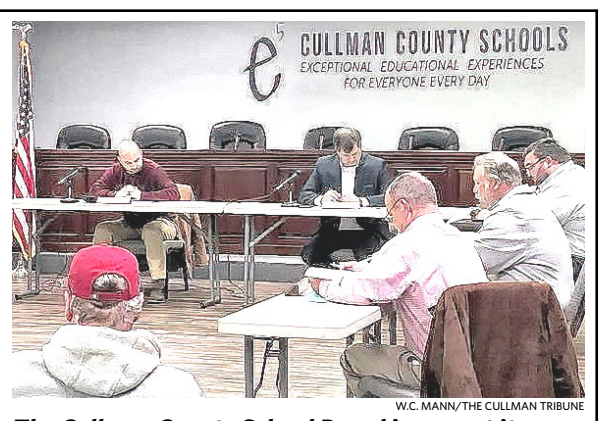
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The Cullman County School Board is seen at its meeting Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021. » PAGE 3

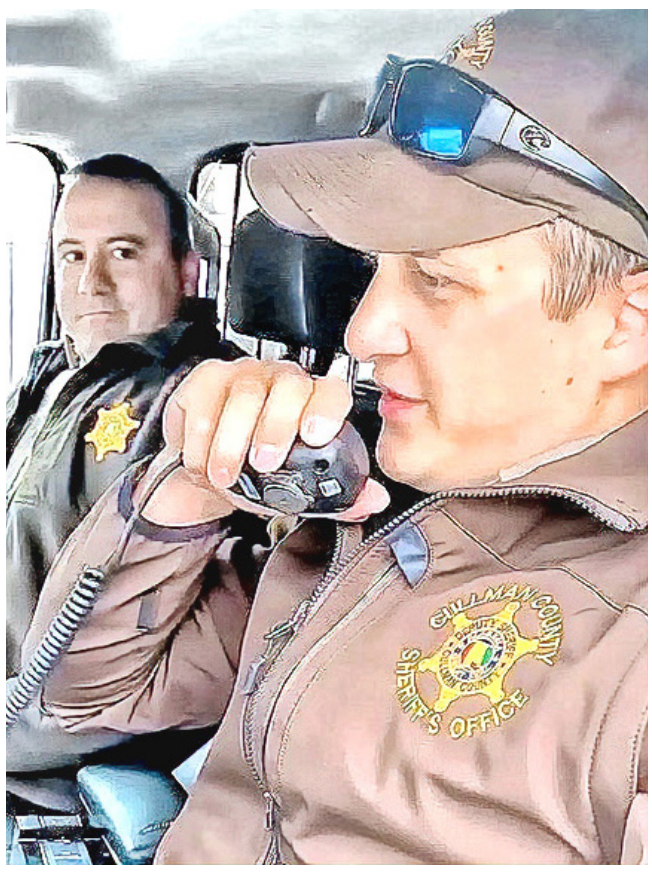
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WELCOME BACK, DEPUTY CLARK!




SCREEN CAPTURES/CCSO VIDEO

Deputy Adam Clark (center) was welcomed back on the job Tuesday at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office by his father Greg Clark (right). Looking on (far left) is Lt. Joey Collier. Deputy Clark was critically injured in a wreck 11 months ago.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Eleven months ago, Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Deputy Adam Clark and his K9 partner Figo were seriously injured in a wreck. Tuesday, Clark was back at work, and a special person's voice welcomed him over the radio.

The CCSO posted to social media Tuesday morning:
A long eleven months...Sheriff Matt Gentry and the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (were) proud to welcome Deputy Adam Clark back today. Back on February 11, 2020, Deputy Clark and his K9 partner, Figo, were severely injured in a vehicle accident. After almost a year of hard work, therapy and a tremendous amount of love and support from his friends, family, co-workers and the entire community, Adam is back!

While it may be bittersweet due to the recent passing of Figo, Adam is ready to be back.

He was not ready for the surprise Sheriff Gentry and Adam's dad – Greg – had prepared for him. When Deputy Clark began this morning's tour of duty, it was his Father's voice he heard on the other end of the radio.

Welcome back Adam. Be safe out there.

Of Greg Clark, the CCSO posted:
"A proud, but anxious father – Greg Clark waited to hear his son's voice on the radio to welcome him back to Cullman County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Gentry would like to thank everyone in the community for the wonderful support given to Deputy Clark during this incredible process. Welcome back Adam!

The wreck in which Adam Clark was injured, along with his K9 partner Figo, happened Feb. 11, 2020.

According to the CCSO, dispatch lost contact with Clark during heavy rain. Deputies located Clark a short time later, when they discovered he had wrecked along Alabama Highway 69 South and was unconscious.

A traffic alert issued by the department at the time said the highway was closed just past County Road 8 just before 5 a.m. It remained closed for almost three hours.

The CCSO enlisted the help of the Cullman Police Department (CPD) in the search for Clark that morning.

"We have GPS on our vehicles, which aided in getting us in the general area. Cullman EMS, the local volunteer fire departments...it took us approxi- » PAGE 3

– HISTORY –

Do You Remember? Dipper Dan


TIM FORD

Among a group of children at the Dipper Dan Ice Cream Shop in Cullman for a birthday party were Tim Ford (standing left), Jan Tucker Harbison (standing second from left) and Cindy Ford Penn (seated in the Dipper Dan throne).

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Many remember the white chairs with the red heart backs and red seats when reminiscing about visiting the Dipper Dan Ice Cream Shop. It was also the place that hosted the greatest of birthday parties with the birthday boy or girl getting to sit in the Dipper Dan throne. The local favorite was in the Cullman Shopping Center, where PetSmart is today, from the late 60s until the fall of 1972.

Dipper Dan was opened by Henry and Imogene Daniels, whom, former manager Shirley (Johns) Byrd Beshears remembers as "the sweetest couple and employers ever." Beshears, who was a majorette in the West Point High School band, worked at Dipper Dan during her junior and senior years, mostly on the weekends.

"The Daniels(es) owned it when I first started and they were beautiful people," she said. "We had a room in the back. That was the party room, and you had your birthday parties back there and Amway had their meetings back there."

Beshears described Dipper Dan as having a wonderful, sweet smell.

"I was one of the few people who worked » PAGE 4

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EDUCATION

West Elementary making campus safety upgrades with new security cameras

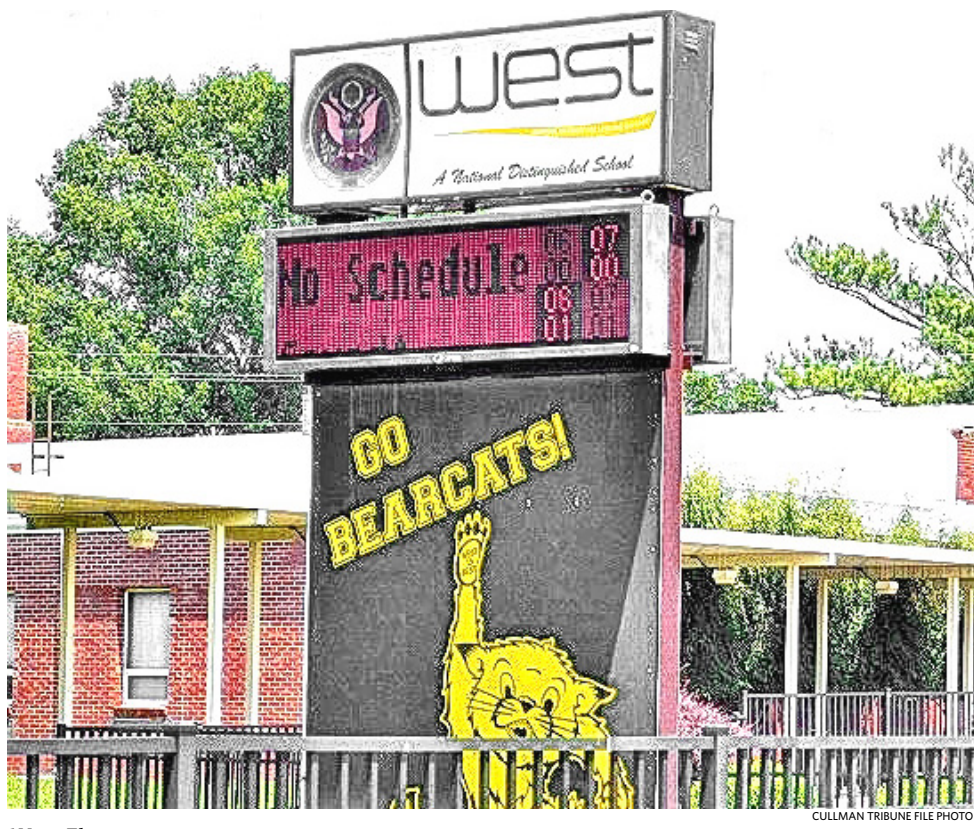
Cullman City Schools
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – West Elementary School made some upgrades to its campus safety this month, thanks to grant funds that allowed the Cullman City Schools campus to add new security cameras.

The security cameras were purchased with Title IV community grant funds, and Principal Dr. Jay Page said he believes the new tech will help serve as a deterrent while providing a sense of security for parents.

"Ultimately, we want a learning environment where students feel safe and can thrive," Page explained. "We want their focus on growing and learning, and we feel integrating these cameras into our other safety procedures will help make that even easier."

The security cameras are being incorporated into the school's existing safety plan. Page noted the school system has a great working relationship with the City of Cullman and Cullman Police Department, with school resource officers on campus during school hours. School staff has also been trained for emergencies, a standard procedure across all campuses.



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO
West Elementary

"The addition of the cameras, along with our other safety measures, will help provide a safe learning environment for our students, faculty and staff," Page said.

Page went on to thank Cullman City Schools Federal Programs Director Jackie Kinney for helping identify the grant funds, along with Cullman City Schools Technology Coordinator Michael Fowlkes for helping with the technical aspects of incorporating the equipment into the school's security. A community grant from Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman was also used to purchase accompanying hardware.

"We're so thankful for the support of our community in acquiring these upgrades, which will only help make West Elementary even safer in the years to come," Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson said.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 19

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 19, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Jan. 14
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; Fairview Road
- theft of property; CR 617
- domestic violence; CR 1502
- theft of property; CR 1492
- harassment; Hwy. 31
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 818

Jan. 15
- harassment; CR 112
- domestic violence; Ryan Road
- burglary; CR 111
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, trespassing; Hwy. 69 N
- criminal mischief; CR 656
- harassment; CR 64
- harassment; CR 1141
- theft of property; CR 818
- theft of property; CR 1220
- robbery; CR 1629

Jan. 16
- theft of property; CR 437
- theft of property; CR 593
- criminal mischief, trespassing; Hwy. 91
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 1742
- domestic violence; CR 25
- domestic violence; CR 985

Jan. 17
- domestic violence; CR 285
- harassment, trespassing; CR 590
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 1157
- dog bite; CR 1716
- domestic violence; CR 1332
- burglary; CR 1355
- criminal mischief; CR 1606
- theft of property; CR 1508
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 840
- theft of property; Hwy. 31
- illegal possession of prescription drugs; CR 1400

Jan. 18
- theft of property; Moehring Rd.
- unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 N
- domestic violence; CR 248
- domestic violence; CR 1289
- theft of property; Hwy. 91

ARRESTS

No arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Jan. 15
- first-degree theft by deception; person; cash; $15,364
- fourth-degree theft of property; person; Pansy St. NW; jewelry; $400
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $50
- fourth-degree theft of property; person; White Circle SW; bicycle; $100

Jan. 16
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; Industrial Dr. SW

Jan. 17
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; Sunrise St. NE; wallet and contents, miscellaneous
- third-degree burglary, unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; 8th Ct. NE; weed eater, leaf blower, wallet and contents

Jan. 18
- third-degree burglary; Southeastern Sound & Video; 3rd Ave. SW; tools, damaged property; $2,340
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $56
- harassing communications; person

ARRESTS

Jan. 18

Robbins, Anthony W., 38
- FTA- driving while suspended (2 counts)
- FTA- DUI

White Jr., Lee A., 39
- first-degree criminal trespassing

Gorse, Shelly D., 38
- first-degree criminal trespassing

Sanford, Christopher L., 36
- disorderly conduct

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

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

- Total confirmed cases in AL: 338,983 (+1,803 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 87,560 (+712 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 5,101 (+2 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 1,025
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 5,609 (+40 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,485 (+18 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 71 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 34
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 33,795
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 4,428
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 785
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,041,107
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 49,817
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 265,180
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 2,724
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 39,504 (not updated as of press time)
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 221,961

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



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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.

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. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
- Classes Wednesdays at 7 p.m. "Events of the End Time Series- 2nd Half of the Tribulation" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
- Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for adults, children and youth at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message at 11 a.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 24 message- "These Come by Fasting and Prayer" by Pastor Bobby Dodd

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.

North Alabama Agriplex Seed Starting Lunch & Learn
- Wednesday, Jan. 20 from noon-1 p.m. on Zoom
- Don't miss out on our first Lunch & Learn of 2021! Start the year off learning how to start your own seeds. Join us on Zoom as our director, Rachel Dawsey, goes over the basics of planting vegetable, herb and flowers seeds for later transfer into your garden. She will go over troubleshooting, supplies and more. This class is FREE.
- Zoom link: http://bit.ly/35VSH5k

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

Good Hope City Council Meeting
Monday, Jan. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall

Cullman City Council Meeting
Monday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. at Cullman City Hall

Colony Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 5 p.m.

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

General Dentist Office

Needs part-time hygienist Tuesdays, Wednesdays and some Friday mornings. Position will become full-time. Some dental assisting may be required. Teamwork and a positive attitude are a must. Experience preferred.

Send resumes to dentistoffice1965@gmail.com

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AGRICULTURE

26th annual Alabama Beekeeping Symposium Feb. 6-7

William Rowe
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The 26th annual Alabama Beekeeping Symposium is going digital! Because of current COVID-19 restrictions, participants will be able to attend this year's symposium from the comfort of their own homes.

What to expect

The symposium is a two-day online event, running Feb. 6-7. There is a $20 fee to attend. The symposium includes many presentations that deal with the latest information on sound beekeeping practices.

This year, the symposium will focus on two presentation tracks: Products from The Hive and Hive Maintenance.

The sessions under the Products from The Hive track will provide information to help beekeepers expand their product lines beyond honey. The Hive Maintenance track will feature updated best management practices from experienced beekeepers and research scientists.

SATURDAY, FEB. 6 AGENDA

Joint Session

8:25 a.m. – Welcome

• William Rowe, regional agent – Alabama Cooperative Extension System

8:30 a.m. – Beekeeping Down Under

• Raffaele Dall'Olio, beekeeping and honey specialist – Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

After the joint session, participants can choose which breakout sessions they would like to attend. They can either choose to attend all the sessions from one particular track or pick and choose sessions from both tracks.

Products from the Hive

9:30 a.m. – Vendor

9:35 a.m. – Skin Cream and Lotion Bars Using Beeswax

• Kathy Coleman, co-owner of Eclectic Bee Farm

10:05 a.m. – Break

10:15 a.m. – Vendor

10:20 a.m. – What'cha Bakin' Honey?

• Ana Plana, chef and lecturer – Auburn University

10:50 a.m. – Vendor

10:55 a.m. – Lip Balm and Perfume Sticks Using Beeswax

• Kathy Coleman, co-owner of Eclectic Bee Farm

11:25 a.m. – Vendor

11:30 a.m. – Marketing for Small-Scale Beekeepers

• Jessie Boswell, regional agent – Alabama Cooperative Extension System

Noon – Vendor

12:05 p.m. – Bottling Honey for Sale and Show

• Sandy Good, Journey to Mastery

12:35 p.m. – Survey

Hive Maintenance

9:30 a.m. – Vendor

9:35 a.m. – Effective or Not So Much: Top Best and Worst Management Practices

• Cade Houston, Texas honey bee health field specialist – Bee Informed Partnership

10:05 a.m. – Break

10:15 a.m. – Vendor

10:20 a.m. – Splitting Methods Pros & Cons

• Selena Bruckner

10:50 a.m. – Vendor

10:55 a.m. –Nucs and Packages: The Major and Minor Differences

• Adam Hickman, owner of Foxhound Bee Company

11:25 a.m. – Vendor

11:30 a.m. –Update from The Apiary Inspection Unit

• Phillip Carter, apiary inspector – Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries

11:35 a.m. – Survey

SUNDAY, FEB. 7 AGENDA

Joint session

2 p.m. –What Can Pollen Tell Us

• Dan Wyns, Great Lakes honeybee health field specialist – Bee Informed Partnership

After the joint session, participants can choose which breakout sessions they would like to attend. They can either choose to attend all the sessions from one particular track or pick and choose sessions from both tracks.

Products from the Hive

3 p.m. – Vendor

3:05 p.m. – Beeswax Candles: Rolled Candles and Wooden Wick Jar Candles

• Kathy Coleman, co-owner of Eclectic Bee Farm

3:35 p.m. – Break

3:45 p.m. – Vendor

3:50 p.m. – Making Propolis Tincture: Turning a Sticky Situation into a Benefit

• Eric Malcolm, honey sales coordinator, University of Maryland

4:20 p.m. – Vendor

4:25 p.m. – What'cha Bakin' Honey?

• Ana Plana, chef and lecturer – Auburn University

4:55 p.m. – Break

5:05 p.m. – Vendor

5:10 p.m. – Learning Honeybee Behavior to Become a Better Beekeeper

• Christel Hixson, Journey to Master

5:25 p.m. – Key Considerations in Planning Your 2021 Varroa Treatment Schedule

• Bill Elliot, Journey to Master

5:40 p.m. – Final Remarks and Survey

Hive Maintenance

3 p.m. – Vendor

3:05 p.m. – Designing a Season-long Varroa Management Plan

• Dan Aurell, graduate student, Auburn University

3:35 p.m. – Break

3:45 p.m. – Vendor

3:50 p.m. – Vendor Recordings

4:20 p.m. – Vendor

4:25 p.m. – Colony Management at the Bee Lab – Tips & Tricks

• Geoffrey Williams, assistant professor and director of the bee lab, Auburn University

4:55 p.m. – Break

5:05 p.m. – Vendor

5:10 p.m. – Free Bees! Swarms & Removals

• Scott Lucas, Journey to Master

5:25 p.m. – Remote Controlled Bees: Things to Consider When Your Apiary is not the Backyard

• Hunter Hall, Journey to Master

5:40 p.m. – Final Remarks and Survey

Speakers

• Dan Aurell is a graduate student at Auburn University, working in the bee lab under Geoff Williams. He is interested in developing improved methods of Varroa control, as well as researching other efficient management interventions to improve colony health and survival.

• Jessie Boswell is a regional agent with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. She is a member of the farm and agribusiness management and commercial horticulture teams, where she assists residents with their business operation and/or production of specialty crops.

• Philip Carter currently serves as an apiary inspector with Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries. His work involves maintaining surveillance of the beekeeping industry for the detection and prevention of honeybee pests and diseases.

• Kathy Coleman is the co-owner of Eclectic Bee Farm, alongside her dad Dan Brooks. Together, they have expanded their business beyond honey, creating their own line of beeswax products. These products include skin cream, lip balm, and muscle rub.

• Rafaele Dall'Olio is a beekeeper and biologist, skilled in artificial insemination of honeybee queens. In his experiences, he has focused on genetic conservation of honeybee races, detection of pathogens and viruses, and improving quality of beekeeping products.

• Bill Elliot entered the beekeeping world a few years ago, after his retirement. He currently manages approximately 10 honey production hives, started a small-scale queen rearing operation, sells hive equipment, and mentors a number of clients.

• Hunter Hall has been a beekeeper for the past four years. His apiary is approximately 35 minutes from his home. Having to manage the honeybees from a distance, he has learned some lessons that he will share to work efficiently and effectively.

• Adam Hickman is an EAS Master Beekeeper and the owner of Foxhound Bee Company in downtown Birmingham. The business is a full-service beekeeping supply company that also offers beekeeping classes to the area.

• Christel Hixson has been beekeeping bees for six years and currently manages 40-50 hives. She and her husband Wayne manage Hillcrest Farm, where they grow blueberries, muscadines, and other fruits. She sells the honey produced on the farm as well as some nucs in the spring.

• Cade Houston is a Texas honeybee health field specialist with the Bee Informed Partnership. There, he helps support beekeepers to monitor colony health.

• Eric Malcolm works in the bee lab at the University of Maryland as the honey sales coordinator. He also serves the Bee Informed Partnership as the fundraising, operations, and communications coordinator.

• Ana Plana is a chef and lecturer within the Auburn University College of Human Sciences. There she teaches topics of culinary science, focusing on sustainability, creation of safer food systems, and the evolution of the culinary world.

• Geoffrey Williams is an assistant professor with Auburn University and director of the Auburn University bee lab. This program seeks to better understand and promote bee health.

• Dan Wyns is a Great Lakes honeybee health field specialist with the Bee Informed Partnership (BIP). After working with BIP in the Pacific Northwest, he moved to the Great Lakes region to expand the BIP Tech Transfer Team. There, he provides services to beekeepers based in Wisconsin, Michigan, and New York, as well as wintering locations in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.

More information

Recordings of each presentation will be available for registered attendees for two weeks after the symposium. For more information on the 26th Annual Alabama Beekeeping Symposium, contact William Rowe at wjr0001@auburn.edu or 251-589-5572.

Register at http://bit.ly/39GOrHX.



ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM

Clark (from Front)

mately an hour. We were able to locate Deputy Clark and his vehicle off a ravine," Sheriff Gentry said at the time, noting that bad weather conditions hindered the efforts.

Clark was transported to Huntsville Hospital the day of the crash. He was transferred to Shepherd Center in Atlanta in late February 2020.

On Jan. 5, 2021, the CCSO announced K9 Figo's passing, saying: *Sheriff Matt Gentry and the Cullman County Sheriff's Office are saddened to report the passing of one of the CCSO's four-legged deputies. K9 "Figo" has passed away due to health related issues.*

Figo was the longtime partner of Deputy Adam Clark. Both Deputy Clark and Figo were injured in a vehicle accident last February. Lt. Matthew Bales, who is over the K9 program, has been working with Figo in an attempt to rehabilitate him since the accident.

Figo was a Belgian Malinois who has been with the sheriff's office for about three years. During that time he and his partner were responsible for numerous arrests and for removing large amounts of narcotics from Cullman County.

K9 Figo will be missed.

End of Watch 01/05/21

CCBOE (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) on Tuesday afternoon approved more than $8 million in campus improvement projects to be funded by a state bond issued through the Public School and College Authority (PSCA).

The PSCA-funded projects include:

• Hanceville Elementary School classroom and lunchroom addition, estimated at $4.8 million

• Good Hope Middle School gymnasium, estimated at $2.8 million

• Cold Springs High School and Elementary School lunchroom expansion, estimated at $330,000

• West Point High School and Elementary School lunchroom expansion and roof, estimated at $550,000

Excess PSCA funds will be used for energy saving projects already included in the current CCBOE capital plan. More projects can be added as additional PSCA funds are approved.

Under Alabama Act 2020-167, PSCA funds can be used for "projects that include the planning, designing, inspection, purchasing, construction, reconstruction, enlargement, improvement, repair, or renovation of permanent buildings containing classrooms, offices, libraries, laboratories, clinical or teaching facilities, dormitories, vocational and professional and industrial training facilities, cafeterias, alternative schools, physical education facilities, research facilities, academic structures to reduce portable classrooms or substandard classroom facilities, related improvements and land as sites therefore, together with tangible personal property that becomes a permanent part of such facilities."

After the meeting, Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette told The Tribune, "Some of those items were not on our capital plan because we didn't have the funding to do that.

"But once the bond passed, now we've got to move them up. We've talked about most of them in the past, but now they're going to become a reality.

"We're real excited, and as we get the conceptual drawings for each of those projects, we'll be releasing those to the public a little bit at a time, but they're in the early stages and we're just filing the paperwork with the (Alabama) State Department (of Education) so we can get them started.

"The great thing is, we have some local funds that we've been setting aside; we're finishing a project at Holly Pond, and we've actually got some money to put on new roofs- those are coming, too."

Barnette said that contracts for the roofing projects should be signed this week.

Family leave extended

The board also voted to extend leave for teachers and staff under the COVID-19 Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act and Families First Coronavirus Response Act until March 31, 2021. According to CCBOE Chief School Financial Officer Ed Roberson, federal regulations- unless changed- will not permit an extension beyond that point.

The CCBOE will meet next on Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021 in the central office board room, with a work session at 3:30 p.m. and regular meeting following immediately after. The public is invited to attend, subject to occupancy restrictions.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Raiders beat Warriors at the buzzer 56-54, Lady Raiders rout West Point 63-39

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – With schools closed in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, the West Point Warriors made the short trip down I-65 for a Monday afternoon matinee against the Good Hope Raiders. The Lady Raiders got things started with a convincing, 63-39 win over the Lady Warriors and the Raiders followed them with a thrilling, last-second, 56-54 victory over the Warriors.

Good Hope 63 – West Point 39 (varsity girls)

Kyndall Seal scored the first five points of the game for the Lady Raiders to give them an early lead and Heather Tetro followed with a couple baskets of her own to make it a 9-2 game with five minutes to play in the first. Ivey Maddox was fouled on a three-point attempt and knocked down all three shots from the foul line to stretch the lead to 12-4 midway through the first. Ryleigh Jones laid one in for West Point to trim the lead to six, but Rudi Derrick responded with a three on the other end to make it 15-6. Another basket from Seal followed by a steal and layup from Bailey Tetro extended the lead to 19-6. Good Hope continued to add to its lead, but Lexi Shadix was able to net a mid-range jumper at the buzzer to hold the deficit to 24-12 going into the second quarter.

Shadix was fouled on three-pointer to the start the second and she hit all three shots from the free throw line to trim the lead to 24-15. The Lady Raiders responded with an 8-2 run led by Maddox and Bailey Tetro to give Good Hope a 32-17 advantage with five minutes remaining in the half. Derrick and Maddox each scored to make it 37-19 with two minutes to play in the second and Maddox added a three-pointer to stretch the lead to 40-19. Shadix knocked down another jumper to cut into the lead but Bailey Tetro laid one in at the buzzer to give the Lady Raiders a 42-21 lead going in the halftime break.

Bailey Tetro and Derrick each scored to get the third quarter started for Good Hope and add to the lead but Summer Mendoza and Shadix stopped the run with back to back buckets that made it a 46-27 game. A pair of Jones free throws followed by another Shadix basket cut the lead to 46-31 with three minutes to play in the third but another Maddox score and a Heather Tetro three gave the Lady Raiders a 51-31 advantage. Good Hope went into the final frame holding a 55-37 lead over the Lady Warriors.

Kylie Quinn laid one in to trim the lead to 55-39 early in the fourth but West Point wasn't able to get back on the scoreboard for the remainder of the period and the Lady Raiders pulled away to collect a 63-39 win over the Lady Warriors. Maddox led Good Hope with 20 points in the win, followed by Bailey Tetro with 13, Derrick with 11, Seal with nine and Heather Tetro with eight. Shadix posted a game-high 23 points for West Point in the loss.

Good Hope 56 – West Point 54 (varsity boys)

Tanner Malin and Aubry Cleghorn exchanged baskets to get the opening quarter started and after another Malin basket, Noah Barnette laid one in to give Good Hope an early, 6-4 lead. Malin and Barnette continued to score early, helping build a 12-4 lead for the Raiders before Cleghorn and Will Cochran finished the first with a pair of buckets to cut the lead to 12-9 going into the second quarter.

Cleghorn knocked down a jumper to make it a 1-point game at the start of the second but Good Hope used a 6-0 scoring to extend its lead back out to seven. Back to back inside baskets from Cochran made it a 20-15 game with less than five minutes to play in the half but K'mal Bell and Malin responded with buckets on the other end to build the lead to 24-15 midway through the second quarter. Cochran and Cleghorn continued to dominate inside and each scored to cut the lead to 24-20 late in the period and Cochran added two more baskets to tie the game at 24. A Malin layup, followed by a three-pointer from Lawton Farr put the Raiders in front 29-24 with just a minute remaining in the second and Good Hope managed to stretch its advantage to 31-24 by the end of the half

West Point erased the Raiders' lead almost immediately at the start of the third quarter. Cleghorn and Cochran each scored inside to make it a 4-point game and Carter Thornton drilled a three-pointer to make it 32-31. Cochran added another basket to give the Warriors their first lead of the game at 33-32 but Barnette responded with a layup on the other end to put Good Hope back on top by one. A pair of Malin free throws extended the lead to three and Farr knocked down a jumper to make it a 38-33 game midway through the third. Kobe Bowers buried a three-pointer for West Point to stop the run and trim the lead to two and Sam Wheeler laid one in just before the buzzer to tie things up at 40 going into the final frame.

Cochran and Malin exchanged buckets to start the fourth and keep the score knotted at 42 but Cade Simmons knocked down a three-pointer to put the Warriors in front 45-42 with five minutes to play. Barnette scored to cut the lead to one and a basket from Farr gave the Raiders a 46-45 advantage midway through the period. Cleghorn scored from the inside and from the three-point line to give West Point a 50-46 lead but Malin answered the scoring run with back to back buckets of his own to tie things up at 50 with just over two minutes to play. Bowers drilled a jumper to make it 52-50 and added a pair of free throws to stretch the Warrior lead to 54-50 with just over a minute remaining. Malin once again had an answer and laid one in with 25 seconds left to cut the lead to 54-52. The Raiders then came up with a steal on the ensuing inbounds pass and Malin put it in to tie the game at 54. West Point looked to win it on its next possession but a big block by Colton Lindsey was scooped up by Malin going the other way and he laid it in just before the buzzer sounded to give Good Hope a dramatic, 56-54 win over the Warriors.

Malin led all scorers with 28 points in the win. Farr added 15 for the Raiders and Barnette added 10. Cleghorn posted 19 points in the loss for West Point, followed by Cochran with 18 and Bowers with nine.

Good Hope will be on the road tomorrow to face Lawrence County and West Point is scheduled to host Russellville Friday.



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Tanner Malin led the Raiders with 28 points and scored the winning basket in their 56-54 win over West Point Monday afternoon.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope's Bailey Tetro finished with 13 points in the Lady Raiders' 63-39 win over West Point Monday afternoon.

Alabama continues winning ways with 90-59 win over Arkansas

UA Athletics
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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – The Alabama men's basketball team claimed its seventh consecutive victory, and sixth-straight Southeastern Conference win, as it rolled past Arkansas, 90-59, on Saturday afternoon in Coleman Coliseum. With the victory, the Crimson Tide improved to 11-3 overall and a perfect 6-0 in league play, which is its best conference start since beginning the 1987 conference season with eight consecutive wins.

The 31-point win was the Crimson Tide's largest victory in SEC play since defeating Mississippi State 75-43 in Starkville, Miss., on Jan. 16, 2013.

It is also the first time since the 2011-12 campaign that Alabama has won seven consecutive games.

Guard John Petty Jr. had a team-leading 17 points on the strength of 5-of-9 shooting from beyond the arc.

With his five threes on the night, Petty set the program's all-time three-point record with 265 career threes surpassing former standout Brian Williams who had 263 threes from 1996-99.

Additionally, Petty (1,313 points) became the 28th player in program history to eclipse 1,300 career points.

Guard Jaden Shackelford collected 16 points and drained four threes, while forward Herbert Jones added 13 points in the victory.

Arkansas was led by guard Moses Moody who finished with a game-high 28 points and nine boards in the losing effort.

Coach Nate Oats Postgame Comments

"It was a big win. We talked about what type of character would we have after the big win at Kentucky.

"We knew Arkansas was going to bring everything they had. Our guys responded great. We were up on them big early in the game last year and they flipped the script on us and won.

"We talked about that and wanted to keep guarding like we had been.

"Our attention to detail on defense was great. I am really happy for Petty who became the programs' leader in three pointers.

"He came back for his senior year and he is having a great year. (Joshua) Primo won the Blue-Collar Hard Hat Award.

"He did a lot of small things right even though he did not shoot it well this game.

"It was great to get some of the younger guys in there. Darius (Miles) shot it great; he's a lefty like Herb and is versatile.

"The dunk Keon (Ambrose-Hylton) had, hopefully that will be on Sportscenter. He comes in every day and works hard so I'm really happy for all of our guys."

Team Stats

- Alabama's 31-point victory was its largest win of the season
- The Tide led for 38:41 of the game and by as many as 36 points
- UA shot 48.4 percent from the field and 41.7 percent (15-of-36) from three-point range while limiting Arkansas to 33.3 percent from the field and just 23.5 percent (4-of-17) from beyond the arc
- Alabama won the battle of the boards with 43 rebounds led to 20 fast break points while the Razorbacks pulled down 36 rebounds
- With Jordan Bruner (meniscus) out and Jahvon Quinerly (medical condition) and Herbert Jones (finger injury) limited, the Alabama benched shined with 38 points compared to only 13 bench points by Arkansas
- Alabama improved to 10-0 this year when scoring 80 or more points in a contest

First Half

- Following a 3-3 tie, Alabama went on a 14-2 scoring run forcing the Razorbacks into a timeout with 12:36 remaining in the opening stanza
- The Tide continued its scoring run with an 8-3 spurt after the timeout, pushing its lead to 22-5 with 10:12 left to play in the first half
- With UA leading by 16, 33-17 with 4:49 left to go in the first half, the Tide continued its stellar shooting and went on a 9-0 spurt to take its largest lead of the half, 42-19, with just under two minutes left before intermission
- Alabama would go on to take a 42-19 lead into the locker room
- Petty scored 11 points on 4-of-7 from the field and converted 3-of-6 from the three-point line. With his 11 first half points
- Petty became the 28th player in program history to reach at least 1,300 points for his career (1,307) with 11 first half points

Second Half

- Arkansas began the second half by scoring the first five points to force an Alabama timeout
- Alabama held the 55-35 advantage at the second media timeout before going on a 13-2 run to take a 66-35 lead with 13:45 left to play
- John Petty Jr. made back-to-back three pointers to become the program's all-time three-point shooting leader and gave Alabama the 69-37 lead at the 12:18 mark
- Darius Miles knocked down the first three of his career to give the Tide its largest lead of the game at 36 points (77-41)
- Both Miles (eight points) and Keon Ambrose-Hylton (nine points) had season-high totals in the second half along

Next Up

- The Tide will travel to Baton Rouge, La., to take on the LSU Tigers on Tuesday night at 8 p.m. CT on ESPN2.

Dan (from Front)

there," she said.

"When I began managing, I remember, it was football season of my senior year. I graduated in 1972.

"I wanted to go to our football homecoming and my best friend worked for me. I needed her to work, but she wouldn't work so I missed homecoming."

Tim Ford recalled visiting Dipper Dan many times with his family.

"It had a lot of flavors and you could have birthday parties.

"Our favorite seemed to be black cherry, and I'd get licorice whenever they had it," he laughed.

"It would make your tongue black!"

Ford's sister, Cindy Ford Penn, and her good friend Jan Tucker Harbison shared a birthday party at Dipper Dan.

Remembered Ford, "They would swap and take turns sitting in the birthday chair."

The Danielses usually took care of the birthday parties, leaving Beshears to take care of the parlor's customers out front.

Oftentimes, she said, she would be very busy with the employees from other stores in the shopping center stopping by for lunch.

She smiled, "It was a lot of fun and I ended up meeting a lot of boys there." Beshears actually met her first husband while manning the ice cream counter.

Dipper Dan offered approximately 40 flavors of hand dipped ice cream as well as other food items including chicken salad and "Weenie Burgers."

"You take the weenie and you cut it in half and then you slice those longways and put it on a bun," said Beshears. "We got our barbecue sauce from Johnny's (Bar-B-Q) and we had chicken salad.

"I made the chicken salad, and we had all kinds of sandwiches.

"We had 38-40 flavors of ice cream, so it was like a Baskin Robbins."

She remembers pistachio almond being her favorite flavor.

Ownership of Dipper Dan changed hands a couple of times before the shop closed its doors after the summer of 1972.

Beshears and Ford both said they have wonderful memories of the Dipper Dan Ice Cream Shop.

Said Ford, "Cullman really needs something like that because almost everyone loves ice cream and an old-fashioned ice cream parlor."

Wallace State OTA program, Hope Horses form mutually beneficial partnership

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – A group of students in Wallace State Community College's Occupational Therapy Assistant program have left their mark on Hope Horses, one of their community partners at which the students completed their clinical hours in advance of graduating from the program.

"The Wallace State Occupational Therapy Assistant program has brought a whole other avenue for us in the services that we provide," said Kelsey Scott, executive director of Hope Horses, which provides therapeutic riding lessons to children and adults with physical, emotional and cognitive needs.

Where the staff at Hope Horses traditionally focus on improving riding skills, the OTA students bring insights to help students with physical disabilities or social or emotional issues.

"Each student that we've had...they've worked with us on lessons," Scott added. "We're very excited about the partnership we've gained with Wallace and we're excited to see where it goes in the future," Scott said.

The OTA program began working with Hope Horses and several other community organizations last year after the COVID-19 pandemic prevented students from completing clinicals at more traditional sites.

"We really looked into the community to see where we could have an impact, where our students could really be coming into contact with patients that they would have seen in a traditional setting," said Laura Smith, director of the OTA program.

After brainstorming with Scott, Smith said they began thinking of ways they could work with or continue enhancing current elements at Hope Horses and creating new elements their clients could use.

"In our program we do something called activity analysis or task analysis, where you take a big component of an activity and break it down in minute parts that make it work," Smith said. "That was an important piece for them because if they have a client that's not meeting their therapeutic riding goals, maybe we can identify a way to modify that task and make it easier for them to complete that activity.

"I think it's been good for us both because our students have gotten an amazing experience here and then I think we've been able to provide some awesome things for them, too," Smith added.

"I have to say that all the OTA individuals we've had, every one of them have come in with dedication and passion," Scott added. "Each one of them is very excited to become an OTA in the future. We love our students, and we want our students to succeed and in just the two semesters that we've had with this partnership, our students have reached a whole other level in success, so we greatly appreciate Wallace and Ms. Smith and each individual."

One of the new elements created for Hope Horses clients is the multipurpose room created by Skipper Freeman of Hoover, who completed her clinicals at Hope Horses before graduating in December.

The room allows instructors to teach ground lessons, identify riding equipment, horse anatomy and how to gauge a horse's height. It can also serve during tours for visitors to see the type of work Hope Horses does for their clients.

One element of the room is a wall hanging that includes an image of a horse created using a variety of fabrics.

"A lot of the students here have sensory needs, so having something like this tactile display here where they can feel different textures is really helpful and appealing to them," Freeman said.

The room also includes different riding tack and other equipment with labels made of Velcro that students can use in matching games to learn the different pieces of equipment, a line of paper handprints to learn how to measure a horse's height, as well as other educational displays and materials.

"Being able to identify these pieces of tack without the horse is important," Freeman said.

"Because I think sometimes the horse can add a level of anxiety...especially for somebody who's just starting out and is a little nervous about the actual horse. This is a good place to start."

Freeman said her experience at Hope Horses was beneficial as she prepared to enter the field.



WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Wallace State Community College's Occupational Therapy Assistant program has partnered with Hope Horses as one of its new community partners to provide clinical hours for students. Recent students from the fall semester included Skyler Yeager of Hayden, left, and Skipper Freeman of Hoover, right. Also pictured are OTA Program Director Laura Smith, second from left, and Hope Horses Executive Director Kelsey Scott, second from right.

"I think that this particular setting I've really gotten to have a little more observation of kids, younger people with diagnoses like autism," Freeman said.

Another new piece created by the OTA students is a sensory wall for the sensory trail on the grounds of Hope Horses. "It focuses on fine motor coordination and dynamic weight shifting and functional reach," Smith said.

Students using the wall ride up to it on a horse and will manipulate the objects on the wall, which include latches, switches, lock and key, spring style door stopper, a pulley and a clock.

"This is everyone's favorite," said OTA student Skyler Yeager of Hayden, as she flicks the door stopper to make it reverberate.

Yeager said she's learned a lot during her time there. She said before she could see how riding horses could help with balance, but the sensory trail that showed how it can be used for fine motor and cognitive skills was new to her.

"I love it here," Yeager said. "Just seeing how you put therapy and horses together is amazing to me."

The OTA program is also hosting a virtual 5K to benefit Hope Horses and its other community partners, The Link of Cullman County and Flourish of Cullman, Inc. Registration for the race is closed, but donations can be made at https://runsignup.com/Race/AL/Virtual/mOTivAtedWSCCVirtual5K through Jan. 16.

The Wallace State Occupational Therapy Assistant program is a five-semester associate degree program. They accept new students each fall, with applications accepted from March 1 to June 1 each year. For more information, visit www.wallacestate.edu/ota or contact Smith at 256.352.8333 or laura.smith@wallacestate.edu.

Registration for the spring 2021 semester continues through Jan. 25, with classes for Regular and Mini Term I starting Jan. 19. Two Flex Start terms will register students the week of Jan. 25 and Feb. 1 and Mini Term II will begin March 17. Visit www.wallacestate.edu or call 256-352-8000 for more information.

Phlebotomy, Medication Assistant, Certified Nursing Assistant programs offered at Wallace State; classes start soon

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WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – If you're interested in becoming a phlebotomist, medication assistant or certified nursing assistant, you can register of those programs at Wallace State Community College and complete training in less than two months. Two phlebotomy courses will be offered, with the first starting later this month, and Medication Assistant and Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) courses will begin in February.

The Phlebotomy program is a seven-week part-time program that will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Hanceville campus. Class instruction will be held from Jan. 26-March 11, with clinical rotations beginning the week of March 15. A second round of classes will be offered from March 23-May 13. A maximum of 15 students will be accepted into each session.

A phlebotomist draws quality blood samples from patients or blood donors and prepares those specimens for medical testing. Because many patients have phobias when it comes to blood and needles and giving blood can be the most difficult part of an office visit, the phlebotomy technician must create an atmosphere of trust and confidence with patients while drawing blood specimens in a skillful, safe and reliable manner.

The cost for the Phlebotomy program is $900 and includes course materials, malpractice insurance, certification examination, CPR certification and drug screening. Additional fees and expenses and prerequisites also apply.

The CNA program is a five-week part-time program beginning Feb. 5, with four weeks of classroom and lab instruction and two days of clinical rotation. The classroom component will be completed online. Lab times and clinical shifts will be on Fridays and Saturdays. Free childcare provided by Wallace State and After School Labs (https://helloafterschool.com/) will be available on Saturday instruction days at Hanceville Elementary School. A maximum of 24 students will be accepted into the CNA program.

Certified nursing assistants work closely with patients and their families in hospitals, long-term care facilities and home-health agencies. Upon satisfactory completion of the program, students will be eligible to sit for the state board exam, become certified, and be listed on the Alabama Nurse Aide Registry.

The cost for the CNA program is $900 and includes course materials, malpractice insurance, and drug screening. Additional fees and expenses and prerequisites also apply.

The Medication Assistant training program is a part-time program with four weeks of classroom and lab and two weeks of clinical rotation.

It prepares students to administer routine medications to patients in nursing facilities, assisted living environments, correctional institutions and more. The career path is similar to CNA program, giving students the opportunity to work under licensed nurses who can train you to move up even further in your career goals.

The Medication Assistant class will at Wallace State will be held Feb. 8-March 5, from 8 a.m.-3:10 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The cost is $900 and includes all course materials, malpractice insurance and drug screening. Additional fees and expenses and prerequisites apply.

For more information or to register, contact the Center for Career and Workforce Development at 256-352-8386 or visit www.wsccalumni.org/ccwd.





OPINION

How to listen to a sermon, part 2

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Tribune Columnist

We are focused on "how to listen to a sermon." The Reformation, some 500 years ago led by Martin Luther, called the Christian community back to a proper understanding and application of the word of God, our Bible. The circumstance into which Luther ministered was corrupt and virtually prevented the German people from reading the Bible. The invention of the printing press and the theological precision of the Reformation based firmly in the word of God turned the tide of corruption that had prevailed for centuries. Tetzel was selling indulgences.

The German people received the word of God in their language. Under the courageous leadership of Tyndale, the world received the Bible in the English language. As people began to assimilate TRUTH as God had revealed it, the Reformation produced an unstoppable initiative that virtually changed the world and continues to this very day!

The spiritual climate into which Luther spoke was profoundly corrupt both politically and spiritually. Tetzel was selling indulgences. Drop an offering in the coffers of the Roman Catholic Church and grandma gets out of purgatory! The 66 books of the Bible provide no evidence whatsoever of a place known as purgatory. That is drawn from the Apocrypha. The books commonly called Apocrypha, "not being of divine inspiration, are no part of the canon of the Scripture, and therefore are of no authority in the church of God, nor to be otherwise approved, or made use of, other than mere human writing."

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." (A.W. Tozer). The only true and reliable source of our knowledge of God is the Bible. How reliable is Special Revelation? Consider the following.

There are 24,000 copies of the New Testament. The earliest within 40-70 years of the writing of the NT. There is a shard from the Gospel of Mark within 40-60 years of Jesus' earthly ministry.

There are 643 copies of the writing of Homer. The earliest manuscripts are within 500 years of his writing.

There are 49 copies of the writing of Aristotle. The earliest manuscripts are within 1,400 years of his writing.

There are 10 copies of the writing of Caesar. The earliest manuscripts are within 1,000 years of his writing.

This brief survey should produce confidence in the NT manuscripts. The NT is indisputably the Word of God. Jesus testified to the veracity of the Scriptures. I offer just three (3) references from the NT: Luke 24:27, 24:44; John 5:45-47).

We may have confidence on Scripture. The Apostle Paul declared that all Scripture is breathed out by God and is profitable. (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

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

Effects (from Front)

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The doctors call it "COVID fog," and it doesn't get nearly as much attention as respiratory issues and ventilators. It is a very real effect of COVID-19, though, and it can be difficult to define as it strikes different victims in different ways, including striking some not at all.

This is what it meant for me:

I was placed in quarantine during the first week of December after my wife tested positive. On Dec. 15, the day I was to return to my part-time teaching job (I'm a busy guy!) after a 10-day quarantine, I woke up with a fever that would stay with me until the afternoon of Jan. 3. I was tested the next morning, and the results came back positive. While awaiting my results- it wasn't the rapid test- I lost my sense of smell, and a good bit of my taste went with it, though I never completely lost that sense. By Dec. 17, the fever was rising, and splitting headaches were beginning to occur. From that point until after the New Year, I lived mostly on the couch, in the bedroom or in the bathroom.

My wife is a respiratory therapist (that's how she was exposed), and the skills and equipment she possesses prevented what would probably have been a trip to the emergency room and hospital Dec. 23-24. My fever peaked early on the 24th, a little shy of the mark my doctor had set for a required ER visit. I was blessed; people I know fared far worse.

During all this time, I began to feel the effects of something I had never heard of in months of watching and reporting on the virus: "COVID fog." I had no energy, but still had trouble sleeping. Getting my sleep a few minutes to around two hours at a time for almost two weeks, I would wake up groggy and disoriented. As the fever began to abate, I made myself get outside to stretch my legs and get a little fresh air; I had to walk with a cane, though, because my balance was off. Outside, I found that when I tried to look at anything at a distance, I became disoriented and dizzy.

I am a longtime performing musician, singing and playing instruments like the piano, guitar, banjo and Appalachian dulcimer.

My singing voice was- and still is- rough due to coughing, but I feel that it will come back as the lingering cough finally subsides.

More problematic were my attempts to play instruments. Some usually simple chord fingerings and melodic runs on my instruments just didn't seem to work, even on songs I've been playing since college.

By the time I was cleared to return to school on Jan. 6, the visual disorientation had eased up enough for me to drive, but that revealed a whole new set of issues.

Driving into Cullman from my home out in the county, I found that I could not remember why I was going to town; fortunately, I noticed my book bag in the car before I turned around to return home. At school, I had to open my class roll charts, because I could not remember the names of some of my students.

Working on Tribune stories from home, I was challenged to type up articles. Spelling and grammar errors were, for a while, more the rule than the exception. Reading text onscreen could aggravate headaches, and I often found myself pausing for no other reason than to pointlessly stare off into space for a little while.

My balance is getting better now, but I still have to be careful about turning around or turning my head too quickly because doing so can make me dizzy. Though I don't need it constantly like I once did, I still walk with a cane, for extra support when needed.

Making myself play a little each day is shaking the musical cobwebs loose, but I'm still working on the finer points and waiting on the voice to come back.

This is not just another flu. I've had the flu; this isn't it.

One of the frustrating things about COVID-19 is the varied way in which it impacts its victims. Almost every victim I know, including myself, has dealt with the lingering dry cough, but beyond that the rulebook goes out the window.

My sense of smell returned on Christmas Day, nine days after it left; some people in my circle who were already COVID-free before I got sick, still have not gotten theirs back yet.

People older than I, or with more serious long-term health issues, got over the illness fairly rapidly with a minimum of fog; I'm still playing catch-up almost two weeks later. The doctors have said that there is no particular timetable for recovery. Their estimate to me: "several weeks to several months."

Do not assume that, because you know people who have had an easy time with COVID, that you will. Do not assume that your membership in a low-risk group means that you are not in danger. Do not assume that a lack of symptoms means you are free to behave recklessly around others.

Seek and follow the advice of your physician. If you think the advice is not sound, seek a second opinion, but please don't assume that good medical opinions will be accompanied by comment threads.

May wisdom guide you to protect yourself, and may conscience guide you to protect those around you.

LEGALS

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF HARLISS J. MELTON, Deceased. * CASE NO PC-2020-062

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Administration with Will Annexed having been granted to Pamela E. Nail, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Harliss J. Melton, Deceased, on the 19th day of January, 2021, by Tammy Brown, Probate Judge. 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.

Pamela E. Nail
Personal Representative

Pamela E. Nail
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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

Judy S. Shannon
Personal Representative

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LORENE MAGDALENA APEL, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES

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

Janice Apel Morgan and Gregory Alan Apel
Personal Representatives

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

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

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

DONE THIS 28th DAY OF December, 2020.

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

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TO THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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

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

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: SAVANNAH BLAKE NOE, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER

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

DONE THIS 11th DAY OF January, 2021.

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

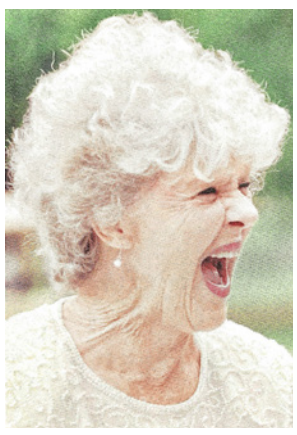
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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Obituary Announcements: Jan. 20



Barbara (Moore) Scott
Barbara (Moore) Scott entered her fabulous reward with her Savior Jan. 5, 2021. She was born April 5, 1939 in Cullman County, Alabama to Malcomb Van Moore, Sr. and Mary Elizabeth (Gracy) Moore. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, her brother Malcomb Van Moore, Jr., and her beloved 4-year-old grandson Joseph Austin Scott. Barbara leaves behind a grieving husband Don of 57 years and two sons Donovan Patrick and Jonathan Alan and their wives Julie (Shamblin) Scott and Joy (Younger) Scott, respectively, who loved her dearly. She will be sorely missed. She loved her granddaughters Chelsea and Avery and her grandsons Josiah and Joshua, along with a host of nieces and nephews and friends. She loved life and those who knew her knew how she loved to laugh! She has been asked on numerous occasions to compile a list of her axioms and quotes, (such as "That would make a freight train take a dirt road!" and "She's so ugly she'd bump thunder and snag lightning!"). As long as her health allowed, she loved working in the yard as well as repairing and painting birdhouses (often using miniature artist brushes.) Until COVID closed our senior center, one of her favorite activities was singing in the Senior Spirit Singers choir. (Every member of the choir remembers Barbara's favorite hymn and it was sac- religious to conclude the session without singing it, and they usually accommodated her.) She skillfully wove a career in education with raising her two boys, teaching in various schools and working in education administration in various capacities in Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Texas. (Her husband, Don, worked for IBM, which stands for "I've Been Moved"). She particularly loved Texas, having lived there 27 years, raising her boys there, before moving back to Alabama in 2001 to help care for aging parents and retiring back home. As long as her health permitted, she enjoyed participating in church missions trips and disaster relief activities. She made many trips with Don during the Katrina Hurricane, pulling shower trailers all over the Gulf coast for Alabama Baptist Disaster Relief. Until a disabling accident in August last year, she was very faithful in attendance at her church, Northbrook Baptist. (She once claimed it took a good Methodist to make a good Baptist, having been a Methodist, and choir director at what was West, now St. Andrews Methodist Church in Cullman at the time of her marriage in 1963). The funeral will be conducted at Northbrook Baptist Church at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021; viewing to take place one hour preceding the service. Rev. Keith Warden and Rev. Perry Brown will lead the memorial service with special music by Jerry Wooten. Interment will be in the Flint Creek Baptist Cemetery immediately following. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. For those unable to attend, the service will be live-streamed on Don Scott's Facebook page. Condolences may be shared on the Cullman Heritage web page. The family requests all donations be made to Gideons International in lieu of flowers.

Gladys Garrison Hayes, 92, of Addison
Gladys Garrison Hayes, 92, of Addison entered into rest Monday, Jan. 18, 2021 at Decatur Morgan Hospital. Mrs. Hayes was born Aug. 1, 1928 in Winston County, Alabama. To most people who knew her, she was known as "Granny Hayes." She was a hardworking poultry farmer who also had a very sweet personality, and there was no one who could fry potatoes like she could. Visitation will be held Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021 from 6-8 p.m. at the Addison Church of God, where the funeral service will be held Friday, Jan. 22, 2021 at 2 p.m. Burial will follow in the adjoining church cemetery. Pastor Rodney Ridgeway and Brother Jeff Wiggins will be officiating. Gladys is survived by her children Retha Dale Kilgo, Gail (Jack) Thompson, Grant (Tanya) Hayes, Gregory Hayes and honorary daughter, Judy Hill Janeseke; grandchildren Lisha (Tommy) Lindsey, Brandon (Alyson) Kilgo, Robyn (Tom) Hand, Jessica (Brad) Haggard and Hayden (Oakley) Hayes; great-grandchildren Zeb Lindsey, Alex (Chase) Anderson, Kurt (Mikayla) Lindsey, Haley Kilgo, Elizabeth Kilgo, Christian Kilgo, Noel (Chase) O'Brien, Holli (Dillon) White, Jace Chambless and Fletcher Hayes; great-great-grandchildren Rylan, Chaisly and Roselyn O'Brien, Riften White, and Kane and Mia Anderson; and brother Odis Riddle. She was preceded in death by her husband Ulyes Hayes; her father Fernando Garrison; her mother Fannie Garrison Riddle; step-father Roy Riddle; brothers Monroe, Amos, Ernest and Walter Garrison, and Leo Riddle; sisters Cloie Partridge and Ella Mae Hill; infant daughter Joyce Nell Hayes; son-in-law Jerry Wilkins; and daughter-in-law Debbie Hayes. The pallbearers will be Brandon Kilgo, Hayden Hayes, Brad Haggard, Jace Chambless, Zeb Lindsey, Kurt Lindsey, Zeke Kilgo, and Chase O'Brien. Honorary pallbearers will be Fletcher Hayes and Christian Kilgo. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.nicholsfuneralhomes.com.

Kevin Ozbolt, 62, of Eva
Funeral services for Kevin Ozbolt, 62, of Eva will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021 at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church with interment in the adjoining cemetery. Elders Heath Williams and Dan Hopper will be officiating. Visitation will begin Friday evening at 5 p.m. at the church. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Ozbolt family. Mr. Ozbolt passed away Jan. 18, 2021 at Cullman Regional Hospital. He was born Sept. 28, 1958 to Thomas Edward and Yvonne Marcetta Shaw Ozbolt. He was preceded in death by his parents and son Shaun Ozbolt. Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Melissa Ozbolt; son Thomas (Makayla) Ozbolt; daughter Dana (Chris) Fox; brother Keith (Susan) Ozbolt; sisters Debbie (Michael) Cryer, Dianne (Kenneth) Arrington, Donna (David) Franklin, and Daonne (Bryan) Thompson; grandchildren Javier Ozbolt, Alora Ozbolt, Lily Fox, Kinley Fox, and Avery Fox; and nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

John Allen Jett, 67, of Cullman
John Allen Jett of Cullman passed away Monday, Jan. 18, 2021 at the age of 67. His visitation will be held at Kinney Grove Baptist Church Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021 from 1-2 p.m. The celebration of life funeral service will begin at 2 p.m. with Gene Frederick officiating. Burial will follow in the adjoining cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home directing. John loved his family dearly and will be deeply missed. He was preceded in death by his parents Ellis and Virginia Gilbert Jett and brother Gary Jett. He is survived by his wife Rhonda Jett; daughter Brandy Jett; sons Brandon and Lisa Jett and Josh and Kate Jett; grandchildren Bryce, Carson, Reese, and Kiley Jett; sisters Mary Jett, Connie Gunter, and Sherri and Eddy Brown; and brother Junior and Sheila Jett. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, masks will be required, and social distancing appreciated by those attending. Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

Peggy Sue Lamb, 55, of Cullman
Peggy Sue Lamb, 55, of Cullman passed away Jan. 18, 2021. She was born July 26, 1965 in Arab, Alabama to James and Betty Boyles Lamb. Ms. Lamb was a hard-working woman and she spent over 30 years as an employee of Tyson Foods. She retired a few years ago and was enjoying spending time with her two dogs, daughters, and grandchildren. Peggy liked to garden, and she enjoyed fishing in her free time. Peggy is preceded in death by her parents James and Betty Lamb. She is survived by her daughters Angela Lamb, and Tara and Blake Sandlin; brother Johnny Lamb; sisters Sherry Lamb and Amanda Lamb; grandchildren Sarah Lamb, Hannah Cady, and Jaynh Cady; and great-grandson Oenimaus Swift. Funeral services for Peggy are at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021 in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Welcome Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family Saturday at the funeral home from 1 p.m. until services begin at 2 p.m. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Lamb family.

Lou Stanton, 79
Memorial services for Lou Stanton, 79, will be Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021 at Williams Southside Funeral Home at 3 p.m. Visitation will be from 2-3 p.m. prior to the service. Mrs. Stanton passed away Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021 at Hanceville Nursing Home. She was born Sept. 9, 1941 to Dale and Arva Wilson. She was preceded in death by her husband Jim Stanton; parents; and brother Don Wilson. Survivors include her sons Seth (Brandi) Stanton and Jared (Amanda) Stanton; grandchildren Meredith Hicks, Caleb Stanton, Nora Stanton, Bennett Stanton, and Audrey Stanton; and sister Patricia Hahn. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Building Fund of First Baptist Church of Gadsden.

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ADPH responds to 4 senators' letter about COVID-19 vaccine distribution concerns

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Four Alabama senators on Tuesday released a letter about the Alabama Department of Public Health's (ADPH's) handling of COVID-19 vaccine distribution in Alabama. The letter was signed by Republican Senators Jim McClendon (Springville), Greg Albritton (Range), Tom Whatley (Auburn) and Randy Price (Opelika).

The senators' letter read:

The Covid Vaccine Distribution Problem in Alabama

We have always known that distributing the Covid vaccine supply would be difficult, especially in the beginning.

While the supply pipeline is definitely an issue, our pipeline in Alabama has a kink. The distribution of vaccines to Alabama will continue to be interrupted until Alabama plays by the rules. The rule is simple: The CDC will not authorize shipments to Alabama until they know we are using what we have on hand. Our citizens are paying a deadly price.

When CDC looks at our "inventory" we appear to have more doses than we can administer and with the high demand of vaccines nationally, doses are allocated to states who are reporting accurately. In addition, when vaccines are not entered into the registry the order for the 2nd dose is not triggered.

In other words, we must report to the CDC the doses administered in order to get additional doses to the state. Apparently ADPH is unable to provide all of the following information:

1. *How many doses have we received in Alabama?*

2. *How many doses have been distributed to locations around the state?*

3. *How many doses have been put into arms?*

4. *How many doses put in arms have been reported to the CDC?*

In addition, every day, each location should notify ADPH of the number of doses they have remaining on hand. Every day.

If the Alabama Department of Public Health does not know the answer these questions, then the CDC certainly doesn't know, and it makes no sense to send additional doses to Alabama.

In a nutshell, ADPH must get every dose that has been administered entered into the registry for the Feds to send us more. While over 200 locations are giving doses, not all are entering them. And to be honest, the doctors, pharmacists, nurses who are giving Covid vaccinations in addition to their daily duties are already doing ADPHs job, and blaming them for not entering doses into the registry is nonproductive.

The solution seems easy enough. Call all 221 locations and ask for how many doses they have on hand and compare that to what was sent to them. ImmPRINT is Alabama's version of a statewide vaccine registry, and If those doses are not entered into ImmPRINT the ADPH should request the patient list and ADPH should enter those doses to get the kink out of our supply pipeline. The ADPH also should exercise the authority to require all locations administering the vaccine to keep the registry current, and not be supplied additional vaccine till they comply.

Regardless, until we can account for all doses administered we will continue to have supply issues and the risk in Alabama will continue unabated.

Tuesday evening, the ADPH responded to the senators' letter:

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) would like to provide a response to the information included in a letter that was distributed to the news media earlier today by a group of Alabama state senators to correct any misunderstanding of the COVID-19 vaccine distribution process.

The department is in regular communication with our elected officials in Alabama and has described the process of our weekly per capita vaccine allotments in great detail. The number of COVID-19 vaccine doses allocated to Alabama is based on our population and is not determined by how much vaccine is on hand in the state. The number of doses remaining from previous allocations does not affect the number of doses that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) authorizes for Alabama.

ADPH has been in ongoing conversations with CDC to provide our numbers in Alabama. While the department works with CDC to resolve data issues that have been encountered due to a response of this size, it does not in any way affect the number of doses that Alabama receives.

The data to answer each of the questions asked in the letter is publicly available on the ADPH COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Dashboard, which can be accessed on the ADPH website (arcg.is/OrCey) and has been updated as of Jan. 19, 2021. The data from the CDC is available on its vaccine data tracker website (https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations), although CDC has not updated Alabama's information since Jan. 15, 2021.

Providers are federally required to report within 24 hours of administering vaccine. ADPH uses the Immunization Patient Registry with Integrated Technology (ImmPRINT) system to collect this information. Staff works with providers if assistance is needed.

The biggest obstacle to vaccination in Alabama is the limited supply of vaccine. Alabama currently has approximately 676,000 people who qualify to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, but since our state is allocated only around 50,000-60,000 primary doses each week, the supply is not available to reach these numbers at this time.

ADPH receives thousands of calls, emails and social media messages every day from people who are providing suggestions to help the vaccination process move faster.

We appreciate any recommendations and want the public to rest assured that ADPH has a tremendous staff of physicians, nurses, public health experts and other medical professionals who continue to work tirelessly on the vaccine rollout in Alabama. A vaccination plan of this size is truly unprecedented, and ADPH is grateful for everyone's continued patience as we work to put an end to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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