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-LOCAL GOVERNMENT -

Hanceville mulls senior center project changes, costs



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Architect Tim Burney addresses the Hanceville City Council Thursday evening.

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CCSO, City Sanitation, Hanceville and East Elementary honored with PALS awards



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

April Dean accepts the third-place 2020 Alabama PALS Clean Campus Award for East Elementary School from Cullman County PALS Chairperson Cherrie Haney.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The winners may not have been able to receive their awards in Montgomery as in past non-pandemic years, but that didn't stop them from being celebrated Thursday when Cullman County PALS (People Against a Littered State) brought them together to present them with their Alabama PALS 2020 Governor's Awards and Clean Campus Awards.

Presenting the Clean Campus Awards to both East Elementary School and Hanceville Elementary School, Cullman County PALS Chairperson Cherrie Haney said, "This is awesome. Having two Clean Campus winners is just amazing. We have done it one other time, but we never had a first place and a third place."

East took third place, receiving a plaque and $500. First place was awarded to Hanceville, which received a plaque and $1,000 that will be used in its outdoor classroom.

The 2020 Governor's Award for Law Enforcement went to Sheriff Matt Gentry and the Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

"He has won every year since he's been elected," beamed Haney.

In 2020, the CCSO picked up 56,395 pounds of trash along 154.4 miles of roadway.

It also collected 3,080 pounds of scrap metal and cans it sold for $748.04. All the money was given to Cullman Caring For Kids.

Said Gentry, "(Deputy) Ron (Wood) does a great job." Wood manages the CCSO's litter crew.

The City of Cullman Sanitation Department was presented with the 2020 Governor's Outstanding City Award. Superintendent Sam Dillender accepted the award for the department.

Haney said, "The City, they do an outstanding job of keeping the city clean and they help us some on the county roads, too. They are instrumental."

The City and County provide the Dumpsters used each year during the PALS Spring Cleanup event, which was not held in 2020 due to COVID-19.

City of Cullman Sanitation held its Spring Cleanup last April.

Reported Dillender, "We did about 2,000 tons last year, with 1,500 man hours in the week of the cleanup."

For at least the 15th year in a row, Cullman County PALS won the Governor's Outstanding County Award for overall excellence.

Restoring Women Outreach enjoys success despite 2020 challenges



SUMMER BURDEN

Restoring Women Outreach Board President Nancy Moore (left) and Restoring Women Outreach Director Summer Burden (right) celebrate Cullman's proclamation of September 2020 as Recovery Awareness Month in the city.

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HISTORY

8 Alabama properties included in 2020 Places in Peril list



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John Looney House, 4187 Greensport Road, Ashville, St. Clair County

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 14

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 14, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Jan. 11

- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence; CR 1725
- harassment; CR 1674
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 54
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 111
- harassment, criminal mischief, reckless endangerment; CR 1382
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1156
- criminal mischief; CR 544

Jan. 12

- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; Hwy. 91
- harassment; Hwy. 31
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1141
- harassment; Hwy. 278 W
- criminal mischief; CR 1548

Jan. 13

- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1570
- violation of a protection order; White Oak Loop
- theft of property; CR 984
- harassment; Hwy. 69 S
- theft of property; CR 437
- violation of a protection order; Hwy. 91
- burglary, assault; CR 616

ARRESTS

Jan. 11

Adams, Christopher Ray, 39
- public intoxication

Randall, Joshua Scott, 33
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Richards, James Hardie, 34
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Tucker, Shona Nicole, 33
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

York, John Allen, 29
- FTA- attempting to elude
- GJ- third-degree burglary
- FTA- certain person forbidden to possess a pistol
- FTA- DUI
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- reckless endangerment
- FTA- felon registration-failure to register
- FTA- harassment
- FTA- reckless driving
- FTA- reckless endangerment
- FTA- resisting arrest
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Jan. 12

Burney, Dustin Seth, 25
- aggravated child abuse
- harassment
- reckless endangerment

Cantrell, Jacob Ray, 28
- chemical endangerment of a child

Cornelius, Brandon Seth, 34
- FTA- disorderly conduct
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- FTA- public intoxication (2 counts)
- FTA- resisting arrest
- FTA- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Gibson, Jerry Lee, 40
- FTA- first-degree receiving stolen property

Martin, Trisha Ann, 22
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Jan. 13

Addie, Brandon Lamar, 36
- probation revoked- obstruction/using false ID
- probation revoked- illegal possession or use of a credit or debit card (2 counts)
- probation revoked- resisting arrest

Chaney, Shawn Alexander, 20
- possession of obscene matter- 17 YOA

Crigger, Stephen James, 29
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Halbrooks, Derek Wayne, 39
- diversion violation-third-degree burglary

McGee, Edith Virginia, 45
- FTA- driving while suspended

Moore, Austin Tyler, 22
- probation violation-first-degree theft of services

Reaves, Jane Trella Conn, 47
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (7 counts)

Riggs, Britany Hope, 29
- FTA- liability insurance required
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Robertson, James Mark, 40
- FTA- second-degree theft of property
- FTA- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

Smith, Steven Delane, 55
- failure to register quarterly SORNA

Smith, Tommy Jacob, 33
- FTA- third-degree burglary
- motion to revoke bond-third-degree burglary
- FTA- obstruction/using false ID
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Jan. 12
- third-degree theft of property; person; 3rd Ave. SE; Xbox; $757

ARRESTS

Jan. 13

Reaves, Jane T., 47
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Givens, Jason H., 43
- FTA- driving while revoked
- FTA- DUI

Hanners, Joshua E., 32
- FTA- driving while revoked (2 counts)
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA- failure to signal

Bakely, Curtis E., 32
- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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



COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

- Total confirmed cases in AL: 329,731 (+2,603 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 84,852 (+985 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 4,977* (+115 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 968
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 5,489 (+39 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,433 (+36 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 65* (+3 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 29
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 33,169
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 4,453
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 904
- Total tested in Alabama: 1,999,693
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 55,978
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 258,291
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 2,975
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 38,450
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 221,961

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.

Thursday, Jan. 14 update from Cullman Regional Medical Center
- 69 COVID positive patients, with 11 COVID currently on ventilators. There are also 4 non-COVID patients on ventilators.
- Cullman Regional has reported 135 COVID deaths to ADPH. Of these patients, 96 were from Cullman County.

Vaccine Call List Statistics (People who have signed up on the hospital's vaccine waiting list):
- 2,400: number of community members over the age of 75 on our call list from our primary service area.
- 8,000: number of community members on the Cullman Regional Community Call List.

Vaccine Administrations To-Date:
- 2,407 vaccines given total
- 658 vaccines given to community members over the age of 75

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. 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.

2021 Polar Bear Plunge
- Saturday, Jan. 30 at 10 a.m. at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center
- Everyone that jumps will be entered to win a family membership to the facility, and aquatics admission on that day will be free from 9-11 a.m.
- If you plan to participate in this year's Polar Bear Plunge, online registration is available now at https://forms.gle/yTbKNvS4Zk1LU7rn7 or by going to cullmanwellness.com and clicking on "Polar Bear Plunge."

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Alabama Historical Commission and the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation this week announced the 2020 Places in Peril, a program that highlights significant endangered properties. Since 1994, the Alabama Historical Commission and the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation have joined forces to sponsor the program to call public attention to a select number of Alabama's threatened historic and archaeological sites to bring awareness to significant historic places that suffer from neglect, lack of financial support or are threatened with demolition.

Places in Peril seeks to rally local and statewide support to elevate these sites, facilitate their preservation and assure they remain in their communities for years to come. Endangered properties can be saved and returned to their places as treasured landmarks. Places in Peril has helped save many important landmarks that may otherwise have been lost. Over the course of 25 years, the program has highlighted more than 250 resources.

Sites on the 2020 Places in Peril listing include Union High School, Monroeville (Monroe County); Bonneau-Jeter Hardware, Elba (Coffee County); Fite & Fite Law Office, Hamilton (Marion County); Harris Place Morning Star North Cemetery, Cuba (Sumter County); John Looney House, Ashville (St. Clair County); Thompson Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, Opelika (Lee County); Uchee Methodist Church, Hatchechubbee (Russell County); and West Blocton Theater, West Blocton (Bibb County).

"Places in Peril is an immensely valuable program to elevate and streamline preservation efforts for sites across our state that are under the threat of demolition or deterioration. These campaigns have been successful in saving cherished places for future generations," said Lisa Demetropoulos Jones, executive director, Alabama Historical Commission and state historic preservation officer.

"The Places in Peril program is a perfect opportunity to inspire communities to rally together to save vulnerable structures. Not only are these places worth saving, their stories are, too," said Eddie Griffith, Alabama Historical Commission chairman. "Over the years that Places in Peril has highlighted the plight of threatened properties, their recognition through this program has inspired their restoration carrying their stories forward to future generations of Alabamians."

"The Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation is pleased to continue its partnership with the Alabama Historical Commission on this important project," said Katie Randall, vice president, Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation.

"We realize now more than ever the importance of saving places that represent all Alabamians, places that tell the whole story of our state, especially those that represent the lives of the marginalized and the historically disenfranchised. By recognizing the most endangered places in our state and bringing their stories to light, we hope to advocate for a better and more equitable Alabama for all."

Nominations for Places in Peril are accepted on an annual basis; any type of building, ruin, site or place is eligible for nomination. Places in Peril has listed theaters, schools, caves, jails, churches and houses. The application requires brief, but clear answers to a handful of questions regarding a property's significance, threat and the designation of a local contact and local advocacy group with the capacity to leverage the support and coverage provided by the listing. Property owner permission and current, good quality photographs of the property are also required. The nomination period for Places in Peril 2021 will open May 1, 2021, to coincide with National Historic Preservation Month, a nationwide movement to celebrate and promote historic places and heritage tourism.

Union High School, 1021 Clausell Road, Monroeville, Monroe County
Union High School is located on the grounds of the former Bethlehem Industrial Academy in Monroeville's African-American Clausell community. Bethlehem Baptist District #2 built and operated Bethlehem Industrial Academy – Monroe County's only high school for African-American children during the 1940s and 1950s. On Sept. 20, 1956, the Bethlehem District sold the property to the Monroe County Board of Education which then constructed the present building originally known as the Union High School for African-Americans.

Union High School was an Equalization School, structures built in the 1950s for African-American children as a last-ditch effort to stave off integration in the South. Once integration became the law of the land, many communities owned duplicate facilities that were costly to maintain resulting in many situations where these Equalization Schools were closed and abandoned – wasting public resources and destroying Black material culture and educational history.

Union High School closed in 1970 and students were transferred to Monroe County High School. On Nov. 9, 1984, the school property reverted to the Bethlehem Baptist District Association #2 for religious and community use, including a Head Start program that began in 1967.

The school has suffered from vandalism and is under threat due to the significant costs of bringing the building up to code. The preservation of this property is vital to Monroeville's Clausell community. Through a Certified Local Government grant provided by the Alabama Historical Commission, the City of Monroeville will perform an architectural survey of the Clausell neighborhood providing additional history and context of this historic African-American community.

Bonneau-Jeter Hardware 217 Court Avenue, Elba, Coffee County
On three separate occasions, 1929, 1990 and 1998, downtown Elba has suffered damage from floodwaters in the area. John Bonneau and Hendrix Jeter's hardware store, constructed in 1903, sits opposite the National Register of Historic Places-listed Coffee County Courthouse. The hardware store business eventually expanded to include a funeral home. In 1956, the store closed its doors, and in the same year, Elba Drug Company opened a location there. As the years passed, new businesses operated on site. It was occupied until 2009 and has sat vacant and deteriorating since then. In September 2020, Hurricane Sally caused significant roof damage, resulting in significant water damage to the inside of the structure.

New owners, Jim and Laurie Chapman, are dedicated to the building's preservation and are hopeful of its restoration, particularly as downtown Elba is on the cusp of a renaissance. Recent improvements include a community garden, mural project, community-built playground, levee walkway, dog park, and a new splash pad.

While these various projects are an improvement to Elba's quality of life, additional assistance and planning is needed to preserve the downtown's history. The City of Elba has been a driving force in the downtown revitalization and has established a Historic Preservation Commission to assist with preservation activities.

Fite & Fite Law Office, 818 Military St. S, Hamilton, Marion County
The Fite & Fite Law Office in Hamilton has withstood the test of time since the late 1800s. The two-room wooden clapboard law office sits on the property of the Earnest Baxter Fite Mansion, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1997. Local lawyer Bus Stanford constructed this building in 1882 at the same time the county seat for Marion County was moved to its present location in Hamilton. Attorney Bloomer Rankin Fite purchased this law office in 1896 when he moved to the area. In the following years, three generations of Fite lawyers used this building beginning with Bloomer Rankin Fite, followed by his son Ernest Baxter Fite, and finally his son Ernest Rankin Fite. All three generations of men were outstanding lawyers and politicians. The Fite & Fite Law Office has been moved on three occasions over the past 138 years to ensure its preservation. The office has remained with family members from 1896 until 2018 when the property, where it stands today, was sold and the current owners offered the building back to Ernest A. "Buddy" Fite, son of Rankin Fite, for preservation with an understanding that they could relocate the law office for site improvements. If not moved, the building would be demolished.

If this historic landmark is to survive, a new location and financing are desperately needed. The Fite family has offered the law office to the City of Hamilton with the intention that building that would display historical items from Marion County's history. All preservation efforts have been led by Hamilton architect Andrea C. Harbison, who is hopeful to find a solution to protect the site. Raising funds to cover the expense of moving the structure along with added costs of repairs have been an enormous goal. According to Robert Gamble, retired Architectural Historian at the Alabama Historical Commission, "There are fewer and fewer of these wooden structures left to preserve and it would be a loss to not find a way to preserve it."

Harris Place - Morning Star North Cemetery, 4044 Dove Road, Cuba, Sumter County
The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indian Nation held the property now known as Harris Place- Morning Star Cemetery from 500 B.C. until 1830 when it was transferred to the United States government as part of the Dancing Rabbit Creek Treaty. Richard Harris established this cemetery after he moved to Alabama before the Civil War. This family cemetery includes burials from the Harris, Grant and Bourdeaux families, as well as the enslaved peoples who died while held in captivity.

Henry Clay Wallace, born in 1858 to enslaved parents Mose and Betsy Wallace, purchased several hundred acres of land between 1922-1927, including the Harris Place Cemetery. Wallace obtained the tract of land with the cemetery because his deceased parents and other family members were buried there. Under new ownership, the cemetery's name was changed to Morning Star Cemetery, although many in the community still refer to it as the Harris Cemetery.

Over the years, the cemetery has suffered damage due to the harvesting of timber. Sadly, many graves have been lost due to overgrown vegetation, missing monuments and other funerary objects that assisted in identifying loved one's graves. The unknown burials and deferred upkeep over the years continue to threaten the cemetery. The Alabama Historical Commission listed the cemetery in the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register on Jan. 28, 2019 and has also provided state grants for locating unmarked graves and to erect fencing.

John Looney House, 4187 Greensport Road, Ashville, St. Clair County
The Looney House was home to War of 1812 veterans John Looney and his oldest surviving son Henry. The Looneys helped build Fort Strother on the Coosa River and fought in the Battle of Horseshoe Bend in 1814. In 1817, the Looney family moved from Tennessee settling in what is now St. Clair County, where they built their home in 1818 near a spring on Beaver Creek. Severe flooding in the area forced the Looneys to dismantle and relocate their home log-by-log to higher ground.

The John Looney House is an excellent example of pioneer architecture. It was constructed entirely by hand with native materials, including heart pine floors and skinned pine rafters, sitting atop a locally quarried stone foundation. It is possibly the oldest standing two-story dogtrot house in Alabama. After their patriarch's death in 1827, the house passed to Henry Looney who sold it in 1882 to John L. and Sam Houston Lonnergan, remaining in their family for 65 years. Col. Joseph R. Creitz purchased it in 1947 and later deeded it to the St. Clair Historical Society in 1972. The Society is working with the St. Clair County Historical Development Commission, Ashville leaders, and other community groups in their efforts to preserve the Looney House and St. Clair County's history.

An archive for local history, the John Looney House and its authentic donated furnishings, quilts and artifacts are excellent examples of the pioneer lifestyle in early 19th century Alabama. It is a popular site for school class trips. Students learn about how their ancestors lived and gain knowledge about the War of 1812 and the Creek Indian War of 1813-14. The house is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage.

The greatest threats to the Looney House are deferred maintenance caused by a lack of funds and weathering. It has been more than 50 years since the last restorative work was performed in the I970s when concrete was used as chinking. The concrete is more destructive than restorative because it creates a moisture barrier where rainwater continually runs over the concrete and over time has rotted out the original logs. There has also been substantial deterioration and damaged due to storms. The Alabama Historical Commission has supported this property with its Education Trust Fund grant program in recent years. Though the St. Clair Historical Society has been raising funds, the costs for repair exceed what it has been able to raise privately.

Thompson Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, 187 Columbus Parkway, Opelika, Lee County
Opelika's A.M.E. Zion Church was organized in 1872 by Minister Rev. John Ford and a team of laymen. The congregation of Thompson Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church built the church in its current location by 1878. The one-story building is supported by wood and brick with interior walls plastered over an original wood frame. Six stained glass windows enclosed by wood sashes are on both sides of the church and four stained glass windows are in the choir loft. The ceiling of the church consists of the original wood with heavy beams running horizontal and vertically, and the wood floors are stained. The main entrance faces Torbert Boulevard (now Columbus Parkway) with second entrance facing west. A connecting parsonage was added in 1919; the one-story home is made of brick and contains six rooms, a hall and one bathroom.

The church's membership includes the first African-American doctor in Opelika, Dr. J.W. Darden, and Mrs. Bessie Brady and Mrs. Eugenia Parks who established kindergarten classes for African-American students. From 1964 to 2014, Dr. A.L. Wilson led the congregation and the church experienced significant growth. Wilson immediately became involved in the community leading the church and followers to participate in and promote the Civil Rights Movement. The church was listed in the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage Oct. 19, 1979.

Over the years, the church has suffered significant water damage due to a leaking roof. The intrusion has also caused the plaster of the sanctuary walls to buckle and peel and the trim to rot. The floors also exhibit damage. This present condition makes it difficult to hold comfortable services. Repairs are needed soon to ensure preservation and prevent further damage.

Uchee Methodist Church, Hatchechubbee, Russell County
Rural Russell County's Uchee Methodist Church is an excellent example of the Greek Revival form. This circa 1859 church building reflects the popularity of the style during the antebellum period. The church is constructed of lapped weatherboard and cut square nails and rests on sills about nine inches square, which in turn sit on a brick pier foundation.

The Uchee Methodist Church congregation has its earliest record in 1833, when the Chattahoochee Mission of the Alabama Methodist Conference was established in Montgomery. Settlers arrived in this part of the state via the Federal Road from Columbus and settled what was then the southwest frontier. When Uchee Chapel Methodist Church discontinued services on Oct. 2, 1989, the building and property reverted to the C.J. Williamson estate. The estate sold the church building and property to attorney Mark Carter in 2008. Mr. Carter donated the church building and the property to the Russell County Historical Commission in September 2020 for its continued preservation. Uchee Methodist Church was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on July 3, 1997.

The church building needs a new roof and window repair. The roof and window issues have allowed mold to grow on the inside walls, making occupancy hazardous. The deteriorated roof has also allowed animals to enter the building. Along with the mold, the inside walls are cracked, and the ceiling plaster is falling. Funds are desperately needed to preserve this church, so the significant history and development of the area is not lost.

West Blocton Theater, 1110 Main St., West Blocton, Bibb County
West Blocton, located in in north-central Alabama, is home to the Cahaba Lily Festival each May. The former coal mining town sprang up near the banks of the Cahaba River in Bibb County during the late 19th century. West Blocton was built alongside Blocton, a "company town" founded in the 1880s by Truman Aldrich, who established the Cahaba Coal Mining Company.

Incorporated in 1901, West Blocton experienced rapid growth with many businesses quickly opening to serve the needs of the miners and their families. In 1907, the first theater opened as Tuggle and Harvey's Theatorium. In March 1914, the theater suffered damaged after the stage curtain, piano, chairs, and other articles caught fire from a gasoline powered projector. In July 1927, a colossal fire devastated the town of West Blocton, burning 20 residences and dozens of businesses on Main Street, including the Theatorium. Without insurance and in financial ruin, many residents and businesses left the area.

The theater owners persevered and rebuilt the theater, renaming it the Tuggle Theater and reopened Wednesday, Nov. 16, 1927. It featured 675 seats and like many theaters in the American South, the theater included a segregated balcony reached by an exterior stairway. Following the 1929 stock market crash, the theater changed ownership, was renamed the West Blocton Theater, and began showing "talkies." Ownership changed again, and the theater was renamed the Strand in 1930. The worsening years of the Great Depression resulted in the theater's temporary closing. The Strand eventually reopened but showed its last movie on Oct. 21, 1962. In 1983, the Cahaba River Authority acquired the theater, but funds to rehabilitate it could not be secured, as the town continued to wither following the demise of the coal industry.

The West Blocton Commercial Historic District is listed in the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage as an intact, early 20th century commercial center in a small, coal mining town in central Alabama. The buildings reflect an era when the coal mining industry positively impacted the town economically. After the decline of the industry in the area, most of the buildings have been vacated and have declined over time mostly due to neglect. Friends of the Cahaba River National Refuge hope to find additional financial assistance for the theatre's restoration efforts, propelling the Town of West Blocton forward in its own revitalization with the theatre at the heart of those efforts.

For more information about the Alabama Historical Commission, or Places in Peril, please visit www.ahc.alabama.gov or contact Jake Williams at jake.williams@ahc.alabama.gov.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Brackets set for 2021 Cullman County Tournament

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CULLMAN, Ala. – This year's Cullman County Basketball Tournament is almost upon us and in a year full of uncertainty for high school athletics, everyone is excited and grateful for this annual event to continue. The Fairview Lady Aggies edged out West Point for the top seed in the girls' bracket while the Eagles of Cold Springs put together a perfect, 6-0 record in county play this season to earn the top seed in the boys' bracket.

All of this year's varsity matchups will be held at Wallace State's Tom Drake Coliseum but the junior varsity tournaments will take place mostly on school campuses. The junior varsity championship games will be at Tom Drake Coliseum Jan. 30.

The competition will tip off Saturday, Jan. 30 with the opening round of the JV tournament at West Point High School and resume Monday night at Wallace State with the first round of the varsity girls' games.

The JV tournament will then continue Tuesday night at both Holly Pond and Fairview High Schools.

Teams will know which venue they're playing in after the first round is completed Saturday.

The tournament will then remain at Tom Drake Coliseum throughout the rest of the week, culminating in championship Saturday, Jan. 30.

Seeding was a little more difficult in the JV division. A three-way tie between Cold Springs, Fairview and West Point for the second seed in the JV girls' brackets forced multiple coin tosses at Wednesday's coaches meeting.

Good Hope earned the top seed and Fairview emerged from the tiebreaker with the second seed.

Cold Springs landed at third and West Point at fourth with Holly Pond filling in the fifth and final seed.

A 6-0 record in the regular season gave Fairview the top seed in the JV boys' bracket while Good Hope and West finished just behind them at second and third.

Hanceville and Holly Pond filled in the fourth and fifth slots on the bracket with Vinemont and Cold Springs rounding things out at sixth and seventh.

Saturday, Jan. 23 (West Point High School)
- Noon – (4) Hanceville v. (5) Holly Pond JV Boys
- 1:15 – (4) West Point v. (5) Holly Pond JV Girls
- 4:30 – (3) West Point v. (6) Vinemont JV Boys
- 5:45 – (2) Good Hope v. (7) Cold Springs JV Boys

Monday, Jan. 25 (Wallace State)
- 5:00 – (4) Good Hope v. (5) Holly Pond Varsity Girls
- 6:15 – (3) Cold Springs v. (6) Vinemont Varsity Girls
- 7:30 – (2) West Point v. (7) Hanceville Varsity Girls



MARTHA NEEDHAM & NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview's Molly McKelvy (left) and Cold Springs' Roberto Ayala (right) will help lead their top-seeded teams in this year's Cullman County Tournament.

Tuesday, Jan. 26 (Holly Pond High School/Fairview High School)
- 5:00 – JV Girls game 2
- 5:00 – JV Girls game 3
- 6:15 – JV Boys game 4
- 6:15 – JV Boys game 5

Wednesday, Jan. 27 (Wallace State)
- 4:30 – (4) Vinemont v. (5) Hanceville Varsity Boys
- 5:45 – (3) Good Hope v. (6) Fairview Varsity Boys
- 7:00 – (2) West Point v. (7) Holly Pond Varsity Boys

Thursday, Jan. 28 (Wallace State)
- 6:00 – (1) Fairview v. Good Hope or Holly Pond Varsity Girls
- 7:15 – Varsity Girls game 5

Friday, Jan. 29 (Wallace State)
- 6:00 – (1) Cold Springs v. Vinemont or Hanceville Varsity Boys
- 7:15 – Varsity Boys game 5

Saturday, Jan. 30 (Wallace State)
- 2:00 – JV Girls Championship Game
- 3:40 – JV Boys Championship Game
- 5:20 – Varsity Girls Championship Game
- 7:00 – Varsity Boys Championship Game

Nick Saban wins Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Award

UA Athletics
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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – The American Heart Association announced tonight on FOX Sports that head coach Nick Saban has been named the recipient of the 2020 Paul "Bear" Bryant Award.

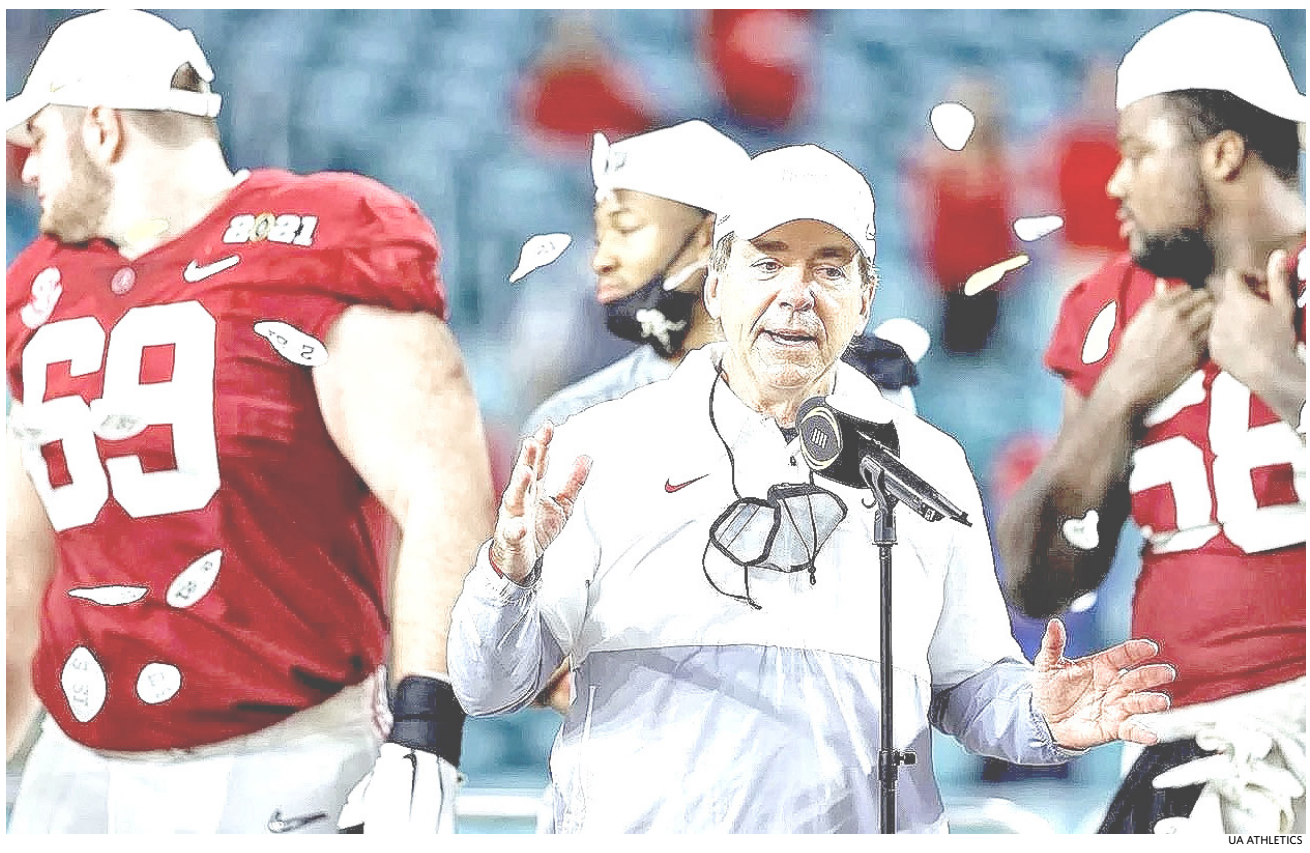
The award recognizes the country's top college football coach for his contributions both on and off the field. The award is selected after all bowl games have concluded and is voted on by the National Sports Media Association.

Saban, who won the Bryant Award in 2003 at LSU, joins former Alabama head coach great Gene Stallings as past Crimson Tide award receipts.

This season, Saban led the Crimson Tide to a perfect 13-0 record after securing his sixth national championship in 14 seasons at Alabama on Monday night, thanks to a 52-24 victory over Ohio State. He has coached more games (86) as the Associated Press' No. 1 team than any other active head coach.

The Paul "Bear" Bryant Award annually recognizes the country's top college football coaches for their contributions both on and off the field, making the sport better for athletes and fans alike by demonstrating grit, integrity and a winning approach to coaching and life. The award is the only college coaching honor selected after all postseason bowl games and the National Championship have been played.

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



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama Head Coach Nick Saban was selected as this year's Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Award winner.

Auburn notches SEC win with 95-77 rout of Georgia

Greg Ostendorf
AU Athletics

ATHENS, Ga. – Sharife Cooper posted a double-double. Six players scored in double figures. Auburn blocked 14 shots. It was a complete performance from the Tigers on Wednesday as they cruised to a 95-77 victory at Georgia, notching their first win in SEC play.

"It was an exciting game, very up-tempo, two teams that like to run," Auburn head coach Bruce Pearl said. "I think the biggest thing for us was Georgia really attacks the rim – we blocked 14 shots, and they shot 41 percent. I thought our defense was really good.

"Offensively, we had six guys in double figures because (Cooper) just shares it. He's hard to guard and makes what we do harder to guard."

After putting up 26 points and nine assists in his Auburn debut on Saturday, what would Cooper do for an encore in his second game? How about 28 points, 12 assists, five rebounds and two steals from the freshman point guard? More importantly, though, the Tigers won.

"It's more about the win," Cooper said. "Just getting on the right track. We're trying to get this thing rolling."

The Tigers led 45-34 at the break, but Georgia scored the first seven points in the second half to cut the lead to four.

However, Auburn responded with a 22-3 run over the next eight minutes to put the game out of reach. The run began with a lay-up from Cooper, included back-to-back-to-back 3s from Jamal Johnson, Cooper and JT Thor, and was capped by an easy deuce inside from Jaylin Williams.

"A big factor in winning is containing team's runs," Cooper said. "It's a game full of ups and downs, runs, and the best teams can contain a run and make a run of their own. I felt like we did good with that today."

Cooper scored 20 of his 28 points in the second half, and over the game's final nine minutes, he scored or assisted on 20 of Auburn's last 24 points.

Cambridge was second on the team with 14 points and showed his defensive prowess with five blocks and three steals. His five blocks were a career high and matched Williams who also blocked five shots.

As a team, the Tigers' 14 blocks were the most by a Division 1 team this season and set an Auburn record for an SEC game.

"We knew we've been on a dry spell, and it starts with defense," Cambridge said. "BP was talking about how we need to come out and play defense this game, so we locked in on that today and it showed. We played a lot better on the defensive end."

"I thought Devan Cambridge was incredible protecting the rim," Pearl said. "And so was Jaylin Williams and Stretch (Babatunde Akingbola). It was about retreating. It was about trying to meet them at the rim. I thought we used our length and did a good job of helping each other. That was huge."

Williams, Thor and Allen Flanigan all finished with 11 points apiece. Thor scored five quick points early to put the Tigers ahead 8-3. He also pulled down a team-high eight rebounds.

Johnson made it six in double figures with 10 points.



TONY WALSH/UGA ATHLETICS

Auburn guard Sharife Cooper posted 28 points and 12 assists in the Tigers' 95-77 win at Georgia Wednesday night.

The junior guard put Auburn on the board first with a 3 on the team's opening possession. He's now scored in double figures in six straight games, including all five games in league play where he's averaging 14.4 points per contest.

As a team, Auburn scored 95 points on 56.5 percent (35-62) shooting from the field. It's the most points the Tigers have scored in regulation in an SEC game since beating LSU, 95-70, on Jan. 27, 2018, and it's the third time under Pearl they have scored 90 points in consecutive SEC games.

Auburn (7-6, 1-4) will look to make it two wins in a row Saturday at home against Kentucky.

"We're trying to extend the culture that was built here, and that's winning," Cooper said. "We're trying to carry on that legacy and be a winning team."

Wallace State Community College has 93 student-athletes named to ACCC Fall 2020 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State Community College had 93 student-athletes earn a spot on the Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) Fall 2020 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll.

All recognized on the list achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher.

Wallace State student-athletes earning recognition are as follows:

Baseball: Ben Arnett, Cooper Beck, Luke Daniel, Breydon Edmondson, Hunter Garcia, Nathan Giles, Jayce Guyette, Nicho Jordan, Preston Key, Colson Lawrence, P.J. Mahoney, Austin Nix, Joey Pourron, Cooper Prince, Austin Roberts, David Rutledge, Jacob Smith, Nik Sorrell, Jackson Thompson, Garrett Warden, J.C. Wilburn III, Levi Wilson, Jarren Wright, Trey Wright and Colton Yeager.

Women's Basketball: Kallie Allen, Jamique Barclay, Destiny Garrett, Payton Golden, Olivia Howard, Emery McGill, Gloria Pounders and Jiselle Woodson.

Men's Cross Country: Cole Akridge, Jonathan Collett, Dave Hubert, Jonathan Jenkins, Taylor Nails, Raleigh Stamps and Trentan Williams.

Women's Cross Country: Ally Amerson, Logan Ayers, Juliana Ballew, Jaycee Biffle, Maggie Graham, Katie O'Malley and Breanna Smith.

Men's Golf: Davis Aaron, Blayne Armstrong, Allen Michael Burnett, Joshua Darracott, Parker Davis, Alex Flint and Carter Goodwin.

Women's Golf: Lauren Cole, Carly Havens and Maddie Nelson.

Softball: Madisen Adams, Macy Anderson, Olivia Ball, Abigail Beech, Gracie Benton, Brantly Bonds, Abigail Bryars, Kalli Cartee, Maddie Cartron, Erin Chambliss, Raven Clark, Jessica Edde, Jaiden Farnetti, Haylee Folds, Felicity Frame, Andrea Harbin, Lauren McCoy, Kelsey McPeters, Harper Niblett, Josie Thompson, Megan Warhurst, Abigail Waters and Morgan White.

Volleyball: Mackenzie Carroll, Temperance Chatman, Mackenzie Davis, Jerika Gray, Haven Hall, Mattrice Harris, Courtney Patterson, Harlee Kate Reid, Laci Reese, Anna Renshaw, Savannah Rutledge, Tobi Trotter and Victoria Walker.

For more information about Wallace State athletics, visit www.athletics.wallacestate.edu or the athletics Facebook page at www.wallacestate.edu/athleticsfb.

Auburn names Tracy Rocker Defensive Line Coach

Kirk Sampson
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – Auburn Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award winner Tracy Rocker is returning as its defensive line coach, Tigers' head coach Bryan Harsin announced Thursday. Rocker, who coached the defensive line at Auburn from 2009-10, winning a national championship with the Tigers in 2010, has 20-plus years of experience coaching collegiately and professionally.

"Tracy Rocker is one of Auburn's all-time great players and has a wealth of experience coaching and in the Southeastern Conference," Harsin said.

"He understands what a championship team looks like and knows what it takes to be successful at the highest level. We're excited to welcome back Tracy to the Auburn family."

A two-time All-American, Rocker was the first SEC player to earn both the Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award. He was named SEC Player of the Year following his senior season in 1988. Rocker was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2004, the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 2005 and the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in 2018.

Rocker spent the 2020 season at South Carolina after two seasons (2018-19) at Tennessee. He has also logged Division I stints at Georgia (2014-16), Auburn (2009-10), Ole Miss (2008), Arkansas (2003-07), Cincinnati (2002), and Troy State (1997-01).

In addition, he spent three seasons with the NFL's Tennessee Titans (2011-13). He mentored the defensive line in each of those stops but was also given the additional title of Associate Head Coach while at Georgia in 2015.

"I'm excited about coming back to Auburn to work with Coach Harsin and the staff he has put together," Rocker said. "In my visits with Coach Harsin, he has shared a clear vision for the program and I'm looking forward to helping put that vision in place. I have great memories as a player and coach at Auburn and can't wait to create more in the future."

Rocker has coached on four conference championship squads – 2010 SEC at Auburn; 1999 and 2000 Southland at Troy and 2002 Conference USA at Cincinnati. That 2010 Auburn squad went on to win the 2011 BCS National Championship Game over Oregon.

In addition, Rocker spent two summers working with NFL teams (Indianapolis, 2001; Tampa Bay, 2006) as a part of the NFL's Minority Internship Program.

Rocker has coached six All-Americans - Nick Fairley (Auburn), Peria Jerry (Ole Miss), Tim Betts (Troy), Eric Sloan (Troy), Al Lucas (Troy) and Marcus Spriggs (Troy), along with 15 NFL draft picks, including five first rounders – DeMarcus Ware, Jamaal Anderson, Peria Jerry, Nick Fairley and Dee Ford – as well as future pros Greg Hardy, Trent Cole and Osi Umenyiora. Anderson was the premier pass rusher in the SEC in 2006 with 14 sacks for 100 yards and 20.5 tackles for loss for Arkansas.

Fairley, a defensive tackle, won the Lombardi Award and was the AP Defensive Player of the Year at Auburn in 2010. He led the SEC with 21 tackles for loss and was second in the SEC with 10.5 sacks.

In addition, Al Lucas captured the Buck Buchanan Award as the Division I-AA Top Defensive Player as a defensive tackle at Troy in 1999.

A native of Atlanta, Rocker is considered one of the state of Georgia's greatest college football players of all time. He was a two-time all-state selection at Fulton High School and was named the Atlanta Journal-Constitution's Defensive Player of the Year as a senior in high school.

Rocker was a third-round pick by Washington in the 1989 NFL Draft and was named to the All-Rookie Team. He played two seasons before suffering a knee injury which ended his playing career prematurely. He concluded his career by playing one year for the Orlando Thunder of the World Football League.

Rocker returned to Auburn to complete his undergraduate degree in 1992 and began his coaching career as the defensive coordinator at Auburn High School that same year. He broke into the college coaching ranks as the defensive line coach at West Alabama from 1994-96.

Rocker and his wife, Lalitha, have one son, Kumar, who was named the 2019 College World Series Most Outstanding Player after leading Vanderbilt baseball to the NCAA title, and tossed a 19-strikeout no-hitter in the NCAA Super Regionals.



AU ATHLETICS

Former Auburn defensive lineman Tracy Rocker is returning to Auburn as the defensive line coach.









Success (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman-based Restoring Women Outreach, Inc., defined by director Summer Burden as "a 12-step-based sober living program for women serving Cullman and its surrounding areas since 2011," faced many challenges in 2020, especially in its group homes where program participants share common spaces.

Burden told The Tribune, "Since the COVID-19 outbreak, we have followed closely the Safer at Home Order as issued and amended recently by Governor Kay Ivey.

"We have also looked to the guidelines issued by the CDC for group homes for guidance on keeping our residents as safe as possible during the pandemic.

"We have, thankfully, managed to keep our resident infections to a minimum.

"We were also able to isolate the few who have been infected early enough to prevent outbreaks of infection within the residents of our program.

"Our success has come as a result of the sacrifice of our residents, staff, and at the loss of our community volunteers.

"Our residents' in-person interaction with their families was one of the biggest sacrifices they made to stay safe and help keep their loved ones healthy as well."

An unexpectedly positive effect of COVID

"Another sacrifice our residents made in their recovery program was in the loss of in-person meetings and classes," said Burden.

"Peer support is imperative in early recovery; therefore, we were forced to find alternative solutions such as Zoom meetings and other forms of video conferencing as ways to keep our residents moving forward in their recovery process.

"Through this type of communication, we did find an unexpected advantage, and that was a broader base of peer support. We were no longer bound by geographic locality.

"The ladies were able to interact with people facing their same struggles in recovery all over the state and even in other parts of the U.S., all thanks to the video conferencing technology that they have now become accustomed to using."

Community support and determined participants keys to success

Burden shared, "We are a nonprofit organization that depends greatly on our local community support through volunteers and donations, both of which were hindered by the pandemic.

"We also must mention the tremendous support we have continued to receive from our Board of Directors, which is made up of local community leaders who have a heart for service and recovery.

"There were many blessings throughout the challenges we faced during 2020. Our residents had many accomplishments because of their hard work and determination.

"Through advocacy this year, we saw the City of Cullman proclamation of September as Recovery Awareness Month.

"We are most proud of the community awareness achieved through advocacy.

"We had 10 ladies who graduated our 12-month program, which was especially exceptional considering the hardships and difficulties faced throughout the year. We even had one young woman to attain her GED and earn a scholarship to attend Wallace State Community College.

"Another accomplishment that is also beneficial to our local community, is the amount of money our residents have earned working for local businesses and have then paid in fines and restitution to the court system.

"Through their hard work in this most challenging year, our residents have been living examples of what is right in a broken world.

"We are excited to see what challenges and opportunities 2021 will bring."

For more about Restoring Women Outreach, visit www.restoringwomenoutreach.org or www.facebook.com/Restoring-Women-Outreach-Inc-5076366892788-74/ or call 256-727-6531.

LEGALS

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Tim Creel

(Defendant)

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ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 12th day of February, 2021, or a default may be rendered against him her in the above styled cause.

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Vickie Roden

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Jodi Overton Hopper

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Jason White

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Uvone Copeland

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Crystal Berry

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Rickey Smith

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David McCain

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Zachary Hamilton

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Leslie Bell

(Defendant)

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v. Case No. SM-2018-901153

Scott Patterson

(Defendant)

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Defendant, Scott Patterson, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $3,112.38 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 12th day of February, 2021, or a default may be rendered against him her in the above styled cause.

Dated this the 4th day of January, 2021

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Cullman, AL 35055

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(Plaintiff)

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Chandra Naramore

(Defendant)

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Defendant, Chandra Naramore, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $2,709.53 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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Zach Russ

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Defendant, Zach Russ, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $1,549.45 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account

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(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2018-900605

Jessica Davis

(Defendant)

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Defendant, Jessica Davis, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $2,510.36 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2018-900608

Michael Mobley

(Defendant)

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Defendant, Michael Mobley, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $3,458.50 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 12th day of February, 2021, or a default may be rendered against him her in the above styled cause.

Dated this the 4th day of January, 2021.

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HOME

Rodent-free is the way to be

Mary Leigh Oliver
Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. – With a new year comes new resolutions. This year, make it a priority to keep a rodent-free home. Aside from causing a fright, rats and other rodents can be harmful to humans by spreading disease, destroying property or even biting. By understanding the species and following these simple steps, people can help avoid having these unwanted little visitors in their homes.

Bence Carter, an Alabama Extension forestry, wildlife and natural resources regional agent, said to protect a home from these rodents, it is important to be able familiar with the typical rodent types. The most common rodents people might see around their house include roof rats, Norway rats and house mice. These rodents are "commensal", meaning they live near humans.

Rodent proof

Even if homeowners haven't had an issue with little intruders, it is always good to make the house rodent proof before it becomes a problem. Rats and mice can climb wires, cables, siding, vines or trees to enter a house.

"They can gnaw through most materials if the surface is rough or has an edge," Carter said.

Cover openings

Rats can enter a building through holes as small as ½ inch, whereas mice can enter openings ¼ inch. Therefore, the first step to rodent proofing the home is to block all potential entrance holes with secured sheet metal. Also, sheet metal cones or guards on pipes and cables help to prevent rats or mice from climbing them.

Sanitize

The next step to keeping rodents out of the home is to make sure that the home is always being properly cleaned.

"Poor sanitation is what often attracts rats and mice in the first place," Carter said. "Remove all trash and litter from the area in a rodent-proof container."

Rodenticides

If people properly cover openings and clean the home, the use of rodenticides isn't as necessary. However, for those that already have a rodent problem and have seen them or their feces around the home, rodenticides are a good solution to eradicate and prevent future populations. As always, when considering a poisoning program, make sure to follow the instructions on the rodenticide. Also, consider if any humans, pets or non-target species may come into contact with the rodenticide.

Carter said there are two main types of rodenticides; single-dose and multiple-dose.

"Many different types and preparations of rodenticides are effective," Carter said. "Your specific situation dictates which one is best to use. Single-dose rodenticides are preferred where rat or mouse numbers are large and a quick reduction in population is desired. On the other hand, multiple-dose rodenticides will kill the rodent within 4 to 5 days after the rodent takes its first bite. According to Carter, multiple-dose rodenticides are the safest poison.

To further ensure the safety of non-target species, place rodenticides in bait stations. Bait stations protect rodenticides from moisture, dust and weather. They also prevent other animals from accessing the bait, while making the rodent feel more secure.

"Bait stations do not have to be elaborate structures," Carter said. "They can be made by nailing flat boards at an angle to the wall."

Make sure to place bait stations in areas of high rodent activity, typically between the rodent's shelter and food supply.

Traps

Last but not least, the old-fashioned method of using a trap is another alternative if people do not want to use poison. Common snap traps are most effective when rat numbers are low. Traps can be baited with a plethora of different food items; however, peanut butter adheres best to the trap trigger. As their name implies, traps for roof rats should be placed along beams, rafters or other travel ways. For Norway rats or a house mouse, place the traps under cabinets or next to a wall.

More information

Protecting a house from rats and mice often takes more than a single step solution. By following these instructions, people can help keep their home rodent proof throughout the year. More information on protecting homes from rodents is in the Alabama Extension publication "Controlling Rats and Mice Around Your Home." For further information, visit the Alabama Extension website at www.aces.edu.

Hanceville (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The Hanceville City Council on Thursday evening heard from architect Tim Burney, who provided an update on the new senior center building. He, along with the council, continues to adjust plans for the project after the original bid for construction came in higher than expected at $550,000.

Burney explained, "Basically we've got our number down to about $380,000. This is going to require the City doing some of the work."

Gov. Kay Ivey announced in November 2019 that Hanceville had been selected to receive a $250,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to build the 2,500-square-foot senior center.

The CDBG program is administered by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) utilizing funds from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.

The City broke ground on the project in May 2020. The center will be located at CW Day Park.

The Cullman County Commission put $25,000 toward the project, and the City of Hanceville is contributing $50,000 toward the center.

The new building was designed by Burney to incorporate indoor and outdoor activities.

Mayor Kenneth Nail said Thursday night he is not sure if the changes Burney made to the building plans, including adjustments to roofing and materials, will require the project to be re-bid.

No decisions were made regarding the project Thursday night.

In other business:

The council approved the surplus of a crane and Ford Taurus police vehicle to be listed on Gov Deals.

The council set the compensation for Water Board members at$200 per meeting, not to exceed $2,800 in a year.

Council members John Stam and Kim Brown abstained from the vote.

Norman Boone was reappointed to the Cemetery Rehabilitation Authority for a six-year term.

Brown and Nolan Bradford were appointed to the Water Board for six-year terms. Brown abstained from the vote.

The Hanceville City Council meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Hanceville City Hall.

Obituary Announcements: Jan. 15

Barney Vincent, 76
In loving memory of Barney Vincent. Mr. Vincent was born April 27, 1944 in Garden City, AL to Clarence and Gladys (Knight) Vincent. He died at the age of 76 at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab Center in Hanceville, AL Jan. 13, 2021. Barney is survived by his son Greg (Valerie) Vincent; grandchildren Randall Boles, Gregory Couey, Rachel (Dylan Ford) Vincent, Emily (Connor) Patterson, and Whitney Vincent; five great-grandchildren; and a sister Jean Thomas. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter Ginger Vincent and siblings Billy, Margie, Elouise, and Gladys. Mr. Vincent will be laid to rest at Garden City Cemetery. Due to current weather conditions no services have been planned.

Susan Elizabeth Boni, 64, of Buford, Georgia
Susan Elizabeth Boni, 64, of Buford, Georgia passed away Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021 with family. She was born July 5, 1956 in Albany, New York to Donald and Dolores Murphy. She was preceded in death by her father Donald Murphy and her husband Joseph Boni, Jr. Survivors include her mother Dolores Murphy; brothers Donald (Dianne) Murphy, Jr., Mike (Betty) Murphy, Mark Murphy, and Matt (Dana) Murphy; sisters Karen (Mike) Jones and Nancy Murphy (Stacy); nieces and nephews Erin Murphy, Greg Murphy, Chris Jones, Andrew Jones, Rachel Murphy, Brian Murphy, Brooks Murphy, Anna Grace Murphy, and Katie Murphy; great-niece Charlotte Jones; a host of other family and friends; and special pets, dog Angus and cat Idgie. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Della Geneva Bates, 90, of Cullman
Funeral services for Della Geneva Bates, 90, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Bobby Hill officiating; interment in Enmondfield Church Cemetery in Addison. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Bates passed away Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021 at Cullman Regional. She was born April 26, 1930 in Etheridge, Tennessee to Dennis Gerald and Della Ruth Thompson. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Floyd Bates; sons Loyd D. Bates and John Dennis "JD" Bates; three brothers; and one sister. Survivors include her daughters Sharon Bates and Lanette (Quincy) Tubbs; sons Otis Bates and Martin (Liz) Bates; grandchildren Floyd Bates, II, Angela Skelton, Shannon Dailey, Heather Bates, Deidre Bates, Lisa Pearson, Johnathan Bates, Quincy Lee Tubbs, II, Cheryl Davis, Jeannie Nichole Bates, and Merleena Bates; and a host of great-grandchildren.

Billy Wayne Davis, 78, of Vinemont
Billy Wayne Davis, 78, of Vinemont passed away Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021 at Cullman Regional. He was born Aug.5, 1942 to the late Robert and Audie Davis. Mr. Davis drove a truck for over 50 years and worked for many companies. He served our nation in the U.S. Air Force. Survivors include his wife Jean Anne Davis; son Nathan Davis; daughter Layne Davis; and grandchildren Chloe Imbusch and Daniel Imbusch.

Freda Gwendolyn Galbreath, 86
Graveside services for Freda Gwendolyn Galbreath, who passed away Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021 at the age of 86, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021 at New Mt. Zion Cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home directing. Freda was born Feb. 7, 1934 to J.W. and Lela Morton. She attended and graduated from Meek High School and was a member of Liberty Baptist Church in Helicon. She loved working in her flower garden and was known for having a green thumb. She also enjoyed beautiful hummingbirds. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Howard Vernon Galbreath and sister Hildridge (Herbert) James. Her survivors include her children Beverly (Richard) Meng, James Galbreath, and William (Brooke) Galbreath; grandchildren Jennifer, Katherine, and Madison; and four great-grandchildren. Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

Howard Jack Payne, 85, of Vinemont
Howard Jack Payne, 85, of Vinemont passed from this life Jan. 14, 2021 at his residence. He was born Jan. 14, 1936 to William Henry and Ethel Williams Payne. A private memorial service will be planned by the family. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Payne family. Mr. Payne was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his children Barbara (Lee) Green, Leslie Payne, Howard Payne, Jr., Craig Matthew Payne, Joyce Payne, Christopher (Roxann) Payne, and Dennis Carl (Barbara) Payne; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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JSU announces fall 2020 graduates, Honor's List

Buffy Lockette
Contributor

JACKSONVILLE, Ala. – More than 600 students were awarded degrees at Jacksonville State University's Fall 2020 commencement Dec. 11-12, including the following local students:

• Taylor Ballard of Cullman, MBA in Business Administration
• James Burks of Cullman, BSN in Nursing
• Caleb Chambers of Cullman, BSE in Health & Physical Education
• Hannah Crumbley of Cullman, BSRT in Respiratory Therapy
• Katrina Haynes of Cullman, MSE in Spec Ed Collaborative K-6/6-12
• Caroline Walker of Cullman, MSE in Spec Ed Collaborative K-6/6-12

Fall 2020 Honor's List

Nearly 30% of Jacksonville State University's undergraduates made the Honor's List for their outstanding academic performance in Fall 2020, despite the struggles of studying during a global pandemic.

Local honorees included:

• Erika Persons of Crane Hill, President's List, Psychology major
• Taylor Trimble of Cullman, Dean's List, Undecided-Management major
• Stacy Harris of Cullman, President's List, Undecided-Management major
• Lauren Harbison of Cullman, President's List, Early Childhood Elementary Ed major
• Jordan Allbright of Cullman, Dean's List, Sport Mgt and Rec Studies major
• Abigail Curtis of Cullman, President's List, Foreign Language major
• Emily Hancock of Cullman, President's List, Family and Consumer Sciences major
• Allison Grund of Cullman, President's List, Biology major
• Hannah Crumbley of Cullman, President's List, Respiratory Therapy major
• Kayla Melton of Cullman, President's List, Forensic Investigation major
• Kyndell Hays of Cullman, President's List, Psychology major
• Kaylee Maddox of Hanceville, President's List, Finance major
• Zachary Glenn of Hanceville, President's List, Forensic Investigation major
• Savannah Creel of Hanceville, Dean's List, Biology major
• Mackenzie Ledbetter of Hanceville, President's List, Undecided-Management major
• Edmund-Joseph Lovett of Vinemont, President's List, English major
• Bennett Fulenwider of Vinemont, Dean's List, Biology major
• Mattie Womack of Addison, President's List, Early Childhood Elementary Ed major
• Nona Howse of Addison, Dean's List, Psychology major
• Jessie Woodard of Arley, Dean's List, Nursing- Undecided major
• Makenzie Hill of Falkville, President's List, Family and Consumer Sciences major
• Andrew Carroll of Falkville, President's List, Music major

Nearly 2,300 of the university's roughly 7,750 undergraduate students were named to the Dean's or President's Lists. To be named to the President's List, a student must earn a perfect 4.0 GPA while attending full-time. Students earning a GPA of 3.5-3.99 while attending full-time are named to the Dean's List of their respective schools. JSU kicked off the Spring 2021 semester Jan. 12.

About Jacksonville State University: Founded in 1883 as a state teachers college, Jacksonville State University has grown from humble beginnings into the Alabama regional university with the highest percentage of accredited programs. Located in the Appalachian foothills midway between Birmingham and Atlanta, JSU offers more than 150 courses of study, including over 40 online programs, at the undergraduate and graduate level. To learn more, visit www.jsu.edu, call 1-800-231-JAX1 or e-mail jaxfacts@jsu.edu.

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