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– LOCAL GOVERNMENT –

Cullman City Council commends Dr. Scott Warner for COVID response



VIDEO CAPTURE COURTESY OF CITY OF CULLMAN

Dr. Scott Warner accepts a resolution of commendation from Mayor Woody Jacobs at Monday's Cullman City Council meeting. » PAGE 2

– HEALTH –

CULLMAN REGIONAL RECEIVES 1ST SHIPMENT OF COVID-19 VACCINE



CULLMAN REGIONAL

Cullman Regional Supply Chain Department Representative Bo Edmonds takes the initial shipment of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to the Cullman Regional Pharmacy for storage.

Mary Beth Sellers, Karen Landers

CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Regional received the facility's first shipment of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine Monday morning. The hospital plans to administer the first round of vaccines to employees Tuesday, Dec. 15. The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) on Monday said three sites received the vaccine in the state Monday. An additional 12 sites are expected to receive the vaccine Tuesday.

"We will prioritize administration of the vaccine in accordance with the federal and state-approved guidelines that have been provided to us," said Cullman Regional Chief Medical Officer William Smith, MD. "We hope to eventually provide vaccines to all members of our health care team; however, we are currently working to vaccinate those frontline team members that are at highest risk of exposure."

Cullman Regional was one of 13 health systems in the state of Alabama selected to provide vaccinations to frontline health care workers in the first round of vaccination distribu- » PAGE 3

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Good Hope moves closer to amended mobile home ordinance

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LIFESTYLE

'Awesome since 1917': Happy 103rd birthday, Ruth Duke!

Family, friends lead birthday parade



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Ruth Duke was all smiles Saturday, taking in a socially-distanced parade from the comfort of her home as family and friends drove by to celebrate her special day. » PAGE 5

SPORTS

Gus Malzahn out as Auburn head coach



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Gus Malzahn » PAGE 8

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STATE

State ABC Board reinstitutes 'to-go' alcohol sales until Jan. 4

Dean R. Argo
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC Board) on Monday unanimously authorized its on-premise licensees to sell alcohol "to-go" until Jan. 4, 2021. In an emergency meeting, the Board voted 3-0 to allow the sales.

The recent surge in COVID-19 cases statewide caused many chambers of commerce, corporations and licensees to fear another economic slowdown during what is considered the busiest retail period of the year.

The ABC Board had previously authorized curbside sales for on-premise licensees, but that rule lapsed Sept. 15, 2020.

Under the new amendment, an Alabama licensee who holds a Restaurant and Retail Liquor License that allows the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption only may now sell for off-premises consumption using curbside pick-up or take-out services with the following restrictions:

• A licensee may sell no more than one .375 liter (375ml) bottle of spirits, two 750 ml bottles of wine, or 144 oz. of beer per customer.

• Additionally, the employee processing and handling the pick-up or take-out order must be 21 years of age or older and the licensee or employee processing and handling the pick-up or take-out order must verify that the recipient is 21 years of age or older.

"We are extremely sensitive to the plight of our licensees during the COVID-19 pandemic and we will continue to make every attempt to help them remain open, financially viable and safe," said ABC Board Administrator Mac Gipson.

The amendment takes effect immediately and terminates Jan. 4, 2021.

Cullman (from Front)

W.C. Mann
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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman City Council on Monday evening finished out its calendar year by presenting Dr. Scott Warner a resolution of commendation for his service to the city throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Warner, who works for Chest Medicine of Cullman in addition to being a reserve police officer and holding other responsibilities, has advised City officials on how to handle employee sickness and exposure, and has provided information updates for the public throughout the pandemic.

Mayor Woody Jacobs told The Tribune, "He has been kind of our- we call him about three different things- but he's been our chief medical advisor on this whole pandemic.

"When we have questions about close contact or quarantine, or whatever, he's our go-to guy."

The council meeting actually had an empty business agenda for its last meeting of the year, but Jacobs, who asked for Warner's help at the outset of the pandemic back in the spring, wanted to take a moment before the holiday break to thank his advisor.

Said Jacobs, "I hated for the holidays to pass and us not thank him, because we're not through."

As he accepted the commendation, Warner told the council and small audience, "This is something where my expertise comes to bear, and I really appreciate the opportunity to do it, and hopefully provide good advice, good care, so that we can get through this with the least amount of casualties as possible."



COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Monday, Dec. 14, 2020 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

• Total confirmed cases in AL: 244,762 (+1,932 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in AL: 53,133 (+332 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in AL: 3,624 (+0 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in AL: 478
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 4,125 (+26 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 1,609 (+8 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 46 (+0 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 13
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 28,591
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,900
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 1,227
• Total tested in Alabama: 1,723,669
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 49,096
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 141,182
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 2,286
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 28,913
• Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 174,805

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

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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. 19 Drive-thru food bank 9-11 a.m. Bring a picture ID.
• Dec. 23, 7 p.m. Candle Lighting & Communion Service by Pastor Bobby Dodd. Everyone welcome! We will social distance and celebrate JESUS.

Hanceville Tinsel Trail
Now through Christmas at Veterans Park in Hanceville. Free admission. Enjoy the lights and displays as you walk along the Tinsel Trail.

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. 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. 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.

LifeSouth Christmas Blood Drive
Thursday, Dec. 17 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at RE Garrison Trucking, 1103 County Road 1194, Cullman, AL 35179

Living Nativity
• Dec. 17-20, times vary, at West Point Baptist Church, 140 County Road 1242, Cullman, AL 35057
This is a free, socially distanced, outdoor event with music, drama and live animals! Parents, there will also be a photo opportunity for your children with the nativity animals.
• We will offer two presentations each night: 6 and 7:30 p.m.
• Being mindful of others, we will limit each presentation to 50 people.
• Reserve your place online or call for your reservation today!
• https://bit.ly/LivingNativity2020 256-739-5849

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!

Holly Pond Civitan Club Cards in the Park and Luminaries
Friday, Dec. 18 at 5 p.m. at Governors Park in Holly Pond. Walk around the park and enjoy the giant "Christmas Cards" on display and the luminaries placed around the walkways.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 14

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 14, 2020. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Dec. 10
- theft of property; CR 1435
- attempting to elude; CR 1179
- domestic violence; CR 223
- domestic violence; CR 700
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- domestic violence; CR 1179
- domestic violence; CR 1763
- harassment; Hwy. 31
- theft of property; CR 437
- theft of property; CR 544
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1233

Dec. 11
- theft of property; CR 1606
- harassment; CR 1635
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 734
- harassment; Hwy. 31
- assault; Chad Drive
- unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69
- theft of property; CR 1435
- theft of property; Chad Drive

Dec. 12
- domestic violence; Lee Road
- theft of property; CR 1371
- criminal mischief, trespassing; CR 1742
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence; Henke Drive
- theft of property; CR 340

Dec. 13
- domestic violence; CR 1421
- harassment; School House Road
- domestic violence; CR 1466
- menacing, trespassing; CR 1371
- theft of property; CR 469
- theft of property; CR 1373
- domestic violence; CR 1212
- unlawful possession of marijuana, illegal possession of prescription drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S
- domestic violence, resisting arrest; CR 1305
- harassment, criminal mischief; CR 359
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; CR 437
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1212
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 359
- theft of property, criminal mischief, trespassing; Hwy. 157

ARRESTS

Dec. 10

Barnes, Tabitha Ann, 24
- third-degree burglary

Cheatham, Nathan Ray, 28
- FTA- permitting dogs to run at large

Groves, Jeffrey Dean, 60
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Hughes, James Ellis, 21
- FTA- attempting to elude
- FTA- reckless endangerment
- FTA- resisting arrest

McDonald, Robert Canaan, 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Ray, Samantha Lynn, 24
- FTA- DUI- .08 or greater

Reel, Lorrie L., 33
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Sachs Jr., James Edward, 41
- attempting to elude
- third-degree domestic violence- menacing

Schofield, Alexis Cheyenne, 18
- chemical endangerment of a child

Thompson, Joshua Andrew, 40
- FTA- driving while suspended

Weller, Stacey Shay, 42
- second-degree forgery

Dec. 11-13

Berry, Dennis Samuel, 27
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Burbage, George Richard, 46
- FTA- illegal possession or use of a credit or debit card (4 counts)

Church, Ashley Michelle, 30
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Collier, Michael Chase, 24
- probation violation-third-degree theft of property

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

Freeman, Breanna Reigh, 30
- first-degree criminal mischief
- first-degree criminal trespassing
- second-degree promoting prison contraband
- first-degree theft of property

Freeman, Logan Lee, 31
- giving false name to law enforcement
- public intoxication
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (without theft) (2 counts)

Fuller, Sidney Alexander, 20
- carrying a pistol without a license
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Gustafson, Jessica Marie, 30
- illegal possession of alcohol

Holcomb, Matthew Stuart, 40
- first-degree burglary

Ledlow, Joshua Felton, 37
- third-degree burglary

McClellan, Michael Preston, 22
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Morris, Jason Keith, 41
- FTA- second-degree domestic violence
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Noe, Grady Tucker, 26
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Ross, Jamie Breeanna, 22
- probation revoked-chemical endangerment of a child

Shelnutt, Cristal Joyce, 39
- FTA- illegal possession or use of a credit or debit card (old charge)
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Stutts, Ronald Wheeler, 67
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- resisting arrest

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

Underwood, Jeffery Alan, 54
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- third-degree elder abuse and neglect

Villa, Patricia Dee, 39
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Wilson, Jennifer Nicole, 30
- FTA- permitting dogs to run at large

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Vaccine (from Front)

tions.

The ADPH said Alabama will receive an initial allocation of 40,950 Pfizer vaccines which will be distributed to 13 health systems and 15 different locations. Of that total, Cullman Regional will receive 1,950 vaccinations which will be distributed to EMS staff (15% of allocation), physicians (15% of allocation), hospital staff (50% of allocation), additional hospital staff and physicians in a 40-mile radius (20% of allocation).

Cullman Regional has set up a Vaccination Clinic for frontline health care workers which will begin this week. Vaccines will be given by appointment only in order to accommodate all parties in a timely manner.

The vaccine requires each dose to be defrosted prior to use and must be used within a limited time frame; therefore, appointments will be required in order to ensure efficient use of all allocated vaccinations.

Any outside hospitals and physicians interested in receiving vaccination information should contact 256-737-2754 for additional instructions.

More from Dr. Karen Landers at the ADPH:

Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine was allocated using a federal microplanning tool. The current allocation for administration is 50% for hospital health care workers, 15% for EMS providers, 15% for physician offices, and 20% for other hospital staff not associated with the point of distribution.

ADPH follows ACIP recommendations regarding administration to persons in Phase 1a, currently identified as health care providers and residents of long-term care. Vaccine administration to persons in this first phase is expected to be administered within a day or days of receipt of shipment.

Residents of long-term care will be vaccinated through the Federal Pharmacy Program in cooperation with large chain pharmacies.

ADPH selected hospitals to receive the initial allocation based upon their ability to handle ultracold storage product.

Cold chain storing will be managed according to the product requirements. Mechanisms for monitoring of temperature of the product are in place as part of the shipping and storage process.

Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine requires two doses separated by 21 days, and a recall system for second doses has been established.

Additional vaccine doses of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine are expected at weekly intervals, and the second doses of the vaccine will be included in follow-up allocations. A recall system has been established to ensure follow-up doses.

Information regarding the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine's side effect profile indicated that some recipients had pain at the site of injection, headaches, fever, muscle aches and chills.

These were seen more with the second dose than the first dose and were reported to resolve over one to two days. Mechanisms are in place to monitor for vaccine side effects.

Vaccine safety is an important aspect of provision of any product.

ADPH will follow information from CDC related to any potential adverse events from COVID-19 vaccine as is done with other vaccines.

Hospitals will also follow CDC/FDA/ADPH information as it is received. ADPH does not plan to require COVID-19 vaccine, nor is anyone mandating immunization, but Alabama hospitals are encouraging staff most at risk for exposure staff to do so.

All entities providing COVID-19 vaccine are required to enroll in Alabama's Immunization Patient Registry with Integrated Technology (ImmPRINT) for ordering, documentation, and tracking of vaccine doses. More entities have completed ImmPRINT enrollment and others are in the process of enrolling each day.

In the coming days and weeks, ADPH expects additional allocations of the Pfizer product.]

As any additional vaccine product receives EUA, processes to receive, store and administer will be followed, appropriate to the vaccine product. ADPH will update as new information becomes available.

For more information, go to alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/vaccine.html.

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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

Sharon Bright
Personal Representative

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

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

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WHATLEY JACQULYN, Defendant.

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

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

A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINNG 0.46 ACRES IN CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS;
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are unknown to the Plaintiff and it appearing that the Plaintiff has filed a Bill to Quiet Title seeking the entire and undivided fee simple interest in and to the subject lands with no restrictions thereon,

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

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

DONE this 25th day of November, 2020.

/s/ GREGORY A NICHOLAS
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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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County Head Start students receive gifts from Cullman Elks Lodge

Dale Ball
Cullman Elks Lodge

CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. – Garden City, Vinemont and Harmony Head Start students on Monday received special deliveries from Santa's Helpers. All county Head Start students received gifts from the Cullman Elks Lodge.

Due to COVID-19, the Cullman Elks Lodge was unable to host its annual Kids' Christmas event for the first time in more than 30 years. Normally, kids come to the lodge and watch as Santa is flown in by helicopter to present the children with their gifts.

Excitement filled the air as helpers Karri Ridgeway and Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Dale Ball delivered presents to the schools. Garden City teachers were so excited we were able to adjust to guidelines and continue our tradition!

Thanks to Santa's Helpers Donna Dunn, Diana Monk, and Alena and Sam Cook and grandsons Chandler and Landon for helping with deliveries.

This is another community project that shows how "Elks Care & Elks Share," building stronger communities.

Helpers weren't allowed in the classrooms due to COVID-19 guidelines, but a few students came to offices briefly for a photograph. In other cases, photos were forwarded to the Elks by teachers.



CULLMAN ELKS LODGE

STATE

4 Alabama properties added to National Register of Historic Places

Andi Martin
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Alabama Historical Commission, the State Historic Preservation Office, is pleased to announce that four Alabama properties have been added to the National Register of Historic Places: Macon County High School in Notasulga; Mobile Seamen's Club Building in Mobile; South Central Bell Building (AT&T City Center) in Birmingham; and Ashland Place Fire Station in Mobile.

The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of cultural resources, worthy of preservation. Authorized under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Register is part of a nationwide program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect our historic and archaeological places. Properties listed in the NR include districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture at the local, state, and/or national level. Alabama has more than 1,250 properties in the National Register.

"Through the advocacy of citizens and the Alabama Historical Commission, we hope these cultural resources and their legacies remain for generations to come. National Register properties in Alabama tell an incredibly rich and diverse story of how our citizens and state have changed the world," said State Historic Preservation Officer and Executive Director of the Alabama Historical Commission Lisa D. Jones.

Macon County High School, 500 East Main Street, Notasulga, Macon County

Known as Notasulga High School since the early 1970s, Macon County High School's history illustrates the profound changes taking place in public education in the American South during the 1960s and 1970s, particularly the process of integration. Events, students, and faculty at the school during its period of significance are directly associated with Lee v. Macon County Board of Education (1963-2006), the nationally significant landmark Civil Rights case that set a precedent for an enhanced role for the federal government in the desegregation of local schools through judicial relief, direct on-ground intervention, and compliance monitoring.

The legal battle that spawned Lee v. Macon County began with the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark 1954 Brown v. Board of Education decision, which declared unconstitutional all state laws mandating separate public schools for black and white students. On January 28, 1963, attorney Fred Gray filed suit on behalf of eight families, including brothers Anthony and Henry Lee, to force the Macon County Board of Education to desegregate the county schools. White resistance to desegregation came to a head at a dramatic stand-off at Macon County High School, when the Mayor of Notasulga refused to allow six Black students to enter the school, while state police cars dispatched by Governor George Wallace lined the street.

The initial 1963 lawsuit was expanded to include the Alabama State Board of Education. In 1964, federal Judges, including Frank M. Johnson, ordered the State of Alabama to stop supporting segregated schools. The decision was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in Wallace v. United States, making a blueprint for school desegregation across the country.

Lee v. Macon County Board of Education is also significant in that it replaced the necessity of addressing integration school district by school district with a statewide approach and grew in scope to affect other education-related institutions. Macon County High School received nationwide and international attention as a model example of successful integration in the late 1960s and 1970s.

Mobile Seamen's Club Building, 350 St. Joseph Street, Mobile, Mobile County

The Mobile Seamen's Club was established in the 19th century to provide safe lodging and religious and moral instruction to the men who worked on the many ships that passed through the port in Mobile. The building was completed in 1949 and was designed by Mobile, AL architect John Platt Roberts whose legacy includes UMS-Wright and Mobile Infirmary.

The history of the site illustrates the expansion of the shipping industry in Mobile after World War II, which increased the number of seamen passing through Mobile. The Seafarer's International Union and the Waterman Steamship Company supported the construction of the Mobile Seamen's Club Building, reflecting the increased involvement of labor unions and employers in providing lodging, recreation, and support services for local seamen.

The City of Mobile purchased the building in 1982, using it for office space, and it was known as City Hall North for nearly 20 years. Developers are renovating the building to become an apartment complex.

The Mobile Seamen's Club Building is architecturally significant as an early example of Modern architecture in downtown Mobile and as an important example of the work of local architect John Platt Roberts. Echoes of the building's design are evident in Platt's later work.



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Firehouse No. 12

South Central Bell Building (AT&T City Center) 600 19th Street North Birmingham, Jefferson County

The AT&T City Center is a 30-story, 390-foot office building in Birmingham, Alabama. Completed in 1971, it was originally known as the South Central Bell Building, designed by Der Scutt from the New York firm Kahn and Jacobs. It served as the corporate headquarters for South Central Bell and its five-state operating territory.

The building was renamed the BellSouth City Center after Brasfield & Gorrie completed an $80 million renovation in 1988. BellSouth was purchased by AT&T in 2006, and the building's name was changed to AT&T City Center. As AT&T's corporate structure shifted, the company moved all its employees out of the building by March 2018. New owners purchased the building soon after and are currently developing it as a mixed-use space, combining residential, office, and restaurant.

The South Central Bell Building is historically significant "as a symbol of Birmingham's rebirth as an urban center in the New South." The company's move to Birmingham was an important event in the city's emergence as a regional hub for business and its efforts to repair the city's image after the violence of the Civil Rights Movement.

It is locally significant example of an International Style skyscraper in Birmingham that reflected national trends in skyscraper design.

Firehouse No. 12 (Ashland Place Fire Station) Old Shell Road, Mobile, Mobile County

A boundary increase to the Midtown Historic District in Mobile added the Ashland Place Fire Station to the National Register-listed historic district. The small fire station on Old Shell Road was constructed in 1930, not long after the area was brought into the city limits. The fire station was built to serve the growing number of houses and residents in the neighborhoods that would later form the Midtown Historic District and was one of the first fire stations in the city to be built for motorized rather than horse-drawn firefighting vehicles. Built in the Tudor Revival style, the fire station is architecturally similar to other resources in the Midtown Historic District.

For more information about the National Register, or to learn how to begin the process of nominating a property, visit www.ahc.alabama.gov.

OPINION

Sin, part 10

Tom Fillinger
Tribune Columnist

We continue in our study of sin. Sin is an undeniable fact. Today we begin to consider the effects of sin upon man, all men.

It is extremely doubtful whether any intelligent person whose moral intuitions have not been completely destroyed or whose mental perceptions have not been blunted by indulgence in wickedness, can successfully persuade himself permanently that sin is a myth or a creation of the imagination, and not a grim reality.

Sin is a quality or condition of soul which exists in every child born of woman, and not merely at isolated times but at all times, and at every stage of his career, though not always manifesting itself in the same forms of thought, feeling, word and action in every individual or even in the same individual.

It has affected extensively the whole race of man in every age from the beginning of the world on, in every land beneath the sun, in every race into which mankind has been divided.

Scripture utters no uncertain sound on the world-embracing character of moral corruption, in the pre-diluvian age (Genesis 6:12), in David's generation (Psalm 14:3), in Isaiah's time (Isaiah 53:6), and in the Christian era (Romans 3:23).

Solomon's verdict holds good, "There is no man that does not sin" (I Kings 8:46)." "There is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good and does not sin" (Ecclesiastes 7:20). "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (I John 1:8).

We will ponder only two at this time. Look first at the matter of guilt. I mean real guilt, that feeling of having done wrong because I know I did wrong.

Sometimes a person is plagued with *pseudo guilt*, a guilt feeling arising from emotional causes. During my years of pastoral counseling, I interviewed young people and older people who were depressed and at the same time condemning and punishing themselves for having done wrong and shameful things. In some instances, the person was not able to name any particular act or sin that produced the guilt feeling. In such cases I tried to learn the cause of the false guilt feeling. One case in particular comes to mind.

A young man named "Larry" repeatedly came to my study plagued with guilt. The truth was he was not willing to embrace Christ and receive cleansing from the penalty of sin.

Have you? No one will know the torments of hell for all eternity because they came to Christ and were rejected. He is merciful, kind, loving and redeems all who call upon him.

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

EDUCATION

St. Paul's cancels New Year's Eve fundraiser

Emily Trahan
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – St. Paul's Lutheran School traditionally holds two large fundraisers each year- the New Year's Eve fundraiser and the Alumni & Friends Dinner and School Auction in the spring. The school depends on them to help maintain operations throughout the school year that aren't covered by tuition; however, after much consideration, the school has canceled its Back to the 80s New Year's Fundraiser.

"Over growing community concern with the increase of COVID cases, we've decided that it would be in the best interest of all to pass on gathering this year," St. Paul's Director of Creative Services Emily Trahan said Monday morning.

"We know so many families are taking precautions this holiday season to stay safe and healthy. We have been blessed at St. Paul's Lutheran School to be able to offer traditional school throughout the year.

"This is made possible in part by our support staff's daily cleaning and disinfectant fogging of classrooms, hallways, gyms and any other shared spaces. Our children have done an exemplary job of utilizing our mobile hand sanitation stations, wearing their masks and washing their hands."



ST. PAUL'S

Pictured, left to right, (bottom row) are Theo Clark, Blakely Schnur and Claire Byars; (middle row) Levi Shikle and Jace Holderfield; and (top row) Braxton Bates, Maeleigh Holderfield, and Jack Adams.

Continued Trahan, "Our students carefully watch our fundraising thermometer and like to help fill it in when a donation has been made. The students recently had an Alabama v. Auburn coin drop that raised almost $300 and got a kick out of it when we were able to add more red to our thermometer.

"If you normally consider going out for New Year's but have decided to stay in this year, we would be greatly appreciative of any donation that you would be comfortable making."

To make a tax-exempt donation to St. Paul's Lutheran School, mail your donation to 510 Third Ave. SE Cullman, AL 35055. Donate online at stpaulscullman.com.

Duke (from Front)

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CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

WELTI, Ala. – There was snow on the ground and more falling in the Welti community Dec. 12, 1917, so the rain falling Saturday was "fitting" according to Ruth Duke. Duke, who turned 103 years old Saturday, is known affectionately as "Mama Duke" by her family and friends. For her special day, she proudly sported her new sweatshirt that perhaps said it best- "Awesome Since 1917."

Family and friends gathered in the rain Saturday morning at Mt. Zion Baptist Church to line up for a birthday parade in honor of Mama Duke. Also fitting, considering Mt. Zion has been her church home for many, many years. As the parade, escorted by members of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, made its way to Mama Duke's house she positioned herself at the front door making sure she would be able to see everyone. She was all smiles as she waited for the cars and spoke of the snow on the day she was born. Five generations were represented in the parade, including Mama Duke's younger sister Sue, who is in her 90s.

She waved and smiled as each car, decorated with signs and balloons, made its way past the front porch. Family showered her with love and laughs with her first grandson boasting to be her favorite. She neither confirmed nor denied the claim. While not everyone was able to be at the parade, Mama Duke is proud of her four children, 10 grandchildren, more than 20 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Longevity runs in Mama Duke's family; her own mother lived to be 103. In an interview with The Tribune in 2019, she shared, "When we got together for Christmas or anything, my mama always wanted to sing 'Blest Be the Tie that Binds' before we would leave. So, when we would start heading home, we'd sing, 'Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.'"

Asked in 2019 what her best advice in life is, she replied, "Be content with what you got-not worry! I think that gives you upset stomach when you worry about things. I've always tried to take things as they come and make the best of it. I've never had much, but it didn't worry me. I had plenty to eat and stayed warm. I didn't always stay cool. I hadn't been cool until the last few years since I got air conditioning. Just be content. We all have lots to be thankful for."

Read more about Ruth Duke at www.cullmantribune.com/tag/ruth-duke.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Roberts' game-winner lifts Addison over Cold Springs

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

BREMEN, Ala. -- Cold Springs hosted Addison in a pivotal early season area matchup at their outstanding gym Friday night. The lobby of the gym has to be the class of Cullman County showing the storied history of Cold Springs Eagles basketball. The much-anticipated matchup between mother and daughter coaches, the teacher and the pupil well, turned out to be anticlimatic. The veteran Lady Eagles hammered the young Lady Bulldogs 66-28. The boys' matchup was an instant classic with everything you could ask for. Numerous lead changes, fired up fans, disputed foul calls, last second shots and a mysterious two seconds that was added to the clock at the end. Addison came away with a nail biter, 48-47 win.

Cold Springs 66 – Addison 28 (varsity girls)
The varsity girls' game started with Cold Springs Coach Tammy West leading her veteran Lady Eagles against Addison Coach Bailey West, her daughter, and her young Lady Dawgs. The mother came away with the victory on this night as Cold Springs pummeled Addison 66-28.

From the outset, it was clear that Cold Springs was the better team on this night. Led by Senior Shay Sellers and Senior Lacey Rice the Lady Eagles scored the first nine points of the game and led 17-8 at the end of the first period. Cold Springs pressed and harassed the young Dawgs into numerous turnovers. The second period was no better for the Lady Dawgs as they were outscored 17-3, including a 13-0 run, in the frame to go into the half trailing 34-11. Gracie "Bug" Manley tried to keep the Dawgs close with her six points in the half.

The second half was more of the same as Cold Springs continued shooting the lights out and dominating the glass. Lady Eagle Senior Guard Toni West scored eight of her game high 14 points in the second half. Cold Springs outscored Addison 32-17 in the second half for a final of 66-28.

The win evened Cold Springs' record at 5-5 while the loss dropped Addison to 5-5 as well.

After the game, Lady Eagles Coach Tammy West said, "Very proud of our girls and their effort. Was glad to see more team scoring. Our last game (Fairview) we had one girl score over 40 by herself and the rest of the team had about 20 and we lost. We are a better team when everyone of our ladies gets involved. Six of our seven scorers in this game had eight or more points.

That is what we are looking for a team effort. We are a veteran team and are getting better. I mean most of our girls have played together since they were in the third grade. It was tough coaching against my daughter, but we are a close family, and it is not the first time I have coached against one of them. I coached against my brother he is the head coach at West Point. I know Bailey will do very well at Addison because she loves it there and has strong community support."

Addison Coach Bailey West also said, "It was weird coaching against my mom, but you have to do what you have to do. We just couldn't hit any shots tonight. I mean we got some good looks we just couldn't get them to go down. They (Cold Springs) are a great team and we just have to get better."

Leading Cold Springs was Toni West scoring 14 points and pulling down eight rebounds. Sellers had 12 points, 11 boards, three steals and two blocks. Rice had 12 points and seven rebounds.

Leading Addison was Molly Gilbreath with eight points and three boards. Manley had seven points and 10 boards.

Addison 48 – Cold Springs 47 (varsity boys)
The boys' game was a back-and-forth affair with no one having a lead of over six points. The first period ended in a 13-13 tie. Cold Springs tied the game at 13 with a Micah Calvert three pointer at the buzzer. This was a preview of what was to come. The second period was good as well. Addison's Logan "Baby Shaq" Wilkins was hot and put in 15 first half points to include a pair of three pointers. Bulldog Point Guard Eli "Curly" Howse had eight points and two assists in the half. Cold Springs' Seth Williams kept pace with eight points of his own. Eagles Brody Peppers tossed in six points and four boards in the half to keep the game even.

The second half couldn't possibly match the first half in excitement and intensity, right? Wrong. ddison came out and jumped out to a six-point lead until their leader, Wilkins, picked up three fouls in a two-minute time span, to include two offensive fouls. With Wilkins on the bench, the Eagles made a run and at the end of the third the score stood at Addison 41, Cold Springs 40.

Jessie "Rooster" Brock filled in well for the high-flying Wilkins playing tough defense and helping the Bulldogs stay in the game. Cold Springs' Calvert, the smallest man on the court, has no conscious as he fired up three pointers from all over the court in Steph Curry fashion. Calvert nailed three in the second half, one from Crane Hill, all of them to either tie the game or give the Eagles the lead. Calvert's last three put the Eagles up 47-45 with around 50 seconds to go in the game.

After both teams turned the ball over, Addison had the ball with ten seconds to go in the game. Everyone assumed the Dawgs were going to run the last shot through Wilkins or Howse but oh no, a quick pass to forward Christian "Ice Man" Roberts and he calmly drained a three pointer with only 2.8 seconds on the clock to give Addison the 48-47 lead. Unfortunately for Cold Springs, the Eagles couldn't get off a final shot and the game ended with the Bulldogs on top 48-47.

The win improved Addison to 5-5 and 2-0 area. Cold Springs falls to 1-1 in area.

After the dramatic win, Coach Mastin said, "This is a huge win for us. Addison hasn't won on this floor in over 35 years and this is a good Cold Springs basketball team. So proud of the way everyone picked up the slack when Logan (Wilkins) went out with four fouls. We are improving a little bit every game and that is all I can ask for."

Cold Springs was led by Calvert with 15 points, all three pointers, and three boards. Peppers had 10 points and four boards. Williams had eight points and a steal.

Addison was led by Wilkins' game high 19 points and four boards. Howse had 13 points, three boards and three steals. Roberts had eight points and five boards.

Wiggins wins Classic Fish-Off, earns Final Classic berth at Florida's Harris Chain

Emily Harley
B.A.S.S. Communications

LEESBURG, Fla. — There were times Saturday when Jordan Wiggins wondered if he had enough magic remaining to write the fairy-tale ending for a special week on the Harris Chain of Lakes.

He had to work for it, but the 29-year-old Cullman, Ala., resident proved in the end that dreams really do come true in central Florida.

Wiggins won the Bassmaster Team Championship Classic Fish-Off on Saturday with a two-day total of 10 bass that weighed 31 pounds, 9 ounces. His limit of 9-0 on Day 2 was significantly less than the tournament-best 22-9 he caught a day earlier, but it was enough for him to punch his ticket into the 2021 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Huk.

The Classic is scheduled for March 19-21 on Lake Ray Roberts near Fort Worth, Texas. Wiggins is the 54th and final angler to qualify for the next edition of the biggest bass tournament in the world.

"I've been shaking all day just thinking about making it to the Classic," he said shortly after receiving a congratulatory hug from his wife, Whitney. "I've dreamed of this ever since I've been going fishing and I've been fishing a long time. This is awesome; just unreal."

Wiggins and his fishing partner Wesley Sams qualified for the Bassmaster Team Championship via the Alabama Bass Trail. They won the team portion of the tournament earlier this week with a two-day total of 39-8 and were one of three teams that advanced to the Classic Fish-Off.

Wiggins continued with the hot hand during the fish-off, when the top six anglers had their weights zeroed and started fishing individually. Wiggins' 22-9 bag on Friday was anchored by a whopping 8-12 largemouth that was the heaviest catch of the week and gave him a 7 1/2-pound cushion heading into the final day.

Wiggins suspected the final day would be a grind, both mentally and physically, and it was. He fished all week on the same stretch of eelgrass and Kissimmee grass where Lake Harris meets Little Lake Harris, but the bite wasn't nearly as productive Saturday as it had been the three previous days.

Feeling the pressure, he remained on the deck of his boat for seven consecutive hours, not even stopping to take a drink despite the 80-degree temperature.

Wiggins mustered a limit, but he was concerned one of his five competitors might catch a Harris Chain heavy and overtake him. They also failed to find big bass Saturday, however, with Andy Walls of the Minnesota B.A.S.S. Nation weighing the big bag (12-10) to finish second overall with 23-5. Sams caught 10-6 and placed third with 21-2.

"I knew when I put the boat in this morning that it wasn't going to be a good day," Wiggins said, noting the patchy cloud cover over central Florida on Saturday.

"If you're in Florida and you don't have much knowledge of the lake, you want the sun.

"It's your friend, especially when you're fishing grass. I still won by a good amount, but I'm disappointed I didn't catch them better than I did. I'm just lucky the other guys didn't have great days either."

Wiggins threw a white Z-Man Evergreen ChatterBait JackHammer with a White Trash Little Dipper to catch every bass he weighed in both the team portion and the fish-off.

"He said the key was getting the bait nudged against the Kissimmee grass and moving it slowly through the small area between it and the eelgrass.

Wiggins had fished the Harris Chain before, teaming with Sams to finish 30th in the 2018 Bassmaster Team Championship. Both anglers said that experience gave them a chance to learn how the fishery works and they utilized the knowledge this year.



BRENDEN KANIES/B.A.S.S.

Jordan Wiggins, of Cullman, Ala., has won the Bassmaster Team Championship Classic Fish-Off on the Harris Chain of Lakes with a two-day total of 31 pounds, 9 ounces.

Wiggins also thanked his brother Jesse, who loaned him his truck to make the drive to the Harris Chain. Jesse is a pro angler with three previous Bassmaster wins to his credit, including the Southern Open on the Harris Chain in 2017. Jesse also fished in three Classics, finishing third in 2019 on the Tennessee River in Knoxville.

Jordan, 19 months younger than Jesse, said he and his brother are very competitive.

"He holds that over my head, that he's fished the Classic," Jordan said. "But now I'm going too, and he can't say anything anymore."

Rounding out the Classic Fish-Off standings were Daryl Adams, Alabama Bass Trail, 21-1, Keith Tuma, Minnesota B.A.S.S. Nation, 18-10 and Keith Mayfield, Alabama Bass Trail, 14-10.

The tournament was hosted by GO Sports, Visit Lake and the City of Leesburg.

No. 1 Alabama closes regular season with a 52-3 win at Arkansas

UA Athletics
Contributor

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. – The No. 1/1 Alabama football team finished up its 2020 regular season with a dominant 52-3 victory against Arkansas in Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium Saturday afternoon.

The win moves the Crimson Tide to 10-0 on the season, while the Razorbacks go to 3-7.

It also extends Alabama's record for the most consecutive 10-win seasons in Southeastern Conference history to 13. The win makes Alabama the only team in SEC history to win 10 conference games in a season.

Alabama took control of the game midway through the first quarter, scoring 49 unanswered to put the Razorbacks away.

The Tide also extended its college-football record of consecutive games scoring at least 35 points to 23 games on a Brian Robinson Jr. four-yard rushing touchdown just before the half.

Alabama finished the game with 443 total yards, while holding Arkansas to 188 yards of total offense. The Tide defense racked up a season-high eight sacks and forced four turnovers, recovering three fumbles and grabbing an interception.

Alabama's running back duo of Najee Harris and Robinson Jr. combined for 100 yards and five touchdowns on the day.

Jase McClellan led the Tide in rushing with 95 yards on six carries, with most of the yards coming on an 80-yard, fourth-quarter touchdown run.

Miller Forristall and John Metchie III led all receivers, finishing with six catches for 52 yards and five catches for 72 yards, respectively. Mac Jones was an efficient 24-for-29 and 208 yards through the air.

Jaylen Moody and Byron Young had seven tackles apiece to lead the defense, while Will Anderson Jr. and Christian Barmore had two sacks each, accounting for half of the Tide's total.

Brian Branch snagged an interception in the end zone to set up the Crimson Tide's final score in the fourth quarter.

HOW IT HAPPENED
First Quarter
• 10:54 - UA | Will Reichard's 45-yard field goal attempt was good, putting the Tide on the board first.
• 07:18 - ARK | The Razorbacks evened the score off a 26-yard field goal by Matthew Phillips.
• 02:36 - UA | DeVonta Smith returned an 84-yard punt for a score, the first return touchdown of his career.

Second Quarter
• 12:04 - UA | Harris capped off an eight-play drive to start the quarter with a one-yard touchdown run.
• 11:50 - UA | A Christopher Allen sack and fumble recovery by DJ Dale set up the short field for the Tide, resulting in a five-yard touchdown run by Harris.
• 06:43 - UA | Alabama scored its third rushing touchdown of the quarter off a one-yard score by Robinson Jr.
• 00:33 - UA | A four-yard touchdown run from Robinson Jr. gave the Tide a 35-point lead before halftime.

Third Quarter
• 07:24 - UA | Robinson Jr. tacked on his third-straight rushing touchdown on the Tide's opening drive of the quarter, which lasted 7:36.

Fourth Quarter
• 01:51 - UA | One play after Branch's interception in the end zone resulted in a touchback, McClellan raced 80 yards for a touchdown to push the final score to 52-3.

Up Next
Alabama travels to Atlanta, Ga., for the 2020 Southeastern Conference Championship Game. The Crimson Tide will square off with the Florida Gators inside Mercedes-Benz Stadium with kickoff set for 7 p.m. CT on CBS. It will be the 42nd meeting overall and 10th in the SEC Championship between the two programs with Alabama holding a 27-14 all-time advantage in the series, a number that includes a 5-4 mark in Atlanta. The Crimson Tide is currently riding a six-game winning streak over the Gators and has posted three straight victories over UF in SEC Championship pairings.

Obituary Announcements: Dec. 15



On Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020, Charles Matthew Morris, Jr., loving husband and father of two, passed away. He is survived by his adoring wife of 52 years, Marja; his two daughters Beth Morris Veigl (Edgar W. Veigl) of Cullman, AL and Kathy Morris-Jones (Steven E. Jones III) of Brooklyn, NY; and three grandchildren Lily Beth Veigl, Chloe Annabelle Jones, and Hudson Mitchell Jones; sister Barbara Morris Evans; brother Joe Morris; sister-in-law Dr. Sally K Mitchell (Dr. Crispin Spencer); and a host of nieces, nephews, and other family members and friends. Charlie is now reunited with his family and friends that preceded him in death: his parents Charles Matthew Morris, Sr. and Mary Louise Coffee Morris; his sister and her husband, Mary Louise Morris Petrossian (Leon Petrossian); his father and mother-in-law, Col. John W. (Jack) Mitchell and Mary O'Connor Mitchell; his sister-in-law Delores "Tudie" Tudor Morris; and his brothers-in-law Jesse "Shep" Evans, Jr. and John Wilmot Mitchell, Jr., who was like a brother to Charlie. Charlie was born May 2, 1940 in Decatur, Alabama; he was an alumnus of Florence State College, now known as the University of North Alabama. Following college, he served in the U.S. Army on active duty for over four years and remained in the reserves for an additional 5 years. Charlie's non-military career began during a visit to his older sister in Washington, DC, to see President Kennedy's Inauguration. He decided to stay for the following semester and visited the local unemployment office to find a job. He was placed in a temporary position at The White House on a small team of men responding to 4 million pieces of mail sent to President-Elect Kennedy before the Inauguration. This position led to a 31-year career serving under seven U.S. Presidents as a non-political staffer in The Executive Office of the President. After the White House, Charlie spent nine years at the Department of Energy as the Director of Printing and Publishing. He was an adept storyteller and was an entertaining "off the record" biographer of each of the Presidents he had the privilege of serving. Charlie met his wife Marja when they worked together during the Johnson administration; they were married June 8, 1968 at Bolling Air Force Base Chapel. Our family called him Dai, Charlie, Charles, Popsie, Grampy Charlie, and Uncle Charlie. He had a sweet and kind soul, a smile on his face and will always be remembered for his big heart. He gave his best in everything he set out to do, especially with his family. His patience was evident, considering Marja's packing habits for road trips. He even had to buy larger cars to accommodate the second wardrobe that came along for the ride. He loved cars and loved to drive. He would often take long road trips with his family to visit his in-laws in Vero Beach, Florida and siblings in Alabama. Beyond his family, Charlie's passion was golf. The game was etched in him from a young age. He was introduced to the game he grew to love and master at the Decatur Country Club, under his mentor, Golf Pro, Bill Curtis. He would walk daily to the club where he began caddying, working his way up to attending the bag room and eventually into the golf shop. He started learning how to play on Mondays when the club was closed and could practice the game. Charlie was a scratch golfer throughout most of his life and captain of his collegiate golf team. Upon his retirement, Charlie returned to his hometown of Decatur from Northern Virginia, which allowed him to play in all of the Alabama Invitational Golf Tournaments. He had a love of sports, watched every golf tournament that aired, was a member of the White House Bowling league, and enjoyed watching football and baseball. He liked Auburn football but had a soft spot for his daughters' alma maters, the Tennessee Vols and the Virginia Tech Hokies. He enjoyed playing golf with friends at Hidden Creek CC (Reston, VA) as well as Decatur CC and Burningtree CC (Decatur, AL). To know Charlie Morris was to love him. You knew you were in for a fun surprise when he winked just before a joke. He was one-of-a-kind and we are so blessed that he was ours. We will miss him dearly. The family would like to thank everyone for their heartfelt prayers and best wishes. We would like to especially thank his good friend, Kent Murphy, for his many visits and support over the years. Due to the risk of COVID-19 the family is regretfully not having any services at this time. When times are safer, the family will announce a memorial celebration of Charlie's life. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Charlie's memory to the following organizations: The Alabama Golf Association Foundation/Youth on Course Alabama- www.golfgenius.com/pages/2721302; Kids R First - an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the education and helping kids (grades K-12) from families of limited financial means with school supplies to receive the same opportunities as their peers in Northern Virginia. (www.kidsrfirst.org). Please visit www.mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home, Cullman, AL directing.

Graveside services for Judith Elaine Taylor, 76, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15 at Good Hope Cemetery; Rev. Charles York officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Taylor passed away Friday, Dec. 11, 2020 at her residence. She was born Oct. 13, 1944 to Oscar and Nellie Moody Huffman. She served Christ Covenant Church as secretary for 22 years. She loved flowers, gardening and she loved her family. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Thomas Taylor; daughter Karen (David) West; sons Brian (Monica) Taylor and Lance (Carrie) Taylor; brother Wallace Huffman; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Graveside services for Billie Sue Moon, 84, of Cullman were at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14 at Vinemont Baptist Cemetery; Rev. Gary Waddell and Rev. Junior Wolfe officiated. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Moon passed away Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020 at the Folsom Center. She was born Aug. 7, 1936 to James Herman and Gracie Mae Williamson Smith. She was a member of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church. She loved to quilt. She loved her family and she loved Jesus. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands Bobby Reeder and James Moon; brothers James Smith, Edward Smith, Donald Smith, Michael Smith, and Ray Smith; and sisters Betty Lindsey, Mary Foster, Jeraldine Ridgeway, and Virginia Thomas. Survivors include her son Danny Reeder; daughter Donna (Kerry) Chandler; sisters Stella Nicholas and Debra (Mike) Young; grandchildren Heath Chandler, Heather (Keith) Graves, and Hayden Chandler; great-grandchildren Hunter, Logan and Levi Graves and Natalie Howard; and family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Linda Michelle Williams passed away Dec. 11, 2020. Linda was born in Cullman County in 1964. She was married 38 years to James C. Williams. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She also worked as a CNA at The Folsom Center. Mrs. Williams is survived by her husband James C. Williams; two daughters Jamie (Michael) Rockwell and Jessica (Jason) Gray; son Jason (Crystal) Williams; grandchildren Tyler (Cheyenne) Rockwell, Austin Rockwell, Kera Rockwell, Cali Pullium, River Gray, Lakelynn Gray, Bentley Williams, Sadie Jo Williams, Lilah Williams Ayden Wyatt, and Addison Reid; mother Bevlah Shedd; brother Danny (Betty) Shedd; two sisters Tammy Newman and Kathy (Bruce) Shedd; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Linda Williams was preceded in death by her father Frankie J Shedd; grandmother Ava Williams; sister Debra Hicks; and brother Ronnie Shedd. The family held a Celebration of Life Ceremony Dec. 13, 2020 from 2-4 p.m. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Funeral services for Faith Keaton, 77, of Cullman, who passed away Friday, Dec. 11, 2020, were at Moss Service Funeral Home Monday, Dec. 14, 2020 at 11 a.m. with Bro. David Hadley officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Methodist Cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home directed. Visitation was prior to the service beginning at 10 a.m. Mrs. Keaton loved the Lord and devoted her life to Him and her family. She served over 30 years as a substitute teacher prior to retirement. She adored her cats. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Charles Keaton; son Keith (Debbie) Keaton; grandsons Kyle (Brooke) Keaton and Justin Keaton; great-granddaughter Brylynn Keaton; sister Foyce Morrow; brother Felix Hadley; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

Funeral services for Herbert "Yogi" Lee Gable, Jr., 63, of Cullman were at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, 2020 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Doyle Berry officiating; burial at Missionary Grove Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Mr. Gable passed away Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020 at Cottage of the Shoals. He was born July 25, 1957 to Herbert Lee Gable, Sr. and Pollie Griffin. He is preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his mother Pollie Griffin; brothers Tim (Debbie) Gable, Mark (Betty) Gable, and Mike (Becki) Gable; sister Peggy Sue Watwood; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Visitation was from noon-2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, 2020 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gearldine Fanning, 78, of Hanceville peacefully passed away Friday evening, Dec. 11, 2020 at her residence. She was born April 28, 1942 in Cullman County, a daughter of the late William Alexander Young and DesDecsie Mae Ballard Young. Gearldine was preceded in death by her sisters Gwen Johns, Elaine Abbott, Nell Jo Jordan, Juanita Blanchard, Milo Lane, Naomi Gunterson and Betty Beasley; and brothers Jimmy Young, Paul Young, Earl Young, and WA Young. Gearldine is survived by her husband of 55 years, Billy Ray Fanning ("Cotton") and their children, daughter Sherry Fanning McClure and son-in-law Dewayne McClure, and son Ricky Allen Fanning "Rick." She is also survived by her brother Doyle Young "DC" (Rose) and her grandchildren Kaylee Hasting, Dean Fanning, MaLeah Hunt, Meagan Yarbrough (Kevin), Warren Fanning, Nathan Fanning, Jonathan Fanning, LeAnn Miller, and Josh McClure (Brianna). She is also survived by her great-grandchildren Paxleigh, Landon, Charlee, Preston, and Savanna. She leaves a host of nieces and nephews and many other family members and friends who will miss her tremendously. Gearldine and Cotton had a beautiful life together and were happiest spending time with one another, while making connections with others everywhere they went. While they were still able, they enjoyed simply going to town for dinner and coffee. Their favorite place to vacation was the mountains, whether it was just the two of them or with family. She was an amazing mother and granny, always putting her "babies" first. Many years ago, she was a devoted caregiver to her mother ("Momma Young") and unknowingly inspired her own daughter to selflessly become her caregiver for her last year of life. Her granddaughter, Kaylee Hasting, was also her adoring and devoted caregiver along with dear family friends, Lisa Wiley and Ann Gaines. She has left a lasting impression on so many and has positively shaped the lives of her entire family. In the words of her husband, "She was a good woman, and we hate to see her go." Life will not be the same without her, but we will all strive to leave a legacy of love, like she did, while cherishing the memories. Visitation is from noon-2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020 at Hanceville Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020 at Hanceville Funeral Home, with Brother Paul Rivers officiating. Her beloved son-in-law Dewayne McClure will provide a eulogy. A special song will be presented by Dennis McClure. Burial will follow in the Fairview West Cemetery.

Amy Madison, 62, of Arley passed away Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020 at her residence surrounded by her loving family. Amy was born March 6, 1958 to James and Janet Hertzog. Amy was such a tenderhearted, compassionate woman. Her number one priority was family, and she would never hesitate to put herself last to ensure her family's happiness. She was a children's church teacher for three years. She loved life and her grandchildren. Visitation will be held Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020 at Nesmith Church from noon-2 p.m., where services will be held at 2 p.m. Brother Steton Hayes will officiate. Burial will follow in adjoining cemetery. Amy is survived by her husband of 43 years, Jimmy Madison; mother Janet Hertzog; sons Kris (Jennifer) Madison and Jonathan (Samantha) Madison; daughter Jessica (Mark) Didcoct; and grandchildren Aubrey, Ainsley, Mackenzie, Andrew, Oliver, and Charlotte. She was preceded in death by her father James Hertzog and brother Kurt Hertzog. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.nicholsfuneralhomes.com.

Funeral services for Linda Jean Thompson, 74, of Hanceville will be at noon Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2020 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Mt. Zion Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-noon at the funeral home. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Thompson passed away Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020 at Huntsville Hospital. She was born Nov. 2, 1946 to Asa Martin and Ruby Jewel Gardner Smith. She worked at Burns Florist for years. She was a lovely person and wanted to take care of everyone. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, and six brothers. Survivors include her husband Arville "Shorty" Thompson; one son Timothy 'Tim" (Bridgett) Freeman; step-sons Ricky Thompson, Ronnie (Janet) Thompson, Jim (Kelly) Thompson, and Shane Thompson; step-daughter Robbie (Jeff) Thomson; grandchildren Zac (Savanna) Freeman, Cassie Freeman, and Justin Nichols; step-grandchildren; great-grandchild Danny Freeman; two step-great-great-grandchildren; two sisters Mary Ann Schwaiger of Cullman and Alice Jewel (Morris) Linton of Waycross, Georgia; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Funeral services for James Orville Farley, 84, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Cullman City Cemetery with military honors. Rev. Joe McNulty and Rev. Greg Story will officiate. Visitation will be Thursday at the funeral home from noon-2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Farley passed away Dec. 13, 2020 at Cullman Regional Hospital. He was born Nov. 26, 1936 to David Almon and Maudelia Ann Key Farley. He was a devoted member of Cornerstone Nazarene Church. He served his country in the United States Army. He loved everyone he met and was loved by all. He was preceded in death by his parents; his step-mother Grace Posey Farley; wife of 60 years, Sarah Catherine Stephenson Farley; brothers Leldon Farley and Buren Farley; and sisters Dorthy Farley Barnett and Mildred Farley Keen. Survivors include his wife Jewell Hancock Farley; sister Lolas Farley Wooten of Arley, AL; brothers-in-law David (Marie) Stephenson and Bob (Joan) Stephenson; step-daughters Clarissa White, Marsha Hale, and Mary Hale; and a host of wonderful nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Funeral services for Jerry James Cone, 75, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Friday, Dec. 18, 2020 at Temple Baptist Church with interment in Mt. Grove Baptist Cemetery, Rev. Malcolm Carter II officiating. Visitation will be on Friday at the church from noon-2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Cone passed away Monday, Dec. 14, 2020 at Cullman Regional. He was born Dec. 9, 1945 to Roland Fletcher and Ruth Irene Johnson Cone. He was a dedicated member of Temple Baptist Church and loved the Lord with all his heart. For almost 55 years, he was employed at American Trim. He was an avid Alabama football fan. He and his wife were foster parents for 16 years. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Marlin Cone. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Myra Cone; sons Randall Cone and Allen (Sandi) Cone; daughter Sherry (Everett) Adkins; nephew John Rodgers; sisters Freda (Euell) Bartlett, Othelia Hitt, and Dorothy Basinger; grandchildren Devan (Carissa) Cone, Zachary (Meagan) Cone, Aidan Cone, Justin (Brianna) Whitehead, Christopher Whitehead, Kelcy Whitehead, Tyler Cone, and Dylan Cone; step-grandchildren Joseph Adkins and Eli Adkins; eight great-grandchildren; and family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Betty Mae Hudson, 85, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020. Betty was born May 12, 1935 to Willie Maude Barnett McCain and Earl McCain. Betty is survived by daughter Connie Joetta Speegle and son-in-law Jerry Speegle; brother Tony McCain and sister-in-law Doris McCain; three grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild on the way. Betty was preceded in death by her husband Curtis Hudson; father Earl McCain and mother Willie Maude Barnett McCain; brother Bobby Ray McCain; and great-granddaughter Tiffany Sharpton. A celebration of life visitation for Betty will be held Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020 from 9-10 a.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. A celebration of life funeral service will occur Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home. A burial will occur Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Cullman City Cemetery, Cullman, Alabama. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Hudson family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Funeral services for Anthony "Tony" Lewis Williams, 62, of Cullman, who passed away Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020, will be held at Moss Service Funeral Home Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020 at 2 p.m. with Pastors Stephen Funderburk and Austin Ball officiating. Burial will follow at Beech Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Moss Service Funeral Home Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2020 from 6-8 p.m. Tony loved and was loved by everyone that he met. He attended school at the Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled, Inc. (CCCDD). He enjoyed watching Alabama Football, western movies and cartoons. He attended the Assembly of God Truth Church in Arab. His mother Mary Ellen Chumley preceded him in death. He is survived by his father James Ervin Chumley; sisters Charlotte (Ronnie) McLain, Lucinda (Danny) Ray, and Anita (Dexter) Gregory; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and friends. Flowers will be accepted, or donations may be made in memory of Tony to the CCCDD Group Homes program at 1807 Beech Ave. SE Cullman, AL. 35055. Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

Judy Faye Wilmoth, 70, of Arley entered into rest Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Judy was born Dec. 25, 1949 in Earle, Arkansas. She loved her family very much and will be greatly missed by all of them. No services are planned at this time. Judy is survived by her husband Bobby Wilmoth; daughters Margaret Miller, Rhonda Hodge, and Jennifer Cleghorn and her husband Robert; son Bobby Wilmoth II and his wife Shay; grandchildren Aimee and Hannah Miller, Jeremy and Rick Prewett, Austin Gadd and his wife Becky, Brooke, Blake and Belle Cleghorn, and Christina and Dalton Wilmoth; brothers Jackey Hallmark and James Hallmark; sisters Jean Jackson, Nancy Cartwright, Terri Kendall, and Oire Ann George; and special mention, Van and Gwen Humphrey. She was preceded in death by her parents OH and Mickey Hallmark and brothers Johnny Wayne, Rickey, Jimmy and Carl Hallmark.

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Malzahn (from Front)

AU Athletics
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AUBURN, Ala. – Auburn Director of Athletics Allen Greene announced Sunday a leadership change for Auburn football as Gus Malzahn will no longer direct the program. Defensive Coordinator Kevin Steele will serve as interim head coach.

In eight years, Malzahn compiled a 68-35 record including a 39-27 mark in Southeastern Conference play. He led the program to an SEC Championship and BCS National Championship appearance in his first season and an SEC West title in 2017.

Greene recommended a change in the football team's leadership to Auburn President Jay Gogue after a "thorough analysis" of the program. Gogue accepted Greene's recommendation.

Malzahn will be paid the remainder of his contract. A national search for his replacement will begin immediately.

Greene said in a statement, "After evaluating the state of the Auburn football program, we've decided that it was time to make a change in leadership. We appreciate everything that Gus did for the program over the last eight seasons. We will begin a search immediately for a coach that can help the Auburn program consistently compete at the highest level."

Said Gogue, "Coach Malzahn led the Auburn football program with honor and integrity.

"We appreciate his service to Auburn Athletics, Auburn University and, in particular, our student-athletes. We wish him and Kristi all the best."

Good Hope (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – The Good Hope City Council on Monday night had a first reading of an amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 009-2019, regarding manufactured home parks, mobile homes and manufactured homes within city limits. The amended ordinance is in response to the urging of many landowners and a recommendation from the Good Hope Planning Commission. Mayor Jerry Bartlett and city council members said they agree that fair and consistent regulations are needed.

City Clerk Christie Chamblee read the five-page ordinance in its entirety. The second reading is scheduled for the Dec. 28 at the next Good Hope City Council meeting.

Bartlett stressed that the ordinance is not a ban on manufactured or mobile homes and that the two existing mobile home parks will be grandfathered in.

"I think this is fair," he said. "We've already got two large mobile home parks."

The council said the new ordinance is very similar to the City of Cullman's ordinances regarding manufactured homes.

Currently, residents can request permission (use upon appeal) to put mobile or manufactured homes in locations zoned as R-2 (Low-Density Residential; Single-Family Detached) or Ag-1 (Agriculture), but this amended ordinance would abolish that according to Rep. Corey Harbison, who added, "Basically, they are amending the mobile home ordinance to abolish the section pertaining to (mobile or manufactured homes) being allowed in R-2 and Ag-1 (zones) with special permission."

Read the ordinance in full at www.scribd.com/document/488162869/MH-Ordinance-Revised-and-Read-Dec-14.





