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'MOST AREN'T AWARE OF JUST HOW MUCH HE HAS DONE'

Firefighter Joe Golden steps down as president of county association



BAILEYTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joe Golden and his wife, Brenda

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Longtime president of the Cullman County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments (CCAVFD), Joe Golden stepped down Thursday night after serving 15 years in the position. Although he will no longer head the association, Golden said he does not intend to stop serving in the Baileyton Volunteer Fire Department.

"I have stepped down as president, but I'm not out of the fire service," said Golden. "I am still a member of the Baileyton Fire Department."

Golden previously served as chief of the Baileyton VFD, a department he's been part of since 1988. He said the best he could recall, his tenure as chief was "16 to 17 years."

Golden worked as a controller for Nicholson File before retirement and is a member of the Cullman County Community Development Commission.

Of his decision to step down as head of the CCAVFD, he said, "It's time-consuming, but it was nothing I didn't enjoy doing. I'm getting up toward 68 years old and I just thought it was time for the next generation to take over."

Firefighters young and older have great respect for Golden and his commitment and service to the profession.

"I've always thought there's much to be said about a man or woman who dedicates their life to the service of others. During my nine years in the vol-

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Chevy is ready to run!



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 15

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 15, 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. 14

• duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; Commerce Ave. NW; damage to '03 Toyota Sienna; $100
• third-degree forgery; Cullman Marble & Granite; forged checks
• third-degree theft of property; person; 2nd St. SW; vehicle parts; $1,000
• third-degree criminal trespassing; Below Chiropractic & Wellness; 4th Ave. SE

ARRESTS

Jan. 14

Harbin, Jeremy M., 34
• reckless endangerment
• attempting to elude

Turney, Aaron K., 29
• FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- improper lane usage

Sanders, David E., 32
• FTA- first-degree criminal trespassing
• FTA- attempting to elude
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Scott Jr., John D., 35
• third-degree criminal trespassing
• first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Bagwell, Terry N., 59
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
• FTA- running a red light
• FTA- driving while suspended (2 counts)
• FTA- insurance violation
• FTA- failure to signal

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Crash (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – One person was killed in a two-vehicle crash along Interstate 65 in Cullman County Thursday night. Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick identified the victim as Nathaniel Lee Creasey, 38, of Cullman.

Creasey was pronounced dead at the scene.

The wreck happened at approximately 7:45 p.m. near mile marker 309. Alabama State Troopers said Creasey was ejected and fatality injured when the 2002 BMW 325i he was driving struck a 2020 Chevy Silverado.

Nothing further is available as Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division continues to investigate.

Update (from Front)

Karen Landers, M.D.
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) reports there have been 417,528 cases and 6,030 deaths due to COVID-19 in Alabama as of Jan. 15.

To date, 130,394 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Alabama.

A total of 370,575 doses of the 640,150 doses allocated to Alabama have been delivered.

The federal government has not delivered some allocated doses to Alabama.

ADPH does not concur with data recently released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) ranking Alabama near the bottom in vaccine administration.

ADPH, as part of its ongoing review of vaccine data, determined that some entities did not report complete information which meant that some doses administered were not included in CDC numbers.

This issue has been corrected, and providers are reminded that all doses of COVID-19 vaccine must be recorded in the system within 24 hours of administration.

On Monday, ADPH will begin vaccination of individuals age 75 and older, law enforcement officers and firefighters in addition to health care workers at county health departments by appointment statewide.

Because COVID-19 vaccine administration is a priority, ADPH will be limiting or reducing other public health services at county health departments for the foreseeable future in order to have enough providers to administer every available dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

ADPH appreciates the patience of all citizens during this time, especially with concerns about lack of expected COVID-19 vaccine and decreased access.

The demand for vaccine continues to greatly exceed supply as Alabama has more than 326,000 healthcare workers and nearly 350,000 people who now qualify for a vaccine because they are 75 years old and older.

Priority access to vaccine cannot be granted to other groups of people yet as ADPH follows the recommendations of the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for the allocation of this limited supply.

While trying to address the needs of Alabamians in the currently identified groups, ADPH continues working to improve COVID-19 vaccine scheduling capabilities by creating an online registration portal in addition to its extremely busy toll-free hotline.

ADPH requests that the public not call this appointment line to schedule a vaccine UNLESS they are in an eligible group – health care workers, people age 75 and older, law enforcement officers or firefighters.

For Jefferson County only, appointments are NOT being made by the ADPH COVID-19 Vaccination Scheduling Hotline.

People seeking vaccination who are in the current Vaccine Allocation Phase may contact the Jefferson County Unified Command (JCUC) COVID-19 Call Center at 205-85VACC1 (205-858-2221).

JCUC has reminded the public to be aware that in Phase 1a, the vaccine is to be distributed to health care personnel and residents of long-term care facilities.

Those who are not in the currently eligible group are asked to please not attempt to pre-register so that those who are currently eligible can have the opportunity to get through.

The toll-free COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling Hotline number is 1-855-566-5333.

00 For general information about COVID-19, including locations where testing is available, call the COVID-19 Information Hotline number at 1-800-270-7268.

View the Alabama COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Plan at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf.



COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, Jan. 15, 2021 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

• Total confirmed cases in AL: 332,085 (+2,354 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in AL: 85,443 (+591 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in AL: 5,038* (+61 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in AL: 992
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 5,512 (+23 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,448 (+15 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 70* (+5 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 34
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 33,338
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 4,413
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 830
• Total tested in Alabama: 2,012,213
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 54,431
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 261,741
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 2,863
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 38,763
• 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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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 take-out 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
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Garden City Town Council Meeting
Monday, Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. at Garden City Town Hall

Good Hope Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall

West Point Town Council Meeting
Monday, Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. at West Point Town Hall

Berlin Town Council Meeting
Monday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Berlin Community Center

Cullman County School Board Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 3:30 p.m. at the central office boardroom

Cullman City School Board Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 5 p.m. in the central office boardroom

Cullman County Commission Meeting
Thursday, Jan. 21 at 6 p.m. in the Commission office conference room, first floor, Cullman County Courthouse

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."

LifeSouth Community Blood Drive
Saturday, Jan. 30 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Vinemont Town Hall

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FUNNY THINGS FROM YESTERDAY

Do you remember cherry-flavored Luden's cough drops?

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This is an article that I wrote several years ago.

Time marches on and lot of things change. Barbershops have changed considerably since I was a youngster. Years ago, it seemed that we would always go to the barbershop on Saturday afternoon and have to sit and wait and wait and wait. The barber would cut a head of hair and then holler, "Next!" But I guess those days are gone.

There are some things that I miss, and I'm glad of it. Do you remember how those old hair clippers would pull your hair occasionally, and the barber would groan because you flinched?

Then he would almost break your neck turning your head so he would have a better angle to cut. That may be the reason I have arthritis in my neck now.

Nowadays, some barbers have you call ahead for a haircut.

This makes me feel as if I am going to a beauty parlor, but you know many men do go to a beauty parlor and have a beautician style their hair.

When I go, I get a haircut instead of a style and I wouldn't be caught dead in a beauty parlor.

Styles and beauty parlors aren't my bag. A beauty parlor is just the thing for women, but not for me.

One barber I used would like to be called for an appointment, but I just went by early and if he had time to give me a haircut I would get one. If he was busy, I would come by another time. He also had women customers and had a hairdryer. He hired a lady to help him. This changed his shop some. She came in one morning while I was there, and she started washing brushes and poured some shampoo in some, and the fragrance was unusual.

The lady said, "That smells like cherry-flavored Luden's cough drops." She then said, "We used to eat them like candy."

And you know there are probably a lot of us of that era who did.

Time passes on and it makes changes in our lives. I now go to a beauty shop to have my hair cut and styled. If you hear that I have passed on I might have been in a beauty shop chair having my hair styled with a Luden's cough drop in my mouth.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Poncho and the Preacher's Wife

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



I know, there is a song about Poncho and Lefty, but that's not what this is. I don't know if the preacher's wife was lefthanded. Since Poncho was a dog, I would call him quadextrous. Poncho was my dog, long, long ago, and the preacher's wife was my pastor's wife, Mrs. Hodgens. This is a story of firsts. Poncho was my first small dog, Rev. Hodgens was my first pastor, and what happened to Mrs. Hodgens, on that cold winter's day was probably a first for her. I know it was for me, but many years later it happened again – not to her, but to me.

I think I was eight-years old on the day in question. My brother, Briggs, and his first-wife, Bobbie, were expecting their first child. Paul David King was born on March 3, 1964.

Sometime prior to Paul's arrival, some ladies of our church and community, gave Bobbie a baby shower. The event took place in our home. I was not invited, and neither was Poncho. Poncho was a Chihuahua. My oldest brother, Elbert, had a Chihuahua that I loved, named Tiny, so he bought me one. Chihuahua's are tiny dogs. They obviously have tiny bladders too. They are typically nervous type dogs, and a nervous little dog with a tiny bladder, a rambunctious boy, and a house filled with ladies, is not a good combination.

It was a cold Winter's day...too cold for Poncho and me to go play outside while the ladies showered my sister-in-law. Mama sent us out stay to Elbert's house, with instructions to stay there until the ladies had all left. Elbert had set up the original tiny home, on the backside, of our backyard. They didn't call them "tiny homes" back then, but that's exactly what it was. He had bought an old truck boxbed, that had once been part of Corbin's Rolling Store, and transformed it into a tiny house. He made one end into a bedroom, and the rest into a living area. Poncho and I stayed out there until the following summer! Okay, I'm exaggerating. It was probably only a couple of hours, but it seemed like an eternity. There was no television, no radio, and no cookies and punch like the ladies were having. Even though Poncho was small, there wasn't enough space in there for us to play catch, chase, or ice-hockey. I had petted Poncho until even he had grown tired of it. I knew some of the ladies had already left, so I decided to go home. Almost as soon as we went inside, Poncho jumped up in Mrs. Hodgen's lap and...well, I told you he was nervous and had a small bladder. Mrs. Hodgen's was kind about it, but Mama was not. Poncho and I got sent back to the tiny house until we were told to come home...still with no cookies or punch!

Fast forward about 30-something years, to when I was a pastor in Rainbow City. Our associate pastor, Fred, and I had gone to visit a family who had been attending our church. While we sat on their sofa, their two dogs, which happened to be Chihuahuas, jumped up on the sofa. As I petted one of them, he crawled over into my lap, where he mimicked Poncho's action from many years earlier! He literally soaked my pants. I didn't know what to say or do, but Fred was dying with laughter! The couple said nothing as if they hadn't even noticed. If Mrs. Hodgens could have seen that, she might have thought I had gotten my long-over-due payback. She has been long gone, and I don't believe in reincarnation, but if I did, well, you know. As the old saying goes, "What goes around, comes around."

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1933, 1952

From the Files of 1933

Mrs. J.E. Pierce and son, Leroy of Cullman, spent the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Nesmith at Panama.

The 1933 Home Economics Club at Cullman High School includes: Mildred White, Grace Wonderlich, Almedia Newman, Elizabeth Glasscock, Mary Louise Wonderlich, Margaret Heitmiller, Atha McMurray, Carolyn Graham, Ruth Swafford, Mullice Phillips, Sarah Robinson, Wynelle Tubbs, Essie Tubbs, Elenor Teague, Allyne Dunn, Doris Turner, Ruth Kaple, Gervis Silney, Lorene Peinhardt, Oletus Holmes, Jeanette Wells, Trischel Couch, Sibyl Eddleman, Jo Keyes, Mona Hanvey and Lea Carroll.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burns spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Claud Weeks at Hopewell.

Will Rodgers is showing at the Strand Theatre in Doctor Bull.

His prescription for people is Castor Oil for ills, laughter for the soul, romance for their hearts and horse-sense for their worries.

Louis Vogel celebrated his eighteenth birthday on October 12. There were eighteen guests for dinner. Dancing was enjoyed by all present.

Miss Kathryn Berry and Edgar Ziegler were married on Saturday afternoon at the Mount Vernon Methodist Church.

Most of Cullman County's cotton crop has been picked.

Miss Inez Baker of Steppville spent Saturday night with Misses Ruby and Mildred Travis.

Two new members to the Honor Society were added at Cullman High School last week. They are Violet Horton and Raymond Soxara. At present there are only five members of the honor society, namely: Gladys Conont, Elsa Kempson, Kathleen Calvert, Violet Horton and Raymond Soxara.

From the Files of 1952

John Whisenhunt, who owns the Walt Clark Farm at Good Hope brought a four feet long sweet potato by The Tribune office this week.

A letter has arrived to Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Morris, of Route Two, Vinemont from their son, Hobby, who is a prisoner of war in Korea.

A son, Thomas Authur, has been born to F.D. and Eleanor Bailey Robinson on October 25 in Tuscaloosa.

Pretty, eight-year-old Charlotte Louvorn was fatally injured when she was hit by an automobile on Sunday morning as she left McElroy Methodist Church in Birmingham.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Louvorn. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Louvorn of Holly Pond and Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Lindsey of Cullman. Two brothers, Max Louvorn and Harold Louvorn of Fort Jackson, South Carolina survive their sister.

Students (from Front)

Cullman County Schools
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Friday wraps up a remote learning period for Cullman County Schools. As planned, students will return to the Hybrid Learning Schedule beginning Tuesday, Jan.19. That schedule is the same as last semester.

Elementary

• All Students Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Middle/High*

• Last Names A-K attend Monday, Tuesday
• Last Names L-Z attend Thursday, Friday

**Parkside, Harmony, Cold Springs sixth graders will follow the Elementary Schedule.*

Through CARES Act funding, Cullman County Schools recently added Wi-Fi to more than 40 school buses.

Those buses were strategically chosen to spread access evenly across the county and will be available each Wednesday for students who may not have internet at home.

• Wi-Fi Name: CCBOE-Bus
• Password: Cullman1
• See the Interactive Map of Bus Locations at http://bit.ly/2LRRSDl.

Said Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette, "While I understand there are always challenges when you do something different, I believe transitioning to Remote Learning for this week and a half has helped us to be better prepared to have a strong second semester of learning.

Hopefully, we will avoid any major quarantines caused by exposure over the holidays.

Teachers across the district have commented about being excited to have our students back physically in the building.

My plan is to gradually move from hybrid to four days a week for all students, then within a few weeks after that move toward our students being back five days a week. That will be a great day!"

Chevy (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Animal Shelter has love to spare right now, so Donna Ruttkay shares a bonus Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Chevy is a Catahoula-terrier mix who's a little over 1 year old, a big athletic fellow with beautiful brindle coloration.

He's an active-but-not-hyper, medium-energy pet who is quiet in his kennel, but active and vocal when he gets to play outside.

He enjoys outdoor activities and eagerly takes on challenges like the shelter's obstacle course.

Chevy is a helpful companion and wears a backpack as he carries water and gardening supplies for the staff and volunteers around the shelter.

He's working on his social skills and is proving to be a quick learner in all respects.

A versatile companion, Chevy has the makings of a good therapy, companion or hiking dog.

Chevy's adoption fee is $100 which includes DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, neutering, microchip, free 30-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax).

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior.

Several of the shelter's canine friends have even been "hired" to work as therapy and special needs service dogs.

Please consider adopting, to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.

Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE.

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POET'S CORNER

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

By: Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me
stopping here
To watch his woods
fill up with snow.

My little horse must
think it queer
To stop without a
farmhouse near
Between the woods
and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.



He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other
sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and
downy flake.

The woods are lovely,
dark and deep,
But I have promises
to keep,
And miles to go
before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

Golden (from Front)

unteer fire service, I've met many great men and women who have a desire to sacrificially serve others, by providing fire department services to their community, their town, their city, their county and their state," said Gold Ridge Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief Ryan Whisenhunt.

"'Big Joe' Golden is one of those men. He has always been a leader that I look up to, that I have learned a lot from, and that I hope to see enjoy a happy retirement. I witnessed him serve exceptionally as a fire chief, while simultaneously serving as the association president. He took his positions seriously, being sure to work hard and do it with great integrity," he said.

"He was professional, he was organized, he was outspoken, and most importantly, he was passionate. He acted as the mediator between our fire departments, our local government and our state governments.

"Might I mention, he did all of it for FREE. He sacrificed a lot for our fire departments and ultimately the people."

Continued Whisenhunt, "Over the last several years, I've heard him talk about his desire to see the 'younger generation' step up and take over, but I didn't realize how soon that time would come. I want to publicly thank him for everything that he has done.

"A thank you doesn't seem sufficient, but my heart is full of gratitude, for the hard work he has put into something and for many people, for nothing in return."

According to his fellow firefighters, one of Golden's biggest achievements is the CCAVFD Training Center in Vinemont.

"Joe was very instrumental in working for the Association. He worked very close with the county commission to obtain funds to help all of the county fire departments," said Bethsadia Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief and Logan Volunteer Fire Department EMS Captain Maurice Reynolds.

"Joe was directly involved in getting the training center in Vinemont built. This center is now available to all departments of the county for training needs."

The CCAVFD's EMS officer, Jeff Byars, said, "Joe's impact on the volunteer fire service in Cullman County is immeasurable. Most aren't aware of just how much he has done behind the scenes to promote the fire service here. The classroom building at our training facility wouldn't be here if not for Joe's hard work."

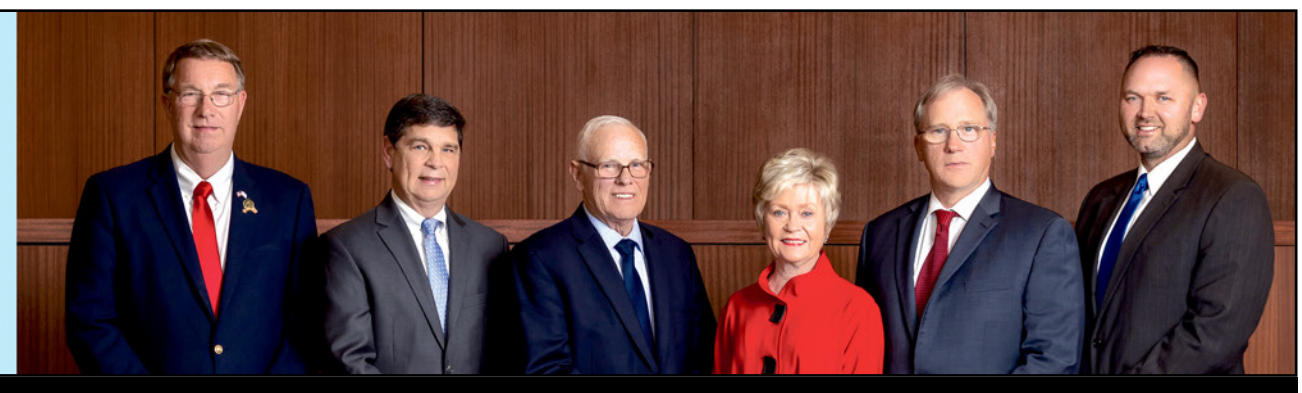
The Association elected new officers at its meeting Thursday evening.

They are:

- President- Jason Doyle, Vinemont VFD
- Tim Martin- 1st Vice President, West Point VFD
- Jerad Guthrie- 2nd Vice President, Gold Ridge VFD
- Toby Bates- Secretary/ Treasurer, Logan VFD

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A Round of Applause for the Joy-Givers: A books & birthdays party with American joy-givers of 2021

Ben South
Tribune Columnist

Dolly Parton greets you at the door with a big, warm hug and the first words out of her mouth are, "I love that y'all are here to celebrate books and birthdays with us. I will always love you." Then, she sings it, "And, I-I-I will all...all... waaaays love you."

You sense the joy the minute you enter the room. HOORAY FOR THE JOY-GIVERS! This is a fantasy party to celebrate the birthdays this week of great American joy-givers of today and those from the past. (Note: The comments attributed to these famous joy-givers come from words they have written or said.)

Please give A ROUND OF APPLAUSE for these American joy-givers born in the middle of January: 16—Lin-Manuel Miranda, 17—Benjamin Franklin, Muhammad Ali, 18—Danny Kaye, 19—Dolly Parton, 20—George Burns, 21—Wolfman Jack, 22—Daniel Wallace.

Not only do all these American joy-givers share a birthday week, all of them have also written a joy-giving book or had a joy-filled biography written about them.

When Lin-Manuel Miranda, the mastermind behind the Broadway phenomenon, "HAMILTON," comes into the room, Dolly hugs him and drawls in Southern Spanish, "Siempre te querre, Sugarbritches." George Burns, a former vaudeville comic, asks, "So sonny, for those of us who only speak English and a smidge of Yiddish, what did Dolly mean by 'Siempre te querre?'" Miranda blushes, "She said, I will always love you." Dolly warbles from the kitchen.

Lin-Manuel Miranda is famously shy off-stage. He married his high school crush, but they didn't date until college because he was too bashful to ask her out. Now, they have two sons: Sebastian, who was named for the Disney crab in "The Little Mermaid," and the younger boy, Francisco.

Miranda won a Pulitzer for "Hamilton," but the book he brought to share tonight is "GMorning, GNight!: Little Pep Talks for Me & You." It's a collection of published wisdom, poetry and aphorisms he wrote with lines like: "Every day has the potential to be the greatest day of your life."

Dolly brings out a tray of Jell-O shots made with Puerto Rican rum to salute Miranda's Caribbean heritage.

"Boys, I'll bring some sass, but these little darlings are gonna grab your, uh...buns. That sounds like something, Miss Mona, my character in "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" would say. Or maybe Truvy Jones from 'Steel Magnolias.'"

"I'll take Jell-O rum shot, Dolly," says Miranda, "I'm young, scrappy and hungry, and I'm not throwing away my shot."

"Hey Muhammad Ali, you handsome, Louisville slugger," Dolly says, batting her huge-possibly fake eyelashes. "Could you float like a butterfly into the kitchen with me and open a jar of bee honey?" Ali replies, "Yes, I can make that happen, Dolly. If our minds can conceive it and our hearts can believe it—then we can achieve."

Dolly brings out a tray with a congealed, seafood salad shaped like a big fish to honor novelist Daniel Wallace, who wrote "BIG FISH." That book inspired the Oscar-winning movie and the award-winning musical. Referring to the congealed salad, Dolly quips, "Don't y'all just love things that jiggle, fellas?"

Wallace winks at Dolly and nods to her, "He thought she hung the moon. He actually believed this from time to time. He believed the moon wouldn't have been there but that she'd hung it."

"Up in my Tennessee hills, 'storytellers' is what folks sometimes call fibbers and all-out liars," says Dolly. Wallace, a great, modern-day fabulist, replies, "Please remind them, a storyteller makes up things to help other people; a liar makes up things to help himself." (Note: Dolly shares the personal stories inspired by 175 of her songs in the new book, "DOLLY PARTON, SONGTELLER: MY LIFE IN LYRICS.")

Wallace continues, "A kinship I'm sensing from all of us celebrating our birthdays tonight is that we are dreamers. Mine was a crazy dream—but what dream isn't crazy? Can a dream be a dream and be sensible? No. A sensible dream is a plan. People like us dream, and our dreams come true because we believe in ourselves."

"Yes, we were all dreamers, but we also worked to make our dreams come true," adds entertainer and UNICEF Ambassador Danny Kaye. "Some reporter commented that I was a star overnight. You bet I arrived overnight. Over a few hundred nights in the Catskills, in vaudeville, in clubs and on Broadway. I've also been an unemployed jester, ba-da-bing, which is nobody's fool."

"I was born Nathan Birnbaum, nicknamed "Nattie," says George Burns. "And, the delightfully talented, Danny Kaye, here was Kaminsky, David Daniel Kaminsky. Together, we determined joy-givers could bring a smile to every sourpuss in the shtetl. By the way, Lin-Manuel Miranda, way before 'Hamilton,' I was a big fan of yours after seeing the 'Fiddler On The Roof' production you and your friends wowed your new bride with at your wedding." (YouTube "Lin-Manuel Miranda and Fiddler on the Roof Wedding;" it's hugely joy-giving and has been viewed four million times.)

"If you see somebody without a smile, I've always thought, just give 'em yours," adds Dolly.

Kaye replies, "I'm just an entertainer. All I want to be is funny. I never aspired to play Hamlet. Dolly, speaking of ham, what are you serving for our 'books & birthdays' dinner, tonight?"

"Well, it's the middle of January, so I figured all you sophisticated gents might savor some 'downhome' comfort food. So, our entrée is an old family recipe for 'squirrel and dumplings.' So, Wolfman Jack, I know every good wolf deserves some squirrel. I really don't know many men who don't like squirrel once they try it. Wolfman, while Ali and I take the dishes from the kitchen to the table, why don't you spin some of your favorite records. Like they said in that great rock song, 'Let's clap for the Wolfman,' (she howls) aaaaah-ooooooo!"



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Burns says, "I could sing along, folks. I love to sing, and I love to drink this scotch. Most people would rather hear me drink scotch."

Wolfman Jack, born Bob Smith in Brooklyn, was "America's favorite disc jockey" for years. This celebrated joy-giver morphed many musical joy-givers' songs into hits. He played mostly rock-and-roll but also doo-wop, mountains of rhythm and blues and occasionally some country-western.

"Ben Franklin texted me," says Dolly. "He's running late because he's on a diplomatic mission, which I figure means a blonde. Hold on, was I just making a blonde joke after all those dumb blonde jokes I've heard about me through the years? Honestly, I'm not offended by dumb blonde jokes because I know I'm not dumb—and I sure ain't blonde."

As the rest of the birthday celebrants sit down at the dinner table, they find their places where the writer Wallace, also an illustrator, has drawn a playful sketch of each. (To enjoy Wallace's signature style, check out his graphic art and some literary jewels at www.danielwallace.org. Also, Wallace wrote and charmingly illustrated the children's book, "THE CAT'S PAJAMAS.")

"In case any of you are still dieting from the New Year's resolutions you made two weeks ago, I'll tell you I used low-fat dumplings and skinny squirrels," said Dolly. "I'll tell you that whether it's true or just some storytelling. I've tried every diet in the book. I tried some that weren't in the book. I tried eating the book. The book tasted better than most of the diets."

"Well, well, hello Dolly," says Franklin as he bursts into the room. "I'm sorry I'm a bit late to the party. I could try to conjure up a story about my delay, but I've found it's better to never ruin an apology with an excuse."

"We're just getting started, Benjy, "says Dolly, "what would you like to drink?" Franklin ponders, "Hmmm, in wine there is wisdom, in beer there is freedom and in water there is bacteria."

"I chilled you and Wolfman Jack a growler of Goat Island beer," says Dolly. "You're always so thoughtful, Dolly," says Franklin. "You know, beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy."

After Franklin pours his beer, Burns offers a toast. "It was my happy experience to live to be a hundred. After that, you've got it made. Very few people die past that age. Here's to our 'Hostess with the Mostest,' Dolly, and to all of us American joy-givers. Remember kiddos, you can't help getting older, but you don't have to get old."

Dolly returns his toast, "Please join me in A ROUND OF APPLAUSE for us American joy-givers. Our little nest- just a coincidence that I'm the only hen tonight and that I handled the guest list- has been fortunate to bring a lot of joy to America and the world through books. Dear old, early to rise and sometimes late to the party, Ben Franklin, was a book printer and the best-selling author of 'Poor Richard's Almanack.' He also started the first lending book library in America way back in 1731. Some of you know my red dirt, poor dad couldn't read nor write. Honoring my father, one of my greatest sources of pride has been launching the nonprofit Imagination Library. We give free books to children ages birth to 5 in many American communities and others in the UK, Ireland, Canada and Australia. Every month, the Imagination Library gives away a million books. Just last month, in December 2020, we gave our 150 millionth book! So, (raising her glass) here's to us joy-giving bookies on our birthday week!"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS!

(Note: Jan. 19 was the birthday of American joy-giving author Edgar Allan Poe, creator of the mystery story, but he was too spooked about crowds to join the party.)

SQUIRREL AND DUMPLINGS

This dish could sound like something from Dolly Parton or from a Granny Clampett pot, but it's a simple, delicious, inexpensive, wild game, comfort food classic.

Basically, it's tough, old squirrels stewed in chicken broth until the pink meat falls off the carcass. Serve in bowls with lots of black pepper and put a basket of sliced bread on the table to sop up the gravy.

Ingredients

- 3 mature, skinned squirrels
- 1 cup chicken broth
- Water
- Salt and black pepper
- Dumplings (pre-made or grocery store bought)

Directions

1. Place skinned squirrel pieces in a large pot.
2. Add chicken broth and enough water to cover the squirrel pieces.
3. Simmer until the meat is tender and falling from the bones.
4. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
5. Remove to a large bowl and discard the bones.
6. Return squirrel meat to the pot and bring liquid to a simmer.
7. Add dumplings you've prepared or purchased.
8. Cover and boil gently for 8-10 minutes or until the broth thickens to gravy.

Serves 4-6.





4 Alabama Football players declare for 2021 NFL Draft

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Four University of Alabama football players announced at a press conference on Thursday afternoon that they will forego their senior seasons to enter the 2021 NFL Draft. Alabama's NFL early entrants, Christian Barmore, Mac Jones, Patrick Surtain II and Jaylen Waddle declare for the draft.

Patrick Surtain II
A lockdown corner for the Alabama defense and one of the top defenders in the nation ... worked in every game during his time at UA, including 37 consecutive starts ... unanimous first team All-American (AFCA, Associated Press, FWAA, The Sporting News, Walter Camp) ... also earned first-team accolades from CBS Sports, ESPN.com, Pro Football Focus and USA Today ... finalist for the Bednarik, Lott, Nagurski and Thorpe ... selected as the SEC Defensive Player of the Year by both the AP and the league's coaches ... also tabbed as a first team All-SEC defender by the AP and coaches ... the top-rated corner by Pro Football Focus ... allowed 25 yards receiving or fewer in nine of 12 games ... targeted just 45 times all season and allowed only 19 completions for 256 combined yards ... broken up 11 passes and totaled 35 tackles, including 2.5 for loss (-8 yards) as a junior ... added two quarterback hurries, a fumble recovery and a pick-six from 25 yards out ... earned First Team Preseason All-America recognition from ESPN.com ... tabbed a second-team honoree by the AP, TSN, USA Today and Walter Camp ... earned a spot on the Jim Thorpe Award Watch List, an honor presented to the nation's top defensive back ... named to the Bednarik Award Watch List ... also selected to the Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List ... named the Defensive Most Valuable Player of the Rose Bowl ... earned defensive player of the week honors from the Alabama coaching staff for his play against Ole Miss, Georgia, Mississippi State, Auburn and LSU.

Mac Jones
Veteran signal-caller who has been in Alabama's system for three years ... played in 26 career games with four starts entering 2020 ... earned the starting role at quarterback this season ... one of the Crimson Tide's permanent team captains for the 2020 season ... winner of the Davey O'Brien and Johnny Unitas Golden Arm awards ... consensus first team All-America selection (AFCA, Associated Press, The Sporting News, Walter Camp) ... also named a first-teamer by ESPN.com, Pro Football Focus and USA Today ... earned second team All-America recognition from CSB Sports and the FWAA ... selected as one of four Heisman Trophy finalists, joining teammate and eventual winner DeVonta Smith on the list ... finalist for the Manning and Maxwell awards ... also a finalist for the Walter Camp Player of the Year along with Smith ... named a semifinalist for the Peter Mortell Holder of the Year ... selected as the SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year ... named to the All-SEC first team by the AP and the conference coaches ... recorded four of the Crimson Tide's 10 400-plus yards passing performances in program history, the most by any one quarterback at UA and tied for the most in single-season SEC history ... Alabama's all-time single-season passing yardage leader with 4,036 this season ... sports an NCAA-leading 203.03 passer rating and 95.8 QBR ... leads the nation in completion percentage (77.0) and adjusted completion percentage (83.6) ... totaled 4,036 passing yards to rank second in Division I while averaging 336.3 passing yards per game, good for third nationally ... named to the Davey O'Brien and the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award watch lists to start the season ... added to the Maxwell Award Watch List at midseason ... earned SEC Offensive Player of the Week accolades following Texas A&M, Georgia, Tennessee and Auburn ... picked up Maxwell Player of the Week honors following the matchup with the Aggies ... also named one of the Manning Award Stars of the Week for his play against the Aggies, Ole Miss, Georgia, Auburn and LSU ... tabbed as one of the Davey O'Brien Award's Great 8 for his play against Georgia and in the Iron Bowl and was named the O'Brien's quarterback of the week after AU ... earned offensive player of the week recognition from the UA coaching staff for his play against Missouri, Texas A&M, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Auburn, LSU, Florida and Notre Dame...posted 464 yards and five touchdowns against Ohio State in the CFP National Championship Game.

Jaylen Waddle
Dangerous wideout and returner who is a threat to score every time he has the ball in his hands ... owns three of the top-five longest scoring receptions in Alabama history ... suffered a season-ending ankle injury against Tennessee ... averaging 19.1 yards per catch for his career to rank second on UA's list (minimum 100 catches) ... recorded 733 career punt return yards to rank sixth in Alabama history ... leads all Crimson Tide returners with a 19.3 yards per punt return average across his three seasons, nearly six yards better than second place on the career list ... selected as a second team All-SEC return specialist depiste playing in only half of the Tide's regular-season games ... totaled 621 all-purpose yards as a junior to rank seventh in the SEC following his injury ... averaged 139.2 yards per contest to lead UA and rank fourth nationally ... recorded a team-high 557 yards receiving, good for fourth in Division I at the time of his injury ... eclipsed the 100-yard receiving marker in all four games to start the season ... converted a first down or scored on 20 of his 25 catches this season ... earned First Team Preseason All-America recognition from ESPN.com, The Sporting News and USA Today ... named a second-teamer by the Associated Press and Walter Camp ... selected to the watch lists for the Biletnikoff, Hornung and Maxwell awards ... also tabbed to the preseason watch list for the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award ... earned Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll recognition for his play against Georgia ... named to the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Honorable Mention list following the Texas A&M game and the matchup with the Bulldogs ... selected as one of the offensive players of the week by the Alabama coaches for his performance at Missouri ... named a special teams player of the week by the UA staff following the Texas A&M game.


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Alabama's Mac Jones, Jaylen Waddle, Patrick Surtain II and Christian Barmore declared for this year's NFL Draft Thursday.

Christian Barmore
Disruptive force along the Tide defensive front ... selected as a first team All-American by CBS Sports ... second team All-America honoree by Pro Football Focus and USA Today ... selected as a third team All-American by the Associated Press ... earned first team All-SEC honors from both the AP and the league coaches ... recorded 32 tackles, including a team-high tying seven sacks (-36 yards) ... tied with Will Anderson Jr. for second in the SEC in sacks ... added 7.5 tackles for loss (-36 yards) to go with six quarterback pressures ... also broken up three passes while forcing a team-high three fumbles ... missed the season opener but returned for the matchup with Texas A&M ... named one of the defensive players of the week by the Alabama coaches for his play against Mississippi State and Notre Dame.

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Alabama seeks to continue winning ways when it hosts Arkansas Saturday

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Alabama will begin a stretch of playing three of its next four games under the arched roof of Coleman Coliseum beginning on Saturday when it hosts Arkansas at 2:30 p.m. CT on SEC Network. It will be the first of two games between the Hogs and Tide this year as Alabama will play the return game in Fayetteville, Ark., on Feb. 24 (8 p.m. CT on ESPN2 or ESPNU)

The Tide (10-3, 5-0 SEC) enters the contest having won six straight and seven of its last eight games following an 85-65 victory at Kentucky last Tuesday night to remain atop the SEC standings. Over the six-game stretch, Alabama has scored at least 82 points on five occasions and is averaging 83.8 ppg while nearly doubling its opponents in threes made (66-35). The Tide's defense has limited foes to 70.3 points per game while shooting just 38.7 percent from the field and 28.2 percent from beyond the arc during the streak. Saturday's game between Alabama and Arkansas (10-3. 2-3) will be the 64th meeting in series history, with the Razorbacks owning a 35-28 edge in the all-time series. Arkansas has won six straight and seven of the last eight games in the series. The six consecutive wins by Arkansas is the longest current winning streak by an SEC team against the Crimson Tide.

The Broadcast
- Saturday's game will be available on SEC Network with Kevin Fitzgerald (play-by-play) and Dane Bradshaw (analyst) on the call.
- The radio broadcast can be heard on the Crimson Tide Sports Network with Chris Stewart (play-by-play), Bryan Passink (analyst) and Roger Hoover (sideline) on the call. The pregame show will begin one hour prior to tipoff.

Team Notes
- Saturday's matchup pits two of the top offensive teams in the SEC in both Alabama and Arkansas. In SEC play, the Crimson Tide leads the league in scoring offense at 83.6 points per game, while the Razorbacks are in third at 82.8 points per contest. Both teams also shoot a lot of threes, as Alabama is first in both threes made (54) and attempted (139) with Arkansas closely behind in third (44-of-128).
- John Petty Jr. is just four made three-pointers away from becoming the school's all-time leader in the category. The record is currently held by former standout Brian Williams who made 263 treys from 1996-99. Petty enters Saturday's contest with 260 made threes for his career. He also needs just four points to become the 28th player in program history to reach 1,300 points for his career (1,296).
- Alabama ranks among the top-40 in the nation in both offensive and defensive efficiency, according to KenPom.com (as of 1/14). The Crimson Tide is 19th nationally in offensive efficiency coming into Saturday's contest against Arkansas and ranks No. 28 overall in defensive efficiency. Additionally, the Tide is the fifth-fastest team in the nation, averaging 14.2 seconds per possession according to the same site.
- Alabama will be looking to win its seventh straight game which would mark the longest winning streak since starting the 2011-12 campaign with seven consecutive victories. The Tide's five-straight SEC wins is the best since winning eight straight to start the 1987 SEC season.
- The Crimson Tide is ranked No. 23 in the NCAA NET rankings (as of 1/15) which is third-best among SEC teams. Alabama is one of five SEC teams ranked among the top-30, which also includes No. 4 Tennessee, No. 19 LSU, No. 25 Missouri and No. 30 Arkansas.
- With a perfect 5-0 record in league play, the Crimson Tide is in first place by itself through the early portion of the SEC season. The Crimson Tide leads LSU (4-1) by a game leading into play this weekend. It's the first time an Alabama team began conference play with five straight wins in 34 years, dating back to the 1986-87 campaign when UA started that SEC season 8-0.
- While Alabama is known for what it can do offensively, it's the Crimson Tide's defense that has helped it to a 5-0 start to SEC play. Only considering teams that have played more than one conference game, Alabama leads the SEC in field goal percentage defense (37.3 percent) and three-point field goal percentage defense (26.3 percent), while ranking third in steals (8.8) and fourth in scoring defense (70.6).

About Alabama
- Alabama enters Saturday's home contest vs. Arkansas riding a six-game winning streak – the longest winning streak dating back to winning six straight during the 2014-15 campaign. The Crimson Tide extended its best win streak in six years with an impressive 85-65 victory at Kentucky last Tuesday night. It was UA's first win at Rupp Arena since 2006, snapping an eight-game losing streak in Lexington.
- Four Crimson Tide players are averaging 12.5 or more points per game for head coach Nate Oats in the early part of the season. Guard Jaden Shackelford leads the way at 13.5 ppg while John Petty Jr. is second on the team with 13.3 ppg. Guard Jahvon Quinerly, who has missed the last three games with a medical condition, averages 13.0 ppg while forward Herbert Jones is at 12.5 ppg.
- Jones, considered one of the top defensive players in the entire nation, leads the team in rebounding (6.1 rpg), three-point field goal percentage (.526, 10-of-19), charges taken (4), Blue Collar Points (271.5, 20.9 BCP per game), deflections (43), floor dives (10) and Hard Hat Awards (7). He also boasts much improved offensive numbers during his senior season. In addition to averaging double digits, Jones is collecting 1.9 assists per contest, while shooting 46.3 percent from the field (57-of-123).
- The combination of Petty (26-of-73) and Shackelford (26-of-74) have combined to hit 52 of the Tide's 127 three-pointers (40.9 percent) and have 147 of the team's 381 (38.6 percent) total attempts from beyond the arc. Combined, the duo is shooting 35.4 percent (52-of-127) from beyond the arc.
- As a team, Alabama is outscoring the opposition by 8.4 points per contest (79.4-71.0) while shooting 42.4 percent from the field, 33.3 percent from deep and 68.9 percent from the charity stripe.
- It's the Crimson Tide's defense that has set the tone to its 5-0 start in SEC play. When considering teams that have played more than one game so far during the conference season, UA leads the league in defensive efficiency, ranking first in field goal percentage defense (37.3 percent) and three-point field goal percentage defense (26.3 percent), third in steals (8.8) and fourth in scoring defense (70.6).
- This season, the Tide welcomed back four starters and five of its top seven scorers off last year's team, three were named as All-SEC performers a year ago. Petty (Second Team All-SEC), Shackelford (All-Freshman) and Jones (All-Defensive) all earned a spot on the postseason teams. Both Petty and Jones tested the NBA waters, with Petty, who was one of the last players to withdraw his name, announcing his return in early August and Jones in mid-June.
- Alabama was predicted to finish fifth overall as voted on by a select panel of both SEC and national media members. Additionally, Petty All-SEC Preseason First Team honors by both the coaches and media members, while Jones earned a spot on the preseason second team as voted on by the league's head coaches. Petty was selected to the 2020 Jerry West Award Watch List for the nation's top shooting guard. He was also tabbed preseason All-SEC by Blue Ribbon Yearbook.

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MALIA LAMBERT

TO: Malia Lambert, 1124 Jenkins Road, Hayden, Alabama 35079

Malia Lambert, 1124 Jenkins Road, Hayden, Alabama 35079, must answer the Summons and Complaint filed by Redstone Federal Credit Union against her seeking judgment in the amount of $9,988.10 plus interest and costs as more particularly described in said Summons and Complaint. The above named is required to answer on or before March 12, 2021, or a judgment by default may be rendered against her in Case No. DV 2020-900135, District Court of 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 *
MARGARET CHANDLER, * CASE NO. PC 2021-005
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Steven R. Glasscock as Personal Representative of the Estate of Margaret Ann Chandler, deceased, on the 7th day of January, 2021, 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.

Steven R. Glasscock
Personal Representative

Shay Persall

ST. JOHN & ST. JOHN, LLC
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Attorney for Petitioner

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

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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 *
FLOYD T. BURNETT * CASE NO.: PC-2020-352
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to BARBARA BURNETT BEARDEN as Personal Representative of the Estate of FLOYD T. BURNETT, deceased, on the 30th day of December, 2020, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Barbara Burnett Bearden
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
Palmer Law Firm, LLC
Attorney for Personal Representative
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Telephone: (256)246-9600

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

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Obituary Announcements: Jan. 16



Master Sgt. Donald Larry Martin, 70, of Hanceville

Master Sgt. Donald Larry Martin, 70, of Hanceville passed away Jan. 12, 2021. Mr. Martin was a native of Oneonta, AL. He graduated from Appalachian High School in 1968. Immediately after high school he joined the U.S. Army and served during the Vietnam War. After 25-plus years of faithful service, he retired as a highly decorated Master Sgt. Mr. Martin was baptized in the Baptist church and was a devoted born again Christian and attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church with his wife. He was preceded in death by his parents Emma Sue and W.C. Martin and his two brothers Ricky and Randy Martin. Mr. Martin is survived by his loving wife of 26 years, Nancy Joiner Martin; children Laura Sultan (Syed) and Scott Martin (Laura); grandchildren Maya, Asad, Joseph and Emily; and his loving siblings Brenda Hawkins (David), Verbon Martin (Marlene), Elaine Phillips and Karen Crane (Jake). He also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family. A funeral service for Mr. Martin will be held at Jefferson Memorial Chapel in Trussville Monday, Jan. 18 at 10 a.m. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until time of service. Burial will immediately follow the chapel service at Jefferson Memorial's adjoining cemetery. Father Patrick Egan and Pastor Randy Reid will both be presiding over the service.

Jerry Wayne Ponder, 86, of Vinemont

Graveside service for Jerry Wayne Ponder, 86, of Vinemont will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021 at Ebenezer Cemetery with Bro Dennis Trimble and Bro. Terry Blankenship officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Ponder passed away Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021, at his residence. He was born Aug. 23, 1934 to Shelby and Mary Ann Ponder. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, and six sisters. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Jean Ponder; daughters Rhonda (LeWayne) Brock and Teresa (Robert) Bailey; grandchildren Tony (Mandy) Hamm and Jessi (David) Fricks; great-grandchildren Dakota Fricks, Shelby Hamm, and Colby Hamm; sister Hilda Mullins; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Curtis Weldon Thompson, 87, of Bremen

Curtis Weldon Thompson, 87, of Bremen went home to be with the Lord Monday Jan. 11, 2021. A private family service will be held Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021 at the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Steve Rodgers and Reverend Ted Blalock will officiate the service. The interment will be in the New Prospect Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Thompson family. Mr. Thompson was born July 19, 1933 to Joseph and Ellsie Lee Thompson. He was preceded in death by his mother Ellsie Lee and father Joseph Thompson of the Blair community and four sisters and two brothers. Mr. Thompson is survived by three sisters and one brother; his wife Ann Thompson; and three sons David and Dot Thompson, Ronald Thompson, and Mark Thompson. Mr. Thompson also had 20 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Ollie W. Scott, 88, of Vestavia Hills

Private graveside services for Ollie W. Scott, 88, of Vestavia Hills were held Friday, Jan. 15, 2021 at Bethel Methodist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Mr. Scott passed away Monday, Jan. 11, 2021 at St. Vincent's St. Clair Hospital. He was born March 21, 1932 to C. J. and Ana Scott. He retired from South Central Bell. He loved "beagling" and spending time with his family. Spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren was his greatest joy. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter Rita Scott; son-in-law Craig McMahan; six brothers; and one sister. Survivors include his wife of 69 years, Mary Alice Priest Scott; daughter Donilda McMahan; son Brett (Sherry) Scott; grandchildren Kelli (Randy) Bjornstad, Kevin McMahan, and Ryan Amos; great-grandchildren Emma Bjornstad, Davis Bjornstad, Houston Bjornstad, and Brianna McMahan; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date.

Earline Latham, 69, of Hanceville

Earline Latham, 69, of Hanceville passed away Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021 at Hanceville Nursing Home. She was born Jan. 23, 1951 to William Earlie Hamby and Irene Berry. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her sons Robert Learl Haynes and Michael Stanley Haynes; one granddaughter; one grandson; and siblings Shirlie Collier, Junita Hill, Virginia Marsh, Evelen Allred, Larry Hamby, and Jerry Hamby.

Randall Shane "Randy" Lynch, 45, of Cullman

Randall Shane "Randy" Lynch, 45, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021. Randall was born Oct. 18, 1975 to Clifford Legran and Elma Joyce Teichmiller Lynch. Randy is the owner of Lynch Logistics. He was a loving husband, father, son, Papa, and friend. He loved Jesus and was the pastor of Antioch Non-Denominational Church. His hobbies included playing Fantasy Football, coaching softball, and listening to Hank Williams, Jr. He loved sports but especially loved watching Auburn football and Atlanta Braves baseball. He was a member of New Covenant Emmaus and Chrysalis communities. He is survived by his wife Kerstin Smith Lynch; daughters Hannah Lynch and Morgan Wood; father Clifford Legran Lynch; parents-in-law Hadden and Karen Smith III; brother Richie Lynch; brother-in-law Hadden Smith IV (Jennifer); sister-in-law Jessica Crain (Matt); granddaughter Kagan Tru Lynch; nieces Kaiti Lynch and Katelyn Smith; and nephews J. T. Lynch and Hadden Smith V. Randy was preceded in death by mother Elma Joyce Teichmiller Lynch; grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lynch; grandmother Nellie Joyce Downs; and grandfather-in-law Joe Keracher. A visitation for Randy will be held Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021 from 4-7 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. A celebration of life funeral service will occur Monday, Jan. 18, 2021 at 11 a.m. in Moss Service Funeral Home chapel with Scott Kowerduck, Keith Monk, and Corey Jewell-Taylor officiating. The service will be available via live stream on Moss Service Funeral Home's Facebook page. Interment will follow services at Cullman Memory Gardens. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, masks will be required, and social distancing appreciated. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Lynch family.

Donna Louise Adams, 63, of Holly Pond

Donna Louise Adams, 63, of Holly Pond passed away Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021 at Cullman Regional. She was born Sept. 14, 1957 in Hartford, Connecticut to Robert and Elaine McGee. Survivors include her husband Danny Adams; parents Robert and Elaine McGee; daughter Brandy (Nicholas) Brown; son Steven Latham; granddaughter Makenzie Driver; and grandson Dax Brown.

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Room 303
Cullman, AL 35055

Walker Brothers, LTD

(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2016-900124

Whitney Spooner

(Defendant)

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAW SUIT

Defendant, Whitney Spooner, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $2,419.69 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 15th day of February, 2021, or a default may be rendered against him her in the above styled cause.

Dated this the 6th day of January, 2021.

LISA MCSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY
500 2ND Ave SW
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Cullman, AL 35055

Walker Brothers, LTD

(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2020-900447

Brad Henderson

(Defendant)

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAW SUIT

Defendant, Brad Henderson, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $3,072.79 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 15th day of February, 2021, or a default may be rendered against him her in the above styled cause.

Dated this the 6th day of January, 2021.

LISA MCSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF:)
) CASE NO.: CV-2020-33
JALYNN CANTRELL)
a minor child, DOB: 04/30/2020)

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ORDER ESTABLISHING BIRTH RECORD

LYDIA VARDEN, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Order Establishing Birth Record by March 8, 2021 or thereafter a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case No. CV 20-33 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 6th day of January, 2021.

Clerk of Court

Plaintiff's Attorney:
Shelbie G. Hankey
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Cullman, AL 35055

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF:)
) CASE NO.: CV-2020-34
JOURNEE CANTRELL)
a minor child, DOB: 03/14/2019)

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ORDER ESTABLISHING BIRTH RECORD

THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF JOURNEE CANTRELL, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Order Establishing Birth Record by March 8, 2021 or thereafter a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case No. CV 20-34 in the Circuit Court of 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

CORA LEE FISK, CASE NO PC2021-016

DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to JESSE FISK, as Personal Representative/Administrator of the Estate of CORA LEE FISK, Deceased, on the 21st day of January, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

JESSE FISK
Personal Representative

Alyssa Noles Daniels
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TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

Op-Ed: Despite criticisms, Alabama's environment is best it's been since standards were first measured

Lance LeFleur
Contributor

As the director of the state agency charged with safeguarding Alabama's environment, I have great respect for and deep appreciation of our state's wonderful natural resources and rich biodiversity of species and habitats, including many that are unique to Alabama. Protecting human health and those environmental treasures is precisely the reason the Alabama Department of Environmental Management exists.

That's why it concerns me when critics take unjustified cheap shots at ADEM and the work it does to protect, preserve and enhance the environment. Some blame "lax enforcement" of environmental regulations in part for the loss of rare species, or attempt to paint ADEM as an underfunded agency under threat of federal takeover by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Those characterizations are clearly and demonstrably wrong. Let's look at the facts.

By any environmental quality measure – fewer impaired waters, more waters classified or designated as high quality, exceptionally high-quality drinking water, air meeting all quality standards, extensive remediation of legacy soil contamination – the quality of the environment in Alabama is the best it's been since environmental quality was first measured. And it's getting even better.

For example, 82% of the rivers and streams that were listed in 1998 as impaired for any combination of pollutants have since been removed from the list. There are also well-documented significant reductions to pollution impairments of lakes, reservoirs, bays and estuaries in Alabama.

Since 1982, the state has had 805 miles of rivers and streams classified as Outstanding National Resource Waters, 343 miles classified as Outstanding Alabama Waters, and 40,065 acres (Lake Martin) designated as a Treasured Alabama Lake. ADEM had a direct hand in those achievements.

In 2019, less than 2% of the public drinking water systems in Alabama had any health-based water quality violations for the 89 contaminants monitored. Based on EPA data, only one state, Hawaii, had a lower number of violations than Alabama.

With air, Alabama has been in attainment with all National Ambient Air Quality Standards since 2015. Those standards cover particulate matter, ozone, nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide and lead. Over the past 30 years, releases of those contaminants have dropped by an average of 83%. That is a collective breath of fresh air for Alabamians.

Since 1989, ADEM's land division has overseen the closure of all 141 unlined municipal solid waste landfills, the elimination of 1,880 unauthorized dumps and the cleanup of 341 illegal tire dumps containing nearly 10 million scrap tires. Statewide waste reduction through recycling increased from 5% to 25%, more than 11,000 leaking underground storage tanks were cleaned up, and more than 400 of the 611 brownfields (polluted industrial sites) have been cleaned and returned to productive use. ADEM led each of these efforts.

While it's true that some rare species in Alabama are under threat, it's also true that in recent years many species have come under more protection and are less endangered than in the past. The bald eagle, osprey, beach mouse, gopher tortoise, salamanders, freshwater mussels, crayfish and darters are among them.

Unfortunately, a lot of what ADEM does to protect the state's water, air and land goes unnoticed or is misunderstood by the public and the media. Several environmental organizations even sued to end ADEM's authority to oversee federal Clean Water Act programs in Alabama, falsely claiming ADEM was not tough enough on polluters.

EPA data show a different picture. According to that data, Alabama is consistently among the states with the lowest levels of non-compliance by entities subject to environmental regulation. Yet, despite low non-compliance, total monetary penalties assessed by ADEM have been among the top five in the nation. That is clearly not lax enforcement.

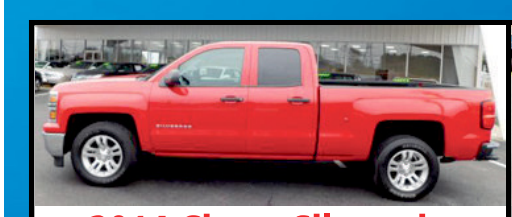
Not surprising to us, the federal court soundly rejected the groups' claims and maintained ADEM's authority. We enforce Clean Water rules and other federal regulations – and do it more effectively, EPA data say, than most states.

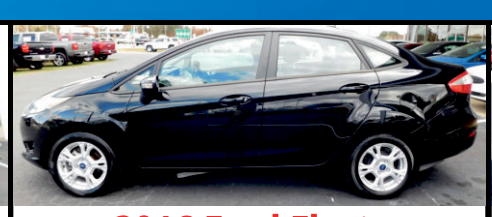
Can more be done, such as improved local land-use practices and citizen action, to add to the protections we already have in place? Of course. Good environmental stewardship and economic prosperity are not mutually exclusive.

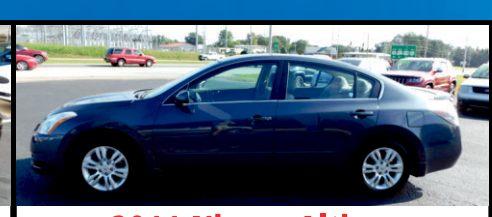
But let us not ignore the fact that the state of the environment in Alabama is among the best in the nation and getting better. I can assure Alabamians this department will continue to work to protect human health, the environment and all of our state's natural wonders.

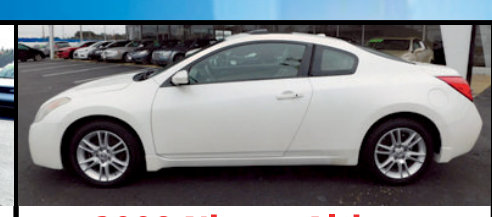
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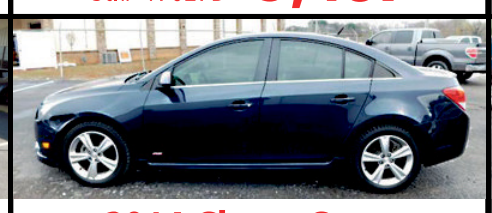

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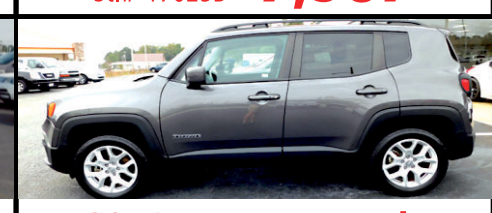

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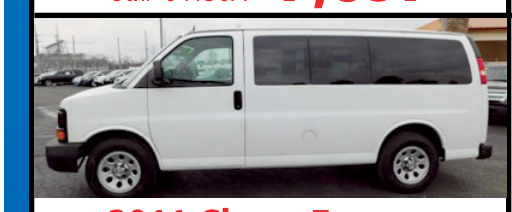

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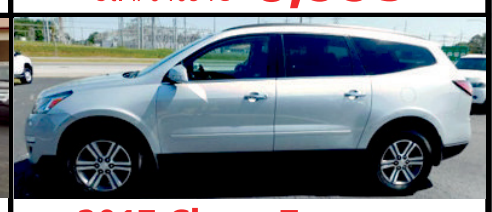

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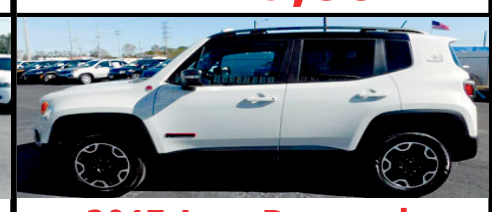

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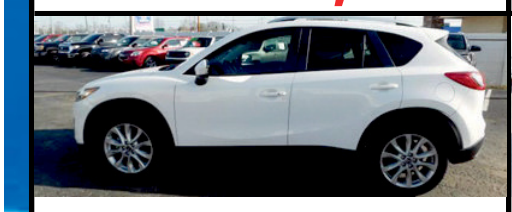

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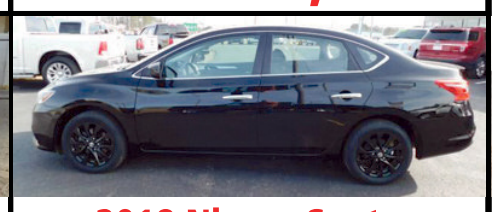

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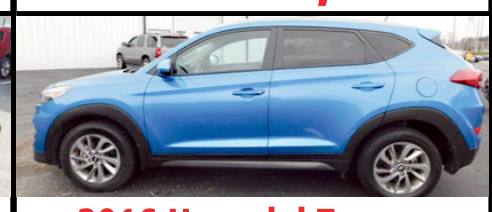

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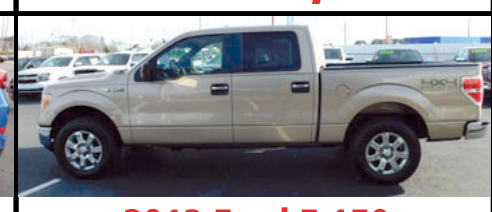

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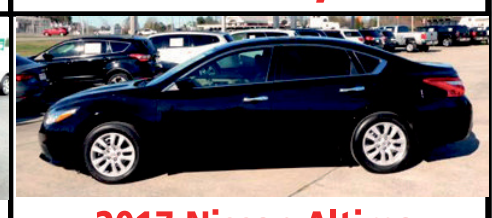

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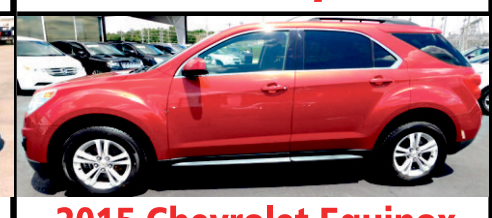

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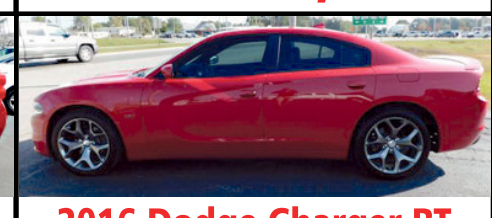

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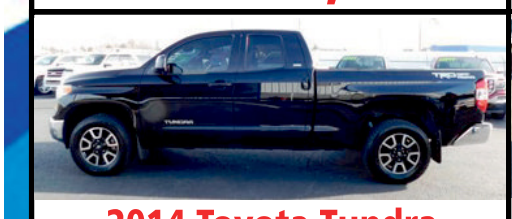

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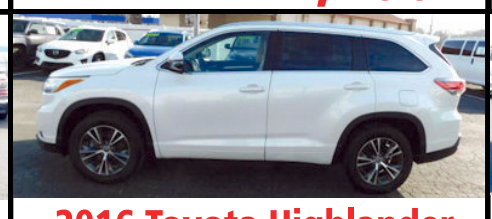

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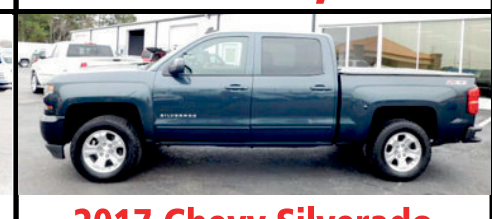

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