urge all community members to follow our current recommendations. Many hospitals around us have had to cancel elective surgeries and open secondary critical care units. This is real, and we need our community members to help us prevent this happening here by simply doing the following:

- Wear a mask at all times when around other people.
- Encourage others to wear a mask.
- Practice social distancing at all times in public.
- Limit gatherings to smaller groups.
- Stay home if sick.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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. 11-13, 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. 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.

American Red Cross Blood Drive at Goat Island Brewing
- Friday, Dec. 11, 2020 from 2-7 p.m.
- 1646 John H. Cooper Dr. in Cullman
- Donors get COVID antibody testing and will be entered for a chance to win prizes.

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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Justice Dept. files lawsuit against State of AL for unconstitutional condition in State's prisons for men

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The U.S. Department of Justice on Wednesday filed suit against the State of Alabama and the Alabama Department of Corrections. The complaint alleges that the conditions at Alabama's prisons for men violate the Constitution because Alabama fails to provide adequate protection from prisoner-on-prisoner violence and prisoner-on-prisoner sexual abuse, fails to provide safe and sanitary conditions, and subjects prisoners to excessive force at the hands of prison staff.

"The United States Constitution requires Alabama to make sure that its prisons are safe and humane," said Assistant Attorney General Eric Dreiband for the Civil Rights Division. "The Department of Justice conducted a thorough investigation of Alabama's prisons for men and determined that Alabama violated and is continuing to violate the Constitution because its prisons are riddled with prisoner-on-prisoner and guard-on-prisoner violence. The violations have led to homicides, rapes, and serious injuries. The Department of Justice looks forward to proving its case in an Alabama federal courtroom."

"Our office is committed to ensuring that all citizens' constitutional rights are respected" stated Acting U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama William R. Chambers, Jr. "We will continue to work tirelessly to correct the constitutional deficiencies identified by our investigation into the state prison system."

"The results of the investigation into safety and excessive force issues within Alabama's prisons are distressing and continue to require real and immediate attention," U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama Louis V. Franklin, Sr. "We hope the filing of this complaint conveys the Department's continued commitment to ensuring that the Department of Corrections abides by its constitutional obligations."

"The COVID-19 pandemic has reminded us that one of the primary responsibilities of government is to keep our citizens safe," said U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama Richard W. Moore. "That responsibility extends to citizens incarcerated within Alabama prisons. Our investigation has demonstrated that constitutionally required standards have not been met in Alabama prisons and this must be corrected. I am disappointed that the efforts of both Alabama officials and DOJ officials to find appropriate solutions have not resulted in a mutually agreed upon resolution. Our oath as public officials now requires us to follow the Constitution and to pursue justice in the courts."

The lawsuit is the result of a multi-year investigation into allegations of constitutional violations within Alabama's prisons for men conducted by the department's Civil Rights Division and the U.S. Attorney's Offices for the Northern, Middle, and Southern Districts of Alabama. As required by the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act (CRIPA), the department provided the state with written notice of the supporting facts for these alleged conditions, and the minimum remedial measures necessary to address them in Notice Reports issued on April 2, 2019 and July 23, 2020.

CRIPA authorizes the department to act when it has reasonable cause to believe there is a pattern or practice of deprivation of constitutional rights of individuals confined to correctional facilities operated by or on behalf of state or local government.

For over 20 months the department has engaged in negotiations with the State without achieving a settlement that would correct the deficiencies identified by the department's investigation.

Today's lawsuit seeks injunctive relief to address deficient conditions identified by the department's investigation. The complaint contains allegations of unconstitutional conditions of confinement, which must be proven in federal court. The lawsuit does not seek monetary damages.

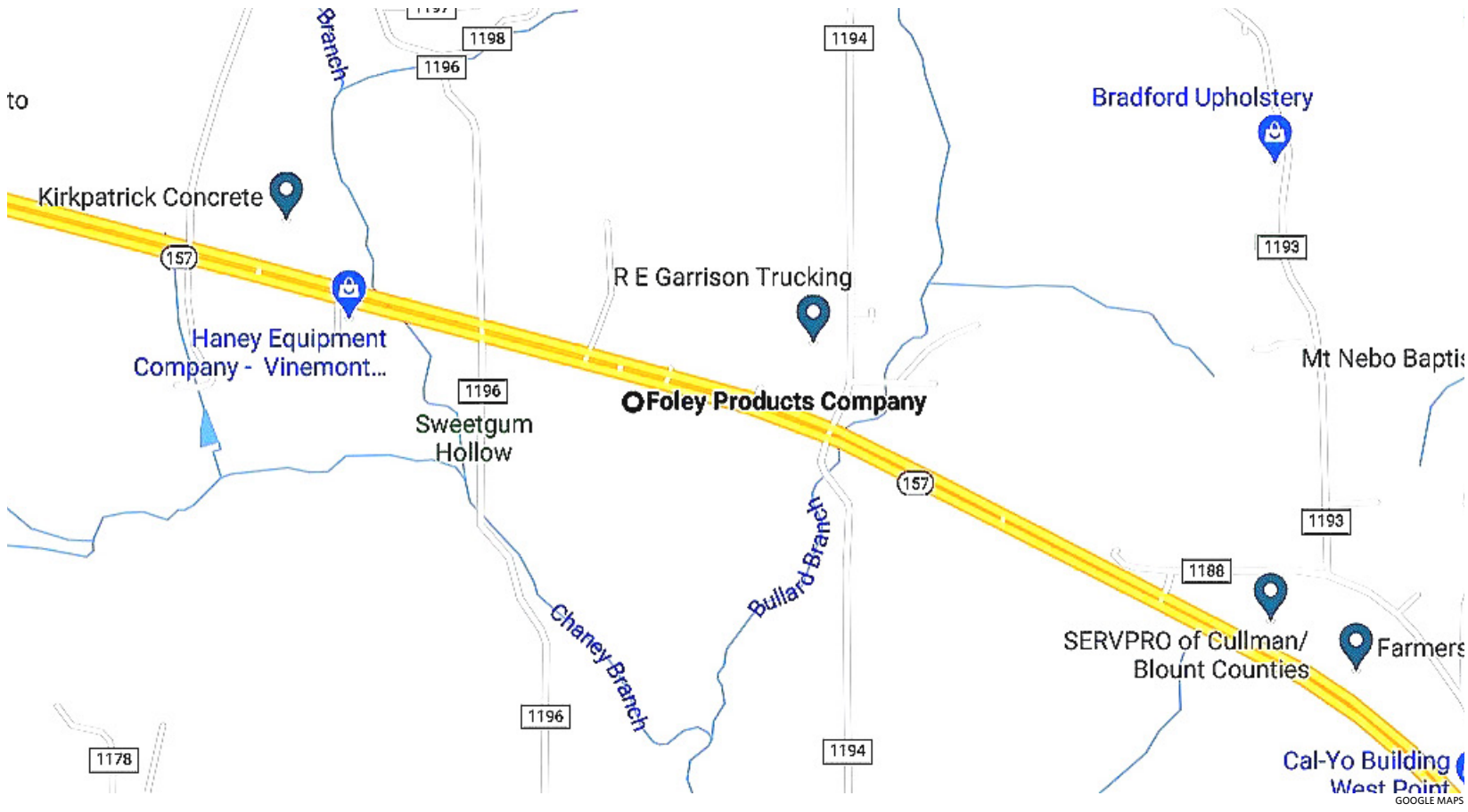
This investigation was conducted by attorneys with the Special Litigation Section of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division and the U.S. Attorney's Offices for the Northern, Middle, and Southern Districts of Alabama. Individuals with relevant information are encouraged to contact the department by phone at 877-419-2366 or by email at USAALN.CivilRights@usa.doj.gov.

Additional information about the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department is available on its website at www.justice.gov/crt.

Investigation (from Front)

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WEST POINT, Ala. – Alabama State Troopers on Saturday, Dec. 12 at approximately 8 a.m. will close all four lanes (both directions) of Alabama Highway 157 between the 9000 and 10000 blocks for an investigation into the fatal crash that occurred Saturday, Dec. 5 in front of Foley Products.



Background:
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.

Senior Days (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – With senior centers remaining closed across the state, the Cullman County Commission and Cullman County Commission on Aging have been busy organizing a special COVID-19 guideline-compliant weekend. Next Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 18-20, admission will be waived for those 60 and older to the Sportsman Lake Park Winter Wonderland. Seniors will also receive some extra goodies.

"The whole thought behind Senior Days at Winter Wonderland is because we have had some issues not being able to have the (annual) Christmas party," said Commission on Aging Director Dusty Baker. "Last year we weren't able to have the Christmas party because we didn't have a venue big enough to do it when the City sold the civic center. This year, we were totally planning on having a Christmas party and then COVID hit."

Baker said he and those helping organize the Christmas party began brainstorming to find safe alternatives. The annual Winter Wonderland was an opportunity nearby that met all the requirements, he said: It provides a safe alternative to large gatherings, combats isolation during the holiday season safely, incentivizes families to spend time together within their own social bubbles and shows seniors we love them.

The idea came to fruition in large part due to the support and cooperation from Cullman County Parks and Recreation, which manages Sportsman Lake Park.

Said Baker, "They have been wonderful in working with us and trying to help us to make this happen. They have been instrumental in that."

Once word spread, the community began reaching out to help. The Cullman County Commission and Ms. Senior Alabama Phyllis Hain came on board to be a part of the special weekend. The Commission on Aging staff has been busy filling candy bags and gathering other goodies for the seniors with the money donated by the Commission and Hain.

Other sponsors include Byars-Wright Insurance, Freedom Insurance- Gloria Williams, Drinkard Development, First Baptist Church of Cullman and the City of Cullman. Baker added, "It seems like as people find out about it, more people call and offer to help."

Senior Days at Winter Wonderland will be Friday-Sunday, Dec. 18-20 from 5-10 p.m. Sportsman Lake Park is located at 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman. The Winter Wonderland is a drive-thru Christmas light event. Cullman County Commissioners will be on-hand Friday and Saturday night to pass out candy.

Baker is hopeful that area seniors will come out and enjoy the Christmas lights with their families. He said the goal is "to spread joy and love during this holiday season" and (referencing the movie "Elf") smiled, "make Santa's sleigh fly!"

Libraries (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Public Library on Thursday announced it will transition to curbside-only service beginning Friday, Dec. 11. Holly Pond's Guy Hunt Memorial Library is following suit.

The Cullman County Public Library released the following:
In practicing an abundance of caution in order to keep the library open and prevent having to close entirely, the Cullman County Public Library will be temporarily moving to curbside service only starting Friday, Dec. 11.

On Jan.11, we will reassess the need for contactless service. No overdue fees will be charged for materials.

You can access our curbside request form on our website.

When you request materials, they will be placed inside a locker in front of the building, and you will be contacted with what that locker's combination is so that you can pick up your items.

When you are finished with your items and would like to return them, just place them in the book drop on the east side of the building.

Our computers will be available, but only by appointment for school matters or personal business.

We will offer faxing and notarizing by appointment as well. You can set up an appointment by phone, text or email.

You can also email us what you'd like to have printed, and we can place it in a locker for you to pick up, just like with curbside requests.

Staff will be on hand to assist patrons via call, text and email Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Note: Pickups can be made after hours.

We also would like to encourage our patrons to enjoy the library's numerous digital materials with Overdrive and Camellia net. We offer magazines, eBooks, audiobooks and videos.

- Call: 256-734-2720
- Text: 256-778-1735
- Email: cullmanpubliclibrary@gmail.com
- Library catalog: https://cullman.booksys.net/opac/cullman/
- Library website: www.ccpls.com/
- Camellia Net: https://camellia.overdrive.com/
- The Cullman County Public Library is located at 200 Clark St. NE, Cullman.

The Guy Hunt Memorial Library released the following:
In practicing an abundance of caution in order to keep the library open and prevent having to close entirely, Guy Hunt Library will follow the Cullman County Library and temporarily moving to call or curb service staring Friday, Dec. 11. On Jan. 11, we will reassess the need for contactless service.

No overdue fees will be charged for materials.

You can request materials by calling 256-796-5226. When you are finished with your items and would like to return them, just place them in the drop box.

Our computers will be available, but only by appointment. Any questions call the library at 256-796-5226 or email at guyhuntlibrary@gmail.com.

The Guy Hunt Memorial Library is located at 60 Lions Park Road, Holly Pond.

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East Elementary spelling bee winners



DAVID WIGGINS

Left to right are Hudson Blackmon, Carter Caples, Rowan Cone, Audrey Kate Oldacre, Khloe Cox (third place); Jackson Dossey (winner); Ana Vo (second place); Max Miller; McKinley Varden; and Aubrey Miner.

St. Paul's spelling bee winners



EMILY TRAHAN

Left to right are Anneliese Dunn, Viktoria Borucki, Boone Howse, Henry Crocker (runner-up), Melia McNatt (winner), Reese Rigsby, Libby James and Elijah Conn.

Curt's Closet (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Curt's Closet Founder Ashley Wilson on Tuesday officially announced that the organization had finished a deal to relocate its nonprofit boutique to a larger location at 1101 Third Ave. SE, the former office of The Link of Cullman County, at the intersection of Third Avenue and 11th Street Southeast. Early last month, the City of Cullman Planning Commission approved Wilson's conditional use request for the property.

At that time, Wilson told The Tribune, "We have definitely outgrown where we're at. We're all in agreement that we love the location. I love that it used to be a church. It's in a great location, but we've outgrown it, because it's so amazing.

"So we do have some plans in the works, hopefully, for a bigger building. We hope to announce our vision in that by the end of the year; there's a lot of planning that goes into that step. I personally, you know, I would love to see it grow maybe in different locations, different counties. Now, that's a five- or 10-year plan. We've got to work out all the kinks here in Cullman first, but, so far, God has seen everything fall into place.

"I would love to start, if we do get a bigger place, I would love to be able to do sporting equipment, because that was a passion of Curt's, and I know the expense of putting your child into a sport, and the expense of the equipment and even the clothing, the treats. I would love to be able to extend from just the clothing and shoes into sporting equipment."

This week Wilson shared, "As of right now we do not have a date to be open at our new location. We have numerous renovations under way. Our goal is to be in our new building by February. Once we do move, we do plan to hold an open house, to give the community an opportunity to stop by and see the new building.

"We are so excited. We outgrew our current location within the first year. Our little church on St. Joseph has served us well. I love the atmosphere and presence that you feel when you walk in the door. I know without a doubt this new location will hold that same presence. Growth is a great thing. The new location will give us opportunities we do not have currently. I think I am most excited about a larger laundry room. Currently, our washer and dryer are in our very small donation room. Most days we cannot get to the washer and dryer, due to the overflowing of donations. Which is a great problem to have. Our new location has a separate laundry room and receiving donation room."

She continued, "Also, our sorting room, which is where our volunteers spend a great deal of time, will be 10 times bigger. Currently, we can only allow two volunteers at a time, due to limited space. Once we move, we will have enough space for countless volunteers. The volunteers will be able to help in numerous areas rather than just the sorting room. This will be a huge blessing to Curt's Closet. We cannot operate without our volunteers.

"One other advantage the new location will hold is to be able to keep larger amounts of donations. This will ensure we have a larger selection, so no child has to leave without an item in their size. Curt's Closet is always purchasing new jeans, shoes and underwear (the three main items we always are low on); with so much more storage, when we find a deal on these items, we will be able to purchase greater amounts. For the past years Curt's Closet has had three storage units. This has been a lot of hours and manpower, plus the monthly cost for these units. With a larger building we are going to be able to eliminate all three.

"I will be honest; change is scary for me. Making such a huge decision to purchase the building and move Curt's Closet has been scary. But I know without a doubt this is a God thing and was in God's timing. I am walking in pure Faith. I know this is a great move for Curt's Closet. A move that is much needed. This new location will help serve the children of our community more efficiently and help us have on hand the items they truly need."

Get involved now!

Between now and February, business continues for Curt's Closet. Wilson told The Tribune about a few things the boutique could use.

"Right now, we are low on almost everything, except women's tops," she said. "We have seen so many families affected by the pandemic it has been hard to stay ahead of the needs. We are exceptionally low on toddler underwear. We only take new, in the pack, underwear."

The final word

Wilson concluded, "Thank you to everyone who has helped us grow so much we came to the point of a move to a larger building. The outpouring of support is truly overwhelming. The donations of clothing and shoes we receive daily is a huge blessing and giving us the opportunity to bless countless children. We definitely could not run our ministry without out monetary donations. And of course our volunteers are a must. We appreciate you all!"



STATE

Ivey awards $1.9M to aid elderly and disabled abuse victims

Office of Gov. Kay Ivey
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Gov. Kay Ivey has awarded $1.9 million to assist elderly and disabled adults who are victims of abuse.

The grant to the state Department of Human Resources will provide in-home or temporary placement for elderly and disabled victims who are subjected to abuse, neglect and exploitation.

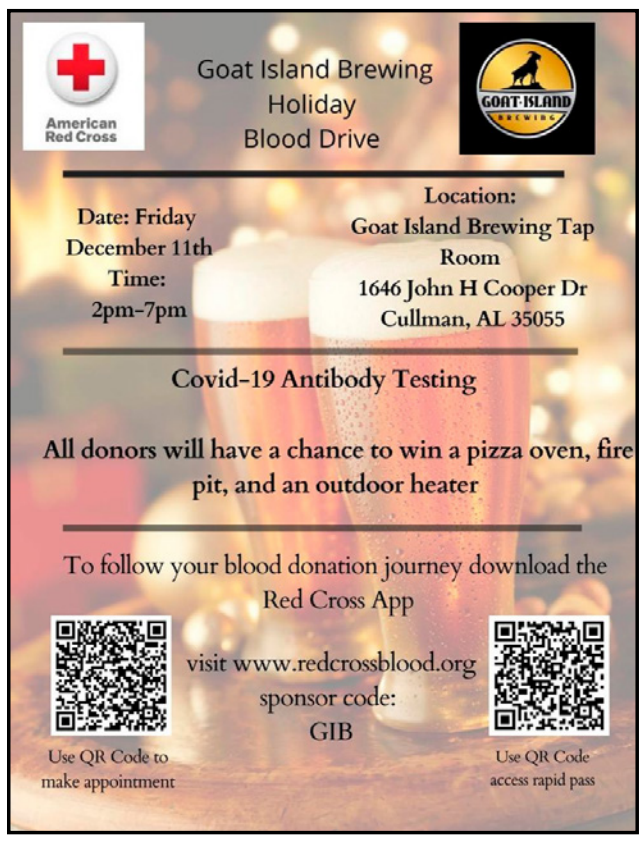
"No one should ever be subject to abuse of any kind, and it is reprehensible that it should happen to someone who may not have the physical or mental capabilities to resist or be aware of those acts," Ivey said. "This grant will assure elderly and disabled adults who are victims of physical and mental abuse are taken out of harm's way and receive needed care."

The grant will enable the department's Adult Protective Services Division to provide several preventative options for victims who are suffering from abuse. The funds will help create safe surroundings for elderly and disabled adults either by providing in-home care and supervision to enable victims to remain in their homes after offenders have been removed or relocating the victims to nursing homes or assisted living facilities. Both measures are temporary until more permanent solutions are found.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) is administering the grant from funds made available by the U.S. Department of Justice.

"Abuse of the elderly or disabled can take many forms from neglect to verbal or physical abuse and needs to be reported when it is suspected," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said. "ADECA is pleased to join with Gov. Ivey and the Alabama Department of Human Resources to provide solutions for these victims."

ADECA administers a wide range of programs that support law enforcement, victim programs, economic development, water resource management, energy conservation and recreation.



Days (from Front)

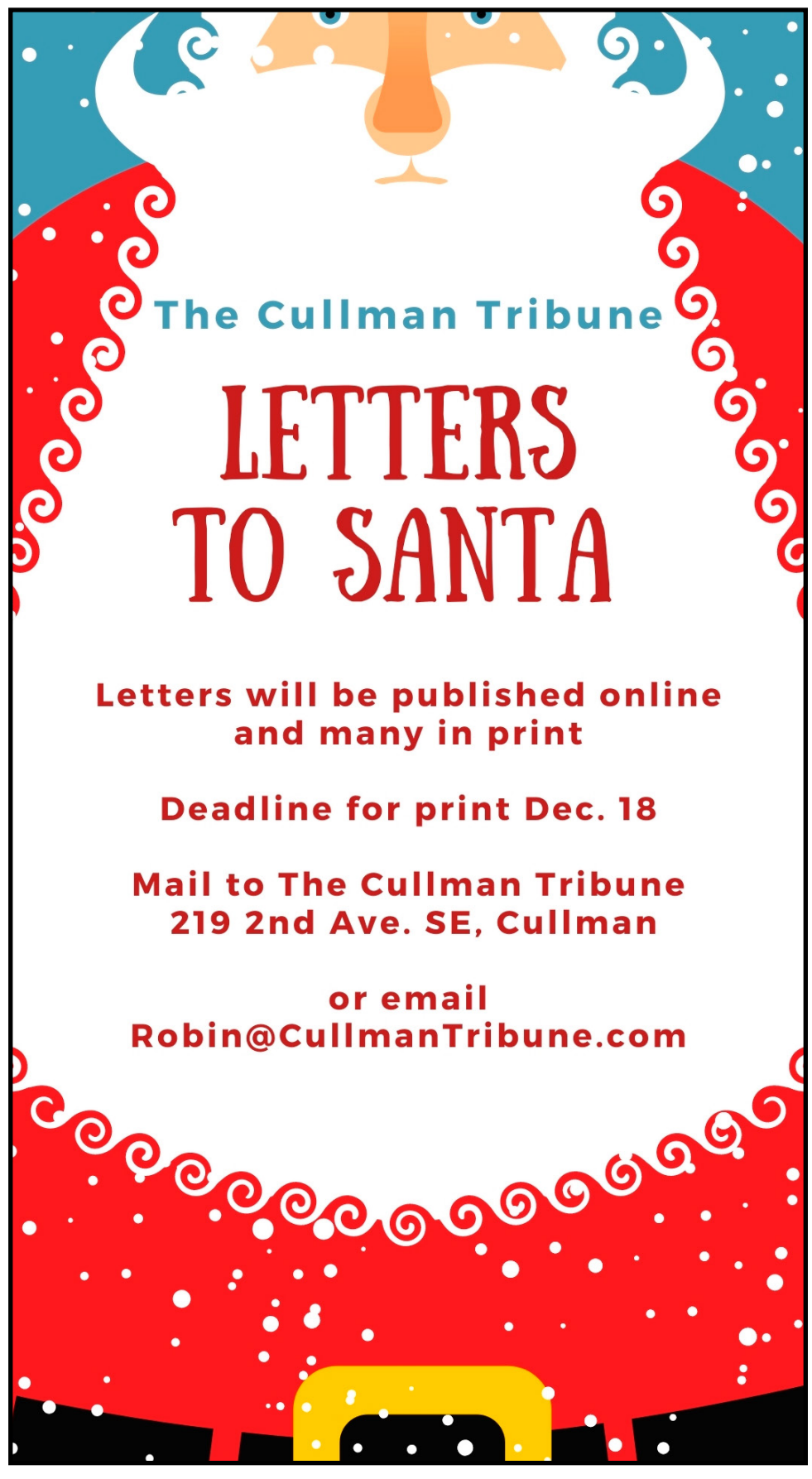
showcase the importance of agriculture to future generations. In 2000, the Alabama Legislature established the North Alabama Agriplex Board.

Its purpose is to educate and create awareness of agriculture in Alabama. The Agriplex Heritage Center has been educating adults and children alike on local agriculture and getting fresh local produce into the community since 2012.









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Patrick Surtain II selected as finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy

UA Athletics
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DALLAS, TX. – Alabama football's Patrick Surtain II was selected as a finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, the Football Writers Association of America announced on Wednesday.

In 2016, defensive end Jonathan Allen became Alabama's lone Bronko Nagurski Trophy winner. The Crimson Tide have had a finalist in nine of the last 10 seasons.

Patrick Surtain II
Defensive back, Junior

- Rated as the nation's top corner and No. 7 overall defender by Pro Football Focus
- Maintains a coverage grade of 88.1 according to PFF, the third-best grade in the country
- Allowed 25 yards receiving or fewer in eight of the Tide's nine games this season
- Targeted just 36 times all season and allowed only 14 completions (1.56 cpg) and 156 yards (17.3 ypg)

The Football Writers Association of America has chosen a National Defensive Player of the Year since 1993. In 1995, the FWAA named the award in honor of the legendary two-way player from the University of Minnesota.

Bronislaw "Bronko" Nagurski dominated college football then became a star for professional football's Chicago Bears in the 1930s.

The announcement of the 2020 Bronko Nagurski Trophy recipient will take place on Wed., Dec. 23, two weeks from today.

Get all the latest information on the team by following @AlabamaFTBL on Twitter and Facebook and AlabamaFBL on Instagram.

General athletic news can also be found at UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and AlabamaAthletics on Facebook.



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama corner back Patrick Surtain II has been selected as a finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy.

Anders Carlson named Lou Groza Award semifinalist

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – Auburn junior Anders Carlson is one of 20 semifinalists for the 2020 Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award presented by the Orange Bowl.

Carlson has converted 15 of 17 field goal attempts this season, an 88.2 percent success rate. He's 4-for-4 on attempts of 40-49 yards. He's 22 of 23 on extra point attempts.

With 48 career field goals, Carlson ranks No. 4 in Auburn history, needing two more to tie John Vaughn.

The 6-5, 215-pounder from Colorado Springs, Colorado, ranks No. 7 in career scoring at Auburn with 258 points. He's sixth in program history in PATs with 114.

Given the unique nature of this college football season, the committee considered all FBS kickers who had played in at least 6 games and attempted at least 10 field goals through the games of Week 14.

The list features five returning semifinalists, with Oklahoma sophomore Gabe Brkic, Wake Forest junior Nick Sciba, and Nevada sophomore Brandon Talton repeating the honor from last year. Miami (FL) senior Jose Borregales and Florida junior Evan McPherson return as semifinalists from 2018.

Though most of the names are new, the performances of these semifinalists are as strong as ever.

Five qualified FBS kickers have made at least 15 field goals while connecting at a rate better than 80%, and all five were named semifinalists: Borregales (17), SMU senior Chris Naggar (17), UTSA senior Hunter Duplessis (16), Missouri freshman Harrison Mevis (16), and Auburn junior Anders Carlson (15).

The shortened season hasn't meant shorter kicks for many of the semifinalists. Among qualified FBS kickers making at least 75% of their kicks, eight have connected on at least 6 field goals from 40 yards or more this season, earning semifinalist honors: Pitt senior Alex Kessman (9), Clemson junior B.T. Potter (8), Borregales (7), Western Kentucky sophomore Brayden Narveson (7), LSU sophomore Cade York (7), Brkic (6), BYU sophomore Jake Oldroyd (6), and Sciba (6).



TODD VAN EMST/AU ATHLETICS

Auburn kicker Anders Carlson has been selected as a Lou Groza Award semifinalist.

Semifinalists will be voted on by a panel of more than 100 FBS head coaches, SIDs, media members, former Groza finalists, and current NFL kickers to select the three finalists.

These finalists will be announced on December 22nd and honored at the 29th annual Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Awards Virtual Awards Celebration, streamed live on January 4th on lougrozaaward.com. The same panel then selects the winner, who will be announced live on ESPN at the Home Depot College Football Awards Show on Thursday, January 7th.

The Award is named for National Football League Hall of Fame kicker Lou "The Toe" Groza, who played 21 seasons with the Cleveland Browns. Groza won four NFL championships with Cleveland and was named NFL Player of the Year in 1954. Although an All-Pro offensive lineman as well, Groza ushered in the notion that there should be a place on an NFL roster for a kicker.

Since the first Lou Groza Award was handed out in 1992, 28 finalists, including 16 winners, have gone on to appear in the NFL, earning 10 trips to the Pro Bowl and taking home six Super Bowls.

That list includes 2020 NFL kickers Dan Bailey, Rodrigo Blankenship, Randy Bullock, Daniel Carlson, Mason Crosby, Jake Elliott, Ka'imi Fairbairn, Kai Forbath, Graham Gano, Matt Gay, Zane Gonzalez, Dustin Hopkins, Younghoe Koo, and Cairo Santos.

UAB Men's Basketball defeats Tuskegee 89-64

Ted Feeley
UAB Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Tavin Lovan and Quan Jackson each scored a season-high 22 points in UAB's 89-64 victory over Tuskegee on Wednesday night at Bartow Arena.

Michael Ertel added 14 points and Kassim Nicholson 10 for the Blazers who start out the season 5-0 for only the second time in program history. Trey Jemison, who entered the game fourth in the nation in blocks, turned away four Tuskegee shots.

Gregg Boyd led the Golden Tigers (0-1) with 20 points.

The Blazers led wire-to-wire and held Tuskegee scoreless for the first 3:07 of the first half. With UAB leading 19-15 at the 8:07 mark, a pair of free throws by Jackson, one from Lovan and a jumper by Ertel gave the Blazers their largest lead of the half at nine points, 24-15. That lead would be matched when Lovan's layup at the buzzer made the score 35-26 heading into halftime.

Lovan's 3-pointer opened the scoring in the second half, giving UAB its first double-digit lead of the game at 37-26. Their advantage would increase to 14 after Rongie Gordon's free throw made the score 43-29.

However, a 21-10 run by Tuskegee made it a one possession contest at the midway point of the half when Martez Jones' jumper got the Tigers within three points at 53-50. UAB would respond with a 12-1 run over the next 2:04 to take a 65-51 advantage.

Jalen Benjamin's 3-pointer at 3:11 gave the Blazers their first 20+ point lead at 82-60. His second trey of the evening with 34 seconds left gave UAB their largest lead of the game at 26 points, 89-63.

As a team, the Blazers shot a season-best 56%, making 28-of-50 attempts. Lovan was 5-of-7, Jackson 7-of-14 and Nicholson made all four of his field goal attempts.

UAB dominated in the paint, outscoring Tuskegee 42-16. The Blazers had 20 fast break points and 22 points off Tigers' turnovers.

"Tavin Lovan, as a downhill driver, he's as good as there is in our league," said head coach Andy Kennedy. "He should be getting to foul line eight or nine times a game with his size. Tonight, he took it to the extreme. He gets to the free throw line 15 times, makes 12 and finished 5-of-7 from the field with five rebounds. I thought he was the MVP tonight."

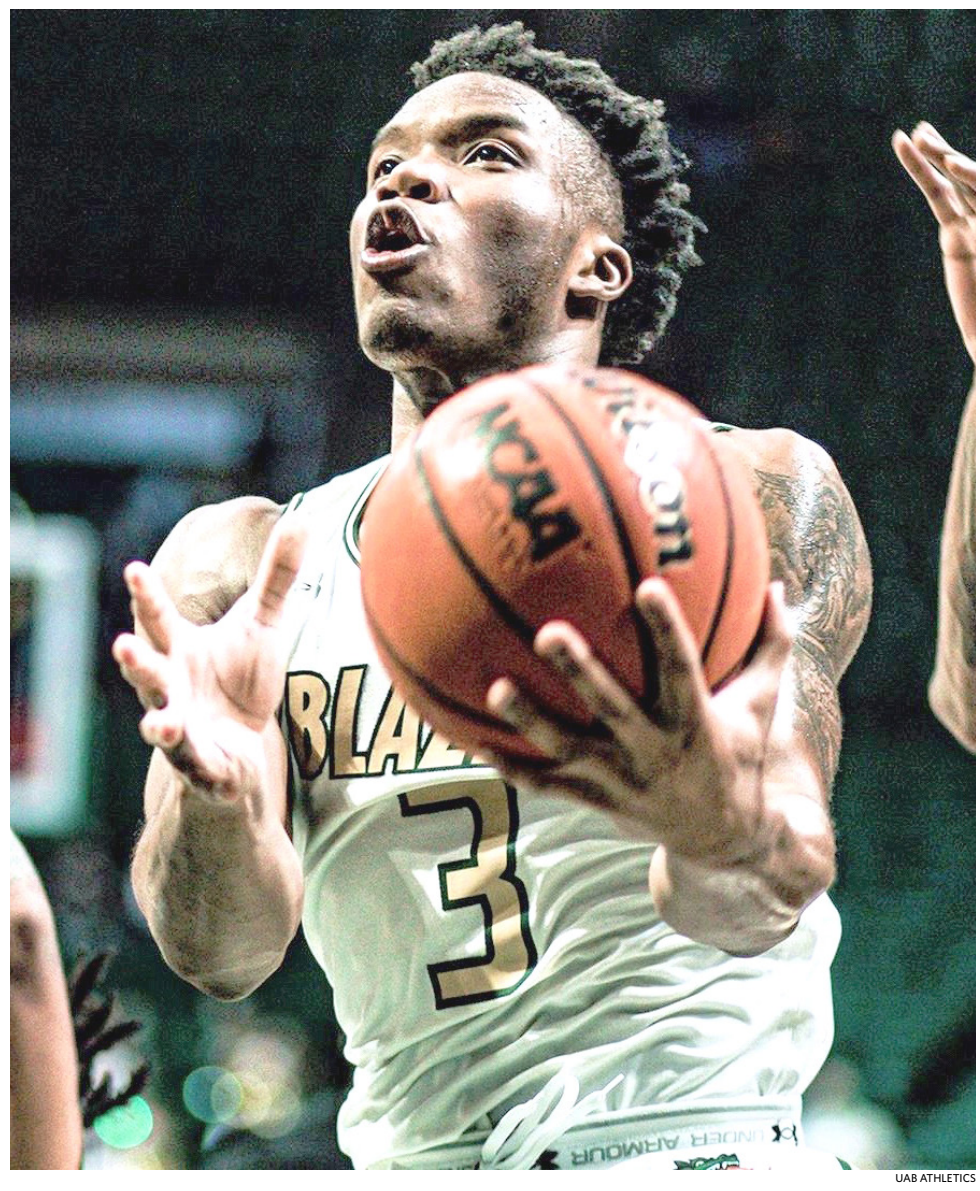
Lovan's 12 free throws and 15 attempts from the line were both career-highs.

"A lot of different guys contributed tonight. We made some really good plays at the end, especially Quan and Tyreek. Jalen knocked down two big threes. And great minutes in the second half from Kassim Nicholson and Rongie Gordon, who came in and played a season-high 20 minutes. He's going to continue to get better."

The Blazers will head to Johnson City, Tenn. for their first road contest of the year against East Tennessee State (1-2) on Saturday. Tipoff is schedule for 3 p.m.

GAME NOTES

- This game was announced Tuesday afternoon after the original opponent, the University of Mobile, canceled because of COVID-19 concerns
- The only other UAB team to begin the season 5-0 was Gene Bartow's 1983-84 squad
- Tyreek Scott-Grayson made his first start of the season
- Jackson recorded his 1,200th career point tonight
- Gordon tied his career-high with five rebounds in 11 minutes off the bench



UAB ATHLETICS

UAB's Tavin Lovan finished with a season-high 22 points in the Blazers' 89-64 win over Tuskegee Wednesday night.

OUTDOORS

Last-minute Christmas gifts for outdoors enthusiasts

David Rainer
Ala. Dept. of Conservation and Nat. Resources

Buying Christmas gifts for those who love the outdoors can be a daunting task simply because we tend to already be outfitted for every excursion into the woods or on the water.

If you're struggling to find that perfect gift, here are a few suggestions that might not have come to mind.

Alabama State Parks gift card

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Alabama State Parks system has provided a welcome respite, with ample ways to enjoy our state's great outdoors. In fact, 11 State Parks have been awarded the TripAdvisor's "2020 Travelers' Choice Awards" because of the great reviews.

One of the best ways to share our great parks is to purchase a gift card that can be used at most parks in a variety of ways. The cards can be used at Alabama State Parks campgrounds and gift shops. You can reserve campsites or reserve boats, canoes or kayaks for your outdoors adventures.

You can purchase the gift cards at most Alabama State Parks, or you can go online to https://www.reservealapark.com/AlabamaWebHome/Giftcards/Giftcard.aspx and make the purchase with a credit card. When you click on the gift card link, you will be required to set up an online account to make a purchase.

"Black Belt Bounty"

In terms of coffee table books, "Black Belt Bounty" is a gift that deserves prominent display all year-round. The award-winning book, commissioned by the Alabama Black Belt Adventure Association (ALBBAA), celebrates the Black Belt's rich hunting and fishing heritage and gives an in-depth looks at all that makes the region so special.

The deluxe hardcover book was awarded first place in the Industry Public Relations Category from the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association's (SEOPA) annual Excellence in Craft awards. It took third place in the Outdoor Book Category by SEOPA. The Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers (AGLOW) presented "Black Belt Bounty" with their featured award for the Best of Industry Public Relations.

The Black Belt includes Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Dallas, Greene, Hale, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo, Monroe, Montgomery, Perry, Pickens, Pike, Russell, Sumter, Tuscaloosa and Wilcox counties. The region is known for its fertile soil and abundant outdoors opportunities for hunting, fishing and exploration.

"Black Belt Bounty" chapters include First Hunters and Gatherers; Traditions and Rites of Passage; The Land and Water; Conservation Partners and Practices; Field Trial History; Champion Trainers and Dogs; Photographic Essays: Seasons of Whitetail and Wild Turkey Rituals; Fishing for Bass, Crappie and Catfish; Faces of the Black Belt; Sustainable Living; Wild Game Recipes from Celebrity Chefs; and Signature Dishes from Hunting Lodges.

Visit https://alabamablackbeltadventures.org/blackbeltbountybook/ to purchase "Black Belt Bounty."

Full disclosure: I provided three features for the book but don't receive any compensation from book sales.

"Memories of Spring"

One of the best turkey hunters I've had the pleasure to share the turkey woods with has penned a remarkable memoir of his life chasing the majestic bird. Ron Jolly provides his perspective of spending nearly six decades hunting and videoing wild turkeys across the nation. "Memories of Spring" shares what drives hunters in their pursuit of this wily bird as well as the memorable turkeys that cause hunters every emotion from jubilation to sweat-inducing nightmares.

Not only is the book an essential read for anyone who pursues wild game, but the book is filled with photos from his award-winning photographer wife, Tes Randle Jolly.

Jolly's previous boss, Will Primos of "Primos Truth About Hunting" fame, said about the book, "'Memories of Spring' just may be the latest and greatest insight into turkey hunting that members of the Tenth Legion will salute."

You can order "Memories of Spring" from Amazon or send check or money order to Jolly's Outdoor Visions, 204 Fast Lane, Tuskegee, AL 36083. You can message Ron D. Jolly or Tes Randle Jolly on Facebook for more details.



ADCNR

The Black Belt Bounty coffee table book celebrates the regions outdoors heritage.

Ron has also teamed up with another legendary turkey hunter, Preston Pittman, to produce a commemorative "Memories of Spring" box call. The first run of 200 calls has sold out, but you might be able to get a second edition with a birdseye maple chassis and walnut lid when they return to production this week.

"Tenth Legion"

That quote from Primos referred to this seminal turkey book from Colonel Tom Kelly, who lived in Mobile and Spanish Fort, Alabama, for most of his life. Kelly wrote "Tenth Legion" in 1973, and it remains one of the essential reads for turkey hunters today.

This is the way the 93-year-old Kelly, considered the poet laureate of all turkey literature, describes the book: "None of the characters in this book are in any way fictional or imaginary. All are real people who have been known to the author for years. Statements made herein concerning timber, people, or the physiological processes of turkeys are matters of opinion and subject to discussion.

"Statements made herein concerning the thought processes of turkeys, or of deer hunters, are known scientific facts and are not open to question. The author declines to debate the accuracy of these with anyone. He is, however, perfectly willing to fight about them."

You can order a signed copy of "Tenth Legion, 40th Anniversary edition" from / www.tomkellyinc.net/product/tenth-legion-white-edition/.

Gaston Custom Calls

When it comes to waterfowl calls, David Gaston of Thomasville carries on the tradition of custom-built calls that he learned to build and tune from legendary call-maker Alvin Taylor of Clarendon, Arkansas.

Gaston makes duck calls out of acrylic and wood, although the wood calls are in high demand and are often sold out. If inventory doesn't show up on www.gastoncustomcalls.com/, contact him at gastoncalls@gmail.com or call 251-769-2744 to find out what is in stock.

Hunter Safety Systems

Be sure the folks on your Christmas list have the proper safety equipment for hunting season, and that means quality harnesses and lifelines.

Hunter Safety Systems, an Alabama company, started making harnesses in 2001 and has an impressive variety of safety harnesses for every need. The company also developed the Lifeline that keeps the hunter attached to the tree at all times.

Visit https://huntersafetysystem.com/ and get free shipping with orders over $35.

ADCNR lifetime licenses

If you're still stumped, head to www.outdooralabama.com/license-information and consider purchasing a lifetime license as an ultimate Christmas gift. Click on the lifetime license link for the pertinent information, including the proof of Alabama residency.

License costs are based on the recipient's age. Those under 2 years old or 50 years and older receive the best prices.

For instance, those in that age group can buy a lifetime freshwater fishing license for $178.75 or you can go all out with the hunting, state duck stamp, freshwater and saltwater fishing for $987.70. If you're between the ages of 12 and 49, that combination package is $1,486.35, still a considerable savings over a lifetime of buying annual licenses. Lifetime licenses are available for individual activities or a variety of combinations.

Time is running out, so get that order in as quickly as you can and have a Merry Christmas!

Obituary Announcements: Dec. 11

Camillus Joseph Clos, 95, of Marietta, GA passed away Dec. 6, 2020. He was born in Cullman, AL March 19, 1925 to Francis Henry and Alida Schmitt Clos. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers Frank H. Clos, Jr., Jean M. Clos, and Rene J. Clos. Mr. Clos is survived by a sister Mary Therese Clos Daniels of Atlanta, GA. Camillus attended Sacred Heart Church and School and St. Bernard High School and Junior College in Cullman. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps on Okinawa and China during World War II and in the Korean War. Later, he moved to Marietta, GA where he worked as a machinist at Lockheed Martin for more than 30 years before retiring. In Marietta he attended St. Joseph Church and later became a founding member of Holy Family Catholic Church. St. Bernard School and Abbey were always dear to his heart. In later years he joined a group of donors known as the Clairvaux Society, so named in honor of the founder of the Benedictine Order. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15 at Sacred Heart Church in Cullman, with burial following at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Visitation is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Moss Services Monday, Dec. 14, followed by the rosary at 7:30. Tributes can be made to Sacred Heart Church and St. Bernard Abbey. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

A graveside service for Mr. Herman Louis (Junior) Peinhardt of Cullman will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, 2020 at Cullman City Cemetery. Junior's family will receive friends at the funeral home from 11 a.m. until depart time to go to the cemetery. The son of the late Emil and Emma Kress Peinhardt was a longtime employee of Nicholson File. He was preceded in death by his first wife Doris Northcutt Peinhardt. He leaves behind his wife Norma Deese Peinhardt, sisters Louise Pugh and Amelia Peinhardt; a half-sister Linda Chambers; and stepsons Ron, Larry, and Bob Todd.

Lee Roy Hamby, 76, of Double Springs passed away Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020 at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He was born March 31, 1944 to Leonard and Minnie Hamby. Lee proudly served his country in the United States Army. Visitation will be Saturday, Dec.12, 2020 from 9:30-11 a.m. at Double Springs Church of Christ, where the funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Burial will be at Double Springs Memorial Cemetery (Cockrell-West). Vance Hutton and Justin Guin will officiate. Lee is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mary Lou Hamby; daughter Stacy (Denny) Tinch; grandchildren Garrett and Lily Tinch; brothers Wayne (Mary) Hamby and Frank Hamby; sister Carolyn Taylor; lifelong friend Frankie (Brenda) Hicks; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his father Leonard Hamby; mother Minnie Holcomb Hamby; brothers Carl Hamby, Russell Hamby, Jack Hamby, James Hamby and Neal Hamby; and sister Ona Keller.

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Hanceville receives $90K grant for 911 system upgrade

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Hanceville E-911 will soon be getting new equipment to help streamline its current system, thanks to a $90,000 grant from the Cullman County E-911 Board of Commissioners' Grant Program for 2021.

The council said the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, City of Cullman and Cullman Emergency Medical Services also qualified for grants.

The projects will include, according to the E-911 Board of Commissioners, "equipment, software, installation and up to one year support to provide consoles capable of toning/alerting units for incoming 911 information."

Hanceville 911 Communications- Corrections Division Supervisor Blake Burns explained, "We have two consoles here, so we have been awarded up to $90,000 to purchase these consoles that are capable of toning fire departments.

"It does make it faster, and as far the County, we will all be on the same operating system."

Hanceville purchased two stationary and three mobile positions that the City said will increase communication capabilities while improving response to situations including natural disasters.

In other business

The council approved Resolution 649 to participate in the 2021 Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday the weekend of Feb.26-28.

More information on the items included in the tax-free holiday can be found at https://revenue.alabama.gov/sales-use/sales-tax-holidays/

After a public hearing with no comments or concerns from the public or the council, the council approved Ordinance 631 to rezone the Nguyen property located at the corner of Kentucky Avenue and Commercial Street from B1(Business) to R1 (Residential).

"Why the property, which has been the location of a home for many years, was zoned B1 is "a bit of a mystery," according to the council.

The council thanked the Hanceville Civitans for their hard work and dedication to the city of Hanceville with the organization of this year's Cullman County Christmas Parade as well as the Hanceville Christmas Tree Lighting and Tinsel Trail at Veterans Memorial Park.

The next Hanceville City Council meeting will be Monday, Dec. 21 at 5:30 p.m.



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Members of the Hanceville City Council are seen Thursday evening, Dec. 10, 2020.

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2012 BMW X5 St.#07673B $14,500
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