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– LOCAL GOVERNMENT –

Leadership Lions

County commission teams with Wallace State to train employees



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Wallace State Community College Center for Career and Workforce Development Career Navigator Jamie Newman speaks to a Leadership Lions class Friday morning.

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CHICKEN SALAD CHECK!

Chicken Salad Chick donates $9,400 to The Link's Master's Hands food pantry



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The Link of Cullman County staffers receive a check for $9,400 from Chicken Salad Chick Friday morning. Left to right are Katie Bowen, Paul Ballenger, Chris Hopper, Meredith Easterwood, Julie Hall, Paige Williams, Melissa Betts, Taylor Marsh and Josh Lisenby.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Chicken Salad Chick on Friday presented The Link of Cullman County a check for $9,400 to help fund the agency's Master's Hands community food bank, a ministry begun in partnership with Daystar Church. The funds came from the sale of "Giving Cards" which offer discounts in exchange for the purchase of the cards.

Chicken Salad Chick District Manager Paul Ballenger explained, "For the last four years, we've been doing the Giving Card, which allows customers to come in and get some great rebates and return for the $5 donation, and then all the donation goes to a local charity. It's just a great way to bring people together in the community around us."

Daystar Church Global Outreach Director and Link Board Chairman Chris Hopper told The Tribune, "This donation from Chicken Salad Chick is monumental, and the efforts The Link and Daystar put out to the community to actually help feed our neighbors within our community that have really been affected by COVID-19. I know a lot of families, a lot of people have been out of work, have been just hit from multiple directions, and this is going to help supplement some of the food that has been taken off their table."

Link Team Leader Julie Hall said, "Today was a celebration of Chicken Salad Chick's efforts to support Master's Hands at The Link and the citizens of Cullman County. Their extraordinary financial donation could purchase up to 67,143 pounds of food from the North Alabama Food Bank! That is a huge blessing to our community."

Link Director of Community Development Melissa Betts said, "We » PAGE 4

CRIME

Falkville man charged with murder following shooting Friday afternoon



MORGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Richard Odell Clark

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HEALTH

Vaccination questions answered by UAB medical professionals



UAB

Jodie Dionne-Odom, M.D.

Bob Shepard
Contributor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Many people still have questions regarding vaccination against COVID-19 as the vaccine is becoming available to the broader community. Medical professionals at the Department of Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham answered some of those questions and concerns in a series of blog posts.

Concern: The vaccine was rushed in production. I don't trust that it's safe.

"It's natural to wonder if the speed of vaccine development suggests that investigators, drug companies or the government might have cut some corners," said Seth Landefeld, M.D., chair of the Department of Medicine. "Here are three scientific facts about the rapid development of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines."

• Investigators followed ALL clinical trial protocols to rigorously test safety and effectiveness. The Food and Drug Administration mandates that vaccine research follow stringent guidelines for determining whether a vaccine works as intended, and whether people can tolerate the vaccine. Each study is developed in phases, where increasing num- » PAGE 2

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STATE

Cullman Co. unemployment rate lowest in state at 2.1%; AL rate drops to 3.9%

Tara Hutchison
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Alabama Department of Labor Secretary Fitzgerald Washington on Friday announced that Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted December unemployment rate is 3.9%, down from November's rate of 4.4%, and above December 2019's rate of 2.7%. December's rate represents 87,534 unemployed persons, compared to 100,374 in November and 61,530 in December 2019.

Cullman County's rate dropped to 2.1%, down from November's rate of 2.4%, and back to December 2019's rate of 2.1%.

"This is the lowest unemployment rate Alabama has seen since the pandemic began, and I'm glad to see us close out 2020 on a good note," said Washington. "While we are pleased to see our rate continue to drop, we know there is still a lot more work to be done. More than 26,000 Alabamians are unemployed now than at the same time last year. We are still down more than 34,000 jobs from last year. Our work in 2021 will be focused on continuing this recovery."

Wage and salary employment grew in December by 6,200. Monthly gains were seen in the trade, transportation, and utilities sector (+7,700), the leisure and hospitality sector (+3,000), and the education and health services sector (+1,100), among others. Over the year, wage and salary employment decreased 34,200, with losses in the leisure and hospitality sector (-19,400), the education and health services sector (-16,400), and the government sector (-9,700), among others.

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are Cullman County at 2.1%, Shelby, Marshall and Franklin counties at 2.2% and Dekalb and Cleburne counties at 2.3%. Counties with the highest unemployment rates are Wilcox County at 10.6%, Lowndes County at 10.2% and Perry County at 7.8%.

Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are Homewood and Vestavia Hills at 1.7%, Alabaster at 2.0% and Madison at 2.1%. Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are Prichard at 11%, Selma at 9.0% and Bessemer and Anniston at 7.0%.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 22

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 22, 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. 21

• fourth-degree theft of property; person; 2nd St. SW; drill; $100

• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; Old Hwy. 157; $3,285

• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; TVA; St. Joseph Dr. NW; tools; $850

• duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; 2nd Ave. SW; damage to '14 Chevrolet Silverado; $2,000

ARRESTS

No arrests reported.

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Questions (from Front)

bers of participants are enrolled. Their reactions — both positive and negative — are documented. The Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine demonstrated through each phase that side effects were generally mild to moderate intensity and resolved within 24 hours; and it is 95 percent effective in preventing COVID-19 infections.

• The Pfizer-BioNTech study enrolled more than 40,000 participants across 153 study sites in six countries. The numbers of clinical trial participants for COVID vaccine research are extremely high, due to the widespread nature of this infection and high motivation to find a way to prevent COVID. Similarly, the Moderna vaccine trial enrolled 30,000 participants in their study across 99 testing sites. Moreover, the FDA will continue to evaluate the safety of the vaccine as it is administered across the country.

• Vaccines based on messenger RNA have been around for a decade. While this is the first time many of us will have the opportunity to receive a vaccine that is based on messenger RNA — rather than a protein or an inactivated form of the virus — vaccine researchers have been working with mRNA vaccines for 10 years. As mRNA is taken up by muscle cells at the site of injection, these cells start producing the surface protein of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The immune system recognizes the protein and reacts, producing antibodies that can recognize a potential SARS-CoV-2 infection and prevent COVID.

Concern: The COVID-19 vaccine may not be safe for pregnant women.
"Decision-making in pregnancy involves weighing the potential risks and benefits of vaccination against the potential risks of infection itself," said Jodie Dionne-Odom, M.D., associate professor, Division of Infectious Diseases. "Women who are pregnant, or may become so, are encouraged to discuss these concerns with a trusted health care provider. Here are a few considerations, along with up-to-date scientific information, about COVID-19 and pregnancy."

• COVID-19 infection during pregnancy carries risk of serious illness. Researchers have observed that pregnant women with COVID-19 had higher rates of severe disease — requiring ICU admission — compared to non-pregnant women. Some pregnant women have existing medical conditions (diabetes, obesity, hypertension) that contribute to this risk. Because of this, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lists pregnancy as a high-risk medical condition for COVID-19. Since there are persistently high rates of COVID-19 in our community, the risk of exposure to COVID-19 for women who are pregnant or planning pregnancy is high.

• Currently available mRNA vaccines for COVID have the benefit of safety and effectiveness in women of reproductive age. In clinical trials that enrolled tens of thousands of participants, mRNA vaccines were shown to be safe and effective in women and men of all ages. Although pregnant women were not included in the clinical trials, a small number of study participants became pregnant, and researchers are monitoring their health outcomes over time. Larger studies in pregnant women are now underway. National organizations for public health and women's health support vaccination in women who are planning a pregnancy, pregnant or breastfeeding, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Society of Maternal Fetal Medicine, and the American Society of Reproductive Medicine.

• Several vaccinations are routinely recommended in pregnancy due to documented safety and effectiveness for women and their infants. Routinely recommended vaccinations in pregnancy can have benefits for women and their infants since maternal antibodies can provide protection to their newborn that can last for months. Studies are underway to assess short- and long-term benefits, as well as potential risks, of COVID-19 vaccination in pregnancy.

Concern: The U.S. health care system, past and present, has been known to disproportionately harm Black and Latinx communities.
"I admit that I had some hesitation about the vaccine myself," said Latesha Elopre, M.D., assistant professor, Division of Infectious Diseases. "My family is from Georgia, and my grandparents were sharecroppers. I have personal experience dealing with racist systems, and with that, there is a natural hesitation. As physicians and scientists, we mustn't be upset when people come to us with skepticism, though. We have to be patient and do our best to answer questions, explain the science and set an example for others to follow.

• Do you recommend the vaccine to people of color? The impact of COVID-19 is primarily in communities of color, so I feel like we have to act now. This is not a moment when we can hesitate with this vaccine. In my own family, my mom has a history of strokes, so she was in a high-risk group. I had multiple conversations with her about the vaccine, explaining the data behind why it's important. I am happy and proud that she was able to overcome her hesitancy, and she got vaccinated.

• How did the vaccine affect you, personally? I actually hate shots! It is something I dread every year when flu season comes around. But after my first dose, I cried with relief and gratitude. It's been overwhelming having seen so many suffer alone, not just patients, but in my own family. And my side effects from the first dose were tolerable. I was pretty tired, and I got a headache and had some chills. But it only lasted a day, then I was better. I was more tired and sleepy after the second dose, but I kept looking at the big picture. I was willing to have those side effects, rather than becoming infected, or experiencing long-term side effects from COVID infection, or worse, passing away of COVID.

I have an underlying health condition.
"I was diagnosed with asthma at 25, and I use an inhaler every day," said Brittani Edwards DeLoach, a program manager in the Department of Medicine. "I have a nebulizer that I can use if things get out of hand. But sometimes, like it did on Christmas Day, it gets so bad that I have to go to the emergency room. "

• Does asthma factor into your decision whether to get vaccinated? Absolutely it does. I have a background in industrial and systems engineering, so I always have a risk analysis going on in the back of my mind. It is phenomenal that this vaccine has been developed so that it can drive down the number of cases we are seeing. But not knowing how my body will respond, how the vaccine might impact me personally, has made me anxious.

• When the vaccine is available, will you take it? Honestly, I have been struggling with this decision. I decided I would talk to my pulmonologist, Dr. Veena Antony, about it, and she was so reassuring. She explained about how the vaccine is 95 percent effective, and how important it is for someone with asthma to protect themselves from getting COVID. She also said that I would be carefully watched after getting the shot, and that they would know what to do if anything happened. Talking with her convinced me this is the right thing for me to do.

Concern: I'm worried about possible side effects.
"I received my first dose while on service at the VA," said Seema Kumar, M.D., chief resident in the Department of Medicine. "In the 24 hours afterward, I noticed pretty significant fatigue. I was also a little nauseated and achy. But I took some Tylenol, and was able to come in and work a full shift. I was back to normal within 48 hours. A few of my fellow residents felt a little worse than I did. They had similar fatigue and muscle pain, but more intense, and they ran a fever. They missed a day or two from work, but they're doing just fine now.

• Some people say it's worse after the second dose. Was that true for you? That's exactly what the clinical trials showed us — that reactions are more likely after the second shot. But that wasn't true for me. I got my second dose and have felt fine ever since. Everybody reacts a little bit differently, though; so some people might be fine after the first shot, and feel bad after the second dose.

• Why did you choose to get vaccinated, knowing that you might not feel well afterward? I felt grateful to be able to get the vaccine and do my part to help keep my patients, colleagues, friends and community safe and healthy. I was not concerned at all about the potential mild side effects of the vaccine when I thought about the many lives that have been lost because of this virus. The vaccine represented a ray of light and hope for a brighter path ahead, and it was an easy decision for me to get vaccinated.

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

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• Despensas para la comunidad. No requiere ID. Entrega en su vehículo. Por favor use mascarilla.

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. at Colony Town Hall

Hanceville City Council Meeting
Thursday, Jan. 28 at 5:30 p.m. at Hanceville City Hall

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

Cullman City Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, Feb. 1 at 5:30 p.m. at Cullman City Hall

Holly Pond Town Council Meeting
Monday, Feb. 1 at 6 p.m. at the Guy Hunt Museum

Fairview Town Council Meeting
Monday, Feb. 1 at 6 p.m. at Fairview Town Hall

Baileyton Town Council Meeting
Monday, Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. at Baileyton Town Hall

Community Blood Drive
• Wednesday, Feb. 3 from 1-5 p.m. at The Link of Cullman County, 708 Ninth St. SE
• Free COVID-19 antibody testing, $5 Amazon gift card and Red Cross T-shirt for all donors.

Cullman County Community Development Commission Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. at the Cullman County Economic Development office

Alabama Cooperative Extension Virtual Caregiver's College- "Love Yourself" Webinar
• Wednesday, Feb. 10 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. There will be presenters on the following topics: Senior Rx, Medicare Part D, Estate Planning/Wills/Taxes, Identify Theft and Nutrition.
• This is the first virtual Caregiver's College. This program will be presented by ZOOM. This is a great opportunity for seniors and senior caregivers to gain resources and education and not have to leave the house if they have internet access.
• This event is free, but registration is required. Register by emailing jns0030@aces.edu or by calling the Dekalb County Extension office at 256-845-8595.
• Virtual attendees can ask to receive a goody bag for their attendance at this event. When you call or email, ask for the free goody bag.
• The speakers for this event are very knowledgeable experts and specialists in their fields. Please share half a day with us to learn more about how important caregivers are and how to "Love Yourself."

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Funny Things from Yesterday: Our new fire truck

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A few years back, when I was on the city council, the City bought a new fire truck. This was no ordinary fire truck, for it was something special in that it had a platform that could be raised almost a hundred feet in the air. I think the fire department planned to put the mayor and city council on the platform and raise them up. This was no doubt the highest the mayor and/or city council would have been upheld so highly by anyone.

Fire Chief Walker and I were looking at the nice features of the new truck, and upon looking in the cab I noticed that the front seat was big enough for three men and a dog. I mentioned to Chief Walker that he needed to get a Dalmatian.

He said, "We had one, but he chewed some of the wiring off the fire truck and we had to get rid of him."

Evidently that dog wasn't fire house-broken.

Some of you may be old enough to remember Senator Howell Heflin.

Anyway, he once told a story about a new fire truck that I thought was funny, so I'll pass it on to you.

Some small town had gotten a federal grant to buy a new fire truck for its volunteer fire department.

All the volunteer firemen had anxiously awaited its arrival. The fire truck finally came, and it was a beauty.

It had a big chrome siren on each of the front fenders and flashing red lights on the top. The firemen were proud of their truck.

They had waxed it so much they could see their reflections as clearly as looking in a mirror. They were anticipating their first fire call.

The call came, and all hands loaded on the fire truck, and away they went. After arriving at their destination, they found it was only a cat up a tree.

Needless to say, they were disappointed but got the cat down safe and sound.

The driver then put the truck in reverse and backed around.

Then putting the truck in low, he roared towards the street.

All of a sudden, the driver slammed on the brakes and stopped real quick.

The fire chief said, "What's the problem?"

The driver answered, "We ran over the cat."

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Lately, I've Been in a Pickle

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Lately, I've been in a pickle...sometimes, two or three times a week. No, I'm not in any kind of trouble or in any kind of real predicament. Actually, the pickle I've been in is pickleball. Until a few years ago, I had never heard of this game that's taking America by storm. I had not played until a few months ago. Pickleball is a paddle-and-ball game that been around for more than 50 years, but in more recent years, it has become one of the fastest growing sports.

As if I needed another hobby, I have fallen in love this game. Thankfully, I have not had the coronavirus, but the coronavirus shutdown led me to this game. Since youth, I have played different racket and paddle sports regularly. It started with the tennis craze in 1970s. In my small hometown of Rainsville, Alabama, we had brand-new tennis courts.

There wasn't much to do there back in those days, so we waited in line to play. I courted Jean on those courts (pun intended).

Then in the 1980s, the racquetball craze came. In 1986, one of our church members talked me into playing. It took one outing, and I was hooked. I threw my tennis racket in the back of the closet, and bought my first of many racquetball racquets to come. Over the next 35 years, racquetball was my favorite form of exercise.

Then, sometime last spring, COVID-19 shut down the world, including the Sportsplex where I play racquetball. I went through serious withdrawals and was gaining weight faster than a product taster in a bakery!

A friend and former racquetball player had tried to get me to try pickleball for years.

The Sportsplex had built a dozen state-of-the-art courts. Since they are outdoor courts, making them safer in avoiding the virus, my racquetball buddies and I decided to give the game a try. I came home afterwards and told Jean that I liked it.

She said, "I knew that before you played. It is a game that involves a ball and a paddle." She knows me well!

Now, I really am in a pickle. Do I play racquetball or pickleball? Yes! I am now playing both, but not on the same day! Now, my grandson, Drew, is hooked on pickleball too. Some say that pickleball is a game for old people.

Don't you believe it, it certainly is a game that seniors can play, but there are a number of younger people out there playing and loving it too.

Drew is only 11-years old. I do love that he is playing with a group of guys old enough to be his grandpa, including his grandpa. I appreciate these guys for playing with him and helping him as he is improving week by week as a player.

Now that cold weather is here, I've changed the name of the game to Popsicle ball, but we're still out there playing. On the really cold days, I put on so many clothes I can hardly move.

I look like Ralphie in the movie Christmas Story, but I haven't gotten any of my opponents to stick their tongue to a frozen flagpole... even when I triple-dog-dared them! The hard plastic balls will crack in cold weather, but so far none of us have...not as far as I know!

I have enjoyed playing a new sport during these days of distancing. I continue to pray for those who really are in a serious pickle due to COVID-19, and certainly for the multitude of families who have lost loved ones. I'm praying that 2021 will be a year that brings us more new things, but especially the end of this terrible virus.

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1952

From the files of 1952

Gerald Sandlin, age seven, was seriously injured earlier this week when he was hit by an automobile near his home at Phelan. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sandlin.

Harry Schlosser, age 53, was found dead in a Montgomery hotel room on Wednesday. He has a host of relatives in Cullman.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron House of Gardendale spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bielhardt at White City.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ponder and sons, who have been living for a year in Detroit, Michigan are spending a few weeks at White City.

Mr. and Mrs. Walmond Ingle and daughter, Sara Jane, of Gardendale visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Rice on Saturday.

Major Miller of Guthery's Crossroads has a large herd of Hereford cattle pastured in a lespedeza sericea field.

Louis Teichmiller of Gold Ridge has large pond for his livestock.

The Elbert Ponder farm has a large field of kudzu for his herd of Hereford cattle.

J.B. Chandler of Fairview has a new 1952 car.

Howell (Stubby) Trimble suffered a leg injury in the football contest between Hanceville and Moulton. David Nelson and Wade Sanders took over the running chores.

Reverend John J. Milford filled the pulpit at Ryan on Sunday.

Walter Roberts of Hulaco remains critically ill.

Pictured on the front of the Alabama ninth grade history book is Joe Grob and his dairy cow, Starlight. Joe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Grob.

Eighty-seven acre farm for sale for $3,250. Call John Christian at Johnson's Crossing at 4747. Ad.

S.G. Darley is president of the Battleground P.T.A.

The Coterie Club is celebrating its 30th anniversary.

Delnor Denny is president of the East Point 4-H Club.

Doris Howard was the Sunday guest of Jo Anne Weeks at Center Point.

Mrs. Nola Morgan of

Cullman visited Mr. and Mrs. Leo Livingston in Eva last week.

Collis C. Day has announced his candidacy for Commission Chairman.

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Watch Me Mother

By: Author unknown

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Watch me Mother, look at me
Watch me touch the sky
Watch me Mother, look at me,
I can jump so high.

Watch me mother, look at me
Oh please Mother stay
Watch me Mother, look at me,
Oh, she's gone away.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, Jan. 22, 2021 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

- Total confirmed cases in AL: 345,677 (+2,695 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 90,410 (+856 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 5,350 (+71 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 1,136
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 5,662 (+22 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,541 (+22 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 72 (+1 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 36
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 34,146
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 4,046
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 642
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,066,351
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 44,597
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 250,320
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 2,408
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 40,514
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 233,211

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Shooting (from Front)

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FALKVILLE, Ala. – Morgan County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) investigators arrested Richard Odell Clark, 42, of Falkville in connection with a deadly shooting Friday.

As of press time, the identity of the victim had not been released pending notification of family. According to the MCSO, at approximately 1:30 p.m. a call about a shooting was received by Morgan County 911 from a residence along the 1200 block of Highway 55 East between Falkville and Eva. Deputies and investigators responded and secured the scene, where one deceased male was located, and Clark was detained.

Clark is charged with murder and is being held at the Morgan County Jail on a $100,000 bond.

Arrests are public information. Any indication of an individual's arrest does not imply they have been convicted of a crime. All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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are so thankful to have a community partner in Chicken Salad Chick. Store manager Josh Lisenby has a huge heart for Cullman and has inspired his team to give back in a way that will bless so many!"

The Master's Hands program at The Link is overseen by Neighbor Relations Coordinator Paige Williams, whom Betts called "the front line face to all neighbors who come to The Link seeking social assistance," adding, "Since March, feeding people has been 90% of her focus. When COVID hit, so many households were hurting for resources. Paige has worked tirelessly with every resource she was presented with to assist people."

Ballenger concluded, "Really, our mission at Chicken Salad Chick is to spread joy, enrich lives and serve others.

"That's kind of what we build into our business model and everything we do each day.

"We have the Chicken Salad Chick Foundation which does a lot of cancer research out of Auburn, but we always want to be kind of a pillar or part of the community. So we love to give back. That's really just our culture, is that we want to help the community in any way we can and give back when we can."

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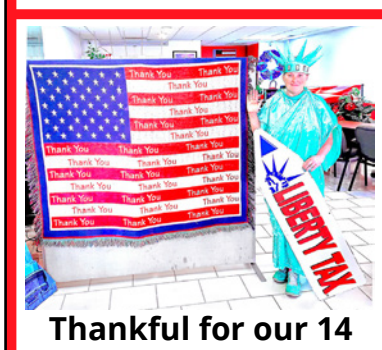
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A Round of Applause for the Joy-Givers: Up & away birthday party with American joy-givers of 2021

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Daelmans Stroopwafel Banana Bread



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Do you recall the ecstatic joy you felt when you watched the historic news video of real-life hero Captain Chesley Burnett "Sully" Sullenberger successfully piloting the emergency landing of U.S. Airways Flight 1549? He miraculously glided the big, commercial airplane to safety atop the surface of the Hudson River.

That was in 2009. Both engines of the airplane became disabled and Sully, who has one of our joy-giving American birthdays to celebrate this week, saved all 155 lives onboard. He stayed with his plane and was the last person lifted to safety. That joyous moment inspires our "UP AND AWAY BIRTHDAY PARTY" for joy-givers.

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 latter part of January: 23—Chesley Sullenberger, III, 24—Maria Tallchief, 25—Alecia Keys, 26—Ellen DeGeneres, 27—Mikhail Baryshnikov, 28—Jackson Pollock, 29—Oprah Winfrey.

The famous U.S. Airways plane is parked on a landing strip and, though grounded, it is our party venue. As you enter the plane you notice all the rows and rows of seats have been removed and an elegant dining table is set for you and the seven birthday celebrants.

The interior has been painted by Jackson Pollock, a major American artist/innovator of the Abstract Expressionism movement. Pollock was known for pouring, splashing and dripping household paints on unstretched canvases which freed him to create from all angles.

Pollock created the party décor by moving his whole body, not just his hands, in a frenetic, dancing style.

The Wyoming-born artist says, "I want to express my feelings rather than illustrate them."

You remember Pollock from the famous photograph on the cover of a 1940s Life Magazine and the headline that read: "Is HE the greatest living painter in the United States?" Later, Time Magazine dubbed him "Jack the Dripper."

The dinner menu is folded into a paper airplane at each place-setting.

At first, you are chagrinned because each dish is coming from a commercial airline.

Most airline food is ho-hum, bland, institutional fare. Then, you read the multi-starred reviews by top restaurant critics.

• **EMIRATES AIRLINE**, based in Dubai, serves regionally inspired foods on Royal Doulton bone china; at this party they suggest charcoal-grilled lamb brochettes with cinnamon-scented sauce.

• **SWISS INTERNATIONAL** offers you a sampler "Taste of Switzerland" tour through the country and I'm betting you could eat a Swiss Alps-sized mountain of Nidwalden-style mashed potatoes made with veal bacon and cheese.

• **CATHAY PACIFIC**, one of the first airlines to have rice cookers onboard, suggests you try the slow-cured pork with preserved Hakka mustard greens or maybe the curried prawns.

• **AIR FRANCE** collaborates with a different, renowned French chef every six months and menus change every 10 days.

• **TURKISH AIRLINES,** even for those flying coach, has an onboard chef serving tasty dishes like olive oil-poached artichoke and grilled beef with creamy eggplant.

• **SINGAPORE AIRLINES** specifically works with chefs from Michelin-starred restaurants; at our "Up and Away Birthday Party," you could choose wok-fried chicken and bamboo shoots in sesame oil.

• **AUSTRIAN AIRLINES** has an onboard sommelier/wine steward and offers 11 flavors of Austrian Meinl coffee

We start with appetizers that seem to fly off the silver platters as Ellen DeGeneres shares some "airplane jokes" she repeatedly underscores were lifted from other American humorists. Here's a sampling:

"A buzzard turns up at the airport with two dead animals.

"The staffer at check-in says, 'Sorry, only one carrion per passenger.'"

"I heard we were going to have helicopter chips with our drinks tonight, but they didn't have any so I just had (she winks)...They didn't have helicopter chips so I just had plain chips."

DeGeneres turns to Oprah Winfrey, "I was going to pitch you the idea of turning a fleet of old airplanes into diners but that would never (she winks) take off."

Winfrey responds, "Well, I know I'm fortunate to have an airplane.

"Everyone wants to fly with you in your private plane, but what you really want are those true friends who will take the bus with you when you've been grounded."

After you enjoy tastes from each of the airline's gourmet chefs, it's time for our featured entertainers.

Another of our birthday joy-givers, singer/songwriter Alecia Keys, has earned 15 Grammy Awards and is often called, "The Queen of Rhythm and Blues."

Keys, a perfect name for a gifted pianist, played classical piano as a child and enrolled in NYC's Professional Performing Arts School at age 12.

Keys reminds the group that while she was mostly raised by her mother, her dad was a career flight attendant.

"I was taught early that you have to risk the fall to know how it feels to fly."

Keys introduces her closest seat mates, two of the world's most-treasured ballet dancers, Native American Maria Tallchief and Russian-American Mikhail Baryshnikov.

She continues, "I started playing classical piano when I was a child. And tonight, Sully and I are your musicians.

"The world knows Sully as an airplane pilot hero, but I know he was also the first chair flute-player in his Texas high school.

"We had a flight of musical ideas and we are going back to our roots to play Stravinsky's 'Firebird' while these two fabulous dancers thrill you with a pas de deux from that ballet.

"This feels like flying back in time to recreate something new.

"Sometimes you need to start again, in order to fly."

Before the music begins, Tallchief says, "My husband, the world-renowned choreographer George Balanchine, created 'Firebird' as a gift for me.

"However, we dancers take steps given to us and make them our own."

Her graceful arms gesturing to the group, "Each individual brings something different to the role they play."

Baryshnikov expands on her thought, "When a dancer comes onstage, he or she is not just a blank slate that the choreographer has written on.

"Behind that dancer are all the decisions he has made in life. Each time, he has chosen, and in what he is onstage, you see the result of those choices."

Sully, assembling his silver flute, interrupts, "We have all heard about ordinary people who find themselves in extraordinary situations.

"They act courageously or responsibly, and their efforts are described as if they opted to act that way on the spur of the moment...I believe many people in these situations actually have made the decisions years before."

The time has flown by. The beautiful music and dancing, cocooned in a Pollock masterpiece, the good humor from DeGeneres and the wise thoughts from Winfrey have lifted our spirits in this soaring setting and have been wondrously joy-giving.

The group is offered dessert, which is United Airlines' Secret Stroopwafel Banana Bread.

The recipe was a United Airlines and Daelmans Dutch bakery secret until so many flights were canceled early in the pandemic and the companies wanted those enjoying the "COVID baking craze" to have the pleasure at home.

Before all are ready to embark from this "Up and Away Birthday Party," Winfrey ends the evening with a toast, "Here's to all American joy-givers.

"As we move forward, it's good to remember to surround yourself as we have tonight only with people who are going to take you higher."

DAELMANS STROOPWAFEL BANANA BREAD

Recipe by cookiesandcarrotsticks.com

United Airlines passengers rave about the delicious Dutch stroopwafels made with Daelmans. Stroopwafels are a layer of caramel syrup pressed between two, waffle cookies.

Ingredients

- 3 small, ripe bananas
- 2 eggs
- ¼ cup of vegetable oil
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- ¼ cup light brown sugar
- 1 ½ cup (spelt) flour
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 packet of Daelmans Stroopwafels- or 10 stroops

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350F and line a loaf pan with baking paper or grease it well.

2. Remove the skin of the bananas and mash them finely.

3. Mix the bananas mash with the eggs, oil and vanilla extract.

4. Add the flour, sugar, cinnamon and baking powder and mix well with a whisk.

5. Chop the stroopwafels into pieces. Spoon about 2/3 through the batter.

6. Pour the batter into the loaf pan and divide the rest of the stroopwafels on top.

7. Bake for about 50 minutes in the middle of the oven.

8. Remove the banana bread from the oven and allow to cool.







PREP BASKETBALL

Aggies, Lady Aggies handle Holly Pond at home

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. – Fairview was home at Joe Schults Gymnasium Thursday night to host the Holly Pond Broncos and both the Aggies and Lady Aggies were able to collect a pair of convincing wins. The Lady Aggies ran away with the girls' matchup 57-19 while the Aggies outpaced the Broncos in the boys' game 75-50.

Fairview 57 – Holly Pond 19 (varsity girls)

Kaylee Stallings got the game started with a three-pointer for Holly Pond, but Emma Garcia responded with a basket on the other end for the Lady Aggies. Garcia then completed an and-one play at the free throw line to give Fairview a 5-3 lead and later in the period Molly McKelvy added a three of her own to stretch the lead to 9-4. Jayla Gorham drilled a three to make it a 12-4 game with a minute to play in the first and she laid one in on the next Fairview possession to make it a 10-point game. McKelvy added another shot from beyond the arc in the final seconds of the first to give the Lady Aggies a 17-4 advantage going into the second.

Raleigh Olinger netted a pair of free throws for Holly Pond to trim the lead to 11 at the start of the second quarter but Sadie Smith made it a 20-6 game with a three-pointer on the other end. Quincey Marks knocked down a three-pointer for the Lady Broncos to cut the lead to 20-9 midway through the period and another Stallings three brought Holly Pond to within 10 with three minutes to play in the opening half. However, Fairview was able to end the quarter on a 6-0 scoring run to build its lead to 28-12 by the halftime break.

Another Garcia basket followed by another McKelvy three extended the lead to 33-12 early in the third and after a pair of Smith free throws and a bucket from Jacy Gorham, the Lady Aggies led the way 39-15 midway through the quarter. Jacy knocked down a mid-range jumper later in the third to add to the lead and Fairview held a commanding, 42-15 lead going in the final frame.

Jacy Aleman turned a steal into an easy two points for the Lady Aggies to start the fourth quarter Jayla Gorham laid another one in to make it a 46-15 game. With the clock running throughout the final period, Somer Harris and Reagan Dunkin led the Fairview offense the rest of the way and pulled away to win it 57-19.

McKelvy led the Lady Aggies with 13 points in the win, followed by Jayla Gorham with 10, Garcia with eight, Smith with seven and Jacy Gorham and Reagan Dunkin with six. Stalling posted six points for the Lady Broncos in the loss. Sarah Finley added four and Marks and Bai Widner each finished with three.

Fairview 75 – Holly Pond 50 (varsity boys)

Owen Yarbrough got things off to a fast start for the Aggies, scoring the first seven points of the game to give Fairview an early lead. Peyton Bailey laid one in to make it 9-0 before Gunnar McBee stopped the run by converting a three-point play at the line to cut the lead to six.

Yarbrough stayed hot with a deep three-pointer and Landon Tweedie scored back to back buckets to make it a 16-6 game with two minutes to play in the first. The Aggies continued dominate the offensive glass and stretched their lead to 20-8 going into the second quarter.

Fairview stayed hot in the second. Back to back Yarbrough baskets gave the Aggies a 27-12 lead early in the quarter and Clayton Strane scored to make it 29-12. Preston Ryan laid one in to keep the run going but Levi Boatright finished an and-one play at the line for Holly Pond to trim the lead to 31-15 with just over four minutes to play in the half. Austin Johnson and Yabrough each scored inside to make it a 35-15 game and Yarbrough converted another and-one play to extend the lead to 38-15 with less than three minutes to play in the period. A three-pointer from Casey Brown and a pair of Boatright free throws got the Broncos on the board but they still trailed Fairview 44-22 at the half.

McBee buried a trey to cut into the lead early in the third but back to back scores by Ryan on the other end gave the Aggies a 51-27 advantage midway through the quarter.

Parker Sellers drained a three-pointer to trim the lead to 21 but baskets from Tweedie and Yarbrough to end the period made it a 56-34 game going into the fourth quarter.

Tweedie and Lane Tipton exchanged buckets at the start of the fourth to make it 58-36 and Aaron Carpenter hit a jumper to put Fairview in front 60-36. Sellers drilled back to back three-pointers for the Broncos to cut the lead to 60-42 with just over three minutes to play but Jack Brown answered with a trey on the other end to stop the Holly Pond scoring run.

Back to back scores from Tweedie gave the Aggies a 25-point lead with just under two minutes remaining and put the game out of reach for the Broncos. Fairview held on to take the contest over Holly Pond 75-50.

Yarbrough led the Aggies with a game-high 27 points in the win. Tweedie added 16, Brown posted nine and Ryan finished with eight. Sellers led the Broncos with 14 points in the loss, followed by McBee with 10, Brown with eight and Boatright with seven.

Holly Pond will return home tomorrow night and try to bounce back against Brindlee Mountain while Fairview looks to stay hot on the road against Brewer.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview's Preston Ryan (4) drives to the basket during the Aggies' 73-50 win over Holly Pond Thursday night.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview's Morgan Lindsay brings the ball up the floor during Fairview's 57-19 win over Holly Pond Thursday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Addison earns first round wins in Winston County Tournament

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. – Addison hosted the first round of the 2021 Winston County Tournament Thursday night and both the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs collected wins to advance to the next round. The Lady Bulldogs started it off with a solid, 57-49 win over the Meek Lady Tigers and the Bulldogs closed the night with their third victory of the year over the Double Springs Yellow Jackets, 56-43.

Addison 57 – Meek 49 (varsity girls)

The Addison Lady Bulldogs opened the night playing the Meek Lady Tigers, a team they split with in their two regular season meetings. Meek came in with their dominating senior Center Abby Phillips who promised to be tough to handle in the paint.

Head Coach Bailey West had the Lady Dawgs focused and dialed in to from the start. This was the first time in a while the young Lady Dawgs have started out hot and did not have to play from behind.

The first period was a solid effort by both teams as Phillips scored six points in the opening frame. Addison was led by Bracey "Tiny" Rodgers who had four points of her own. At the end of the first period, Addison held a slim 12-9 lead.

Addison's defense stepped it up a notch in the second period as they held Meek to only eight points while scoring 16. Addison's offense came alive as well as the Lady Dawgs went on an amazing 14-0 run on a quality Meek Lady Tiger basketball team.

Addison was led by Hadley "Shooter" Butler who drained four out of her five three-point shots in the period. Addison took a strong 28-17 lead into the half.

Butler led the Lady Dawgs with 12 points in the half while Meek was led by Phillips who had nine points.

The second half had the Lady Dawg defense playing solid and the offense making crisp strong passes to the open shooter.

Addison outscored Meek 18-14 in the third to take a commanding 46-31 lead going into the fourth and final period.

The fouls did start to pile up on the young Dawgs as Anna Grace "The Glove" Luker and Gracie "Bug" Manley picked up four fouls apiece.

Meek began their comeback with Phillips, Savannah Smith and Madison Smith leading the way.

Meek continued to pressure the Lady Dawgs into some unforced errors and would score on the fast break.

Meek's comeback hopes took a blow when Savannah Smith hurt her ankle with 6:29 to go in the game.

Savannah had to be helped off the court and did not return. Hopefully Miss Smith is okay and can return for their area tournament.

After the Smith injury, Addison settled down and closed out the game winning 57-49.

Addison advances to play the winner of top-seeded Double Springs versus the fourth-seeded Lynn Bears on Saturday. It was a solid team effort by the young ladies of Addison as six players scored four or more points.

Addison was led by Butler with 15 points and five rebounds. Rodgers had 14 points, three boards, two assists and two steals. Manley had eight points, five boards, three assists and four steals. "Magic" Molly Gilbreath had seven points.

Luker had six points, nine boards, three assists and six steals. Lydia "Barbie" Ergle had four points, five boards and three steals. Addyson Smothers had three points, two boards and two steals.

Meek was led by Phillips who had a game high 21 points, eight boards and four steals.

Hannah Taylor had 11 points. Savannah Smith had 10 points, four boards and three steals in only three periods of work. Madison Smith had seven points and seven rebounds.

After the game, Coach West said, "As usual, I am proud of my girls.

"They played with a lot of heart and the defense was solid. Meek's Phillips is a solid player and Lydia (Ergle) did a good job holding her position and limiting her rebounds.

"Make no mistake, we won tonight because of our defensive intensity. Our county games seem to motivate our girls and they play better.

"This was a solid team effort with everyone contributing to the win. I keep telling the girls that we have to do the little things every night to win. We have to hustle, play defense and knock down our throws to win. I believe that we are playing better right now.

"We lost by two to Falkville last week and they are ranked in the top ten in the state. Looking forward to Saturday and hopefully we can bring home a county championship."

Addison 56 – Winston County 43 (varsity boys)

Addison was the number one seed in the county tournament and drew the four seed Double Springs Yellow Jackets. Addison had beaten Double Springs both times they met but those two games were the two toughest that Addison played in the county this year.

The game started with Addison playing smothering defense and scoring pretty much at will against the jackets.

Addison couldn't miss and the jackets couldn't hit anything that they threw up. Logan "Baby Shaq" Wilkins had six points in the period and Eli "Curly" Howse had four points. At the end of the first, Addison led 19-5 and it looked like a rout.

Coach Adam Gray got his Yellow Jackets on the right track and behind the deep threes of Brooks Bonds the jackets began to come back. Bonds had 12 points in the period, to include two long threes. The hot Jackets outscored Addison 22-16 in the period to cut the Dawg lead to a manageable 35-27 halftime deficit. Bonds led the Jackets with 14 first half points. Cannon "TNT" Hiller led the Dawgs with 10 points.

The third period started, and the defensive intensity was smoking. Both teams played extremely hard as shots were contested and no one as driving the lane without ending up on their backside. Neither team could score much as Addison was able to stretch their halftime lead to 44-35 to start the fourth.

Addison's Wilkins picked up his fourth foul with 7:12 to go in the game and had to sit. Hiller and Howse picked up the scoring in Wilkins absence while Christian "Ice Man" Roberts dominated the glass in the fourth. Addison held on for a 56-43 win to advance to Saturday to play the winner of the Lynn v. Meek game.

The difference in this game was Addison's incredible defense, holding the Jackets to under double digit scoring in three out of the four periods. Addison was also able to knock down 17 of 23 free throws.

Addison was led by Hiller who had 18 points. Howse had 15 points, four assists and five steals. Wilkins had 11 points, three boards and three blocks in limited minutes. Roberts had five points and eight boards. Quentin "Fabio" Barley had two points and five boards.

Double Springs was led by Bonds who dropped in 18 points. Austin "Mr. Everything" Owens had nine points and four boards, Sy Blanton had eight points and four boards, Braden Hudson had six points and two steals.

Following the win, Head Coach Ben Mastin added, "We played well, and I was a little concerned due to us being off for a week. We are still trying to be a great defensive team and make teams earn every point that they get against us. We are slowly getting there. I was very pleased with our effort tonight.

"I mean it is very hard to beat a team twice in a row but now we have had to play them three times now. We also drew them in the first round of our area tournament in two weeks. Double Springs is tough on us but if we play our game, we can beat anyone.

"Our boys really want to win this county tournament this year. Double Springs upset us last year at their place and they have had the county second place trophy in the locker room this week. A little motivation is a good thing, and we want to bring the county tournament championship home as well as our regular season county championship that we have already won."

Obituary Announcements: Jan. 23

Lonnie Rudolph Shedd, 89, of Cullman
Lonnie Rudolph Shedd of Cullman passed away Jan. 20, 2021 at the age of 89. He was born Nov. 17, 1931 in Cullman to William A. and Nora Suite Shedd. Funeral services are Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Alton "Butch" Shedd officiating. Interment will follow services in Corinth West Cemetery. Survivors are sisters Madene Harris and Barbara Roberts; brother Vernon Shedd; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives. Visitation will be from 12:30-2 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

Daniel Garrett Presley, 44, of Cullman
Funeral services for Daniel Garrett Presley, 44, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Valley Springs Cemetery; Rev. Perry Knight officiating. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Presley passed away Thursday, Jan. 21, 2020. He was born Oct. 7, 1976 to Dallas Daniel and Joyce Garrett Presley. He worked for the Cullman County Road Department. Daniel loved hunting and fishing, loved his beagles and his dog Baxter. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Agnes and Johnny Garrett and grandfather O.B. Presley. Survivors include his grandmother Grace Presley; parents; wife Aleisha Presley; sister Kimberly Gann; and nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Tina Yvette Speegle, 55, of Vinemont
Tina Yvette Speegle, 55, of Vinemont, Alabama passed from this life Jan. 22, 2021 at her residence. She was born Oct. 28, 1965 to Robert Howard and Vonetta Todd Speegle. A memorial service for and will be planned and announced at a later date. She was a lady who loved all she encountered and will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Speegle family. She was preceded in death by her parents Robert Howard and Vonetta Todd Speegle. Mrs. Speegle is survived by her partner-in-life Thomas Patrum; sons Tyan Speegle and Ian Clark; daughter Maliea Clark; brother Greg Speegle; and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Herman Junior Hill, 77, of Cullman
Graveside services for Herman Junior Hill, 77, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021 at Etha Baptist Cemetery with J. T. Scott officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Hill passed away Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021 at Cullman Regional. He was born May 6, 1943 in Cullman, Alabama to Maley and Nettie Hill. He was preceded in death by his wife Bonnie Gail Hill; son Benjie Hill; and parents Maley and Nettie Hill. Survivors include his daughter Carol Suzann (Darin) House; sons Mark Hill and Nicholas Hill; grandchildren Mandi (Joe) Billiot and Hunter House; and great-grandson Kase Billiot.

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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
412 1st Avenue SE, Suite 100
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.

Done this the 6th day of January, 2021.

Clerk of Court

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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.

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CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY
500 2ND Ave SW
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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

NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
Case No. DV 2020-900135

REDSTONE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
VS.
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.

Done the 11th day of January, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
Clerk

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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
Attorney for Personal Representative
Shunnarah Injury Lawyers
3626 Clairmont Avenue
Birmingham, AL 35222

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

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

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 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

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Attorney for Petitioner

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

Lions (from Front)

Christy Perry
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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Commission teamed up with Wallace State Community College to give County employees the opportunity to attend Leadership Lions classes at the school Thursday and Friday. The course is offered by WSCC's Center for Career and Workforce Development and taught by Career Navigator Jamie Newman.

Newman described Leadership Lions as "a training program to give local companies an opportunity to train locally and get support for their upcoming leaders. We are hoping to get the program out there and people to know about it so they can come. It is very collaborative and very person-centered. We are pulling a lot from a lot of different sources- Naval leadership, military leadership, psychological research and some of our own experiences."

Some of the topics the class discussed Friday morning included crisis leadership, transitioning from peer to leader and how to manage punishment, praise and promotion.

Said Newman, "We talk about all of that and it's a lot of fun." The class participated in a communication activity designed to "bring awareness to what kind of personality traits you bring to the table, why people do what they do, how groups form and perform best and, of course, common leadership."

She added, "Wallace has never had a leadership certification. We saw the need for it, that a lot of our local companies hire from the inside, and we heard the need. We are trying to make sure our workforce is competitive and as well trained as we possibly can."

Cullman County Commission Customer Service Representative Frances Montgomery said Friday, "Yesterday, they focused on learning what type of personality they had and how their personality works with other personalities.

"There's like 16 different types of personalities of people that you can run into in the workplace and in your day-to-day life. It takes a different skill set to interact with each one of those different type personalities."

Friday, the class focused on diversity, understanding power differentials, developing empathy, communicating with those with different life backgrounds, different conflict styles, how to manage a hard conversation and managing difficult situations.

"We are trying to give them the skills of how to transition from co-worker to leader. A lot of the County (employees), the promotion is internal, and you do have a lot of situations where someone was coworker and now they are in leadership, and they need those skills to know how to communicate and develop their own team and let their new team know, 'Hey, I got your back and we are in this together and here to serve the county.' We are here to serve the people of Cullman County and give them the skills in getting the point across."

Commission on Aging Nutrition Coordinator Laurie Knight was one of the class members for this week's Leadership Lions course. She said of the class, "It's very beneficial.

"It's always good to get a different view of things and how to handle things. She organized everything around our job and how we handle the public and our positions working with the County. It's very worth it. It's very relatable to what we do, and we will take a lot of it back and use it."

Cullman County Safety Coordinator Delitha Marchman appreciated the opportunity, saying, "I think it's awesome and they want to help us do our job. I think it's great. It's giving our supervisors a different perspective of what the job entails. It shows that the commission cares about us and that we are appreciated."

Commissioner Garry Marchman said he hopes this is just the beginning and turns into a series of progressive classes to help make supervisors better leaders.

"We have very few supervisors and even directors who have formal management or formal supervisor training. We are just trying to give them the tools to do their job because it's never been given to them before," he said. "It's to make a better Cullman County. It's to make us better. We are joining together forces with Wallace and they are working with us to do a great thing. It's something our people need. We want to build a great team and we want that team to have the tools needed to do their job. It's a real positive thing that's happening."

Continued Marchman, "Something I want them to take away from this also is to know that we care about those guys who are out there every day that supervise five or six people. We want them to know that we care enough about them to invest in them. It's all part of the big picture of building a team. That's what it's all about."

There are currently two more groups of County employees scheduled to attend Leadership Lions classes.

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