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– EDUCATION –

Ability to connect

Hot spot-equipped buses aid students during virtual school days



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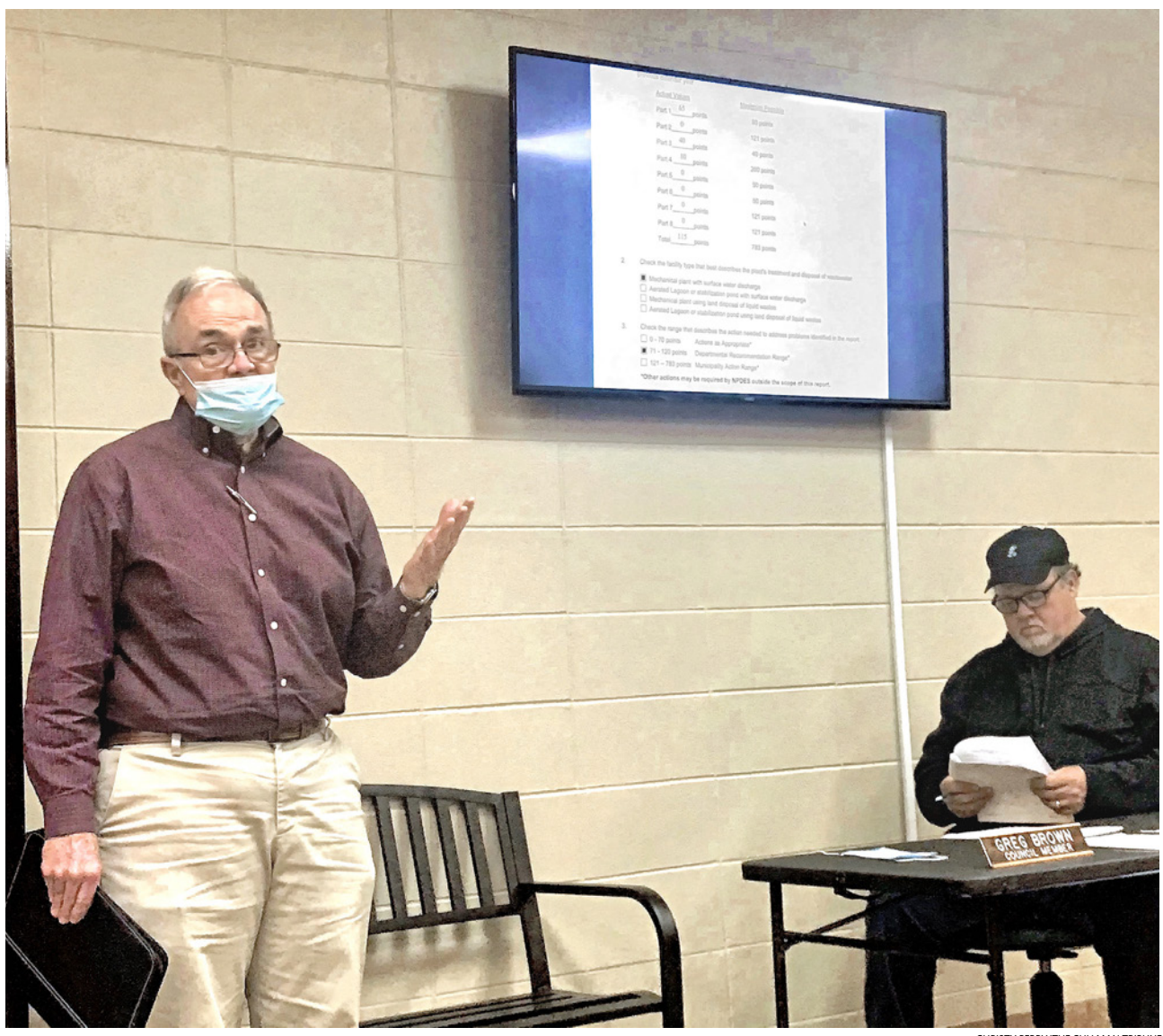
Cullman County Schools bus

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– LOCAL GOVERNMENT –

'THIS IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST INVESTMENTS EVER IN THE COMMUNITY'

Good Hope readying for unnamed economic development project



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope City Planner Corey Harbison is seen at Monday night's meeting of the Good Hope City Council.

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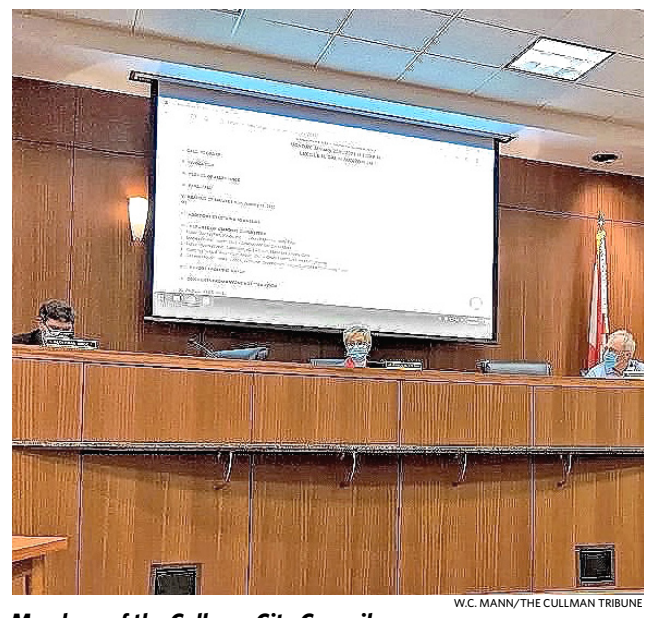
GOOD HOPE, Ala. – The Good Hope City Council on Monday night approved the sale of nearly 3.3 acres beside Good Hope Pharmacy, which is located along County Road 437. The parcel is also next to the recently acquired Cotton Gin property at 123 Lindsey Road. The City will sell the majority of the 3.3 acres for $255,000 but retain enough to add a road be-

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Cullman council sets fees for water, wastewater connections

City receives favorable financial report



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Members of the Cullman City Council are seen Monday, Jan. 25, 2021.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman City Council on Monday evening approved ordinances setting new fees for connections, reconnections and other services of the water and wastewater systems.

Water fees

The water fee ordinance set forth the following fees for connections, reconnections and other services:

a) Reconnection Fee $35

b) Reconnection Fees (After Hours) $60

c) Lock Replacement Fee $75

d) Replace Check Valve $100 plus cost of repair materials

e) Replace Curb Stop $150 plus cost of repair materials

f) Locate Service Line $500 plus cost of repair materials

g) Raise or Lower Meter $500 plus cost of repair materials

h) Unauthorized Water Use $500 plus cost of repair materials

i) Damaged Service $500 plus cost of repair materials

j) 3/4" Meter Installation with Box and Lid $800 plus cost of repair materials

k) 1" Meter Installation with Box and Lid $1,000 plus cost of repair materials

l) 2" Vault Installation $2,500 minimum plus cost of repair materials

m) 2" Meter Installation $3,500 minimum plus cost of repair materials

n) Fire Taps Fees will be determined on a case by case basis.

o) Account Transfer Fee within System $25

p) Service Fee for 3/4" water meter $100

q) Service Fee for 1" water meter $200

r) Service Fee for any water meter above 1" $300

The ordinance also set fees for connection to the city's water system, based on water line diameter. For residences within 1.5 miles of the interstate, extra procedures will double the listed fees.

- 3/4" $500

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HEALTH

ADPH issues COVID-19 update

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The following update was issued by the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) Monday:

Getting COVID-19 vaccine into the arms of Alabamians as quickly as possible is our goal.

ADPH is conducting clinics daily, including drive-though clinics in some counties. Limited vaccine remains the greatest challenge in Alabama and other states.

- COVID-19 Cases - 443,009
- COVID-19 Deaths - 6,662
- COVID-19 Hospitalizations (as of Jan. 24) - 40,815
- Currently eligible for vaccine - 326,000 health care providers, nursing home residents, law enforcement officers, firefighters and 350,000 persons age 75+
- Average 1st Doses of Vaccine Shipped to Alabama Per Week - 50,000 to 60,000
- Vaccine Doses Administered—255,291

Vaccine distribution plans adjusted

We have had an extensive plan in place to administer COVID-19 vaccine statewide since October.

The plan must pivot based on priorities from the federal government.

Adjustments needed to be made to offer vaccine first to those at highest risk because of the small quantity of vaccine.

Accelerating pace of vaccine rollout

Health care provider surveys will help ensure vaccine administration is expedited. ADPH is surveying every health care provider in the state to ensure that all administered doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been properly reported in our electronic data system and to determine if there is any available vaccine that needs to be redistributed to other providers.

To expedite vaccine administration, ADPH is removing unused doses and redistributing the vaccine to providers who will give shots faster. No vaccine doses have been discarded.

- Vaccine Doses Delivered to Alabama—521,225
- Alabama Healthcare Providers Enrolled—883
- Toll-free Telephone Lines for Appointments—165

Plans to expand vaccination sites in place

ADPH is working with Wal-Mart and other large companies which will provide vaccinations as more vaccine becomes available.

New locations will expand access to care for more people and resolve some transportation issues in rural areas.

Expansion of age groups for vaccination to persons 65 and above

At the final Operation Warp Speed briefing on Jan. 12, 2021, spokespersons for HHS recommended that states expand age groups for vaccination to persons 65 and above.

However, these changes have not been made in Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance for when vaccine supply is limited.

Vaccine supply is limited and does not meet demand at this time for the current numbers of persons identified as health care workers, first responders, fire, police and persons 75 and above. Current recommendations from CDC are based on those from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

ACIP is an independent panel of medical and public health experts who provide vaccine guidance to CDC.

EDUCATION

Local students earn degrees from Auburn University

Auburn University
Contributor

AUBURN, Ala. – The following local students earned degrees from Auburn University in fall 2020.

- Madison Angle of Cullman, BA
- Olivia Benefield of Cullman, BS
- Miles Bennett of Cullman, BS
- Jessica Canaday of Cullman, BS
- Richard Davis of Cullman, BS
- Morgan Harrison of Bremen, BS
- Emma Hicks of Cullman, BCHE
- Amanda Hyjek of Cullman, BS
- Brady Kent of Cullman, BS
- Katie Martin of Vinemont, BS
- Christopher Pilcher of Cullman, BSBA
- Kerri Roberts of Vinemont, MNR, GCRT
- Rachael Skinner of Hanceville, BSBA
- Kevin Twilley of Cullman, BS
- Madison Wilhite of Cullman, BS
- Nicolas Young of Cullman, MBC
- Andrew McGehee of Arley, BSWE

Auburn University is a nationally ranked land grant institution recognized for its commitment to world-class scholarship, interdisciplinary research with an elite, top-tier Carnegie R1 classification, life-changing outreach with Carnegie's Community Engagement designation and an undergraduate education experience second to none. Auburn is home to more than 30,000 students, and its faculty and research partners collaborate to develop and deliver meaningful scholarship, science and technology-based advancements that meet pressing regional, national and global needs. Auburn's commitment to active student engagement, professional success and public/private partnership drives a growing reputation for outreach and extension that delivers broad economic, health and societal impact.

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Monday, Jan. 25, 2021 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

- Total confirmed cases in AL: 350,988 (+1,527 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 92,021 (+312 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 5,469 (+2 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 1,193
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 5,717 (+18 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,579 (+4 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 83 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 41
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 34,405
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 3,915
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 611
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,091,011
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 41,500
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 246,797
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 2,285
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 41,069
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 233,211

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Scholarship Opportunity

The Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District is now accepting applications for a $500 scholarship sponsored by the Alabama Conservation District Employees Association. Applicant must be a U. S. citizen, high school senior and living in the state of Alabama. Applications may be picked up at the District office located 501-B Fourth St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055. Deadline to receive completed applications in the District office is March 12, 2021. For more information, contact Kathy Holmes at 256-734-1431or kholmes@cullmanswcd.com.

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 pick-up. Small group classes for adults, children and youth at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message at 11 a.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 31 message- "Go in the Strength You Have" 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.

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

Wild & Scenic Film Festival (Virtual)

- Thursday, Jan. 28 from 6-8 p.m.
- Presented by Alabama Rivers Alliance, Energy Alabama, Flint River Conservation Association and Waterkeepers Alabama
- General admission tickets are $10. Register at qudio.com/event/AlabamaRivers.

Cullman High School Theatre Presents "Bright Star"

- (In-person) Thursday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m.
- (In-person) Friday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m.
- (In-person) Saturday, Jan. 30 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Limited seating. Masks required. Social distancing required.
- Purchase tickets ($12) at https://gofan.co/app/school/AL560.
- (Streaming only) Sunday, Feb. 1 and Monday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m.
- Purchase a steaming pass at https://cullmanhs.booktix.com/

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."

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 25

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 25, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Jan. 21
- domestic violence, criminal mischief; CR 1422
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, attempting to elude; Hwy. 69 S
- theft of lost property; Phelan Circle
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, illegal possession of prescription drugs; CR 1242
- theft of property; Henke Dr.
- domestic violence; CR 649
- theft of property; Hwy. 278 E
- burglary; CR 1527
- burglary; CR 1570
- criminal mischief; CR 544

Jan. 22
- theft of property; CR 1078
- domestic violence; CR 1338
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 431
- domestic violence; Hwy. 91
- theft of property; CR 656
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1141
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 954
- burglary; Wooley Road
- domestic violence; CR 1606
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1422

Jan. 23
- burglary, criminal mischief, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 204
- theft of property; CR 1223
- criminal mischief, harassment; CR 1107
- unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1545
- unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437

Jan. 24
- trespassing; Red Hill Road
- theft of property; Henke Dr.
- domestic violence; CR 108
- theft of property; CR 1545

ARRESTS

Jan. 21

Evans, Karlaton Shelton, 35
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Farmer, Christopher Lee, 33
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- FTA- driving while revoked
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Farmer, Justin Tyler, 21
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Harrison, Tyler Bruce, 28
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Heald, Nathan Andrew, 35
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Husted, Lacy Haley, 36
- FTA- driving while responded (2 counts)

James, Randy Eugene, 45
- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- attempting to elude

Jones, Mary Marie 30
- chemical endangerment of a child

Lopez III, Ernesto Yslas, 40
- FTA- driving while suspended

Peace, Charles Dustin, 38
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Savage, Joseph Anthony, 40
- aggravated child abuse

Jan. 22-24

Aaron, Benjamin Lee, 42
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- assault- third-degree domestic violence- harassing communications
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Beltran, Heather Faye Brooke, 33
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Camp, Blakeney Nicole, 26
- possession of burglar's tools
- burglary
- criminal mischief

Delisle, Bonnie Lee, 56
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (2 counts)

Foster, Brandi Nicole, 32
- child abuse (2 counts)

Foster, Steven Wayne, 37
- child abuse (2 counts)

Freeman, John Steven, 56
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Freeman Joshua Aaron, 39
- FTA- driving while suspended

Gibson, Almon Daniel, 31
- FTA- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance

Godsey, Michelle Renee, 39
- endangering the welfare of a child

Hill, Jonathan Christopher, 57
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hook, Kodi Jacob, 25
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- fraudulent use of a credit or debit card

Hopper, Cody Ryan, 30
- FTA- third-degree domestic abuse- assault
- third-degree domestic abuse- harassment

Husted, Lacy Haley, 36
- third-degree domestic violence- third-degree criminal mischief

Juarez, Sharon, 43
- FTA- third-degree forgery
- FTA- possession of a forged instrument
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (12 counts)

Killian, Amanda Leann, 36
- second-degree bail jumping- theft of lost property

Nail, Jonathan Tyler-Seong, 37
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Ochoa, Ruby Jane, 46
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (without theft)
- illegal possession or use of a credit or debit card

Phelps, Crystal Michelle, 35
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- operating a vehicle without insurance
- FTA- switched tag

Ponder, Trevor Lindley, 29
- FTA- 20 days to register vehicle
- FTA- assault-harassment
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- driving while suspended (4 counts)
- FTA- failure to signal
- FTA- improper lights
- FTA- no plainly visible tag
- FTA- improper tag light
- FTA- operating a vehicle without a license

Poole, Jesse Cross, 30
- FTA- driving while suspended

Sandlin Jr., Billy Ray, 61
- SORNA- failure to register with local law enforcement

Smith, Steven Delane, 55
- harboring a fugitive

Strange, Jeffrey Dustin, 36
- child abuse (2 counts)

Swafford, Angela Marie, 58
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

White, Charles Edward, 33
- possession of burglar's tools
- burglary
- criminal mischief
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Williams, Marty Devan, 24
- judge's order- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance

Woody, Tina Elaine, 42
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- child passenger restraints

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Jan. 18
- fourth-degree theft of property, harassment; person; Regalwood Circle NW; cash

Jan. 19
- second-degree criminal mischief, fourth-degree theft of property; person; Rosemont Ave. NW; damaged property, cash
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; clothing; $33
- fourth-degree theft of property, third-degree criminal trespassing; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $78

Jan. 20
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; microwave; $75

Jan. 21
- fourth-degree theft of property; person; 13th Ave. SW; bicycle; $180

Jan. 22
- third-degree criminal trespassing; City of Cullman; Dripping Springs Rd. NW
- fraudulent use of a credit or debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- fourth-degree theft of property; The Foundry; 2nd Ave. SW; miscellaneous $25

Jan. 23
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $134
- first-degree theft of property; person; Briarwood Dr. SE; cash
- third-degree domestic violence; person; Bower Dr. SE
- fourth-degree theft of property, third-degree criminal trespassing; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $96
- third-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $505
- harassment; person
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; person; Gold Mark Apts.
- third-degree criminal trespassing; Shell Food Mart; 4th St. SW
- third-degree criminal trespassing; Cullman Housing Authority; 5th St. SW

Jan. 24
- third-degree domestic violence; person; 2nd Ave. NW
- fourth-degree theft of property; The Foundry; 2nd Ave. SW; miscellaneous; $25

ARRESTS

Jan. 22

Graves, Kevin D., 34
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Smith Jr. Kenneth W., 44
- FTA- disorderly conduct
- FTA- attempting to elude
- FTA- resisting arrest
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence (2 counts)
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Quick, Chad J., 42
- DUI
- leaving the scene of an accident

Aaron, Benjamin L., 42
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
- FTA- no seat belt

Watson, Teresa E., 53
- fourth-degree theft of property

Jan. 23

Douglas, James W., 22
- obstructing governmental operations

Brannon, Thomas J., 34
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Hicks, Kristen J., 24
- third-degree domestic violence

Elms, Randy L., 25
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Morrison, Latosha S., 31
- fourth-degree theft of property
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Eller, Gary B., 50
- DUI

Jan. 24

Lopez III, Ernesto Y., 40
- attempting to elude

Flanigan, George L., 43
- third-degree domestic violence

Woody, Tina E., 42
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- driving without a license
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA- expired tag

Jones, Johnathan C., 36
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- improper lane usage

Pace, Kenneth D., 34
- fourth-degree theft of property

McDonald, Rachael L., 36
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree receiving stolen property

Mathis Jeremy B., 48
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- tampering with physical evidence
- criminal littering
- carrying brass knuckles

Stewart, Amanda E., 45
- providing false information to law enforcement
- public intoxication
- fugitive from justice

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Connect (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman County Schools' students who may not have access to internet at home now have a little extra help with connectivity during distance learning thanks to more 40 buses equipped with Wi-Fi hot spots. On Wednesdays, when all students attend school virtually, 44 hot spot-equipped buses are available from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette said there was money in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) specifically allocated for bus hot spots in rural school systems.

"We applied and were able to install hot spots on 44 of our buses and park them across the county in every community," he said. "Our students now have the ability to connect, if they are close enough to one of the buses, and download assignments, upload assignments and do their classwork. They can also connect when riding the bus."

Barnette said the bus hot spots were initially used the first week after the Christmas holiday break when county students attended school virtually prior to returning to a hybrid schedule.

He said school officials have access to activity reports on each hot spot, and so far, Barnette said, he is pleased that all the spots have shown activity during the Wednesday school hours.

Besides being an asset during hybrid schedule weeks, Barnette said the hot spots could be essential in the event of schools transitioning to full-time virtual instruction like last spring.

To access the Wi-Fi on Wednesdays:

Wi-Fi Name: CCBOE-Bus
Password: Cullman1

See the Interactive Map of Bus Locations at http://bit.ly/2LRRSDl.
According to the interactive map, bus locations are:

Cold Springs
- J. Calvert's Farm- 30 County Road. 260 Cullman, AL 35057
- Kat Daddy Restaurant - 25244 County Road 222 Bremen, AL 35033
- Arkadelphia Fire Department #1- 4990 County Road 35 Bremen, AL 35033
- Arkadelphia Fire Department #2- Intersection County Road 27 Bremen, AL 35033
- Crazy Roosters Restaurant- 110 County Road 222 Cullman, AL 35057

Fairview
- Fairview Town Hall- 7525 AL Highway 69
- Shaddix Country Mall- 8482 County Road 1545
- Joppa Fire Department (back parking lot)- 15437 AL Highway 69 Joppa, AL 35087
- Swindall Venue- AL Highway 69 North
- East Point Community Center- AL Highway 69
- Berlin/Fairview Fire Department #3- 4470 AL Highway 69

Good Hope
- Smith Lake Park- 403 County Road 386
- Jack's Restaurant Dodge City (back parking lot)- 325 AL Highway 69 South
- Good Hope City Park- 135 Municipal Drive
- Thompson Gas Parking Lot (Golf Course Road)- 3530 County Road 490
- Trimble Fire Department- 7744 County Road 813

Hanceville
- Garden City Park- 501 1st Ave South Garden City, AL 35070
- Center Hill Community Center- 12666 County Road 747
- Abandoned Sea World Restaurant- 401 Shady Lane Drive SW
- VFW (behind Cullman-Jefferson Gas)- 1794 County Road 715
- Abandoned Henderson Store (across from Dollar General)- 32655 AL Highway 91
- Colony Community Center- 12980 AL Highway 91
- Colony Educational Center- 151 Bypass Road

Holly Pond
- Berlin Community Center- 3309 US Highway 278
- Brooklyn Community Center- 954 Brooklyn Rd
- Walter Community Center- 107 County Road 663

Harmony
- Abandoned Seller's Furniture Store- 60 County Road 1147
- Harmony School- 4910 County Road 940 Logan, AL 35098

Vinemont
- Abandoned House of Jordans Store south of West Point Fire Dept. #2- 2860 County Road 1242
- Super Saver (parking lot across the road- 1791 County Road 1354
- Souls Harbor Day Care- 21325 US Highway 31
- Kelly Community Center- Eva Rd

West Point
- Logan School 4665 County Road 831
- Blair Church- 5118 County Road 1082
- Temple Baptist Church- 7755 Highway 157
- Mach 3 Machine Shop- 6640 County Road 1101
- Abandoned Water Valley Truck Stop- 12747 Highway 278 West
- Bethel Community Center- 12 County Road 1117
- Crane Hill Community Center- 15095 County Road 222

Child Development Center
- Fairview Car Wash (across from Jack's Foodland)- 5564 County Road 55 Eva, AL 35621
- West Side Road Department- 2883 Highway 69 Cullman, AL 35058
- Empty Lot- 21131 County Road 222 Crane Hill, AL 35053
- Bethlehem West Church- 101 County Road 1215 Vinemont, AL 35176

Bus Shop
- Bus shop- 1845 3rd Avenue SE Cullman, AL

CULLMAN COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Holly Pond JV Boys down Hanceville 48-30

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WEST POINT, Ala. – This year's Cullman County Basketball Tournament officially tipped off Saturday at West Point High School with the opening round of the JV Boys and Girls tournaments. Holly Pond's JV Boys squared off against Hanceville's JV squad in Saturday's first game and after a competitive, physical four quarters, the Broncos finished in front of the Bulldogs 48-30.

Kollin Brown dropped in a running floater for Holly Pond's first bucket of the day and later in the opening quarter Brown drained a three-pointer to make stretch the lead to 6-1.

Drew Campbell and Konner Helms each netted a free throw to cut the lead to 6-3 with two minutes to play in the first but Diego Garcia laid one in with 30 seconds on the clock to give the Broncos an 8-3 lead going into the second.

Campbell and Brayden Cason exchanged baskets to make it a 10-5 game early in the second quarter and Edgar Avilia and Carter Thomas each buried three-pointers to make it 13-9.

Blake Richard turned a steal into an easy two points for Holly Pond to extend the lead to six with five minutes remaining in the half and Thomas added another trey late in the second to put the Broncos on top 19-9.

Hunter Farr laid one in to make it 21-9 with just under a minute to play in the period and Brown added another free throw to make it a 22-9 game at the halftime break.

Farr stayed hot and scored Holly Pond's first four points of the third to give the Broncos a 26-11 advantage and he netted four straight shots from the free throw line to make it 31-13 with three minutes to play in the period.

Helms and Kelton Whatley each scored to trim the lead to 31-17 but the Broncos continued to do damage at the free throw line. Hanceville trailed by 19 late in the third but Helms and Jake Cornelius each knocked down three-pointers for the Bulldogs to cut the lead to 36-23 going into the fourth quarter.

Levi Farr scored inside to stretch the lead to 39-23 early in the fourth but Helms converted an and-one play on the other end to trim the lead to 13.

Thomas came up with a steal and laid it in for Holly Pond to make it a 41-27 game with four minutes to play and the Bulldogs weren't able to close the gap. The Broncos pulled away to take their first-round matchup over Hanceville 48-30.

Brown led Holly Pond with 12 points in the win, followed by Farr and Thomas with eight, Garcia with six and Cason with five. Helms led the Bulldogs with 12 points in the loss. Avilia and Campbell added five and Cornelius finished with four.

The Broncos will advance to play top-seeded Fairview Tuesday night at 6:30 at Holly Pond High School.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Holly Pond's Kollin Brown led the Broncos with 12 points in their 48-30 win over Hanceville Saturday

CULLMAN COUNTY TOURNAMENT

JV Lady Broncos rally to defeat West Point 25-21

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WEST POINT, Ala. – Holly Pond and West Point tipped off JV Girls tournament action Saturday afternoon and after a slow first half on the offensive end, the Lady Broncos came from behind to topple the Lady Warriors 25-21.

West Point's Lela Fisher scored the game's first basket to give the Lady Warriors an early lead, but Emma Earl answered with a three-pointer on the other end to put the Lady Broncos up 3-2. However, Holly Pond was unable to score again in the first quarter and West Point was able to pull ahead with a basket from Carsyn Blankenship and a pair of three-pointers from Hallie Wheeler to take a 10-3 lead into the second.

Both teams struggled to find offense in the second quarter. Fisher knocked down a pair of free throws to add to the lead early in the second but a basket by Samantha Giles on the other end trimmed the lead to 12-5 later in the period. Lauryn Hoffman kept the momentum going for the Lady Broncos, netting a pair of free throws and drilling a three to cut the lead down to 12-10 going into halftime break.

Things stayed tight in the third quarter. Wheeler and Hoffman exchanged three-pointers to make it a 15-14 game with five minutes to play in the third. Hoffman added a free throw to tie the game at 15 with three minutes remaining in the period and Ellie Burks and Ella Minck traded buckets in the final moments of the third quarter to tie the game at 17 going into the final frame.

Giles drilled a free throw to give Holly Pond a 1-point lead but Minck responded with a pair from the line on the other end to put West Point back on top 19-18 with less than five minutes to play. After Maycie Black and Blankenship exchanged buckets to make it a 21-19 game with West Point in front, but the Lady Warriors were kept off the scoreboard the rest of the way, allowing the Lady Broncos to pull away from the free throw line. Hoffman, Giles and Earl all scored from the line in the final two minutes and secured a 25-21 victory for Holly Pond.

Hoffman led the Lady Broncos with 12 points in the come from behind win. Giles added five and Earl posted four. Wheeler led West Point with nine points in the loss, followed by Minck, Blankenship and Fisher with four.

The Lady Broncos will play top-seeded Good Hope Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Holly Pond High School.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Holly Pond's Lauryn Hoffman led the Lady Broncos with 12 points in their 25-21 win over West Point Saturday.

CULLMAN COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Raiders, Warriors JV Boys advance to semifinals

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WEST POINT, Ala. – Day one of the 2021 Cullman County Basketball Tournament concluded with a pair of JV boys matchups at West Point High School Saturday night. In the first game, the third-seeded West Point Warriors, dominated no. 6 Vinemont 43-13 and the no. 2 seed, Good Hope, pulled away in the second half to defeat the no. 7 Cold Springs 53-32.

West Point 43 - Vinemont 13 (JV Boys)

West Point got on the scoreboard first on a basket down low by Ashton Rodgers almost a minute into the game. Rodgers, along with Kolten Perry, Christopher Owens, and Kanen Trussell, helped the Warriors get off to a 10-0 lead before Vinemont finally got on the scoreboard with 2:11 left in the opening period on a basket by Toby Hill. Perry added another basket down low to give West Point a 12-2 lead after one.

The second quarter was more of the same as Vinemont couldn't get anything going against a suffocating Warrior defense. West Point had five different players score in the second quarter, including baskets from Aiden Dujoud, John Cochran, and Patrick Adcock, as they pushed the lead to 23-2, but the Eagles cut into the deficit to end the quarter as four straight points by Hill made it 23-6 at the half.

Kanaan Sutter and Hill each traded baskets to start out the second half to make it 25-8, but the Warriors went on a 16-1 run to blow the game wide open as Perry added six points, Trussell had four, and Dujoud, Rodgers, and Sutter each added a basket as well and West Point built its lead up to 30 at 41-11. The hot clock was in effect for the final period and the Warriors wound up taking the game, 43-13, as they moved on to the semi-final round.

Perry finished the game with 15 points and 12 rebounds for West Point. Rodgers added eight points, three rebounds and four steals. Trussell ended up with five points and three steals and Sutter finished with four points, six rebounds and six steals. For Vinemont, Hill ended up with nine points, while Brody Speer and Tristan Poole each added two points.

Good Hope 53 - Cold Springs 32 (JV Boys)

John Mark Smith got the scoring started for Cold Springs with a basket down low, but Good Hope scored the next 12 points, including seven from Tyler Cone; Tucker Malin added a three and Konner Stevens added a basket as well to give the Raiders a 12-2 lead. The Eagles battled back behind Cole Shelton as he scored five points and Cold Springs made it a 16-8 game after one.

Stevens, Malin and Weston Hancock each scored a basket for the Raiders to start out the second period as they stretched the lead to 22-8, but John Mark Smith drilled back-to-back threes to make it a six-point game with 5:01 remaining in the first half.

Seth Ingram added a basket down low as Cold Springs made it 22-18 with less than four minutes to go in the half, but Malin hit a pair of layups to make it a 26-16 game at the half.

A rebound and put-back by Cody Smith, followed by a trey from John Mark Smith, cut the Eagle deficit to 28-21 with 4:20 remaining in the third period, but Good Hope would counter with another huge run of their own as Cone's three-point play helped start a 12-0 run as he and Malin each scored five points during the run and Stevens added a pair of free throws as well to help push the Raider lead to 40-21. A Cody Smith basket made it a 40-23 game after three.

Another John Mark Smith trey, followed by a Dillan Burgess basket, cut the Good Hope lead to 40-28, but the duo of Stevens and Cone helped put any dreams of a Cold Springs comeback to rest as they each scored five points during a 10-0 run to help increase the lead to 50-28 and the Raiders moved on to the semi-final round with a 53-32 win over the Eagles.

Cone led the way for Good Hope with 19 points and six steals. Stevens added 14 points, seven rebounds and three steals. Malin also ended up with 14 points; he added a pair of steals and a block as well. Hancock finished with six points, 10 rebounds and three steals. For Cold Springs, John Mark Smith finished with 14 points, four rebounds and a pair of steals. Shelton added five points and Cody Smith ended up with four points, seven rebounds and a steal.

(2) Good Hope and (3) West Point will face off in the semi-final round at Holly Pond on Tuesday night at 7:45 p.m.



STACIE MALIN

Good Hope's Tyler Cone (1) posted 19 points in the Raiders' 53-32 win over Cold Springs Saturday night.

CULLMAN COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Lady Raiders race past Holly Pond 71-36

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Cullman County Tournament action resumed at its traditional home inside Wallace State's Tom Drake Coliseum Monday with three varsity girls' matchups on tap. The first of the night featured a showdown between the fourth-seeded Good Hope Lady Raiders and the fifth-seeded Lady Broncos of Holly Pond. After a tightly contested first quarter, Good Hope used a huge second quarter to create separation from the Lady Broncos and eventually pulled away to take the game 71-36.

Tate Duke drilled a three-pointer from the left corner to give the Lady Broncos an early, 3-0 lead and Kennedy Twilley added a pair of shots from the free throw line to make it a 5-0 game. Bailey Tetro laid one in on the other end to trim the lead to 5-2 and Ivey Maddox netted a free throw to make it 5-3 early in the first. Heather Tetro drove to the basket and laid one in to tie the game at 5 but Sarah Finley drained a three to put Holly Pond back in front by three points midway through the first quarter. Bailey Tetro responded with a basket inside to make it an 8-7 game and Charly Johnson put one up to give the Lady Raiders a 1-point lead. Maddi Ham answered with a three-pointer on the other end to put the Lady Broncos on top 11-9, but Bailey Tetro knocked down a three of her own to reclaim a 12-11 lead for Good Hope with two minutes to play in the opening period. A free throw from Kyndall Seal stretched the lead to two and Bailey Tetro banked one in to make it a 15-11 with less than a minute remaining in the first and the Lady Raiders went in the second quarter with a 4-point advantage.

Finley hit a mid-range jumper early in the second to cut the lead to 16-13 but another Charly Johnson basket stretched the lead back out to 19-13 with six minutes to play in the half. Rudi Derrick got an acrobatic shot under the basket to fall through the net to add to the Good Hope lead. Raleigh Olinger knocked down a pair of free throws to make it a 21-15 game, but Derrick laid another one in to build the lead back to eight. The run continued as Bailey Tetro turned a steal into an easy two points to add to the lead and Johnson laid another one in to give the Lady Raiders a 27-15 advantage with a little over four minutes remaining in the second.

Maddox drove to the basket and scored to make it a 29-15 game and Good Hope forced another steal to give Derrick an easy basket. Kaylee Stallings scored inside to stop the run and trim the lead to 31-17 but the Lady Raiders continued to apply the pressure defensively. Maddox scored in the paint to extend the lead to 16 with three minutes to play in the opening half and Bailey Tetro netted a pair of free throws to make it 35-17. Derrick stayed hot, scoring nine of Good Hope's next 10 points to take a commanding, 45-17 lead with less than a minute to play in the second. Seal laid one in under the basket with just 10 seconds to play in the period and the Lady Raiders went into the locker room leading the way 47-17. Good Hope outscored Holly Pond 32-6 in the second quarter.

Derrick scored down low to start the third quarter and keep the Lady Raiders' momentum going and a pair of free throws from Bailey Tetro made it a 51-17 game early in the third. Derrick scored another basket inside to add to the lead and Seal scored off another Holly Pond turnover to make it 55-17. Maddox added a pair from the charity stripe to extend the lead to 40 midway through the third and Derrick continued to do damage, scoring in transition give Good Hope a 59-17 advantage. Maddox drilled a three-pointer from the left wing to make it 62-17 and keep the run going for the Lady Raiders. Kamryn Tankersley broke a 15-0 start to the third quarter with a pair of free throws for the Lady Broncos and Finley drilled another three to trim the lead to 62-22. Maddi Ham stole a Good Hope pass and Kaylee Stallings took advantage with a three-pointer on the other end. Ham knocked down a trey of her own to make it a 62-28 game late in the third and she added a pair of free throws in the final seconds of the period to cut the lead to 62-30 going into the final frame.

Renee McLeod and Derrick each split a pair of free throws to make it 64-30 early in the fourth and Maddox laid one in to extend the lead to 66-30. Seal drilled a three-pointer from the right wing with two minutes to play and with the clock running, the Lady Raiders pulled away to take their opening round matchup over Holly Pond 71-36

Derrick led Good Hope with 22 points in the win. Bailey Tetro finished with 17, Maddox added 13, Seal posted eight and Johnson scored six. Ham and Finley each finished with eight points in the loss and Stallings and Duke each posted five.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope's Bailey Tetro (53) posted 17 points in the Lady Raiders' 71-36 win over Holly Pond Monday night.

The Lady Raiders will advance to take on the top-seeded Fairview Lady Aggies at Tom Drake Coliseum Thursday night at 6 p.m.

CULLMAN COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Cold Springs pulls away from Vinemont 60-35

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The second game of Monday night's slate featured a duel between the Lady Eagles. Vinemont entered the game as the sixth seed looking to topple third-seeded Cold Springs. After a tight opening quarter, the Lady Eagles of Cold Springs were able to build a 30-13 lead at the half, withstood a big Vinemont run in the third quarter, and pulled away to win it 60-35.

Madysen Hacker scored back to back buckets down low to give Vinemont an early, 4-0 lead in this one but Toni West responded with back to back three-pointers on the other end to give Cold Springs a 6-4 advantage. Berkley Gable answered with a three of her own to retake a 7-6 lead for Vinemont. West buried her third trey of the opening quarter to put Cold Springs back in front 9-7 midway through the first. After Hacker split a pair of free throws to make it a 1-point game, Gable drilled another three to put Vinemont in front 11-9. West then buried her fourth three-pointer of the opening quarter to give Cold Springs a 12-11 advantage with just over two minutes remaining in the period and Lacey Rice added three more of her own to stretch the lead to four. Shay Sellers laid one in to make it a 17-11 game with just over a minute to play in the first and Rice drilled another three from the right corner to extend the lead to 20-11. Neither team was able to score again the rest of the way and Cold Springs went into the second quarter holding a nine-point lead over Vinemont.

Maggie Burks and AK Voce traded baskets early in the second to make it a 22-13 game but both teams struggled on the offensive end for most of the period. After nearly four scoreless minutes, Kyla Aaron netted a pair of shots from the free throw line to give Cold Springs a 24-13 lead with just over two minutes remaining in the half. West knocked down a deep three-pointer from the right wing to make it a 27-13 game with less than a minute to play in the second quarter and she followed it up with her sixth trey of the game to make it 30-13 in the final seconds of the half. Cold Springs went into the locker room leading Vinemont 30-13.

Burks and Rice exchanged three-pointers to make it a 33-16 game at the start of the third and Brooke Crider and McKenna Kline each nailed shots from long range for both teams as well. Hacker netted a pair of free throws to cut the lead to 36-21 with five minutes to play in the third but Madison Bruer responded with an and-one play on the other end to make it a 39-21 game. Burks buried a three from the top of the key to cut into the Cold Springs lead and Hacker converted a three-point play at the line to make it 39-28 with three minutes remaining in the period. Hacker laid another in to trim the lead to 39-30 and a Gable basket in the final seconds of the quarter made it a 39-33 game going in the fourth.

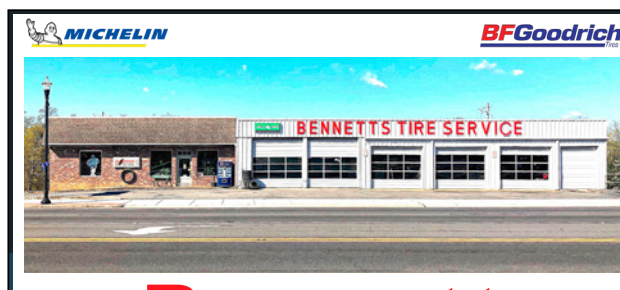
Crider knocked down another three to give Cold Springs a 42-33 lead at the start of the final period and West later added three made free throws to make it a 45-33 game with less than five minutes to play. West followed those with her seventh three-pointer of the night to extend the lead to 15 but a Hacker basket for Vinemont on the other end stopped the run and made it a 48-35 game midway through the fourth. Rice drilled a three from the right corner to build the lead back to 16 late in the game and Vinemont continued to battle but missed free throws combined with the three-point shooting of Cold Springs was too much to overcome. Cold Springs pulled way to win its opening round contest over Vinemont 60-35. Cold Springs outscored Vinemont 21-2 in the final frame.

West led Cold Springs with 24 points in the win, followed by Rice with 12 and Crider with seven. The Lady Eagles knocked down 14 three-pointers in the victory. Hacker led Vinemont with 16 points in the loss. Burks and Gable each added eight.

Cold Springs will advance to face no. 2 West Point at Tom Drake Coliseum Thursday night at 7:15.

Sports editor's note: *Check www.CullmanTribune.com for the final score and game story from Monday night's final matchup: West Point v. Hanceville.*

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OPINION

How to listen to a sermon, part 3

Tom Fillinger
Tribune Columnist

The focus of Always Reforming is the health and effectiveness of the local church. As you read these articles compare what you read with the church that you attend. Is your church healthy and thriving, or is it declining and ineffective? It matters, and there is a tipping point beyond which there is a point of no return. Don't go there!

The focus in our series today on How To Listen to a Sermon is Purpose. In this article we address Purpose. Every sermon/message must have a clear and well-defined purpose.

Two of the cardinal elements in public speaking are (1) know your audience and (2) know your subject. A pastor who has prepared well must be able to state with precision the purpose of the message he is about to deliver.

We have all listened to speakers who fail to honor this principle. We scratch our heads and silently ask the question, "What is he trying to tell me?" This must NEVER be the case in the delivery of the word of God. It is the ultimate tragedy when people are subjected to 30 or 40 minutes of what is classified as preaching of the word of God, but they depart having no idea how they are to apply and live out the message they heard.

A credible statement of purpose in preaching equips God's people to apply what they are hearing- truth to embody, live out with passion and clarity.

Here are three options on this matter of Purpose in a sermon.

There is simply no purpose stated or in evidence. This leaves the listener wondering – "Where is this going and what am I supposed to glean from this message?"

There is a purpose stated, but that is the last you hear of it. I call these "water bug sermons."

The speaker declares what he is going to tell you, but he is like a water bug; he is all over the pond and those listening couldn't follow him with a GPS or a heat-seeking missile.

Then there is that speaker who honors the principle of purpose. He states what his purpose for that sermon is and he accomplishes that purpose in delivering the message. The listeners know what they were supposed to glean from God's word. They depart knowing they have heard from the true and living God.

The purpose of preaching is at least two-fold; 1) to worship the True and Living God in Spirit and in Truth and 2) transformation. Worshippers should gather with expectation and depart with a changed heart – what we term Applied Theology.

They know what God's word says and they depart to live in obedience to the message they just heard on a daily basis.

So, do you hear messages where you gather delivered with clear purpose, no purpose at all, or do you hear water bug sermons? You must grasp the purpose of a message if you are going to apply it and live the truths that are declared.

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

OPINION

Letter to the Editor: America's truckers are an important line of defense against human trafficking

Mark Colson
Contributor

On any given day, there are tens of thousands of people being trafficked into and within the U.S. A large percentage of the victims are minors, often young females, who are brutally forced to perform commercial acts of sex or labor against their will.

January is National Human Trafficking Awareness Month. At its core, this month is about raising awareness for a crime that far too often goes undetected.

The trucking industry has stepped up. Professional truck drivers are the eyes and ears of America's roadways, serving a vital role in ending modern-day slavery. Over the past decade, the trucking industry has placed itself on the frontlines of this important fight and has made meaningful contributions in the comprehensive effort to identify the victims and perpetrators of this heinous act.

The Alabama Trucking Association is a partner with Truckers Against Trafficking, a nonprofit organization that trains professional truck drivers on best practices in recognizing and reporting the red flags of human trafficking.

Through our work and support for TAT, our industry has served as an effective and powerful ally and an asset to law enforcement who seek to identify and prosecute these crimes.

To date, at least 708 likely human trafficking cases have been generated by truck drivers who witnessed suspicious activity and reported it. Truck drivers have identified 1,296 human trafficking victims and made nearly 2,700 calls to the national hotline after noticing questionable activity while out in the field.

Because of the oppressive nature of human trafficking, perpetrators often commit their crimes during broad daylight, out in the open and undetected by the general public.

It is necessary that our communities recognize the subtle signs of the crime and know how to report it. America is fortunate that truck drivers, the professionals who spend the most time on the road, are so committed to this cause, helping law enforcement catch these criminals, and saving the lives of innocent people.

While January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month, the American public must remain vigilant and committed year-round to battling the human trafficking crisis that plagues our communities and destroys lives. Despite the trucking industry making outstanding strides this last decade, there is a limit to how far individual drivers can carry this progress on their own. We need all Americans to join the fight.

Warning signs that all people should be aware of include an individual not knowing their whereabouts or control of their identifications; restricted and controlled communications or not being allowed to speak for himself or herself; CB radio chatter about "commercial company" or flashing lights that signal a buyer location; signs of branding or tattooing of a trafficker's name (often found on the victim's neck); a van or RV that seems out of place or a vehicle dropping someone off and picking them up after 15 or 20 minutes.

All individuals who believe they have witnessed or are aware of human trafficking should call the National Human Trafficking hotline at 888-373-7888.

We urge you to join the trucking industry in the fight against human trafficking. The victim you save could be somebody's daughter or son, niece or nephew, or a next-door neighbor.

Mark Colson

Mark Colson is president and CEO of the Alabama Trucking Association, which supports and promotes Alabama's trucking industry through advocacy, training, and the successful implementation of programs including the ATA Comp Fund, Safety & Maintenance Management Council, TRUK PAC, and the ATA Foundation. He can reach be reached at mcolson@alabamatrucking.org.

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Wastewater fees
The wastewater fee ordinance set forth the following fees for connections, reconnections and other services:

a) Cleanout Cap Repair $30

b) Repair Manhole Ring and Lid $500 plus cost of repair materials

c) Unauthorized Sewer Use $500 plus cost of repair materials

d) Damaged Service $500 plus cost of repair materials

e) 2" Pressure Tap $720 plus cost of repair materials

f) 4" Sewer Tap $720 plus cost of repair materials

g) 4" Pressure Tap $720 plus cost of repair materials

h) 6" Sewer Tap $3,250 plus cost of repair materials

i) 6" Pressure Tap $3,250 plus cost of repair materials

j) 8" Sewer Tap $5,520 plus cost of repair materials

k) 8" Pressure Tap $5,520 plus cost of repair materials

l) 4" Relocate Sewer Service $1,440 plus cost of repair materials

m) 6" Relocate Sewer Service $6,500 plus cost of repair materials

n) 8" Relocate Sewer Service $11,040 plus cost of repair materials

o) Account Transfer Fee within System $25

p) Service Fee for 3/4" water meter $100

q) Service Fee for 1" water meter $200
r) Service Fee for any water meter above 1" $300

The proposed ordinance also set fees for connection to the city's water system, based on water line diameter and equal to the connection fees in the proposed water fee ordinance.

Annexations approved
The council also approved several property annexations:

- 1789 County Road 1339 into the city limits as R-1 Residential
- property on Bolte Road into the city limits as PUD PR-1 Residential
- property on County Road 700 into the city limits as PUD PR-1 Residential
- 535 County Road 1317 into the city limits as R-1 Residential

First quarter financial report
The council presented a financial report for October through December 2020, the first quarter of fiscal year 2021, noting an increase in expenses but an even greater increase in revenues. Much of the increase in expenses was tied to the purchase of the City's new automated garbage trucks. The largest dollar increase in revenues came from sales tax, while the largest percentile increase came from municipal fines which more than doubled. Internet sales tax revenues increased by more than 50% while revenues from liquor tax, business licenses and tobacco taxes all saw increases of more than 20%. Revenues from building permits and gas tax both fell; all other revenues increased.

- Total revenues - $10,465,921, 16.22% increase over FY 2020
- Total expenses - $10,579,054, 11.96% increase over FY 2020

Revenues
- Sales Tax - 5,414,341
- Sanitation Fees - $1,421,034
- Property Tax - $1,406,062
- Liquor Tax - $169,842
- Beer/Wine Tax - $151,960
- Rental Tax - $136,645
- Internet Sales Tax - $116,420
- Business Licenses - $95,800
- Fines - $69,116
- Building Permits - $59,386
- Gas Tax - $58,325
- Tobacco Tax - $35,775
- Cable Revenue - $8,403

Council President Jenny Folsom also noted that the county's unemployment rate for December was 2.1%, the lowest in the state and well below Alabama's rate of 3.9%.

The Cullman City Council meets next on Monday, Feb. 8, 2021 at 7 p.m. in the Cullman City Hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend, subject to occupancy restrictions.

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

CASE NO.: CV 2021 - 900021

ROGELIO SOTELO,

Plaintiff,

v.

Begin at a point where the East line of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 9 South, Range 2 West intersects the North margin of a county road in Cullman County, Alabama, then run North along the East line of said Quarter-Quarter Section for 420.0 feet; thence run West and parallel to said road for 105.0 feet; thence run South and parallel to said Quarter-Quarter Section line for 420.0 feet to the North margin of said road; thence run East along the North margin of said road for 105.0 feet to the point of beginning, containing one acre, more or less.
Parcel ID: 10-07-36-0-001-014.000; PIN: 21465; Account Number: 217556,

AND

Those Fictitious Parties A-Z, whose identities are currently unknown and who will be added to this Complaint by amendment when ascertained, including any persons claiming any present interest therein and including any persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the above-described property,

AND

THE ESTATE OF JOYCE MARIE GREGORY,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: The Estate of Joyce Marie Gregory, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown.

You are hereby notified that on the 19th day of January, 2021, a Complaint to quiet title in rem to the above-described real property was filed in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Rogelio Sotelo against the Estate of Joyce Marie Gregory, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown, whose names and whereabouts cannot be ascertained after exercise of due diligence and who are believed may claim some right, title, interest, or claim in and to the above-described real property. All persons having an interest in said lands or any portion thereof, claiming any title thereto or encumbrance or lien thereon, are hereby directed to plead, answer, demur, or otherwise respond to the complaint on or before the 22nd day of March, 2021, else at the expiration of thirty (30) days thereafter suffer a judgment by default to be rendered against them, it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

Hon. Lisa McSwain
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Cullman County, Alabama

Plaintiff's Attorney:
Shay Persall
ST. JOHN & ST. JOHN, LLC
108 3rd Street SE
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-3542

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of publication to the Circuit Clerk.

Hon. Lisa McSwain
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Cullman County, Alabama

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
WARNER M. MERCER,) CASE NO PC2018-197
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION
AND
AMENDED PETITION OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION

TO: EDWARD WEBB, TOM WEBB, RENEE RYDER MORTON, RHETT RYDER, THOMAS RYDER, PHILLIP ALLEN MORRIS AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTEREST PARTIES

Please take notice that a hearing on the Petition of Personal Representative for Final Settlement and Distribution and Amended Petition of Personal Representative for Final Settlement and Distribution filed by Pamela E. Nail, Attorney for John Cruce, Personal Representative of the Estate of Warner M. Mercer, is set for hearing on the **25th day of February, 2021, at 9:30 A.M.**. Before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Done this the 8th day of January, 2021.

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

Pamela e. Nail
Attorney for Personal Representative
200 Second Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC2021-025

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CATHERINE NEVILLE GOODLETT, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Deborah Kay Goodlett Harbison on the 22nd 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.

Deborah Kay Goodlett Harbison
Personal Representative

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

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
(256) 734-4721

Obituary Announcements: Jan. 26

Thomas Julius Pope, 70, of Cullman
Funeral services for Thomas Julius Pope, 70, of Cullman were at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 25, 2021 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Heritage Cemetery; Pastor Scott Sessions officiated. Visitation was Monday one hour prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Pope passed away Friday, Jan. 22, 2021 at Cullman Regional. He was born Dec. 18, 1950 to Thomas Uriah and Mary Ruth Pope. He was a member of First Church of the Nazarene. Tommy loved to fish and loved watching Alabama football games. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Doug Swann and Ronnie Pope. Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Cathy Pope; daughter Dana (Robert) Lange; grandchildren Blaise King, Slate King, and Brantley Lange; and his extended family of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Roberta Jean Moore, 73, of Cullman
Funeral services for Roberta Jean Moore, 73, of Cullman will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Springhill Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday at the funeral home from 1-3 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Moore passed away Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021 at Cullman Regional. She was born June 10, 1947 to Robert John and Carol Johanna Day Wall. She loved to fish. She was a loving, caring Mom and Nanna Bobbie. She was preceded in death by her parents Robert and Roslyn Wall and Carol and Carl Mader; sister Karen Nowicki; brother Michael Mader; and sisters-in-law Margie Wall and Annie Wall. Survivors include her daughters Paula (Steve) Harbison, Michelle (Ric) Martin, and Kristi (Scott) Banister; brothers Michael Wall, Thomas (Mary) Wall, and William (Lauren) Wall; sisters Christine (Karl) Thomsen, Kimberly (Robert) Wilson, and Denise (Robert) Cabral; grandchildren Tyler Newman, Katrina (Kyle) Pressley, T.J. Wildmon, Kaitlyn (Seth) Greenwood, SaraBeth Harbison, Nic Martin, and Brodie Banister; five great-grandchildren Ally Grace Wildmon, Sylas Greenwood, Easton Presley, Kash Presley, and Navy Greenwood; father of her children, Thomas Sellers; and family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Jimmie Wayne Burrow
Jimmie Wayne Burrow passed away Friday, Jan. 22, 2021 at his residence. He was born Feb. 7, 1946 in Cullman, AL to GC and Opaline Burrow. He is preceded in death by his wife Janet Burrow. Survivors include his daughter Margie (Dewayne) Key; son Greg (Beth) Burrow; grandchildren Nicolle (Doran) Smith, Trent Key, Cody Burrow, Jacob (Brianna) Burrow, Robert (Michele) Kimbril, and JoBeth McBrayer; great-grand-children Violet Smith, Iris Smith, Oliver Smith, Kaleb Kimbril, Bryson Kimbril, and Asher Burrow; and sister Linda Koncick. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Raymond "Rusty" L. Banks, 70, of the Smith Lake community
Raymond "Rusty" L. Banks, 70, of the Smith Lake community, Alabama entered into rest Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021 at Grandview Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Banks was born April 28, 1950 on a rural dairy farm in Macon, Mississippi. Rusty developed an interest in aviation at a young age. After high school, he enrolled in classes in Hamilton, Alabama where he became an aircraft mechanic. While attending these classes, he learned about and fell in love with the Lewis Smith Lake area. After mechanic school, he took out a loan to buy his first piece of property on Smith Lake and a small camper. It was here under a streetlight where he built his first equipment trailer in 1971. Though built for his personal use, he was asked to sell it. He built another only to sell it, too. Thus his trailer manufacturing adventure began. After succeeding in the manufacturing industry, he began to invest in property on Smith Lake, and never stopped investing in Smith Lake and its community. In addition to aircraft, Rusty loved heavy equipment. He enjoyed attending auctions and was most at peace while operating his equipment. Rusty developed several subdivisions and RV parks. He has built successful marinas and restaurants, numerous houses, and a plethora of lasting business relationships and friendships. His love for aviation never faded. He owned and operated several aircraft over the years. Rusty had a vast wealth of knowledge and knew exactly how to apply it. He had a captivating personality, incredible sense of humor, infectious laugh, and love for sharing his life experiences. He was a generous man who wanted no recognition for his actions; he simply wanted to see the community and people he cared for so much thrive. Visitation will be held Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021 from noon-3 p.m. at Meek Baptist Church in Arley, where services will be held at 3 p.m. Rusty is survived by his sons Shannon Banks and Grant Banks; life partner Nicke Behm; brother Michael Ray (Terri) Banks; sisters Sandra Paulette (Gene) Moore and Wanda Faye (Mike) Dawson; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Paul and Christine Banks and sister Margie Lorene Krohe. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.nicholsfuneralhomes.com.

Opal Eulean Burks, 87, of Cullman
Opal Eulean Burks, 87, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Jan. 22, 2021 at The Folsom Center for Rehabilitation & Healthcare. She was born Oct. 30, 1933 to Henry and Maude Peak Harris. Mrs. Burks is preceded in death by her parents and brother Gerald Harris. She is survived by her daughters Connie Cook and Sheila McCarty; son Danny Burks; sister Pat McCristie; sister-in-law Thelma Harris; and a host of grandchildren, family, and friends. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Burks family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Melba Ruth Calvert, 78, of Bremen
Graveside services for Melba Ruth Calvert of Bremen will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27 at Ryan's Creek Cemetery in Brushy Pond. Reverend Shine Hopkins will be officiating. A private family viewing will be held at Hanceville Funeral Home. Melba was born in Cullman County to Charlie Roman and Jessie (Kilgore) Creel Sept. 6, 1942. She died at the age of 78 at Cullman Regional Medical Center Jan. 23, 2021. Mrs. Calvert is survived by her husband Reverend Dillon Calvert; children Brian (Bridgett) Calvert and Sally Barkley; grandchildren Hanna (Patrick) Lovett, Brooke (Cody) Ray, Brittney Calvert, Morgan Barkley, Brett Henderson, Zach Barkley, Jessie Nola Henderson, and Courtney Barkley; five great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. In addition to her parents, Melba was preceded in death by her son Barry Alan Calvert, two brothers, and one sister.

Connie Janease Collier Price
Connie Janease Collier Price, was born May 17,1956 in Cullman County to Henry and Lillie Grace Johnson Collier. Connie passed away Jan. 22, 2021 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. Mrs. Price is survived by husband David Henry Price, Jr.; children Steven (Callie) Smith, Jeremy Smith, Tiffany Smith, and Pamela Wright; grandchildren Allie and Jester Wright and Madison (Wesley), Maci, Mabri, Mary Grace, and Weston Smith. Mrs. Price is also survived by sister Sharon (Mike) Isom, as well as nieces and nephews. Mrs. Price was preceded in death by her parents and brother Carl Collier. Connie loved to sew, draw, and craft. She enjoyed working and meeting people through Walmart and Jack's. Above all Connie loved her family and enjoyed nothing more than spending time with them. Anyone who spent time with her quickly knew of her love for others and her strong faith. She will be greatly missed. Visitation will be held at Moss Service Funeral Home Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The Celebration of Life Funeral Service will begin at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Flint Creek Cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home directing. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, masks will be required, and social distancing appreciated. Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

Peggy Sue Howard, 84, of Cullman
Peggy Sue Howard, 84, a longtime resident of Cullman, AL passed away Jan. 16, 2021. She lived her life being a family matriarch and was a ray of sunshine to anyone around her. Loving her family and grandchildren to no end, there was never a more dedicated and loving wife, mother and grandmother. Along with her strong Christian faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, she loved cooking, socializing, reading, sewing and of course solving a good crossword puzzle. She had the opportunity to travel many places around the world as her husband of 58 years was a retired sargeant in the Army. She was a lifelong member of Northside Baptist Church. She will be sorely missed by all that knew her. She is preceded in death by her parents William Jackson and Sarah (Meeks) Young; husband Elmer Guy Howard; brother Herman Young; son Timothy Lee Young; and daughter-in-law Deborah Howard. Survivors are sons Christopher Howard, Gary Howard, and James William (Lisa) Howard; daughter Julie (Terry) Sellers; and grandchildren Tim (Delina) Howard, Meaghen (Chad) Woodis, Dallon Sellers, Shawn Sellers, Shawnee (Nicholas) Simmons and Wiley Howard. There was a private service for family Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021 directed by Moss Service Funeral Home.

Randall Keith Higgins, Sr., 63, of Adamsville
Randall Keith Higgins, Sr., 63 of Adamsville peacefully passed away Jan. 24, 2021 surrounded by loved ones. Keith was born June 24, 1957 to Stanley O. and Litha Higgins. He was a force of nature, determined to provide for his family and give them the life he felt they deserved. His family meant more to him than anything else in the world, something he often mentioned. He was unendingly proud of his three grandsons Garrett Higgins, Carson Nalley, and Parker Griffin and always tried his best to support them. Keith was preceded in death by his parents; brother Stevon Higgins; and sisters Janice Hurley, Donna Crane, and Celia Kelley. Also, his mother and father-in-law Mary and Raymond Vines. He is survived by his wife Nancy Vines Higgins; children Randall Keith (Cindy) Higgins, Jr. and Amanda (Cody) Griffin; and grandchildren Garrett Higgins, Carson Nalley, and Parker Griffin. Also surviving are brothers Wayne (Susan) Higgins, Lynn Higgins, and Gary (Dawn) Higgins. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021 at Chapel Hill Baptist Church in Adamsville with burial following in Union Grove Cemetery. His family will receive friends at the church beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Shelley Ruth Skinner, 44, of Vinemont
A Celebration of Life Service for Shelley Ruth Skinner, 44, of Vinemont will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021 at Longview Church of God. Mrs. Skinner passed away Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021 at her residence. She was born Aug. 12, 1976 to Steven Guy and Terri "Pam" Hart. She was preceded in death by her father Steven Guy Hart and infant daughter Faith Creel. Survivors include her husband Tony Skinner; children Carley Creel, Cooper Creel, Clay Creel, Lennon Grace Skinner, Jordin (Julia) Skinner, Tristin Skinner, Brittni Waldrop, and Jared Wright; mother Terri "Pam" Hart; grandchildren Rhett Skinner, Jayden Wright, Eli Wright, and Willow Wright; sister Emily (Derek) Murphy; nieces and nephews Ella Murphy, Evan Murphy, and Emmett Murphy; and a host of family and friends.

Theresa Ann Steele, 62, of Decatur
Funeral services for Theresa Ann Steele, 62, of Decatur will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rodney Thompson officiating; interment in Beech Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Steele passed away Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021 at her residence. She was born Oct. 10, 1958 in Cullman, Alabama to Truman and Barbara Steele. She was preceded in death by her father Truman Steele; daughter Shana Garrison; and grandchild Chastin Weissend. Survivors include her daughter Amanda Christopher; son Daniel Weissend; daughter Barbie Blake; mother Barbara Steele; brother Kenneth Steele; sister Anita Robinson; sister Cindy Wood; brother Donald Steele; brother Ronald Steele; grandchildren Jaliegha Ayers, Mason Rice, Adrian Rice, Brylan Aaron, Kyla Aaron, Courtney Weissend, and Max Weissend; and great-grandchild Paisley Ayers.

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Good Hope (from Front)

tween the property and the pharmacy.

At its last meeting, the council approved the City's purchase of The Cotton Gin restaurant property, including the 5.98 acres, building and restaurant equipment. The property, owned by Elliott Morgan, was offered to the City for $500,000, the appraised value.

Mayor Jerry Bartlett said of the recent streak of potential economic development opportunities in the city of Good Hope, "We are excited! There's a lot of possibilities down here in Good Hope!"

Although the prospective buyer of the parcel has not yet been announced, Bartlett and City Planner Corey Harbison teased that it would be the largest investment in the City of Good Hope since the new Pilot Truck Stop.

Harbison did disclose that the development is "medical-related" and said, "This is one of the biggest investments ever in the community and I'm excited!

"I think it's going to be a big thing for the people of Good Hope and all of Cullman County."

The council said the sale price of the parcel, $255,000, is higher than the County's appraised value of $178,200. It excludes the portion of the parcel the City will retain for the planned city street.

The sale has not yet been finalized.

In other business, the council passed Resolution 003-2021 to submit the annual Municipal Waste Pollution Prevention (MWPP) report to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM).

The council also passed Resolution 004-2021 to hire Community Consultants for grant application assistance for the Good Hope Municipal Park walking trails project. A second resolution (005-2021) was approved to have CDG Engineering perform the engineering work for the grant process.

The Ultimate Fair was given the green light to return in the spring. It is scheduled for April 20-25.

Baseball, softball and T-ball sign-ups are ongoing. Those interested in registering can contact city hall at 256-739-3757. Registration ends Feb. 12.



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