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– STATE –

## Ivey's study group says gambling could mean $700M, 19K new jobs for state

*Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey looks over the Study Group on Gambling Policy's report Friday in Montgomery.*

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OFFICE OF GOV. KAY IVEY

# LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

## Vinemont distributes COVID-19 care packages to town residents



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

*Vinemont Councilman Chris Thompson, left, and resident Chris Garcia, right*

**Christy Perry**
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**VINEMONT, Ala.** – Vinemont residents began receiving holiday gift packages Friday afternoon to help them stay safe from COVID-19. Mayor Radginal Dodson and members of the town council began going door-to-door distributing masks, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes to every household in town.

The mayor and council made the decision to use a portion of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) money the Town received to purchase the items.

"This is from money that we got for the protection of our folks inside our town," said Dodson. "A lot of times these things are not available even at the store. That's » PAGE 5

## City, County holiday schedules

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AGRICULTURE

## Cullman County farmer Ben Haynes wins state title for corn crop yield

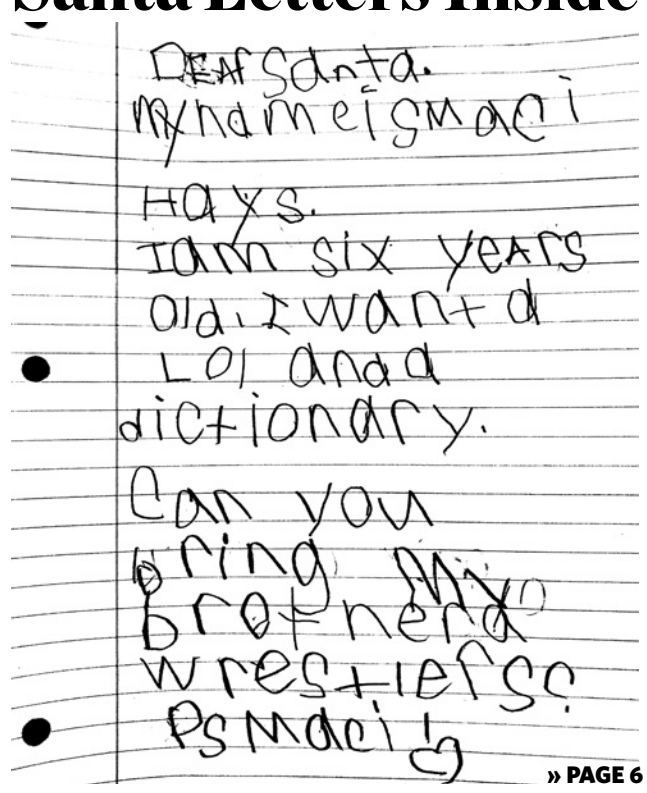


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*Ben Haynes and his award-winning corn crop*

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## Santa Letters Inside




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Bill Smith
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STATE

# State's Nov. unemployment rate drops to 4.4%; Cullman County's tied for lowest at 2.4%

**Cullman Tribune staff**
Contributor

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** – Alabama Department of Labor Secretary Fitzgerald Washington announced Friday that Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted November unemployment rate is 4.4%, down from October's revised rate of 5.7%, and above November 2019's rate of 2.7%. November's rate represents 100,537 unemployed persons, compared to 127,425 in October and 61,381 in November 2019.

Cullman County's rate is the tied for the lowest in the state at 2.4%, down from October's rate of 3.1% and just above November 2019's rate of 2.1%.

"As we are nearing the end of a definitively turbulent year, it's truly great news to see our unemployment rate drop below 5%," said Washington. "We're not where we were prior to the pandemic, and it may take more time to get there, but we're making progress. We've got more people working now than at any time since the pandemic started.

"We remain dedicated to helping those who were impacted by the pandemic by helping them find jobs or get the training they need to start new careers."

The number of people counted as employed in November was 2,166,308, up from 2,119,599 in October, but down from the 2,186,809 measured in November 2019. This count represents the highest level of employment since March.

Wage and salary employment increased in November by 17,200 to 2,052,300, its highest level since April 2020. Monthly gains were seen in the trade, transportation, and utilities sector (+8,700), the professional and business services sector (+2,500), and the manufacturing sector (+2,300), among others.

Over the year, wage and salary employment decreased 40,800, with losses in the leisure and hospitality sector (-23,600), the education and health services sector (-18,700), and the government sector (-9,800), among others.

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are Cullman County at 2.4%, Shelby, Marshall and Franklin counties at 2.5%, and Randolph, Dekalb, Cleburne and Blount counties at 2.6%. Counties with the highest unemployment rates are Wilcox County at 10.9%, Lowndes County at 10.7% and Perry County at 8.0%.

Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are Homewood and Vestavia Hills at 2.0%, Alabaster and Madison at 2.3% and Hoover at 2.5%. Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are Prichard at 11.7%, Selma at 9.4% and Bessemer at 7.6%.

For more information regarding how the Bureau of Labor Statistics calculates the unemployment rate, please visit www.bls.gov/bls/bls-covid-19-questions-and-answers.htm.

*NOTE: Data users must be cautious about trying to compare or reconcile the UI claims data with the official unemployment figures gathered through the household survey. The unemployment data derived from the household survey in no way depend upon the eligibility for or receipt of UI benefits. In some cases, UI claims data exclude people who would be identified as unemployed in the household survey, like new entrants to the labor force with no prior work experience. In other cases, UI data may include individuals who do not meet the CPS definition of unemployment. The recent Emergency Unemployment Insurance Stabilization and Access Act of 2020, signed on March 27, 2020, allowed states to temporarily modify or suspend the "actively seeking work" requirement to respond to the spread of COVID-19.*

# Bill Smith Buick GMC donates $2K to Bosom Buddies

**Judy Grissom**
Contributor

The Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation gives a big thanks to Bill Smith Buick GMC for its recent donation of $2,000. This check was a blessing. This year was a little different; because of COVID-19, normal donations have been very low.

For many years, Bill Smith Buick has presented the CCBBF with much needed donations. This year's was more than the past years and very much needed. They have truly been our Santa this year.

From this donation, 100% will help approved Cullman cancer patients with basic living expenses while they are in cancer treatment.

We thank General Manager Andy Cole and everyone at Bill Smith Buick GMC for their continued financial support. Without local donations the foundation would not be able to assist Cullman neighbors when in need. We thank God for the support we receive.

**God Bless you all!**
**Judy Grissom**



JUDY GRISSOM

***Judy Grissom and Andy Cole***

## COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, Dec. 18, 2020 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

- Total confirmed cases in AL: 257,546* (+4,182 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 58,137 (+1,166 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 3,772 (+27 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 524
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 4,419 (+74 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 1,742 (+23 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 52 (+2 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 15
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 29,311
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,711
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 1,261
- Total tested in Alabama: 1,764,750
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 52,214
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 139,978
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 2,447
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 30,224
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 183,625

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

***Important Notice (12/18/20)***
*The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) processed a backlog of 382 positive PCR results from a facility on December 17. These will be classified as confirmed COVID-19 cases reported on 12/17/20 even though the tests were performed during December 10 through December 13, 2020. 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. 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.*

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

**St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank Closed until Jan. 4**
The St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church will be closed until Jan. 4, 2021. It will reopen with regular hours Monday, Jan. 4, from 9-11:45 a.m. on regular days: Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**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. 19-23 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. 19-20. The Cullman County Commission will hand out candy to seniors Dec. 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. 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.

**Living Nativity**
• Dec. 19-20, 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.
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# Funny Things from Yesterday: Happy Birthday, Don!

**Robert N. Tidwell, Sr.**
robertntidwellsr@gmail.com



I thought for today I would honor a long-time good friend. He and I went through pharmacy school together. He stayed on the east side of town at a place called the Block House and I stayed in a private home on the west side of town only five blocks from the pharmacy building. The home had two rooms rented to students.

Two boys in each room. During the summer before our third year, my roommate married and moved out. Don moved in with me. In the summer between our third and fourth year, Don married, and I had a new roommate for the fourth year.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DON!**

It seems that old Father Time keeps marching us on. But I am glad to still be among the marchers.

I remember the first time I saw you. We were taking entrance exams in a large room in one of the buildings at A.P.I., which was later renamed Auburn University. I was sitting next to some boy that lived just this side of Atlanta. I can't remember his name, but he had a nice little blue Ford car. I saw you and said to the boy, "Look at that boy over there." That boy was you. You were good looking, a slight tan face, a perfect black flat top haircut. I said to the boy, "He is a very intelligent person."

I'm not making that up; it really happened.

I don't remember when we first met but it has been a long, good friendship.

When we were staying together at Mr. Robertson's house, we would go out in the backyard to get a suntan. You would tan nicely, and I would blister. I just don't tan.

One weekend you had been home and didn't come Sunday night and I worried about you. When you arrived on Monday morning you had a different car because you had a breakdown on your car, and someone had to bring you another one.

You and Charlene married in the summer and I lost my best roommate, But I met a new good friend. I enjoyed the visits I had with you two at the place where you lived. If my memory is correct, I had a meal or two or more at your place.

Rudene and I remember other very good visits with you. When this pandemic is over, we want to do some more visiting with you.

In a lifetime, one has many acquaintances, but a friendship that lasts a lifetime is very special. Have a wonderful birthday.

## BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

# I heard the bells on Christmas Day

**Bill King**
Tribune
Contributor



You probably know the popular Christmas hymn, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day." What you may, or may not know, is who wrote it and when. The lyrics to the song began as a poem written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. The poem was written almost a decade prior to being set to music to be sung as a Christmas hymn. The poem was written on Christmas day, in 1863, when Longfellow heard church-bells ringing in the distance. Wadsworth's poem was titled, "Christmas Bells." Its first publication appeared in the February 1865 edition of a magazine for young readers called, "Our Young Folks." The poem was not set to music until 1872.

The music for the song has changed many times through the years. One of the more popular arrangements was by Johnny Marks, back in 1956. Bing Crosby recorded Marks' version later that year. That version of the song has been recorded by various artists, and has sold over 5 million copies.

I want to go back to when the words were first written. 1863 probably rings a bell (no pun intended). The middle year of the American Civil War was 1863. If we pay careful attention to the words Wadsworth wrote, he clearly wrote in light of the tragedies he and others suffered during that war.

Those were some of the hardest years in our history, and Longfellow's life was no exception. Two-years earlier, his second wife had been killed in an accidental fire.

The next year, his oldest son, Charles, enlisted in the Union Army...against his father's wishes. Late in 1863, shortly before Longfellow penned the poem, Charles was critically wounded at the Battle of Mine Run, in Virginia. We usually do not sing all the stanzas, and therefore may have never heard them all, but originally there were seven. This is what Longfellow wrote:

**1.** I heard the bells on Christmas day, their old familiar carols play, and wild and sweet, the words repeat, of peace on earth, good-will to men!

**2.** And thought how as the day had come, the belfries of all Christendom, had rolled along, the unbroken song, of peace on earth, good-will to men!

**3.** Till ringing, singing on its way, the world revolved from night to day, a voice, a chime, a chant sublime, of peace on earth, good-will to men!

**4.** Then from each accursed mouth, the cannons thundered in the South, and with the sound, the carols drowned, of peace on earth, good-will to men!

**5.** It was as if an earthquake rent, the hearth-stones of a continent, and made forlorn, the households born, of peace on earth, good-will to men!

**6.** And in despair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said; "For hate is strong, and mocks the song, of peace on earth, good-will to men!

**7.** Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep; the wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on earth, good-will to men." (Used as public domain)

The words, "Peace on earth, good-will to men," were originally spoken to frightened shepherds who were told about the birth of the Christ child. They were spoken by an angel and a multitude of heavenly host. That child, whom the Prophet Isaiah called, "The Prince of Peace," came to bring peace between the people of this world and our creator.

Even in the midst of war, and even during a worldwide pandemic, there is still peace on earth, good-will to men, through the Christ who has come. Merry Christmas to you all!

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## HISTORY

# Files from Yesteryear: 1930, 1950

**From the files of 1930**

Professor and Mrs. R.P. Johnston spent last weekend in Nashville with relatives.

The Cullman Baptist Association will meet, with Etha Baptist Church, on October 28-30.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Boschung spent Sunday in Jasper.

The recent school census shows 752 people in Cullman County, over ten years of age, who can neither read or write.

On April 1, Cullman County had 7,063 farms.

Troy Thompson will attend the fair in Montgomery this week. He is conducting an exhibit there.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Deppe, Misses Margaret Deppe and Laura Dennis motored to Birmingham on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Morgan, of Carrollton, Georgia are guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Patrick.

A tapestry peddler, who was selling without a license was arrested here this week.

Saint Bernard College and Cullman High will renew athletic competition with a football game.

The Girls C Club will sponsor a parade and the Cullman band will play.

**From the files of 1950**

Jeanette Bright wed Bobby by Joe Blalock on August 11 at East Point Presbyterian Church.

S.H. Green was in Cullman this week. He was principal of the Cullman School in 1897. He told the Tribune that the school was a four-room structure at that time, which had been converted from an ax-handle factory. Mr. Green had two teaching assistants.

Herman Bahr, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Bahr was fatally injured on August 8 when the car in which he and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Edward Chambliss were riding sped out-of-control near Oneonta. He died on August 10. In addition to his parents, other survivors are brothers, Raymond, of Vinemont and Herbert, of Birmingham, three sisters, Mrs. R.M. Thomas, of Richmond Virginia, Mrs. E.A. Bryant, of Richmond, Virginia and Marlene Bahr, of Vinemont.

Arthur Jack Hyatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Hyatt, of Cullman, graduated with honors from Florence State Teachers College.

Mrs. A.F. Young received a telegram last Friday that her son, Corporal David R. Young, 19, is missing in action.

Sergeant Milton Wilhite was injured severely in Korea. He is in a hospital in Japan. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wilhite.

Four trucks collided on Guntersville Road, near the Cullman Stockyard, on Monday night. The trucks and Theo Smith's tomato patch were badly damaged, but the occupants are okay.

Seedless grapes are on sale at A & P for 17 cents per pound. Ad.

A wiener roast was held at Mr. and Mrs. Ogle Campbell's home on Saturday at Bethany.

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Pursuant to Alabama Code 32-13-1, Earl's Body Shop, Inc will offer for sale at Public Auction the following vehicles on January 25, 2021, at 7:00 a.m.
2007 Pontiac Vibe, Vin.#5Y2SL65817Z433141
2010 Hyundai Accent, Vin.#KMHCM3AC9AU162047
1997 Cadillac Deville, Vin.#1G6KD54Y1VU254748
2010 Chrysler 300, Vin# 2C3CA4CD5AH101293
97 Honda CRV, Vin.#JHLRD1851VC069418

**Legal Notice**

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80, as per Legislative Act 2015-470:

2005 Kia Optima, Vin.#KNAGD126265465978
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1995 Ford F-150, Vin.#1FTDF15Y4SLB17683
2011 Suzuki Grand Vitara, Vin.#JS3TD0D23B4102886

These vehicles will be sold on Saturday, January 30, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. for towing/storage fees if not claimed. Located at Hammock Auto Sales, 17 County Road 406, Cullman, Alabama 35057, 256-775-3754.

## POET'S CORNER

# *The Visitation*

### *Randy C. Hale - Luke 1: 39-44*

At the news of Jesus,
Elisabeth rejoiced,
and the infant child
inside her
with spirit leapt in joy!

The Spirit of Christmas
was felt that very day, when
Mary came to visit
and for three months
she stayed.

Just think about their visit,
about the things they said.
And what about the babies
who listened in that place.

Those babies inside their
mothers, so precious as they
grew, and through them
God to dispel the earth of dark
and gloom.



Both destined for a life
to serve a master plan.
To proclaim the will of God
and peace for every man.

One day to meet at the river,
where muddy waters flowed.
Where one baptized the other
and God from heaven spoke.

Yes, two cousins were together
in that house foreshadowing things
that later would be revealed
the hope that Christmas brings.

## COMIC – CHIRP & FLIT



EDUCATION

# CHS maintaining hybrid schedule, planning exam make-ups for first week of 2021

**Cullman City Schools**
Contributor

**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Cullman High School will use the first week back on campus in January 2021 as a chance for students who may have missed time due to quarantines or other excused absences to make-up their first semester exams. Only those students making up exams will be on campus that first week, though all students will still have assignments via the virtual online system for that week.

After the week of Jan. 5, beginning Jan. 11, high school students will return to the hybrid schedule that has been in effect for the majority of the school year. Officials note there are no current plans to change from the hybrid schedule structure, which has students attending two days per week in-person on a staggered schedule, and completing online work the days they are not on campus. The one-week schedule adjustment only affects Cullman High, and no other school.

"This is a chance to get everyone caught up," Cullman High School Principal Kim Hall said. "For students who may have been quarantined, or missed time for a family emergency, this will allow them the opportunity to be on campus and make-up those exams."

Hall said this scheduling tweak will allow students who missed exams and assignments prior to Christmas break to be on campus Jan. 5-8 to complete make-up work, review for exams and take exams.











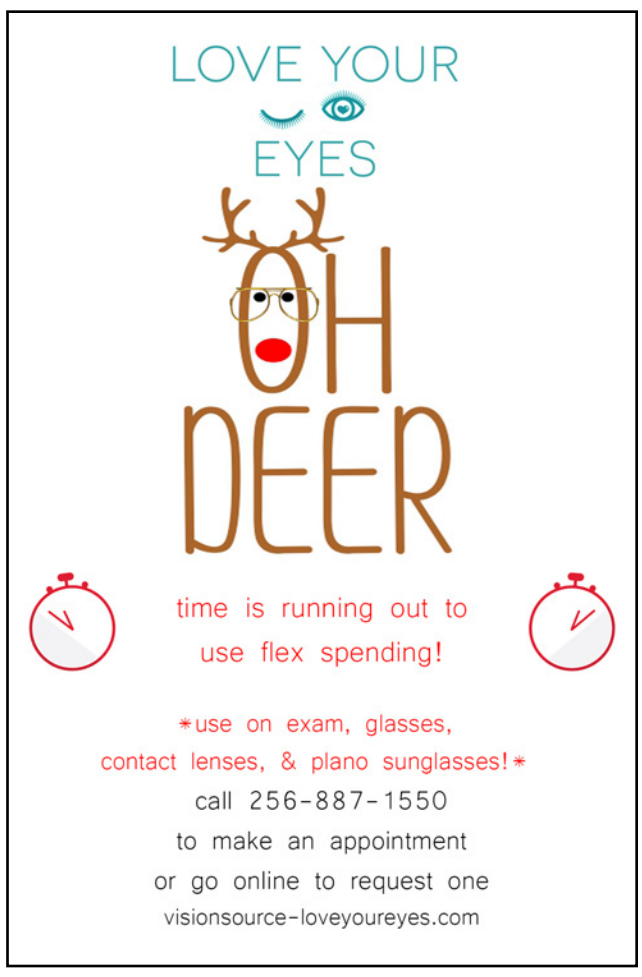






















# Schedules (from Front)

**Cullman Tribune Staff**
Contributor

Cullman County offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 24-25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. The offices will also be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 31-Jan. 1 in observance of the New Year's holiday.

Cullman County sanitation routes will run normally on these days.

City of Cullman offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 24-25 in observance of the Christmas holiday.

Residential and commercial sanitation trucks will run their regular routes Christmas Eve, but there will be no sanitation service on Christmas Day.

City of Cullman offices will be closed Friday, Jan. 1 on New Year's Day.

There are no residential sanitation/recycling services on Fridays, but commercial sanitation will run as normal on New Year's Day.

# Haynes (from Front)

**W.C. Mann**
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**CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala.** – Cullman County farmer Ben Haynes recently placed first in Alabama in the 2020 National Corn Growers Association yield contest. Ben's yield of 266.4 bushels per acre was the top yield in the no-till non-irrigated category.

Haynes, who is the president of the Cullman County Farmers Federation, said in a statement, "There is no silver bullet in making high yields. A key is protecting the soil from leaving us and washing away. Some of our land has been no-tilled for 40-plus years."

Alabama Cooperative Extension Service Northeast Alabama Regional Extension Agent Eddie McGriff told The Tribune that an average yield for dry land farming like Cullman County would be 150-180 bushels per acre.

McGriff added, though, "If you look at the growers up in northeast Alabama, they're doing much better than even their counterparts and neighbors in other states.

"So they really do a good job, and we've had quite a few growers that averaged over 200 bushels in dry land this year."

Haynes' approach is not just a winning competitive strategy, it is preserving Alabama's farmland. According to McGriff, no-till farming is a conservation-oriented practice involving the placement of cover crops in a field during the winter months between the periods for main crops, to enrich the soil and prevent the wind and water erosion that destroyed so much southern farmland prior to the development of modern farming techniques, and helped create the Dust Bowl crisis of the 1930s.

**For the farmers**

Haynes won his title using Pioneer brand 1847VYHR corn grain, known in the industry as a high-yield grain with good drought tolerance and stay-green (remaining healthy late into the growing season) potential.

# Gambling (from Front)

**Cullman Tribune Staff**
Contributor

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** – Gov. Kay Ivey's Study Group on Gambling Policy on Friday issued its report. In it, the group estimated the state could see as much as $700 million and create 19,000 new jobs if a constitutional amendment expanding legalized gambling in Alabama were to be approved by voters.

You can read the full report at https://governor.alabama.gov/assets/2020/12/FINAL-GSGGP-GAMBLING-REPORT.pdf.

"Earlier this year, I established the Study Group on Gambling Policy to thoroughly review and gather all the facts surrounding the seemingly endless debate on gambling in Alabama.

"They were tasked with providing detailed information to allow public officials and the people of our state to make the most informed decision possible, should we decide to pursue legislation to deal with this issue.

"I offer my sincerest thanks to (former Montgomery) Mayor Todd Strange and the members of the Study Group for their diligent work, especially for adapting when COVID-19 interrupted in-person meetings," Ivey said in a statement.

"After initial discussions with them regarding their report, I believe their research will be pivotal as gambling policies are being considered, debated and potentially voted on.

"As my team and I pour over the findings, I encourage the Legislature and the people of Alabama to do the same. The potential to act on gambling is an opportunity that cannot be accomplished solely by a governor or solely by the Legislature.

"It is incumbent on us to work together to provide the citizens of Alabama their opportunity to determine the future of gambling in Alabama," she said.

"I continue to maintain the final say on gambling belongs to the people of our great state, and if and when I have a recommendation regarding a specific course of action, I will do so in full transparency to the people of Alabama, working hand-in-hand with the Alabama Legislature."

Senate President Pro Tem Del Marsh, R-Anniston and Senate Majority Leader Greg Reed, R-Jasper released responses to the report.

"I believe it is time to address this issue, and it appears the report from the Governor's Gaming Commission supports that position. I have been working on a comprehensive piece of legislation that would create uniformity, establish a strong regulatory framework to govern gaming and begin collecting on hundreds of millions of dollars in lost revenue that is currently going to our neighboring states," Marsh said.

"I will continue to work with the Governor, House leadership and my Senate colleagues in an effort to let the people of Alabama vote on this topic."

"This is an important issue to many Alabamians as well as to many of my colleagues in the Senate. Regardless of where one stands on the gaming issue, you have to recognize that Alabama has an inconsistent patchwork of laws and virtually no regulatory structure in place to deal with the gaming facilities operating here today," Reed said.

"I appreciate the Governor putting this group together to analyze this issue and will look forward to reviewing legislation that may come forward in the upcoming session."

Members of the Study Group on Gambling are Todd Strange (Chair), R. "Rey" Almodóvar, Dr. Deborah Barnhart, Walter Bell, Dr. Regina Benjamin, Young Boozer, Sheriff Sam Cochran, Elizabeth "Liz" Huntley, Carl Jamison, Justice James "Jim" Main, Phillip "Phil" Rawls and Bishop B. Mike Watson.

# Neighbor (from Front)

the reason this idea came up because of the availability of these things. We tried to get gloves, but you can forget buying gloves, period."

Dodson said Town Clerk Kayecea Sasser attempted to purchase gloves from multiple places including state and federal sources but was unable to find them.

The Tribune tagged along with Councilman Chris Thompson Friday afternoon as he delivered the packages. He, along with Councilwoman Sonya Copeland, spent several hours making deliveries. They will go out again Monday to visit those residences they didn't get to Friday.

Thompson said he is excited to be able to help and get out in the community.

"I think this is a great thing and a smart way to make sure each person in our town benefits from the CARES money," he smiled.

The residents Thompson talked to along the way seemed to think so, too. Each person smiled and thanked the Town for the surprise. Only one resident on his route turned down the items, but for a good reason- he had enough supplies and said he wanted to make sure there was plenty for those who needed it more.

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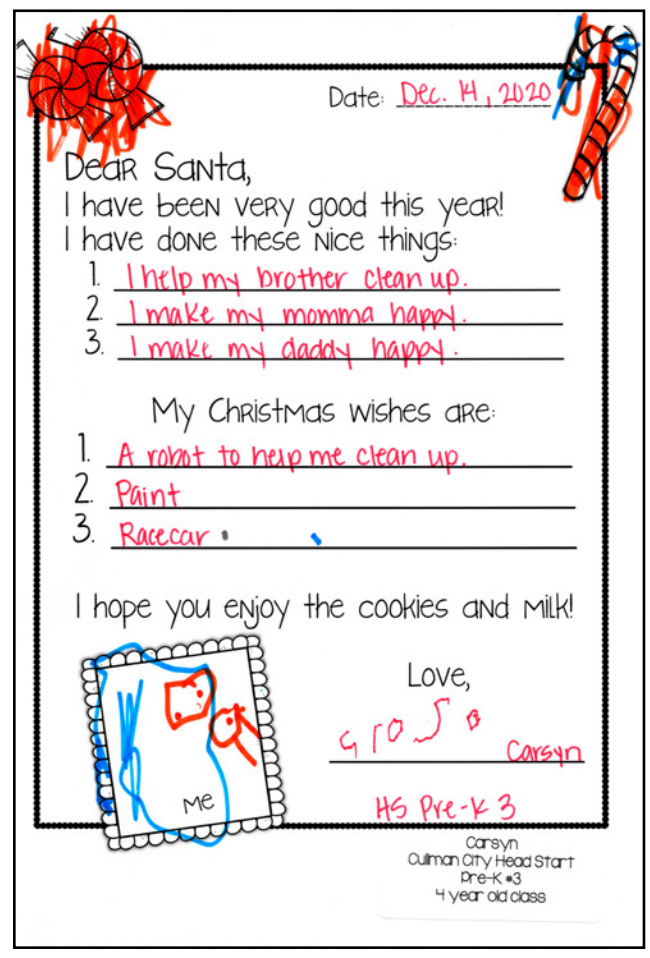
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Date: Dec. 14, 2020

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year!
I have done these nice things:
1. I help my brother clean up.
2. I make my momma happy.
3. I make my daddy happy.

My Christmas wishes are:
1. A robot to help me clean up.
2. Paint
3. Racecar

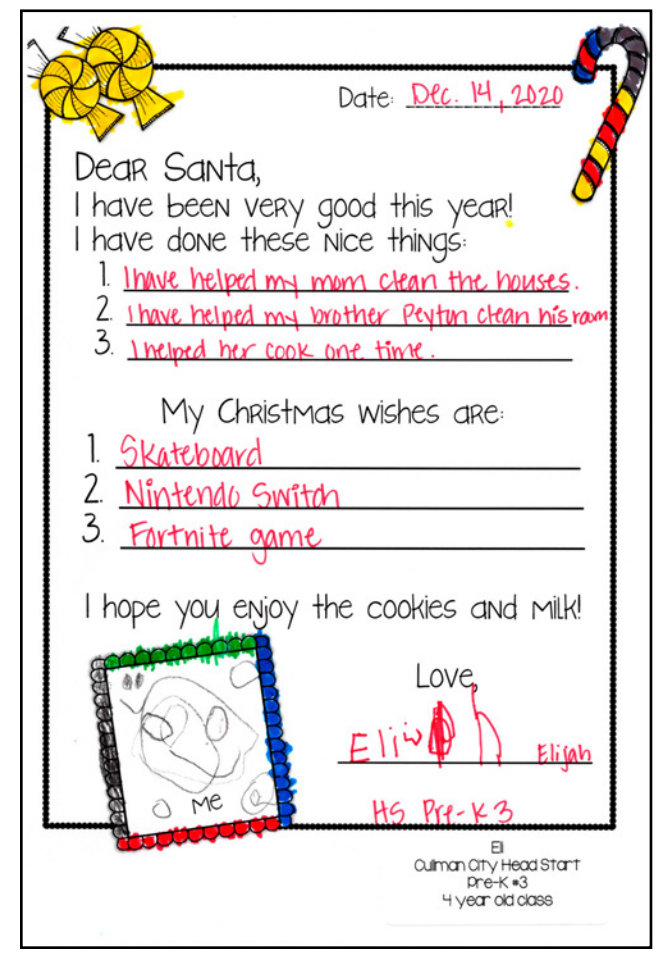
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Me

Love, Carsyn

HS Pre-K 3

Carsyn
Cullman City Head Start
Pre-K #3
4 year old class



Date: Dec. 14, 2020

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year!
I have done these nice things:
1. I have helped my mom clean the houses.
2. I have helped my brother Peyton clean his room
3. I helped her cook one time.

My Christmas wishes are:
1. Skateboard
2. Nintendo Switch
3. Fortnite game

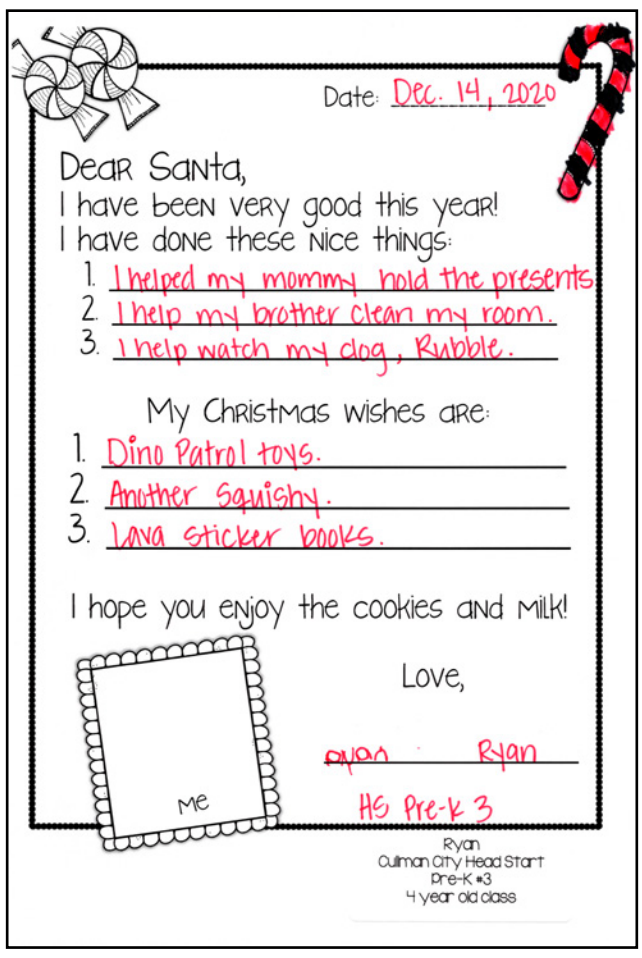
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Me

Love, Eliyah

HS Pre-K 3

Eli
Cullman City Head Start
Pre-K #3
4 year old class



Date: Dec. 14, 2020

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year!
I have done these nice things:
1. I helped my mommy hold the presents.
2. I help my brother clean my room.
3. I help watch my dog, Rubble.

My Christmas wishes are:
1. Dino Patrol toys.
2. Another Squishy.
3. Lava sticker books.

I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

Me

Love, Ryan

HS Pre-K 3

Ryan
Cullman City Head Start
Pre-K #3
4 year old class



Date: December 14, 2020

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year!
I have done these nice things:
1. Help My Momma Clean.
2. Love My momma
3. Play With Ryan

My Christmas wishes are:
1. Barbie Dream House
2. Barbie Boat
3. Barbie Camper

I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

Me

Love, Raven

HS pre-K 3

Raven
Cullman City Head Start
Pre-K #3
4 year old class



Date: Dec. 14, 2020

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year!
I have done these nice things:
1. I help my mom with the Tablet.
2. I helped my dad put the Santa train.
3. I help watch my baby sister.

My Christmas wishes are:
1. A car.
2. Firetruck Monkey
3. Candy

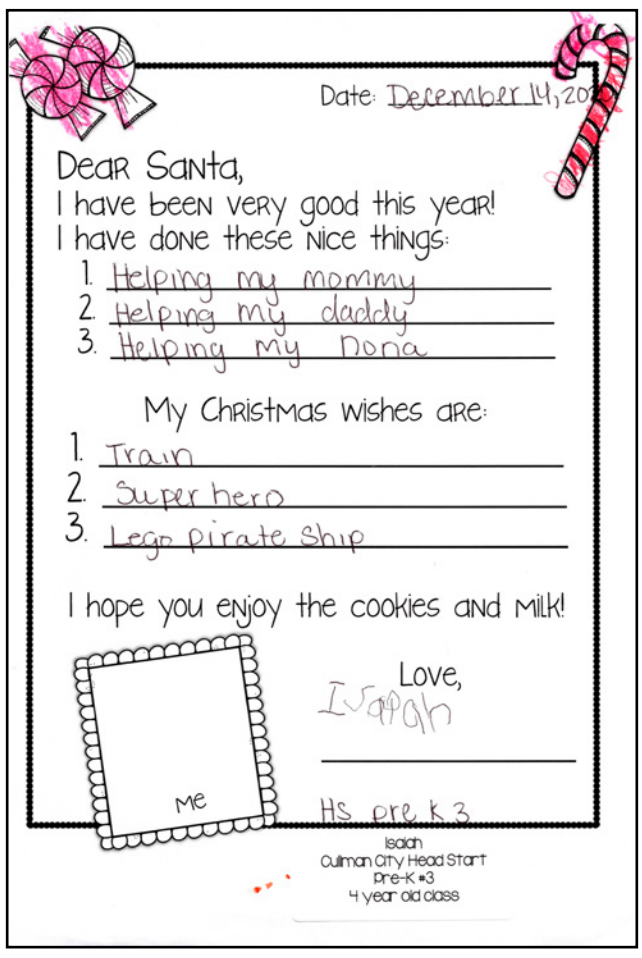
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Me

Love, Cristian

HS Pre-K 3

Cristian
Cullman City Head Start
Pre-K #3
4 year old class



Date: December 14, 2020

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year!
I have done these nice things:
1. Helping my mommy
2. Helping my daddy
3. Helping My Nona

My Christmas wishes are:
1. Train
2. Super hero
3. Lego pirate Ship

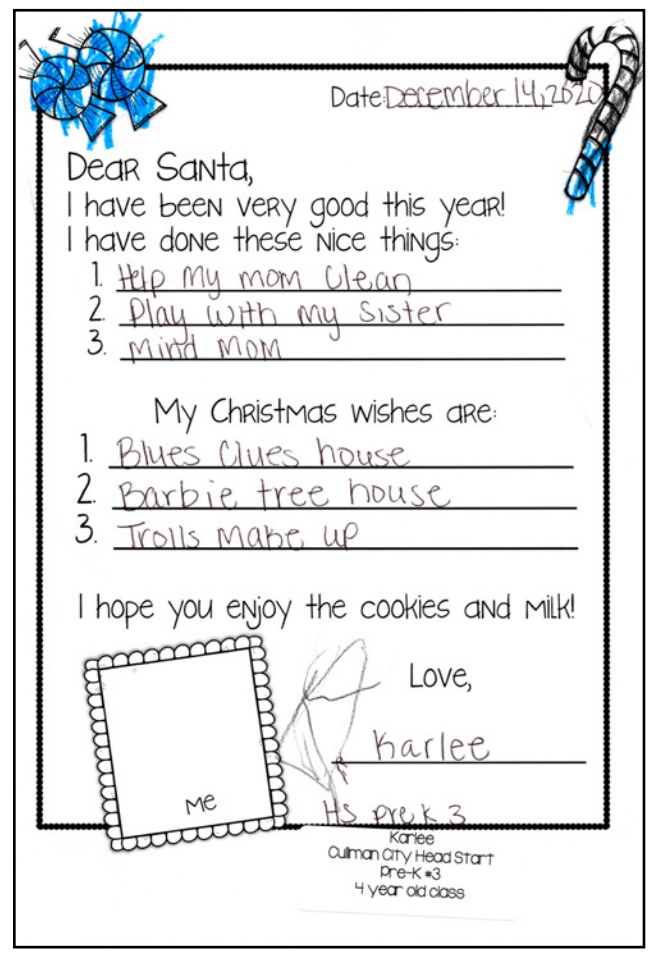
I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

Me

Love, Isaiah

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Isaiah
Cullman City Head Start
Pre-K #3
4 year old class



Date: December 14, 2020

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year!
I have done these nice things:
1. Help My mom Clean
2. Play with my sister
3. Mind Mom

My Christmas wishes are:
1. Blues Clues house
2. Barbie tree house
3. Trolls Make up

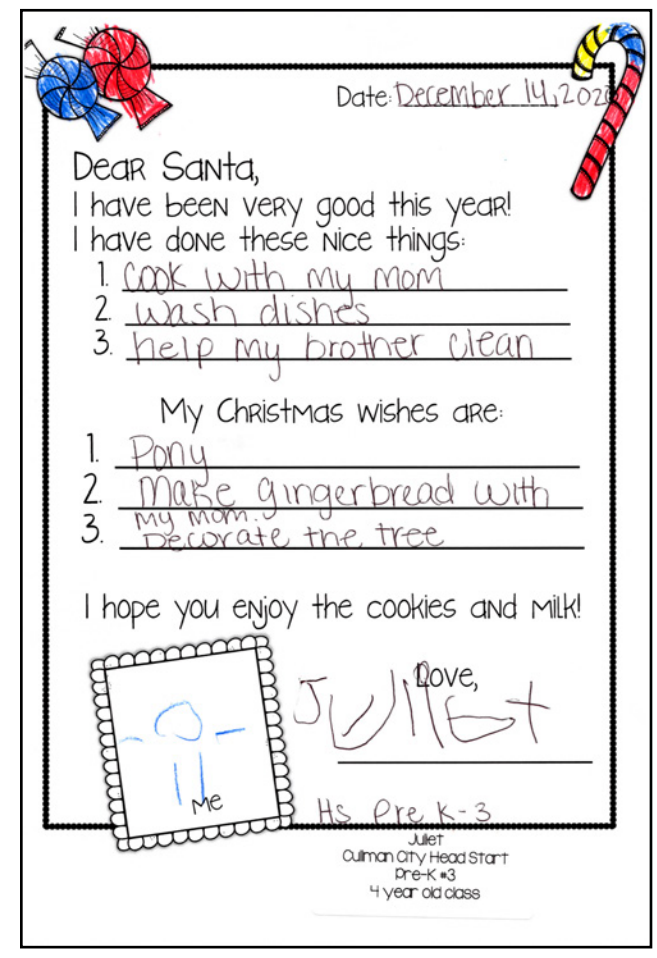
I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

Me

Love, Karlee

HS pre K 3

Karlee
Cullman City Head Start
Pre-K #3
4 year old class



Date: December 14, 2020

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year!
I have done these nice things:
1. Cook with my mom
2. Wash dishes
3. help my brother clean

My Christmas wishes are:
1. Pony
2. Make gingerbread with my Mom. Decorate the tree
3.

I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

Me

Love, Juliet

Hs Pre K-3

Juliet
Cullman City Head Start
Pre-K #3
4 year old class



Date: December 14, 2020

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year!
I have done these nice things:
1. Grave my sister Ice Cream
2. Help my mom Clean
3. Help my Sister Clean

My Christmas wishes are:
1. Baby doll
2. doll buggy
3. Elsa and Anna

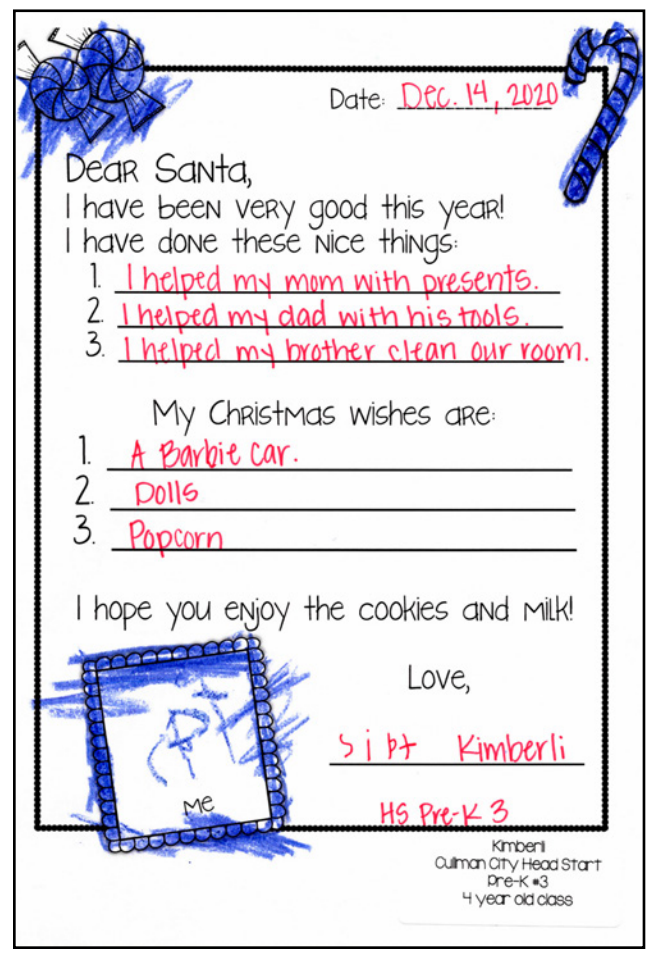
I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

Me

Love, Scarlett

Hs pre K 3

Scarlett
Cullman City Head Start
Pre-K #3
4 year old class



Date: Dec. 14, 2020

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year!
I have done these nice things:
1. I helped my mom with presents.
2. I helped my dad with his tools.
3. I helped my brother clean our room.

My Christmas wishes are:
1. A Barbie car.
2. Dolls
3. Popcorn

I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

Me

Love, Kimberli

HS Pre-K 3

Kimberli
Cullman City Head Start
Pre-K #3
4 year old class



Date: December 14, 2020

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year!
I have done these nice things:
1. Help Asher with games.
2. Help wash the dishes
3. Clean my room

My Christmas wishes are:
1. Mario Lego
2. Toy Fan
3. Huge blocks

I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

Me

Love,

Hs Pre K 3

Broden
Cullman City Head Start
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LIFESTYLE

# A Round of Applause for the Joy-Givers: Letters to Santa Claus

**Ben South**
Tribune Columnist

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

The "SHIELD THE JOYOUS" shields, which will be given to those honored or to their family, are inspired from a passage in "The Book of Common Prayer" (1662). Prayers are lifted to "tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying...and shield the joyous." Joy-givers are precious. Let us preserve them, protect them, treasure them, smile with them, laugh with them, tap our toes with them and give them A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

**PLEASE GIVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR: LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS**

"The Most-Famous, American, Santa Claus Letter" was first published in a newspaper and we're sharing that holiday note and reply here. But first, for some Kris Kringle chuckles here are some fun "Letters to Santa" from other American kids: From a future "Game of Thrones" fan, "Dear Santa, Could you possibly make it so I can turn into a dragon? Pleeeeease. Or, if not, bringing me a pet dragon will do." And, this from a future zookeeper, "Dear Santa, All I really want for Christmas is a turtle because—TURTLES ARE THE BEST." This could be from a Lady Godiva-in-waiting, "Dear Santa, I would like five feet long hair and you better bring my pony this year." And, this holiday desire could be from a lot of young teens and tweens, "Dear Santa, I would like some Taylor Swift tickets and some pretty clothes. Also, a boyfriend."

American kids have been writing wish-filled letters to Santa Claus for at least 150 years and mailing them to his North Pole address. Or, another idea is to leave a letter and a travel snack for Santa and the message wafts up the chimney to the jolly old elf or sort of mind melds telepathically in more modern homes which often lack a chimney. In Latin America, children tie their Santa letters to balloons. And, in Scotland, children busy squawking traditional carols on bagpipes simply yell their Christmas wishes up a chimney.

Now to that truly famous Santa Claus letter and the joyfully thoughtful reply we need to reread so very much this Christmas of 2020.

*"DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SUN it's so.' Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"*

This was the letter 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon mailed to the editor of The Sun in New York City in 1897. Perhaps the most famous newspaper editorial ever written, here's the glorious reply from Francis Pharcellus Church:

*VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.*

*Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.*

*Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.*

*You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.*

*No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.*

Dear readers, please join me in giving "A Round of Applause" to curious, sweet-hearted Virginia and to the Christmas spirit of Francis Pharcellus Church.

As you write your own "Letter to Santa Claus," here's a recipe from Delish.com for some cookies to leave for the jolly old joy-maker. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!



CANVA




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**SANTA CLAUS SLEIGH RIDE GINGERBREAD COOKIES**

**Ingredients:**

- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter, softened
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 2/3 cup molasses
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 3 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tbsp. ground ginger
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp. Kosher salt
- 2-inch piece of fresh ginger, grated
- Zest of 1 orange
- 1/2 tsp. finely ground black pepper
- Sugar cookie Icing for decorating

**Directions:**

**1.** In a large bowl using a hand mixer, beat butter, brown sugar and molasses until fluffy—about 2-3 minutes. Add egg and vanilla and beat until combined.

**2.** In a medium bowl, whisk flour, spices, baking soda and salt until combined. With the mixer on low, gradually add dry ingredients to the wet ingredients as well as the fresh ginger, orange zest and black pepper until dough just comes together (don't overmix).

**3.** Divide dough in half and create two discs. Wrap each in plastic wrap and chill until firm, about 2-3 hours.

**4.** Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line two baking sheets with parchment paper. Place one disc of dough on a lightly floured surface and roll until ¼" thick. Cut out gingerbread shapes with 3" holiday cookie cutters and transfer to baking sheets.

**5.** Bake until slightly puffed and set, about 9-10 minutes. Let cool on baking sheets before transferring to a cooling rack to cool completely.

**6.** Repeat with remaining disc of dough. Decorate with icing if desired.

# Obituary Announcements: Dec. 19

**Kathaleen "Kitty" Ellis**, 83, of Crestview, Florida, formerly of Addison, entered into rest Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Kitty was born Jan. 26, 1937 in Addison. She was a sweet, precious and humble person. She loved yard sales, thrift stores, plants, flowers and decorating for holidays. Visitation will be held Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020 from noon-2 p.m. at Addison Church of God, where services will be at 2 p.m. Brother Tim Dubberly will officiate. Burial will be in the adjoining cemetery. Kitty is survived by her sons Allan (Mary) Ellis and Joe (Sherry) Cox; daughters Kathy Jensen, Tammie (Keith) Bowling, and Kittie Midkiff; daughter-in-law Tammy Ellis; brother Frankie Brannon; sister Christine Cooper; 14 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband James Melvin Ellis; parents Clifford and Mamie Brannon; and son Troy Ellis. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.nicholsfuneralhomes.com.

**On Dec. 16, 2020, Heaven welcomed Randall Keith Shelton**, 62, into his eternal reward. Randall was born April 7, 1958 to Jimmy Robert and Carolyn Poe Shelton. He was preceded in death by his father. Randy served the Lord with great passion and diligently ministered to all who were around him. He was married to his childhood sweetheart, Libby, for 41 years and they have enjoyed the beauty of this life together. Randy loved his two daughters, Kristi Heath and her husband Scott, and Cassie Peterson and her husband Matthew. He also cherished the opportunity to be "Papa" to Miranda, Andrea, Mya and Willa. He is also survived by his mother Carolyn Shelton; brother Kenneth (Sandy) Shelton; sister Donna Smith; and family and friends. Randy took pride in his work and spent many years as an entrepreneur and business owner. Randy leaves a legacy of changed lives and many acts of kindness and generosity that will affect generations of people. Funeral service for Randall will be at noon Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020 at Church at The Well. The family will receive friends at the church from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

**Jimmy J.H. "Rattler" Maze**, 79, of Addison entered into rest Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. Mr. Maze was born June 14, 1941 in Sardis, Alabama. J.H. loved his family, especially his grandkids, and loved his horses. He was a member of Arley First Congregational Church. Visitation will be held Monday, Dec. 21, 2020 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where the service will begin at 1 p.m. Brother Samuel Tucker and Brother Mackey Watts will officiate. Burial will follow in Sardis #2 Baptist Church Cemetery. Jimmy is survived by his wife of 59 ½ years, Marie Maze; daughters Sheila (Charlie) Talley, Vickie Maze and Lisa (Brad) Voegele; grandchildren Courtney Hayes, Tiffany (Allen) Partain, Brittany Beam, Garrett (Savannah) Wood and Bryant Wood; nine great-grandchildren; sisters Louise Wright and Ellouise (Manley) Carrell; and host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Samuel and Lottie Maze; sons Rickey Maze and Mickey Maze; granddaughters Megan Maze and Crystal Maze; and brother Cotton Maze.

**Graveside services for Earnest WL Heaton, Jr.**, 64, of Eva will be Dec. 21, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. at Lawrence Cove Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Heaton passed away Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020 at his residence. He was born Sept. 9, 1956 in Cullman, Alabama, to Earnest WL Heaton, Sr. and Ila Mae Childers. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his son Adam (Kristy) Heaton; brothers Steve Heaton and David Childers; sister Cindy Heaton; granddaughter Addison Heaton; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and friends. Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, 2020 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

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PREP BASKETBALL

# Eagles beat Raiders at the buzzer in 2OT, Lady Eagles edge Good Hope

**Sammy Confer**
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**GOOD HOPE, Ala.** – Cold Springs traveled to take on Good Hope in Thursday night hoops action. Cold Springs looked to keep things going in the right direction after their sweep of Falkville, while Good Hope looked to bounce back after getting swept by Oneonta at home. In what turned out to be two exciting contests that went down to the last possession, the Lady Eagles and Eagles wound up taking both contests 46-43 and 64-61, respectively.

**Cold Springs 46 - Good Hope 43 (varsity girls)**

The first point of the game came on a free throw by Good Hope's Bailey Tetro a little more than a minute into the game. Cold Springs' Brooke Crider nailed a three with 5:50 remaining in the first period, which was later followed by back-to-back baskets by Shay Sellers to give the Lady Eagles a 7-1 lead after one.

The Lady Raiders made it 7-5 on back-to-back baskets by Renee McLeod and Heather Tetro. Toni West made it 10-5 as she hit one from long range, but Good Hope countered with 10 straight points as four different players scored during the run; Rudi Derrick completed the run with a layup to give them a 15-10 lead. Cold Springs ended the half strong, scoring the final six points, and a Crider three gave them a 16-15 lead at the half.

Crider continued her three-point barrage, nailed back-to-back shots from there, and Sellers added four points during the Lady Eagles' 10-0 run as they grabbed the lead right back at 26-17. Sellers continued to punish Good Hope down low, scoring five straight points, including a three-point play, to push Cold Springs' lead to double figures at 33-19 and wound up taking a 33-21 lead into what would turn out to be an exciting final period.

A Desire Odachowski three, followed by a free throw by Derrick, cut the deficit to 33-25, then Heather Tetro got red-hot from deep as she hit three huge shots during an 11-2 run and McLeod hit a layup with 3:40 to go in the game to make it a 37-36 contest. Crider and West each nailed one from three-point range to give Cold Springs a 43-38 lead. They stretched its lead to 46-40 after a Lacey Rice free throw. Odachowski nailed one from long range to make it a three-point game and Good Hope had a chance to send the game into overtime, but the last-second shot by Ivey Maddox went off the back rim and the Lady Eagles held on to win the game by three.

Sellers led the way for Cold Springs (7-5) with 17 points, followed by Crider with 15 and West with six. For Good Hope (8-4), Heather Tetro finished with 11 points. Odachowski, McLeod, and Bailey Tetro each added six.

**Cold Springs 63 - Good Hope 61 (2OT) (varsity boys)**

If you all thought the ending to the varsity girls' game was exciting, the boys' game provided that and much, much more as it took more than regulation to settle this contest between Cold Springs and Good Hope.

It was all Cold Springs early on as the Eagles jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead and later on, eight straight points down low helped them stretch the lead to 13-4 after one.

The Eagles got a huge lift from Seth Williams to start out the second period as he scored 10 in a row to make it a 23-4 advantage for Cold Springs. Noah Barnette stopped the bleeding with a three-point play, but the Eagles pushed its lead to 20 and they went into the half up 29-11.

Two quick layups by Tanner Malin made it a 29-15 game, but Cold Springs quickly made it a 37-17 contest on a three by Micah Calvert and a made shot by Kilgo. Good Hope, though, would go on a remarkable run to get back in the game as their suffocating defense allowed for some easy layups as they went on a 10-0 run to cut the deficit to 37-27 and it would be a 39-29 game going into the fourth quarter.

The Raiders kept the pressure on, and they would cut into the deficit even more as Colton Lindsey, Lawton Farr, and Malin scored all nine points during the run as they made it a 40-38 contest. Then later on, layups by Malin and Farr would give the Raiders a 42-41 lead. The Eagles got the lead right back at 45-42 after a pair of Roberto Ayala free throws. Each team traded free throws to keep it at a three-point game and Malin nailed a miraculous shot from just past half-court to tie the game at 47 and send it into overtime.

Cold Springs scored the first six points of overtime to take a six-point lead, but just like they did in the second half, Good Hope battled back as they made it a two-point game after made baskets by Farr and Barnette.

And just like in regulation, Malin hit the game-tying shot to tie it up at 53 to send it into double overtime and the ties wouldn't end there. Cold Springs held a 56-53 lead, but another Malin three tied it up at 56 and a Farr free throw gave the Raiders a 58-57 lead.

A huge steal and layup by Ayala gave Cold Springs the lead right back at 59-58. After a Kilgo free throw gave the Eagles a two-point lead, Malin converted on a huge three-point play to give Good Hope a 61-60 lead with 2 seconds left. The heroics wouldn't end there, though, as Peppers got the ball on the right corner and nailed the game-winning trey just before the buzzer sounded to give Cold Springs a stunning 63-61 win on the road over Good Hope.




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*Cold Springs' Brody Peppers contests Good Hope's Noah Barnette's shot. He finished with 16 points, including a game-winning three just before the buzzer in the Eagles' 64-61 double-overtime win over the Raiders.*

Peppers finished with 16 points, including the game-winning three, for Cold Springs (5-2). Seth Williams added 13 points, including 10 in the second period. Hill ended up with 11 points. Kilgo and Calvert each added nine. Good Hope (6-2) was led by Malin, who finished with 21 points. Farr added 12 points. Barnette ended up with 11 and Lindsey finished with eight.

Cold Springs will head back home to take on Curry next Monday night, while Good Hope will host Fairview on Friday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

# Hanceville holds off Holly Pond 50-45, Lady Broncos top Hanceville 64-50

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**HANCEVILLE, Ala.** – Holly Pond made the short trip to Lane Horton Gymnasium for a pair of varsity matchups with Hanceville Thursday night and split the contests against the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Broncos took down Hanceville 64-50 while the Bulldogs held off the Broncos in a tight showdown 50-45.

**Holly Pond 64 – Hanceville 50 (varsity girls)**

Kaylee Stallings knocked down a three-pointer to give the Lady Broncos a lead right out of the gate and Maddi Ham added another trey to make it an 8-2 lead with around six minutes to play in the period. Tate Duke converted an and-one play to stretch the lead to 11-2 and after a basket by Cassidy Campbell, Stallings banked in another three to keep the Lady Bulldogs in front 14-4 midway through the opening quarter. Victoria Stanley drilled a three to cut into the lead, but Kamryn Tankersley responded with a triple on the other end to make it a 19-9 game late in the first. However, a three-pointer from Campbell and a layup in the final seconds of the quarter by Savana McAnnally helped trim the lead to 20-17 going into the second.

Stanley knocked down another three at the start of the second period to tie things up at 20 but back to back treys from Ham and Stallings on the other end put Holly Pond in front 26-20.

After a mostly scoreless second period, Another Stanley three made it 28-24 with just over two minutes to play in the half.

The Lady Broncos were ready to go into the locker room with a 6-point lead, but Katie Twilley netted a pair of free throws in the final seconds of the quarter to cut the lead to 30-26 going into the halftime break.

Duke banked one in to extend Holly Pond's lead to 32-26 early in the third and Sarah Finley scored inside to make it 34-26. Stallings drilled another three-pointer to give the Lady Broncos a 37-29 advantage midway through the period and Finley added another bucket to stretch the lead to 10. Quincey Marks buried a trey to make it 44-29 with just over two minutes to play in the third. Tankersley laid one in to extend the lead to 47-29 but a three from Stanley, a jumper by Campbell and a pair of free throws from McAnnally cut the lead to 47-36 going into the final period.

Five quick points from Campbell made it a 47-41 game with six minutes to play but another Ham three-pointer followed by two baskets from Finley built the lead back up to 54-41 midway through the fourth.

Kennedy Twilley added a three of her own to make it 57-41 and put the game all but out of reach for Hanceville.

Campbell added two more buckets in the final two minutes, but it wasn't enough to keep pace with Holly Pond and the Lady Broncos pulled away to win it 64-50.

Stallings led the Lady Broncos with 14 points in the win, followed by Finley with 12, Ham with 11 and Duke with 10. Campbell finished with a game-high 23 points for Hanceville in the loss. Stanley added 13 points and McAnnally posted eight. The Lady Bulldogs will look to bounce back at Hueytown Saturday while Holly pond prepares to host Good Hope Monday.

**Hanceville 50 – Holly Pond 45 (varsity boys)**

A three-pointer by Landon Rowell gave the Broncos an early 6-2 lead over Hanceville and a Parker Sellers trey extended the lead to 9-4 midway through the opening quarter. Braxton Broad scored inside to trim the lead to 12-7 with just under three minutes to play in the period and Carson Garrett laid one in to make it 12-9. Jayden Perkins scored down low to give Holly Pond a 16-9 lead with a minute to play in the first and the Broncos held a 16-10 lead going into the second.

Broad buried a three to start the second quarter and cut the lead to 16-13 but Holly Pond responded and moved back in front 20-13. Zach Campbell scored on a fast break to trim the lead to five, but a Gunner Creel jumper put the Broncos ahead 22-15. However, another trey from Broad made it 22-18 with four minutes to play in the opening half.

Gunnar McBee knocked down a three to stretch the Holly Pond lead to seven but Broad responded with a trey on the other end to make it a 25-22 game with two minutes remaining in the quarter. McBee and Broad exchanged pair of three-pointers to make it a 28-25 game with the Broncos on top going into the half.

Rowell added another bucket to keep Holly Pond in front 30-28 early in the third and McBee drilled a three to stretch the lead to five. Casey Brown knocked down a three-pointer to extend the lead to 37-30 late in the third but Izayah Glenon scored inside to cut it to 37-32.

Broad drilled another trey in the final minute of the period to cut the lead to 39-35 going into the final frame.

Dylan Twilley and Glenon each netted a pair of free throws to tie the game at 39 early in the first quarter and Glenon finished off an and-one play to give the Bulldogs a 42-39 lead early in the fourth quarter, their first lead of the game.

Rowell knocked down a jumper to make it 42-41 and Sellers drove to the basket and laid one in to put Holly Pond back in front 43-42. Two more Glenon free throws put Hanceville back in front by one but a Creel basket gave the lead back to the Broncos at 45-44. However, Glenon stayed hot and score back to back buckets to put the Bulldogs on top 48-45 with 30 seconds to play. Holly Pond wasn't able to answer and Hanceville held on to win it at home 50-45.




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*Holly Pond's Maddi Ham defends Hanceville's Cassidy Campbell during the Lady Broncos' 64-50 win over the Lady Bulldogs Thursday night.*




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*Hanceville's Zach Campbell drives to the basket during the Bulldogs' 50-45 win over Holly Pond Thursday night.*

Glenon and Board each put up 20 points for Hanceville in the win. 11 of Glenon's points came in the fourth quarter. Sellers led the Broncos with 10 points in the loss, followed by McBee with nine, Brown with eight and Creel and Rowell with seven.

Holly Pond will host Good Hope Monday while Hanceville prepares to travel to Hueytown Saturday.