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Flourish of Cullman clients enjoy success in 2020

Client named local business' Employee of the Year



MELISSA DEW

Flourish client Anna Hagood was named 2020 Employee of the Year at the Alabama Highway 157 Arby's in Cullman.

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BUSINESS

Paycheck Protection Program for small businesses re-opens; new guidance issued

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Vinemont adopts ordinance establishing procedural rules; Cosper sworn in



NOAH GALILEE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman County Probate Judge Tammy Brown, left, administers the oath of office to Councilwoman Charlotte Cosper at Tuesday evening's Vinemont Town Hall meeting.

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VINEMONT, Ala. – The Vinemont Town Council on Tuesday night saw its newest council member, Charlotte Cosper, sworn in when Cullman County Probate Judge Tammy Brown administered Cosper's oath of office. Cosper was appointed last Thursday night in a special-called meeting to fill the seat left vacant when J.D. Marcum died in November. She fills place 3.

"I believe we have a great group on the council, and I look forward to working with the three new (members)," Mayor Reginald Dodson said.

Councilman Chris Thompson and Councilwoman Sonya Copeland began their terms in the fall after being elected in August.

After the quick swearing in, the council immediately went into the business of the Town.

Before swiftly moving through old business, the council first had to decide whether to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of a new ordinance to establish new procedural rules- or to read through the ordinance then suspend the vote until February.

Following a brief discussion and clarification by Town Clerk Kayecea Sasser as to the particulars of the ordinance, the council voted unanimously to suspend the rules and to adopt the new ordinance Tuesday night.

"The council repealed Resolution 2020-11-06 to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-01-01 that better outlines the guidelines, rules and procedures moving forward," Sasser said.

In other busi- » PAGE 5

– LIFESTYLE –

Glockenspiel clock is uniquely Cullman



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The glockenspiel clock is the focal point of the King Edward Plaza Shopping Center in southeast Cullman. Shown behind the left panel is a figurine of Roy Drinkard.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The German Christmas pyramid, or Weihnachtspyramide, is a well-known feature in the Cullman that celebrates the city's German heritage. Perhaps lesser known is the charming glockenspiel clock that is the focal point of the King Edward Plaza Shopping Center in southeast Cullman. At the top of every hour, the clock comes to life and is a must-see (and hear!).

A glockenspiel clock makes music while figurines move or tell a story. The most famous and elaborate one in the world is the Rathaus-Glockenspiel in Munich, Germany; it consists of 43 bells and 32 life-sized figurines.

The King Edward Plaza Shopping Center is owned by Drinkard Development, and its glockenspiel clock, although not as fancy as the Rathaus-Glockenspiel, is simply delightful and fun. The clock tower has panels on each side of the clock's face that depict outdoor scenes. Beneath the clock and panels is a banner made to look like a piece of music that reads "Ist das nicht eine Schnitzel Bank," part of the lyrics of "The Schnitzelbank Song," which was written and passed along by German immigrants in the United States in the 1800s.

At the top of each hour, the glockenspiel clock comes to life as several verses of "The Schnitzelbank Song" are played and the panels rotate to reveal wonderful surprises.

From the left panel is a figurine of Roy Drinkard wearing his signature suit and red bow tie. The right panel reveals Drinkard's beloved dog. The clock and tower were designed, » PAGE 3

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EDUCATION

City schools teaching students how to find accurate info on the internet

Cullman City Schools
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – As anyone who has ever used Google can attest, the internet is bursting with useful things — but it can also be a bit complicated to parse the information from the misinformation. To make it a bit easier, Cullman City Schools is starting young with internet-focused curriculum at the elementary level to give students the tools to safely, and wisely, use the internet.

Essentially, students are being taught the difference in an authentic trustworthy online source and those that are not.

To do that, East Elementary School Library Media Specialist Savannah Wood explained students are learning a method where they're able to check a website quickly for accuracy by modeling if its current, determining its relevance, its authority, its accuracy and its purpose.

Wood explained students are getting an opportunity to practice and use those skills in their online and research assignments this year.

"When students use information for learning purposes, or for sharing with others via Google projects, they must know the importance of using and sharing accurate information," she said.



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

East Elementary School Library Media Specialist Savannah Wood teaches students how to responsibly use the internet and determine the accuracy of information they use as sources.

"It's important they learn not to automatically trust everything they read in a world where 'fake news' is being presented more and more.

"We want them to be able to determine the accuracy of information themselves, on their own."

As part of the curriculum, Wood explained, she uses anchor charts and modeling to go through the steps of how to "test" the content they're finding, walking students through the process on the SmartBoard.

After that, she gives them a website to practice on, and students have to determine if the information there is legitimate or not.

"Then they'll eventually do a Google slide presentation where they give reasons and evidence for why what they're using is a good source of information," Wood explained.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 12

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 12, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Jan. 9

• third-degree theft of property; person; Cullman Shopping Center; wallets and contents

Jan. 11

• leaving the scene of an accident; person; Hwy. 278/ Main Avenue; damage to '03 Lexus

ARRESTS

Jan. 11

Swann, Brett A., 27

• fourth-degree theft of property

• third-degree criminal mischief

Moore, Christina J., 43

• fourth-degree theft of property

• third-degree criminal trespassing

Overton, Celina J., 26

• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

• FTA- leaving the scene of an accident

Bentley, Jordan C., 18

• discharging firearm into an unoccupied vehicle

• reckless endangerment

York, John A., 29

• GJ- first-degree theft of property

Tucker, Shona N., 33

• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

• Total confirmed cases in AL: 325,076 (+2,031 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in AL: 82,772 (+1,817 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in AL: 4,732* (+139 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in AL: 841
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 5,421 (+24 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,375 (+53 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 62 (+0 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 19
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 32,906
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 4,584
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 977
• Total tested in Alabama: 1,981,019
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 58,033
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 258,803
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 3,076
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 37,587 (not updated as of press time)
• Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 211,684

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

***Important Notice (01/12/21)**
The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) continues its review of a large number of deaths from our Alabama Center for Health Statistics (ACHS) which began on November 11. At this time, two-thirds of the deaths have been reviewed and ADPH expects this will take a few more weeks to complete. This may result in additional death numbers which are historic and do not reflect recent mortality due to COVID-19. For instance, most of the 226 deaths reported on the Data Dashboard for 01/12/21 are from review of this historic data. More deaths may be added in the coming weeks as ADPH continues its review.

Reviewing data is a standard process for ADPH in COVID-19, as well as other notifiable diseases. As part of the process for reporting deaths, each death is reviewed as records are received and investigations are opened. There may be delays in death reporting due to receiving information from hospitals, coroners, and other entities who send records to ADPH.

Upon further investigation, some deaths may be removed from the data count, as there may be duplicate records, deaths that were reported as COVID-19 but are found not to be attributable to this virus, or in rare instances, a death may be reported and the person is not deceased.

ADPH strives to present the most accurate data reflective of the current state of the pandemic in Alabama.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

ALDOT TRAFFIC ALERT: U.S. 231 southbound lane to be closed Monday-Friday, Jan. 11-15
The Alabama Department of Transportation advises motorists that the inside southbound lane of U.S. 231 at the recently-constructed bridges on Brindlee Mountain in Morgan County will be closed next week for guardrail work. The closure will begin about 7 a.m. Monday. The lane is anticipated to reopen sometime Friday. Please expect minor delays. Reduce speed and be prepared to merge.

PUBLIC NOTICE from Cullman County District Judge Chad Floyd
The traffic call dockets that were scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021 and Jan. 13, 2021 beginning at 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. have been combined with the March 3, 2021 traffic call docket.

PUBLIC NOTICE from Cullman County Courts
Cullman County jury trials currently scheduled for Jan. 25, 2021 have been postponed until February.... Cullman Circuit and District courts will remain open and motions may still be filed in all cases either electronically or directly through the Circuit Court Clerk's Office. Virtual court hearings will be held for the remainder of January as a substitute for in-person proceedings, where feasible. In-person judicial proceedings will be held utilizing previously adopted COVID-19 safety measures, in cases where it is necessary to provide immediate relief in emergency circumstances and for all court hearings deemed so essential that a postponement is not appropriate.

PUBLIC NOTICE from the City of Cullman Municipal Court
All cases that were set for Jan. 6, 2021 have been reset to Jan. 27, 2021 at 3 p.m. All cases that were set for Jan. 7, 2021 have been reset to Jan. 28, 2021 at 3 p.m. Reset court date notices will be mailed to each defendant. It is imperative that defendants ensure we have the correct address on file. To update your address, please call the court office at 256-775-7136.

PUBLIC NOTICE from the Cullman County Commission
Cullman County offices will be closed Jan. 18, 2021 in observance of Robert E. Lee and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthdays. Sanitation will run as scheduled.

Alcoholics Anonymous
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 ANOINTED PRAYER!
• Classes 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
• Sunday, Jan. 10, Message-"Wake Up the Dry Bones" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
• Sunday, Jan. 17, The group PURPOSE will lead praise and worship and bring the message.

Free Community Dinner at Center Hill Baptist Church
• 5-6 p.m.- The first Wednesday of every month we will be offering a Free Community Dinner. Church members, community members, neighbors and friends are welcome. This will be takeout only. Please message or comment with how many plates you will need to help us prepare enough food for everyone. RSVP at http://bit.ly/centerhill.
• 13108 County Road 747, Hanceville, AL 35077

Miércoles de Despensas
• 6-7 p.m. ler. miercoles del mes, En Su Tierra Cullman FUMC
• Despensas para la comunidad. No requiere ID. Entrega en su vehículo. Por favor use mascarilla.

Cullman Education Retirees Association Meeting
• Thursday, Jan. 14 at 11 a.m. at Stone Bridge Farms, 281 County Road 717, Cullman
• Our program will be presented by Kelly Smith, personal financial counselor. Following our program, we will have a short business meeting and then enjoy lunch together. Remember to wear your mask and practice social distancing.

Hanceville City Council Meeting
Thursday, Jan. 14 at 5:30 p.m. at Hanceville City Hall

Dodge City Town Council Meeting
Thursday, Jan. 14 at 6 p.m. at Dodge City Town Hall

Curbside Swamp John's Dinner
• Friday, Jan. 15 from 4-7 p.m. at East Side Baptist Church, 1111 Third St. SE, Cullman
• This is a fundraiser for our youth department and all proceeds go toward future ministry events. Curbside pickup only. Each $12 plate will also include a drink and a dessert.

Ivey receives 2nd COVID-19 vaccine dose



OFFICE OF GOV. KAY IVEY

"I just received my final dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. I appreciate the medical staff at Baptist South for their service and professionalism. Vaccination is critical to overcoming the pandemic. I encourage those eligible to get vaccinated."

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STATE

AG Marshall, Montgomery Family Sunshine Center announce Alabama Anti Human Trafficking Alliance

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Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Attorney General Steve Marshall and the Montgomery Family Sunshine Center on Monday announced they will lead a multi-agency alliance of state, federal and nongovernmental partners to combat human trafficking in Alabama. Funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, the Alabama Anti Human Trafficking Alliance will share investigative resources to interdict and prosecute human traffickers in Alabama and provide assistance to victims.

"Human trafficking is a modern form of slavery. It is a truly heinous crime, committed in the shadows—and in plain sight," said Marshall.

"Through force, fraud, and coercion, traffickers push their victims into demeaning forms of abuse, from sexual exploitation to domestic servitude. The victims are not limited to women and children, but include members of every age, sex and demographic."

Marshall continued, "I am committed to ending human trafficking in Alabama and have made it a top priority as Attorney General to do so. The Alabama Anti Human Trafficking Alliance will marshal the vast expertise and resources of state and federal law-enforcement agencies and nongovernmental groups, forming a united and powerful front in fighting this scourge on our society.

"Today's announcement serves as a reminder to human traffickers that the promise I made them on a past Human Trafficking Awareness Day remains as true as ever: We are coming after you—and we will only become more relentless until the day we end human trafficking in Alabama."

In October, the Alabama Attorney General's Office, as the lead law enforcement unit, and the Montgomery Family Sunshine Center, as the lead victim service provider, were awarded $2,900,455 in federal funding for a period of three years to create a task force to combat human trafficking statewide.

On Monday, Marshall and the Montgomery Family Sunshine Center joined with the U.S. Attorney's Offices for Northern, Middle and Southern Districts, Homeland Security Investigations, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Wellhouse, Ashakiran Inc., West Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force and Poarch Band of Creek Indians in signing a memorandum of understanding officially authorizing their partnership in the newly created Alabama Anti Human Trafficking Alliance.

Under the new partnership, which includes both law enforcement and well-established nongovernmental nonprofit victim service agencies, jurisdictional loopholes in capturing and prosecuting human traffickers will be closed, and victims will be afforded much-needed short-term and long-term support services.

The Attorney General's Office will provide a special agent to proactively investigate human trafficking cases statewide and provide support to law enforcement in investigating and prosecuting cases.

The Office will also make available an assistant attorney general for case investigative guidance, victim and witness advocacy, and will coordinate data and law enforcement committee meetings.

Tay Knight, Executive Director, Family Sunshine Center
"While law enforcement has demonstrated a commitment to fight human tracking across the State, they often encounter difficulty in locating the comprehensive victim services necessary to help survivors heal from their trauma and access resources necessary to move forward with real hope for the future. Family Sunshine Center is committed to partnering with Ashakiran, The Wellhouse, and other victim service providers across Alabama to increase access to crisis intervention services, including emergency shelter, residential services, counseling, and case management services for survivors of human trafficking. This funding will grant the Alabama Anti Human Trafficking Alliance the opportunity to conduct a statewide assessment to determine the areas and populations most at risk of trafficking, and the collaboration this project promotes will be invaluable to addressing the issue of trafficking within our State."

U.S. Attorney Prim F. Escalona, Northern District of Alabama
"Combating human trafficking in the Northern District of Alabama is a top priority of our office. This collaborative partnership is exactly what the Department of Justice grant is intended to support. Our office looks forward to working with the Alabama Anti-Human Trafficking Alliance to assist victims and combat human trafficking throughout the State of Alabama."

U.S. Attorney Louis Franklin, Middle District of Alabama
"My office is dedicated to stamping out human trafficking, and we welcome this opportunity to expand our existing partnerships with law enforcement to continue to prosecute those who take part in this horrible crime," stated U.S. Attorney Louis V. Franklin, Sr. "The victims of human trafficking often suffer in ways that are difficult to imagine occurring in this country. They are forced to work for little or no wages, condemned to live in sub-standard conditions, and even coerced into prostitution, sometimes at a very young age. All of us must work together to end this practice in Alabama and to punish those who would perpetrate it."

Special Agent in Charge Katrina W. Berger, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) operations Georgia and Alabama
"The exploitation of the world's most vulnerable residents through forced labor or commercial sex for financial gain is one of the most extreme and despicable examples of human depravity. The trauma endured by survivors of these crimes lasts a lifetime and without intervention, often leads to tragic consequences. Homeland Security Investigations, using its trauma-informed and victim-centered approach, is committed to working collaboratively with our partners to combat this despicable crime, help victims and bring offenders to justice."

FBI Birmingham Special Agent in Charge Johnnie Sharp Jr.
"The most effective way to investigate human trafficking is through a collaborative, multi-agency approach with our federal, state, local and tribal partners. The FBI remains committed to working with our partners in combating this heinous crime that exploits the most vulnerable in society."

FBI Mobile Special Agent in Charge, James Jewell
"The issue of human trafficking is too widespread for one single agency to tackle alone. The partnerships forged in this agreement will ensure no stone is left unturned and more importantly the victims of these horrible crimes will receive the much-needed assistance they deserve. FBI Mobile looks forward to this endeavor with our law enforcement and civilian partners."

Carolyn Potter, CEO, The WellHouse
"With much excitement, The WellHouse welcomes the opportunity to strengthen our existing support and services to survivors of human trafficking by partnering with the newly created Alabama Anti Human Trafficking Alliance; we look forward to much overall success through this endeavor."

Veleda M. Davis, Executive Director, AshaKiran Inc
"As stated by Attorney General Marshall, 'Human trafficking is a modern form of slavery, committed in the shadows and in plain sight.' AshaKiran is committed to promote awareness of human trafficking, along with supporting survivors of such trauma. AshaKiran provides culturally sensitive crises services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. We strive to be "A Ray of Hope" for survivors of crime across the State of Alabama."

Lt. Darren Beams, West Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force
"We applaud the measures that Attorney General Marshall is taking to combat human trafficking in our State, and we are wholeheartedly committed to being active and engaged partners in the Alabama Anti Human Trafficking Alliance. Working with our partners, we will use our tribal resources in this collective effort aimed at preventing, detecting, and thwarting human trafficking in Alabama. "

Each year, millions of men, women and children are victimized by human traffickers worldwide. While dozens of cases are reported annually in Alabama, it is believed the actual number of victims is much higher as most cases go unreported.

Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. Victims are found in legitimate and illegitimate labor industries, including sweatshops, massage parlors, agricultural fields, restaurants, hotels and domestic service.

To report suspected human trafficking, contact your local law enforcement agency, or the U.S. Homeland Security Investigations Tip line at 1-866-347-2423.

EDUCATION

4 local students named to Troy University Provost's List

Matt Clower
Contributor

TROY, Ala. – Troy University is pleased to announce students who have been named to the Provost's List for the Fall Semester and Term 2 of the 2020/2021 academic year. Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who have a grade point average of at least 3.65 qualify for the Provost's List. The Fall Semester includes students at the Troy, Ala., campus. Term 2 includes students at Troy's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, along with locations outside of Alabama and online.

Local students on the list include:
• Taylor Chambers from Bremen
• Lauren Evans from Cullman
• Madison Bates from Cullman
• Janna Duckett from Vinemont

About Troy University
Troy University is a public, historic, international university with 22,500 students and 154,000 alumni. Students choose TROY for its quality academic programs, reasonable costs and availability of financial aid, outstanding faculty, and flexible in-class and online class offerings. Students on the Troy, Ala. campus enjoy a traditional college experience, while adult students are the centers of attention at campuses in Dothan, Montgomery and Phenix City, Ala., as well as at locations around the world and online.

Clock (from Front)

fabricated and installed by the Verdin Company in 1996, but the clock was recently renovated.

The Verdin Company said in an October 2019 Facebook post, "About a year ago Verdin artisans repainted the figurines, outdoor scene and clock banner, fabricated new electrical components, clock dial and lighting and installed an updated digital carillon system."

When "The Schnitzelbanlk Song" comes to an end, Drinkard is heard calling for his dog, who barks in response. The figurines move and play out the scene before the panels turn back around and the countdown begins to the top of the next hour.

The glockenspiel clock is uniquely Cullman and well worth the visit. You may find yourself humming or whistling the catchy "Ist das nicht eine SchnitzelBank" for days to come.





No. 1 Alabama wins 2021 CFP National Championship, 52-24, over No. 3 Ohio State

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MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. – The Alabama football team won its 18th national championship Monday night at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Garden, Fla., in front of 14,926 fans with a dominating 52-24 win over No. 3 Ohio State in the College Football Playoff National Championship Game. Alabama finished its season a perfect 13-0, while Ohio State fell to 7-1.

In addition to being the Crimson Tide's 18th national football championship overall, it was Nick Saban's seventh as a head coach, giving him the most in collegiate football history, and his sixth at Alabama.

DeVonta Smith was the game's Offensive MVP after setting championship game records for the most receptions (12) and receiving touchdowns (3) while accounting for 215 of the Crimson Tide's 464 receiving yards, all of which came in the first half. Christian Barmore was named the Defensive MVP after totaling five tackles, a sack and two tackles for loss in a disruptive performance. Mac Jones threw for a CFP championship game record 464 yards on 36-of-45 passing, including a CFP championship game record tying five touchdowns. Najee Harris became just the fifth player to score both rushing and receiving touchdowns in a BCS/CFP title game with two on the ground and one through the air. He totaled 158 yards of total offense, including 79 yards rushing on 22 attempts and 79 yards receiving on seven catches.

Christian Harris and Dylan Moses led the Tide defense in tackles with six each.

HOW IT HAPPENED

First Quarter

• 08:07 – UA | Najee Harris capped off the Tide's opening drive with a one-yard rush to put Alabama on the board first.

• 04:55 – OSU | Master Teague III's eight-yard rushing touchdown evened the score on Ohio State's second drive of the game.

Second Quarter

• 14:53 – UA | Jones connected with Smith from five yards out to finish off a 75-yard drive for Alabama's second touchdown of the game.

• 11:43 – OSU | Teague III found the end zone for the second time, coming from four yards out, for another rushing score.

• 09:00 – UA | Harris set the SEC single-season touchdown record (29) on his second score of the game off a 26-yard pass from Jones.

• 05:21 – OSU | Jake Seibert sent a 23-yard kick through the uprights for the game's first field goal.

• 03:19 – UA | Smith trotted across the goal line after catching a five-yard pass from Jones for his second touchdown of the game.



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama Head Coach Nick Saban and OT Alex Leatherwood celebrate on stage after the Crimson Tide's 52-24 win over Ohio State Monday night.

• 01:48 – UA | Smith's third score came off a perfect-placed 42-yard pass from Jones to give the Tide an 18-point advantage at the half.

Third Quarter

• 07:47 – UA | Will Reichard recorded his 14th field goal in as many attempts, this one from 20 yards out for the first score of the second half.

• 06:45 – OSU | Justin Fields tossed a 20-yard pass to Garrett Wilson deep in the end zone for the Buckeyes' only receiving score of the game.

• 02:52 – UA | Slade Bolden became the third different Alabama player to record a receiving touchdown, this coming off a five-yard pass from Jones.

Fourth Quarter

• 13:15 – UA | Harris carried for one yard for his second rushing touchdown and third overall in the game.

Fans wishing to get official Alabama National Championship merchandise are encouraged to visit the Alabama Crimson Tide Official Online Store.

Get all the latest information on the team by following @AlabamaFTBL on Twitter and Facebook and AlabamaFBL on Instagram. General athletic news can also be found at UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and AlabamaAthletics on Facebook.

Alabama makes plays down stretch to pull out 94-90 thriller at Auburn

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AUBURN, Ala. – Guard Joshua Primo scored 22 points while forward Jordan Bruner added 20 to lead the Alabama men's basketball team to a 94-90 thriller over Auburn on Saturday afternoon. In a contest that featured 16 lead changes and nine ties, it was the Crimson Tide who made the plays down the stretch to secure the win.

Auburn held a 90-89 lead with 2:17 left to play following an Allen Flanigan putback to give his team the one-point lead. From there, Alabama went 1-of-2 from the floor and 3-of-4 from the foul line while holding the Tigers to 0-of-2 shooting and forcing three turnovers.

With the win. Alabama (9-3, 4-0 SEC) captured its first victory in Auburn Arena since 2015 (lost five straight coming in) and became the third team in the SEC and 34th team NCAA history to capture 1,700 wins in program history.

Primo (4-of-8) and Bruner (3-of-6) combined to shoot 50 percent (7-of-14) shots from deep while the rest of the team combined to shoot 3-of-18 from beyond the arc. Guard/Forward Herbert Jones collected a career-high 19 points to go along with eight rebounds and five of Alabama's 15 steals on the night. Guards Jaden Shackelford (11) and John Petty Jr. (10) also reached double figures.

Auburn was led by Sharife Cooper's 26 points and nine assists in his first appearance of the season for the Tigers.

Coach Nate Oats Postgame Comments

"We knew it was going to be tough to come in here and get a win. They are a program with a lot of pride here recently and are in dire need of a win. Getting Sharife eligible to play helped them out and makes them a completely different team.

"I thought it showed a lot of character for our guys to come in here and have zero days of preparation on how to play him because we didn't know he was officially playing until shortly before the game.

"Our guys were able to overcome that and pull together. I think we got stops on the last five possessions on the defensive end with some big steals and deflections.

"I think we got a couple of offensive rebounds, including the putback by Petty which was huge down the stretch. I think our guys are learning how to win close games.

"It's something we struggled with last year and now guys are making tough plays down the stretch."

Team Stats

• Alabama shot 41.1 percent from the field and knocked down 10-of-32 (.313) from the three-point line while Auburn shot 46.8 percent from the field and just 8-of-27 (.296) from beyond the arc

• The Tide made a difference on the boards, owning a 42-39 edge on the glass and 15-8 in offensive rebounds which helped UA own a 16-9 lead in second chance points

• Alabama managed 15 steals and forced the Tigers into 20 turnovers that resulted in a 21-13 edge in second chance points and a 14-10 lead in fast break points

• Alabama led for a total of 31:15 and Auburn just 4:09, with the Tide leading by as many as 10 points early in the game

• Primo finished 8-of-8 from the foul line while adding five rebounds, three assists and a pair of steals

• Petty matched Jones with eight rebounds, while Bruner and Shackelford finished with seven each

• Alabama improves to 8-0 this season when scoring 80 or more points

• Jahvon Quinerly (13.0 ppg, 3.2 apg) missed his second straight game with a medical condition

First Half

• Alabama started the contest on an 11-2 run over the first four minutes of the game, as Primo scored nine points including three three-pointers

• Auburn came back with a quick spurt to cut the game to 14-12 before the Tide pushed the lead up to 23-15 with 8:17 remaining in the first half

• With UA leading 28-18, the Tigers went on a 10-0 run to tie the game at 28-28 at the 3:05 mark

• Auburn took its first lead of the game at 33-32 with 2:01 left in the opening stanza, but the Tide finished the half on top 37-36

• Primo scored 14 first-half points knocking down 4-of-6 from the three-point line and grabbing four rebounds

Second Half

• Alabama opened the second half on a 6-0 run, but Auburn came back to take its first lead of the second half at 46-45 with 15:53 remaining

• Herbert Jones' one-handed dunk over an Auburn defender tied the game at 52-52, one of the game nine ties on the day

• With the game tied at 61-all, UA scored four straight points to take the 65-61 lead with 10:41 left to play

• The Tide held a 74-72 advantage with just over eight minutes left, but went on an 8-2 spurt to grow its lead to 82-74 with 6:26 left to play

• However, the Tigers responded with a 10-0 run to take the 84-82 lead at the 4:43 mark



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama guard Joshua Primo led the Crimson Tide with 22 points in their 94-90 win at Auburn Saturday.

Up Next

The Crimson Tide remains on the road when it travels to Lexington, Ky., to take on the Kentucky Wildcats on Tuesday, Jan. 12. The contest is part of Super Tuesday on ESPN and is slated for an 8 p.m. CT (9 p.m. ET). For all the latest information on the team, follow AlabamaMBB on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. General athletic news can be found @UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and Alabama Athletics on Facebook.

The 1-3-1: Cooper's return brings new energy to Auburn

Greg Ostendorf
AU Athletics

1 BIG THING: TEAM CULTURE

Bruce Pearl faced a dilemma Saturday. For the first time all season Sharife Cooper was eligible to play, and the Auburn head coach wanted to insert his freshman point guard into the starting lineup. After all, Cooper was the top recruit in program history when he signed. He was ready to play, having practiced the last two weeks. Plus, he hung in through what was a challenging time.

But who do you take out? Returners Allen Flanigan, Jamal Johnson and Devan Cambridge had all earned their spots in the starting lineup with their improved play on the court this season. Any of the three could have had a gripe if they were pulled for Cooper.

That's not how it works at Auburn, though. Not with those three.

"Devan, Jamal and Al all offered to come out of the starting lineup in order to start Sharife," Pearl said.

"Each one of them. That tells you about the culture and the chemistry in our locker room."

"It's just good to know those guys have your back," added Cooper.

"They didn't have to do that. They didn't have to sacrifice something that they wanted themselves. They just told BP, 'We want to win. Whatever you got to do; we want to win.' I'm thankful for those guys. Those are my brothers, and I'll do anything for them."

3 QUESTIONS WITH SHARIFE COOPER

Q: How hard have the last few months been, not being able to play?

Cooper: I'd be wrong if I didn't say it was very hard. But I made up my mind and told them I wasn't going to let nothing break me. Through the ups and downs, through the trials and tribulations, I always just told myself I won't let it break me. I think that's what kind of got me through it – as well as my family, my coaches, all my support staff, Auburn fans. I couldn't be more thankful for them. I just constantly see support and people fighting for me. That kind of helped me keep my spirits up, and I'm thankful for those people.

Q: What was it like shaking the rust off?

Cooper: It's been a long time since I've played a game. Practice never can simulate a real game. The first couple minutes, I knew I was going to be a little rusty. I haven't played in a long time, so I didn't want to force anything. I wanted to kind of get the feel of the pick-and-roll, get the feel of their defense and get the feel of our offense. I knew once I kind of settled down, things would get to flowing, the offense would look better, and it did.

Q: What makes you such a good passer, especially having not played this season?

Cooper: When I watch, I kind of envision myself out there. Devan, he wanted me to play so bad because he likes the backdoor lobs. The main thing I do is keep my head up. And if you're open, I'm going to find you. If you're backdoor, I'm going to find you with a lob. So I always tell my guys to be ready. 'Be ready in the corner. Don't move, I'm going to hit you. And when you get it, shoot it.' I just keep talking to those guys, they keep talking to me, and we're building chemistry as we go. We haven't had much time, but we'll figure it out and we'll get rolling.

1 KEY STAT: AUBURN ARENA DEBUT

If Sharife Cooper's stat line from Saturday (26 points, 9 assists) looked familiar, it should. Fellow freshman Justin Powell also had 26 points and nine assists earlier this season against South Alabama. Ironically, both Cooper and Powell did it while playing for the first time inside Auburn Arena. On the season, Cooper and Powell are two of only eight Division I men's basketball players to score 26 points and dish out nine assists in a game, and of those eight, they are the only freshmen in college basketball to have done it. Auburn is also the only team to have two different players put up that stat line. The Tigers are hopeful to get Powell back from injury this week as they travel to Georgia on Wednesday and return home Saturday for a date with Kentucky in Auburn Arena.



ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

HEALTH

Exposing popular food safety myths

Justin Miller
Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. – When people think of myths, they think of creatures such as Big Foot or the Loch Ness monster. However, there are several myths that may be living right in the home kitchen. Over the years, many myths surrounding food safety have been adopted as facts. While there may be debates on whether Big Foot and Nessie are real, Alabama Extension professionals are here to expose these food safety myths as frauds.

Alice Moore, an Alabama Extension food safety and quality regional agent, said foodborne illnesses are common, yet preventable when proper steps are taken.

"The CDC estimates that one in six Americans get sick from contaminated foods or beverages," Moore said. "Using the proper techniques, such as hand washing and cooking food to the correct temperature, can help people prevent these illnesses."

10 food safety myths
The following are 10 of the most popular home food safety myths:

Rinsing chicken removes bacteria
One of the most popular food safety myths is that rinsing chicken with water will remove bacteria such as Salmonella. Moore said this could not be further from the truth.

"Rinsing chicken will not only fail to remove bacteria, it will also spread raw juices around the sink, onto counter tops and onto ready-to-eat foods," Moore said. "Bacteria in raw meat and poultry can only be killed when cooked to a safe minimum internal temperature, which is 165°F for poultry."

Raw cookie dough and cake batter are safe to eat
Contrary to the belief of many, raw cookie dough and cake batter should not be consumed. These items could contain germs that cause illness. Whether it's prepackaged or homemade, the heat from baking is required to kill germs that might be in the raw ingredients.

Cross contamination doesn't happen in refrigerators
One myth is that cross contamination doesn't happen in refrigerators because it is too cold for the germs to survive. In reality, Moore said some bacteria can survive, and even grow, in cool, moist environments.

"Always keep fresh fruits and vegetables separate from raw meat, poultry, seafood and eggs," she said. "Also, clean the refrigerator regularly with hot water and soap, including the refrigerator walls and undersides of shelves."

Produce bins don't need to be cleaned
People may believe that because they only put fruit and vegetables in the produce bin, that it doesn't need cleaning. However, there are some naturally occurring bacteria in fresh fruits and vegetables that can cause cross contamination.

"A recent study revealed that the refrigerator produce compartment was one of the places in the kitchen with the most germs," Moore said.

To prevent the buildup of bacteria, clean the produce bin and other bins in the refrigerator often with hot water and soap. Rinse the bins thoroughly after washing. Dry them with a clean cloth towel or allow them to air dry outside of the refrigerator.

Leftovers are safe to eat until they smell
Smell is NOT an indication of whether food is safe to eat. The types of bacteria that cause foodborne illnesses do not affect the taste, smell or appearance of food. People should either freeze or discard refrigerated leftovers within three to four days, even if they smell and look fine.

Melons don't need to be cleaned
Because people only eat the inside of the melon, many think that the outside doesn't need to be cleaned. Even though people don't ingest the rind, there are many ways for pathogens to contaminate the edible portion.

"A knife or peeler passing through the rind can carry pathogens from the outside into the flesh of the melon," Moore said. "Before cutting, rinse the melon under running tap water while rubbing by hand or scrubbing with a clean brush."

Food poisoning is not an issue when eating a vegetarian diet
Even when eating a vegetarian diet, people can get food poisoning. Fruits and vegetables may carry a risk of foodborne illness, just like any other food. Always rinse produce under running tap water. This includes the fruits and vegetables with skins and rinds that people do not eat. Never use detergent or bleach to wash fresh produce.

Freezing food kills illness-causing bacteria
Despite popular belief, bacteria can survive freezing temperatures. Freezing is not a method of killing bacteria. When frozen food is thawed, bacteria can still be present and may begin to multiply. The best way to kill harmful bacteria is by cooking the food to the proper internal temperature.

Hamburgers are cooked when the middle is brown
People cannot rely on visual cues to determine whether food has been cooked to a safe internal temperature. The ONLY way to know that food has been cooked is by using a food thermometer. Ground meat should be cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 160°F.

Microwaving food makes it automatically safe to eat
The heat from microwave ovens will kill the bacteria in foods when heated to a safe internal temperature. However, do not assume that the food is automatically safe to eat.

"Foods can cook unevenly in microwave ovens because they may be shaped irregularly or vary in thickness," Moore said.

"Even microwave ovens that have a turntable can cook food unevenly. This may leave cold spots in the food, where harmful bacteria can survive."

Follow all package instructions, rotating and stirring foods during the cooking process, if the instructions call for it. Also, check the temperature of microwaved foods with a food thermometer in several spots.

More information
For more information on proper food safety techniques and procedures, visit the Food Safety section of the Alabama Extension website at www.aces.edu/go/foodsafety. The food safety and quality regional agent serving each county is also available by phone or email. Find contact information for each agent in the Alabama Extension personnel directory.



RPM PRODUCTIONS

Cullman's Alexandria Flanigan, center, was crowned Miss Alabama USA Sunday night in Auburn.

Cullman's Alexandria Flanigan crowned Miss Alabama USA

RPM Productions
Contributor

Cullman's Alexandria Flanigan was crowned Miss Alabama USA Sunday night in Auburn. Flanigan competed as Miss Cullman USA. She was one of 26 contestants from around the state who participated in the pageant, which took place Jan. 9-10.

Flanigan will compete for the title of Miss USA later this year.

Flanigan is the daughter of Renee and Jeff Flanigan. According to MissCullmanUSA2021.com, she was born in Birmingham, but raised in Cullman, and is a student at The University of Alabama in Huntsville in the pre-law program majoring in philosophy and minoring in political science.

After completing her bachelor's degree, she plans to attend law school to pursue her Juris Doctor concentrating on corporate and securities law.

Learn more at www.missalabamausa.com.

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ness, the council:

• Approved payment of the Municipal Workers Compensation Bill. Two payments of $2,183 are scheduled to be paid Jan. 1 and Feb. 1, 2021.

• Approved Resolution 2021-01-02 authoring Dodson to sign a franchise agreement with Sprout Fiber Internet

• Approved Resolution 2021-01-03 authoring Dodson to sign a reciprocal agreement with the State of Alabama Department of Revenue.

• Approved a LifeSouth Community Blood Drive event to be held Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the town's community center.

• Authorized Sasser to attend Municipal Clerks Spring Institute in Montgomery between Feb. 24-26.

Look in future editions of The Tribune for more in-depth stories from Tuesday night's meeting.





OPINION

How to listen to a sermon, part 1

Tom Fillinger
Tribune Columnist

"Forever O LORD your word is firmly fixed in the heavens." ***(Psalm 119:89)***

This is the first in a series on How to Listen to a Sermon. Psalm 119 is a declaration on the word of God, God's message to man. That word informs us who God is and who we are. God ordained that the primary means of declaring his word to his people and to the world at large is by preaching 2 Tim. 4:1-2:

"I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching."

In our culture that is accomplished in what we identify as a sermon. A sermon, to accomplish God's purpose, must be an accurate declaration of God's word. As we begin this series it is important that we understand the character and nature of God's word. Defining terms associated with sermons and preaching provide a solid basis for listening to a sermon. As you read these articles over the next several months apply what you are reading to what you hear classified as a 'sermon'. Does what you are hearing meet the requirements God has established?

Scripture, God's word, is TRUTH Absolute. This is known as Special Revelation. God's word is Revealed, Absolute, Propositional, Transcendent, Authoritative and Incarnate.

There is one and only one correct interpretation for every portion of God's word. James issued a clear declaration on the importance of "getting it right."

James 3:1: *"Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness."*

The Protestant Reformation brought to light the importance of the word of God as the supreme and ultimate authority.

Not Rome, not the Pope, not what is known as the Magisterium.

Salvation is not by works, not by baptism, but by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. That is the message that credible sermons must declare.

Ephesians 2:8 *"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."*

This series will equip you to listen to messages with discernment.

You will find great joy as you know with confidence the message is the word of God and what is a man's opinion. You can be an important and valuable source of encouragement to your pastor. Affirm his messages when they are true to the text.

Offer gracious and pointed correction when they are not. A true man of God welcomes such a response from God's people.

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.

Program (from Front)

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), in consultation with the U.S. Department of the Treasury, re-opened the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) this week for new borrowers and certain existing PPP borrowers.

To promote access to capital, only community financial institutions were be able to make First Draw PPP Loans Monday, Jan. 11 and Second Draw PPP Loans Wednesday, Jan. 13. The PPP will open to all participating lenders shortly thereafter. Updated PPP guidance outlining Program changes to enhance its effectiveness and accessibility was released Jan. 6 in accordance with the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Non-Profits, and Venues Act.

This round of the PPP continues to prioritize millions of Americans employed by small businesses by authorizing up to $284 billion toward job retention and certain other expenses through March 31, 2021 and by allowing certain existing PPP borrowers to apply for a Second Draw PPP Loan.

"The historically successful Paycheck Protection Program served as an economic lifeline to millions of small businesses and their employees when they needed it most," said Administrator Jovita Carranza.

"(Friday, Jan. 8's) guidance builds on the success of the program and adapts to the changing needs of small business owners by providing targeted relief and a simpler forgiveness process to ensure their path to recovery."

"The Paycheck Protection Program has successfully provided 5.2 million loans worth $525 billion to America's small businesses, supporting more than 51 million jobs," said Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuc

hin.

"This updated guidance enhances the PPP's targeted relief to small businesses most impacted by COVID-19.

"We are committed to implementing this round of PPP quickly to continue supporting American small businesses and their workers."

"This update from the Small Business Administration is welcome news, and I encourage small business owners across our state to take advantage of these available funds," said Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey.

"Any support that we can provide our small businesses in this challenging season is critical to our overall recovery."

Key PPP updates include:

- PPP borrowers can set their PPP loan's covered period to be any length between 8 and 24 weeks to best meet their business needs
- PPP loans will cover additional expenses, including operations expenditures, property damage costs, supplier costs, and worker protection expenditures
- The Program's eligibility is expanded to include 501(c)(6)s, housing cooperatives, destination marketing organizations, among other types of organizations
- The PPP provides greater flexibility for seasonal employees
- Certain existing PPP borrowers can request to modify their First Draw PPP Loan amount
- Certain existing PPP borrowers are now eligible to apply for a Second Draw PPP Loan

A borrower is generally eligible for a Second Draw PPP Loan if the borrower:

- Previously received a First Draw PPP Loan and will or has used the full amount only for authorized uses
- Has no more than 300 employees
- Can demonstrate at least a 25% reduction in gross receipts between comparable quarters in 2019 and 2020

According to Ivey's Office, many protocols are the same. There are also important changes:

Participating Lenders: For the time being, PPP loans can generally only be made at Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) or Minority Depository Institutions (MDIs). The program will open to other lenders in the near future, but the exact day has not been announced by the SBA.

Eligible Borrowers: The maximum size of a PPP loan remains the same. However, it specifically can allow 2.5 times a borrower's average monthly payroll cost, up to $10 million. Borrowers are now labeled as either first draw or second draw borrowers. All borrowers have until March 31, 2021 to secure their first or second PPP loan.

*A first draw borrower has not previously received a PPP loan. As before, the borrower must have been operational before Feb. 15, 2020 and have no more than 500 employees. But in this round of PPP funding, some businesses previously ineligible for a PPP loan now qualify, such as 501(c)(6) organizations, housing cooperatives and direct marketing organizations. A first draw borrower can apply for a PPP loan starting Monday, Jan. 11.

*A second draw borrower has received a PPP loan and has or will use the full amount of funds for authorized uses. Importantly, a second draw borrower can have no more than 300 employees and must demonstrate a 25% reduction in gross receipts between comparable quarters in 2019 and 2020. A second draw borrower can apply for a PPP loan starting Wednesday, Jan. 13.

The new guidance released includes:

- PPP Guidance from SBA Administrator Carranza on Accessing Capital for Minority, Underserved, Veteran, and Women-owned Business Concerns (https://bit.ly/3sjI3if)
- Interim Final Rule on Paycheck Protection Program as Amended by Economic Aid Act (https://bit.ly/3i9bQWj)
- Interim Final Rule on Second Draw PPP Loans (https://bit.ly/38BIGf7)

According to The Treasury, "The Paycheck Protection Program established by the CARES Act, is implemented by the Small Business Administration with support from the Department of the Treasury.

"This program provides small businesses with funds to pay up to 8 weeks of payroll costs including benefits. Funds can also be used to pay interest on mortgages, rent, and utilities.

"The Paycheck Protection Program prioritizes millions of Americans employed by small businesses by authorizing up to $659 billion toward job retention and certain other expenses.

Small businesses and eligible nonprofit organizations, Veterans organizations, and Tribal businesses described in the Small Business Act, as well as individuals who are self-employed or are independent contractors, are eligible if they also meet program size standards."

For more information, visit sba.gov/ppp or treasury.gov/cares.



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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
ROBERT E. SHANNON, * **CASE NO.: PC2020-360**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to JUDY S. SHANNON as Personal Representative of the Estate of ROBERT E. SHANNON, deceased, on the 5th day of January, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Judy S. Shannon
Personal Representative

Gay Blackburn Maloney
Attorney for Personal Representative
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

Please publish the above Notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
* *
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2021-003

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LORENE MAGDALENA APEL, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Janice Apel Morgan and Gregory Alan Apel on the 11th day of January, 2021, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Janice Apel Morgan and Gregory Alan Apel
Personal Representatives

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF **CASE NO: AD-2020-079**

THE ADOPTION PETITION
OF REGINA HARVELL
FOR THE ADOPTION OF
C.A.C. A MINOR
D.O.B. 07-19-2012

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: MEGAN LESHAE DAWSON, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER
JOSHUA ADAM CAMPBELL, BIOLOGICAL FATHER

A Petition for Adoption was filed with the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Regina Harvell, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioners, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 28th DAY OF December, 2020.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Kimberly H. Drake
Attorney for Petitioner
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TO THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
)
VERNON R. HENDERSON,) CASE NO.: PC-2020-2021 013
)
DECEASED.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Jason Ray Henderson as Personal Representative of the Estate of VERNON R. HENDERSON, deceased, on the 11th day of January 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Jason Ray Henderson
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Vernon R. Henderson, deceased

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF **CASE NO: AD-2020-097**

THE ADOPTION PETITION
OF JOEL SKINNER and
PATRICE SKINNER
FOR THE ADOPTION OF
J.T.S. A MINOR
D.O.B. 5-17-2015

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: SAVANNAH BLAKE NOE, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER

A Petition for Adoption was filed with the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Joel Skinner and Patrice Skinner, Petitioners. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioners, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 11th DAY OF January, 2021.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Hanceville, Alabama 35077

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE

Registration opens for 2021 HIRE Vets Medallion Award Program

Donal Cieutat
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Hire Vets Medallion Award Program is an official program of the U.S. Department of Labor and launches Jan. 31. Employers interested in applying for the 2021 program may now create or update existing accounts in preparation of the program's launch.

These awards are the only federal-level veterans' employment awards that recognizes a company or organization's commitment to veteran hiring, retention and professional development. In 2020, 25 Alabama companies received the HIRE Vets Medallion Award and more than 1,000 employers have been recognized nationally.

The HIRE Vets Medallion Award is based on several criteria, ranging from veteran hiring and retention to providing veteran-specific resources, leadership programming, dedicated human resources and compensation and tuition assistance programs – with requirements varying for large, medium and small employers. "This program provides an opportunity for employers to be honored for going the extra mile in hiring and retaining veterans," said Alabama Department of Labor Secretary Fitzgerald Washington.

To learn more, create an account, or update an existing account for the HIRE Vets Medallion Award Program, go to www.HireVets.gov or visit one of the 52 Alabama Career Centers in the state for assistance.

General Dentist Office
Needs part-time hygienist Tuesdays, Wednesdays and some Friday mornings. Position will become full-time. Some dental assisting may be required. Teamwork and a positive attitude are a must. Experience preferred.
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Obituary Announcements: Jan. 13

William Kenneth Graham, 85, of Cullman
Mr. William Kenneth Graham of Cullman passed away Jan. 8, 2021 at the age of 85. He was born in Cullman July 23, 1935 to William Ether and Lula Hyatt Graham. Mr. Graham is a veteran of The United States Navy. He is preceded in death by his parents, son Craig Graham, and four brothers. Graveside services will be held Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Center Grove Baptist Cemetery. Rev. Jimmy Baker will officiate. The family will receive friends at the graveside Tuesday. Survivors are wife Hilda Golden Graham; daughters Teresa (Michael) Childers and Jennifer (Wade) Wells; son Kevin (Lisa) Graham; sisters Lucille (Bill) Hinkle and Wilda (late Billy) Moore; brother Ronald (Judy) Graham; grandchildren Shannon Graham, Shana Tucker, Savannah Graham, Tanner (Makayla) Burdette, Tyler (Jana) Childers, Katie Cameron, Pryce Wells, and Kenson Wells; great-grandchildren Tyde Tucker, Kye Burdette, Caroline Burdette, John Collin Burdette, Sutton Grace Burdette and Colton Cameron; and a host of nieces and nephews. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing. Due to COVID-19, please follow guidelines for social distancing and face masks.

MaryRuthGusich,89
Graveside services for Mary Ruth Gusich, who passed away Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021 at the age of 89, will be at Cullman City Cemetery Friday, Jan. 15, 2021 at 11 a.m. Moss Service Funeral Home directing. She was preceded in death by her mother Amanda Nail Ramey; grandparents James and Grand Hardin Nail; husband Joseph K. Gusich; sisters Kay Burns and Barbara Freno; and brothers James "Rusty" Nail, Dick Ramey, and Jim Ramey. Her survivors include her daughter Mary Roxanne Gusich Boyce; sons Joseph Gusich and James Gusich; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister Doris Massey; and brother Wallace "Boot" Ramey. Visitation will be at Moss Service Funeral Home Friday, Jan. 15, 2021 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family at mossservicefh.com.

Billy Wayne Kilgore, Sr., 78, of Cullman
Funeral services for Billy Wayne Kilgore, Sr., 78, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021 at the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. A visitation will precede the service from 9-11 a.m. Reverend Steve Rodgers will officiate. The interment will follow in the Mt. Vernon Primitive Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Kilgore family. Mr. Kilgore was born March 29, 1942 to Toral and Lois Duckett Kilgore. He was a Sunday school teacher and member of Brickyard Baptist Church. He loved being outside and traveling. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Junior Kilgore, Lelton Kilgore, and Marvin Kilgore; and sisters Wilma Guess and Helen Roan. Mr. Kilgore is survived by his wife Donna Kilgore; sons Billy Wayne Kilgore, Jr., Jeff (Denise) Kilgore, and Pete (Malissa) Kilgore; grandchildren Krystal (Mitch) Humphryes, Tina (Cody) Harding, Tonya (Eric) Tolbert, Scott (Brittany) Kilgore, Brandon (Aimee) Kilgore, Latasha Kilgore, and Brent Bynum; step-grandchildren Heather Tate, Steven Tate, Justin Tate, and Shaun Tate; great-grandchildren Devan Humphryes, Lacy Humphryes, Audrey Harding, Sam Harding, Mason Harding, Ella Tolbert, Cody Kilgore, Alaynna Kilgore, Brantley Kilgore, Baylee Kilgore, and Allie Kilgore; and a host of family and friends. Family is requiring that all who attend wear a mask. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Wilma Kay (Jody) Lamont
Wilma Kay (Jody) Lamont was born Jan. 19, 1942 to Elmer and Elsie McAnnally Harper. She went home Jan. 9, 2021 to meet her loved ones that have passed on: her husband James Lamont; her parents; brothers Howard, Melvin, and her twin brother Willard Ray who died at birth; and sister Elsie Jean. She is survived by her son James Randall Lamont; sisters Fay Harper and Elner Calvert; nieces Shelia Creel, Tammy Netherton, Glenda Kelso, and Wanda Harper; and nephews Greg Rouse, Anthony Harper, and Jeff Harper. Interment will be at a later date in Garden City Cemetery.

Crate Shelton, 82, of Cullman
Visitation for Crate Shelton, 82, of Cullman will be from 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; interment in BE Shelton Cemetery in Madison, NC. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Shelton passed away Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021 at Cullman Regional. He was born Dec. 15, 1938 in North Carolina to Joe and Nellie Shelton. He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers, and three sisters. Survivors include his wife Rosella Shelton; daughter Wendy (Shelton) Mayfield; son Jeff Shelton; stepchildren Debbie (Glen) Nielsen, Brenda Lee (Larry) Snodgrass, Ricky Cantrell, Jackie (Randy) Hughes, Rodney Cantrell, and Mellissa (Csaba) Szucs; grandchildren Justin Shelton, Zared Mayfield, Kayla (Jake) Overton, Sumer Shelton, and Carly Shelton; great-grandchild Alianna Overton; brothers Odell (Vernalee) Shelton, Arlin (Margaret) Shelton, Clifford (Mary) Shelton, and Gerald (Nancy) Shelton; and a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Bobby Joe Thomas, 75, of Arab
Bobby Joe Thomas, 75, of Arab passed away Jan. 12, 2021. He was born March 7, 1945 in Cullman County to Carl Willard and Ollie Mae Bush Thomas. Mr. Thomas was retired. He provided for his family as a truck driver for many years. Bobby also served in the United States Army and his sacrifice and service to our nation is greatly appreciated. Bobby is preceded in death by his parents Carl and Ollie Thomas; his beloved wife Judy Griffin Thomas; and several brothers and sisters. Mr. Thomas is survived by his son Dale Thomas; daughters Sarah and Jason Bowers, Shannon Thomas, and Helen Griffin; brothers Cliff Thomas and David and Edna Thomas; sister Bonnie and Tim Davis; grandchildren Jacob Bowers, Brian Bowers, Tina and Aaron Eastman, Brittney Thomas, D.J. Brown, Lee Brown, Jr., Eric Thomas, and Nicholas Thomas; several great-grandchildren; and a large extended family. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Thomas family.

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Flourish (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Flourish of Cullman, which seeks to help people with developmental barriers to employment find ways to work and move toward independent lives, was enjoying a lively 2020 when COVID appeared and everything changed.

Director Melissa Dew shared, "2020 started out with a bang. We had the roaring 2020s bingo and dinner at Goat Island 'speakeasy.' It was a great event; we sold about 175 tickets and raised a little over $7,000.

"Then COVID hit. We had to cancel our annual golf tournament 'Putting for Independence.' This was a big hit for us, because we use our fundraising money to pay for all our insurance for us to operate and building fund for the independent living apartment.

"We had to purchase thermometers, masks, hand sanitizer, HIPAA-compliant Zoom subscription and many other things adding up to about $3,000.

"In March, we closed due to COVID and the Stay at Home Order, and finally came back to the office in May.

"We were one of the lucky ones; we were able to participate in the PPP loan (program) to help us stay afloat. When we opened back up in May, we did everything virtually through Zoom.

"June, we started back with socials in open air places like the parks. We practiced social distancing, and everyone wore a mask. We continued that way till October.

"At that time, we had a participant and team member that came down with COVID. The team member recovered with mild symptoms.

"Participant Robert Squires is currently still in the hospital recovering. We have been doing 'get well' cards from the community to help him to see we are all pulling for him to get well."

Reaching out to the community

Dew said, "We organized 48 hours of caring for CRMC, feeding ICU staff day and night for 48 hours. We also prepared large snack baskets for every nurses' station at CRMC.

"We are so thankful for everything they do, and we wanted to do something to help, so, you know in the South when you cannot do anything else, you feed people!

"We started transition classes for county schools in October, and it has been a real struggle due to COVID."

Flourish clients working in the community

Dew told The Tribune, "We did not let COVID-19 slow us down as far as the individuals we serve! We have served 69 individuals through life coaching social interaction, job coaching, and have employed 18 individuals all over Cullman. We have placed individuals at TJ Maxx, REHAU, Wal-Mart, Applebee's, Arby's."

Anna Hagood proved what Flourish's clients can do when, after several monthly awards, she was named Employee of the Year at the Alabama Highway 157 Arby's in Cullman. According to Flourish, her boss said, "She has perfect attendance, and always has a positive attitude. She goes above and beyond to help her team, especially new hires, and is always willing to go the extra mile."

Credit to the team

Dew shared, "We are so proud of our team at Flourish. They are so amazing, always coming up with new ingenious ways to deliver services and make an impact in our community.

"We have added two amazing new team members that will add further expertise to further the success of the community we serve. Our board of directors are amazing and have went above and beyond to support our mission in the community."

Looking forward to 2021

Dew concluded, "2021, here we come! Increasing jobs in our community and continuing to show Cullman that individuals with differing abilities are functioning members of society and accord the same dignity and respect of other individuals in our community."

About Flourish

Dew wrote, "Flourish core values are we believe that individuals with differing abilities are primarily individuals deserving of dignity and respect. They can create and develop their own vision and dreams for their lives. They can learn how to manage their own home life. They can perform actual jobs with competitive pay and how to be social among friends within social settings."

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