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CULLMAN COUNTY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Good Hope knocks off West Point 44-37



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Good Hope's Tanner Malin attacks the basket during the Raiders' 44-37 win over West Point Friday night. Good Hope will advance to play Cold Springs for the varsity boys' championship Saturday at 7 p.m. at Tom Drake Coliseum.

Cold Springs survives OT battle with Hanceville 60-54



BILL PIPER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cold Springs' Tanner Kilgo (24) posted 13 points in the Eagles' 60-54 OT win against Hanceville Friday night. The Eagles will play Good Hope in the varsity boys' county championship game Saturday at 7 p.m. at Tom Drake Coliseum.

– ARTS –

Cullman art students place in State Superintendent's Art Show

ELIZABETH MILLER

Wilson Carter's "Fauvist Elephant"

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman High School and Cullman City Primary School art and photography teacher Elizabeth Miller announced Thursday that two of her art students placed at this year's State Superintendent's Art Show. Wilson Carter, a kindergartener, won first place in the Kindergarten-2nd grade category, while Whitley Lawson, a ninth grader, took third place in the 9th-10th grade category.

The State Superintendent's Art Show is held each year, but as with most things, it was done a bit differently this year due to COVID-19. Submissions were sent digitally, with 43 school systems submitting 584 entries. Of the 43, Miller said 30 school systems had at least one winning student.

"This year what they are doing, they are putting together all of the winners into a presentation that is going to be online," she said.

"That's going to be uploaded soon and they are going to show off that presentation and recognize the students during their board meeting."

A date for the presentation has not been set, and there are hopes of a possible banquet in the future to celebrate the students' talents.

Carter's artwork is titled "Fauvist Elephant."

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ELIZABETH MILLER

Whitley Lawson's "Untitled"

BUSINESS

Tribune parent company acquires Cullman Today



MICHELLE HAMBY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman Tribune Publishers Noah Galilee, left, and Dustin Isom, right, pose for a photo with Tiffany Abbott Collins, former owner of Cullman Today. » PAGE 8

BUSINESS

HomTex receives FDA authorization for single-use surgical masks

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SPORTS

Planned turf replacement complete at CHS football stadium

Replaced as part of 10-year maintenance plan



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The turf at Cullman High School's Oliver Woodard Stadium has been replaced. The field will reopen for use Monday. » PAGE 2

HEALTH

ADPH expands COVID-19 vaccination eligibility to include persons 65+, teachers, others Feb. 8

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 29

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 29, 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. 23

- leaving the scene of an accident; person; Hwy. 157; damage to '18 Ford Expedition; $500

Jan. 27

- third-degree domestic violence- harassment, third-degree criminal trespassing; person; Harmony Lane SW
- fourth-degree theft of property, third-degree criminal trespassing; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $25
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment; person; Hwy. 157

ARRESTS

Jan. 28

Hodge, Deanna K., 22

- fourth-degree theft of property

Smith, Joshua K., 45

- incest
- first-degree sexual abuse
- rape

Wisener, Amanda M., 43

- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Show (from Front)

Miller, "He's in kindergarten and he won for K-2nd grade and placed first.

"So, he beat out all the other first and second graders. That's fantastic. He is very artistically inclined and has wonderful abilities."

When Carter was asked which art lesson was his favorite, he chose the elephant. It features vivid watercolors.

Of Lawson's piece, done in charcoal pencil, Miller smiled, "It was a portrait. A VERY beautiful portrait. It's so good that when I posted a picture of it on Facebook, Facebook itself kept asking if I wanted to tag that person in the photo."

Miller also wanted to recognize Lainy Rodriquez, who won third place in the Kindergarten-2nd grade category in last year's art show.

"Last year we didn't get to talk about it because right after it happened, COVID happened, and everything went kind of crazy," she said.

Rodriquez won as a first grader. Her piece was a collage entitled "Rainbow Cubist Trumpet."

She was invited and traveled to Montgomery to be recognized by State Superintendent Dr. Eric Mackey.

Miller said the artwork is judged on original design, technical skill, expression and composition.

The young artists will receive certificates, ribbons and prizes and be recognized by the school board later this spring.

Turf (from Front)

Cullman City Schools
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – The planned turf replacement at the Cullman High School football stadium has been completed, which should have the facility ready for another decade of competition and community events.

The turf replacement has been planned and budgeted over the past several years, with money set aside annually to handle the project. Cullman High School Athletic Director Mark Stephens explained the turf has a 10-year lifespan, and the district actually pushed that to 11 years before moving ahead with the planned replacement.

The turf has to be replaced around every 10 years because over time, the rubber used will become compacted and the surface becomes too hard, which can create safety issues if not addressed and replaced.

Stephens said the school system has reaped the benefits of the turf field the past 10 years, with heavily reduced maintenance and upkeep requirements when compared to a grass field. The replacement also keeps Cullman High on the same facilities level as many other districts in the state, as turf has become more and more prevalent in recent years.

The football facility is also multi-use and has better drainage than a grass field, and it can be used by football and soccer teams thanks to that versatility. It was also used this past season for the annual "Black and Gold" rivalry game between the two Cullman youth football teams. The stadium is also frequently used for community band competition events.

"It remains a top-notch competition surface with extremely low maintenance," Stephens said. "It's a lot less workload for maintaining for the coaches and staff."

In addition to school and local events, the football stadium also plays host to statewide competitions that bring tourism traffic to the community.

"CHS has a great athletic stadium, and keeping it in top condition not only benefits the school but it benefits our entire community," Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs said. "For instance, the AHSAA Class 1A-3A track meet is held on the track at Oliver Woodard Stadium each year. That's a big event that brings many people from all over the state into Cullman."

Final walkthroughs and inspections are taking place this week, with the field set to formally reopen for use Monday.



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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, Jan. 29, 2021 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub

Case details

- Total confirmed cases in AL: 359,355 (+1,884 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 96,227 (+964 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 6,094 (+166 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 1,472
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 5,816 (+17 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,688 (+21 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 93 (+1 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 54
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 34,804
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 3,622
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: unavailable
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,127,308
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: unavailable
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 237,520
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,978
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 41,483
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 242,143

Vaccine details

- Total doses delivered to Alabama: 772,275
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 690,375
- Doses administered: 323,875
- Doses delivered to federal Long-Term Care Program: 81,900
- Doses administered by the federal Long-Term Care Program: 37,501
- Currently eligible for vaccine: 326,000 health care providers, nursing home residents, law enforcement officers, firefighters and 350,000 persons age 75+
- Average first doses of vaccine shipped to Alabama per week: 50,000-60,000

See more details at https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK.



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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 pickup. 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.

Cullman High School Theatre Presents "Bright Star"

- (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

Gingham Girl's Valentine Pop-Up Shop at Leldon's

- Saturday, Jan. 30 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Leldon's in the Warehouse District
- Gingham Girl boutique offers fun clothing and jewelry, handmade pillows and unique Valentine gifts.
- While browsing the pop-up shop, you are sure to find gifts from other vendors featured at Leldon's. Handmade soaps and bath bombs, cocktail mixes and one-of-a kind home decor items fill the store. The shop is excited to offer free gift wrapping to make your Valentine's Day shopping easy for you this year!
- www.facebook.com/events/242217944093400/

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

St. Bernard Athletic Boosters Carry-Out Swamp John's Dinner

- Saturday, Feb. 6 from 4-7 p.m. Plates will cost $12 each and will include a choice of shrimp, chicken, fish or a combination of two. Dessert will be included.
- For tickets, contact the school at 256-739-6682. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

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."

Funny Things from Yesterday: The twins visited us yesterday

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We had a very pleasant surprise yesterday. Leanna brought the twins by for a visit. We had not seen them since Christmas. This pandemic has interfered with our family gatherings.

For many years, Rudene and I would have Sunday dinner at our home for the entire family.

But this pandemic has made a lot of changes. Now we are homebound except for Fridays. Friday is beauty parlor day and buying groceries day.

Last week, Rudene and I drove to Decatur just to get out of the house and see some new scenery. Coming home we came down the old original Highway 31. It brought back memories. When I was 18 years old, I had driven a trailer truck up that highway carrying loads of poultry to Indiana and Illinois. Trucks were smaller then.

Now back to our two little great grandsons. These fellows are almost 22 months old. I was out in the garage when they came in. When I came into the house, I was very pleasantly surprised to see them. They were sitting in a full-sized dining chair at the table eating apple sauce. I could not believe they had matured that much.

After they had eaten their applesauce it was time for jellybeans. When Rudene and I stayed with the boys at their home, we would feed them at lunch. If we gave them a bite of something they didn't like, it would go in their mouths and immediately it would come back out. One of the boys had eaten two or three jellybeans, then he got one he didn't like. Immediately it came back out. The jellybean and a mouthful of saliva hit on the coffee table. Immediately his mother rushed to the kitchen for a paper towel. She cleaned it up and no harm done.

Next came the little book that has the guide for using the bathroom. It has the button that makes the sound of flushing a commode. They enjoyed playing with that for a while.

Boys will be boys. We love those little rascals and had a wonderful visit with them.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Go Wash Your Hands, Please

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Boys! We boys may be grown men, even senior adults, but if you ask the ladies in our lives, some may say that we are still just boys. It has been said that men are just big boys with expensive toys. When I was a boy, the closest thing we had to a toy store in my hometown was Cecil Shirey's Five-and-Ten. I loved going there, even just to look. As a grownup boy, my toy stores don't sell toy trucks and cap-guns, they sell musical instruments, sporting goods, or tools.

Boys, of all ages, often act like...well, boys. This often involves getting dirt on ourselves, or at least on our hands.

There is an old saying which says, "He doesn't mind getting his hands dirty." This usually implies that someone isn't afraid of doing manual labor. The other side of that coin says, "Oh, he's afraid he'll get his hands dirty." This usually is not intended as a compliment.

As a kid, I really had no problem with having close encounters, of the worst kind, with dirt. That was partly because I grew up with a pond directly in front of my house, Ivy Creek just past one end, and a large lake on our neighbor's property. The water was not the problem, but if you add the surrounding dirt and boy to the setting, then you can have a problem.

On top of all that, my dad sold coal at his business. I could get dirty before the rooster crowed, or before the water from my morning bath had time to completely dry! I still enjoy getting a little dirt on my hands.

I can still hear Mama calling, "Come on in and wash your hands. Supper is almost ready." Occasionally, she sent me back for a second hand washing, saying, "You didn't wash those hands, and you aren't sitting at the table with nasty hands. Go back and try again, and this time use water...and soap!" Mama is now long gone, but occasionally, Jean says about the same thing to our grandson Drew... and sometimes even me!

In all sincerity, and with all due respect, thank God for mamas and grandmothers, when we were little boys, and wives, when we are big boys, who help us to look clean and presentable.

Mama used to always check behind my ears before school and church too. If I didn't pass inspection, she asked, "Are you trying to grow a crop back there?" I hated what came next. She snatched up the wash cloth and almost scrubbed my ears right off the side of my head. A dog bite one of mine off, but Dr. Gibson stitched it back together.

Then, I thought Mama might scrub it and the other one off! Old men would not have those huge ears, if they had had my Mama. I'm convinced my ears are small today, because Mama scrubbed several years of growth off of them!

For as long as I can remember, someone has been telling me to wash my hands. Mama has been long gone, but I feel like she is everywhere. That's because it seems everyone from Dr. Fauci, to Governor Ivey, to the CDC, to whomever, is telling us to wash our hands. The truth is we all get our hands dirty...more so than we realize.

This past year we have become more aware of this fact. I've probably used more liquid hand sanitizer this past year than in all my others years combined. Contrary to belief, the Bible doesn't actually say, "Cleanliness is next to godliness," but John Wesley did. It all leaves me with only one thing left to say, "Go wash your hands, please!"

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1902, 1932

From the files of 1902

Since the new bell, recently presented to the M.E. Church South, has been properly hung, its volume and tone are all that could be desired. Mrs. Susie Bounds, although not a member of the Methodist Church, was largely instrumental in raising the money for the bell.

Married at Hopewell Church Sunday were Miss Dessie Mitchell and Mack Bland. They left on No. 3 for Birmingham and other points.

J.W. Arnett has sold his farm at Joppa and will leave in a few days for Louisiana.

Reverend J.E. Creel preached at Welti Sunday.

Reverend J.L. Roberson entertained a group at Malaby on October 23 with his magic lantern show. Mr. Roberson donated liberally to the school from the proceeds.

J.A. Powell will teach school at Midway this winter.

Joshua Lee of the Magic City visited in Cullman Thursday.

Mrs. F.M. Hamilton is ill.

Joseph Carter left Thursday for a visit to his old home near Villa Rica, Georgia.

J. Raus of Chicago, who owns a farm in section 13, has just shipped to Dave Smith a stump puller of his own manufacture.

Will Schneider is now chief marshall.

George Bird of Clifty lost $5 while in town last week.

Charley Richard, who attends college in Blountsville, is visiting his parents.

The first killing frost of the season occurred in Cullman this week.

Fasinators, beautiful, either wool or silk. Any price from 15 cents to $2.50. C.A. Stiefelmeyer. Adv.

From the files of 1932

The Kiwanis Club, which observed its eleventh birthday in April, honored the charter members at the meeting this week.

Miss Annie Lola Price is recovering from the flu.

Fire damaged the interior and furniture of the A.A. Giles residence on Saturday morning.

Delegates to the P.T.A. Convention in Birmingham this week were Mesdames

R.P. Johnston, Virgil Collins, George Stiefelmeyer, Adam Turner, Herman Buettner and Henry Meyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Henslee and family left Wednesday for Arizona where they will reside.

Claude Thigpen of Hanceville is a patient at City Hospital.

Mrs. C.C. Scheuing spent last week in Cincinnati.

The Bearcats bowed to Decatur, 8-0 in a hard fought battle on Friday afternoon.

Senior I Class officers at Cullman High are Rugh Ehrensperger, President; George Stiefelmeyer, Vice-President; Esther Meyer, Secretary; Kermit Weaver, Treasurer; Agnes Keller, Cheer Leader and Grace Wunderlich, Reporter.

The B.P.W. enjoyed a Halloween party at the home of Mrs. Bess Morris this week.

Cullman students now at A.P.I., Auburn are John Blette, Hoyet A. Ponder, Fred J. Buchmann, Carl A. Peindhardt, Euel Richardson, V.O. Callahan and Herbert Harris.

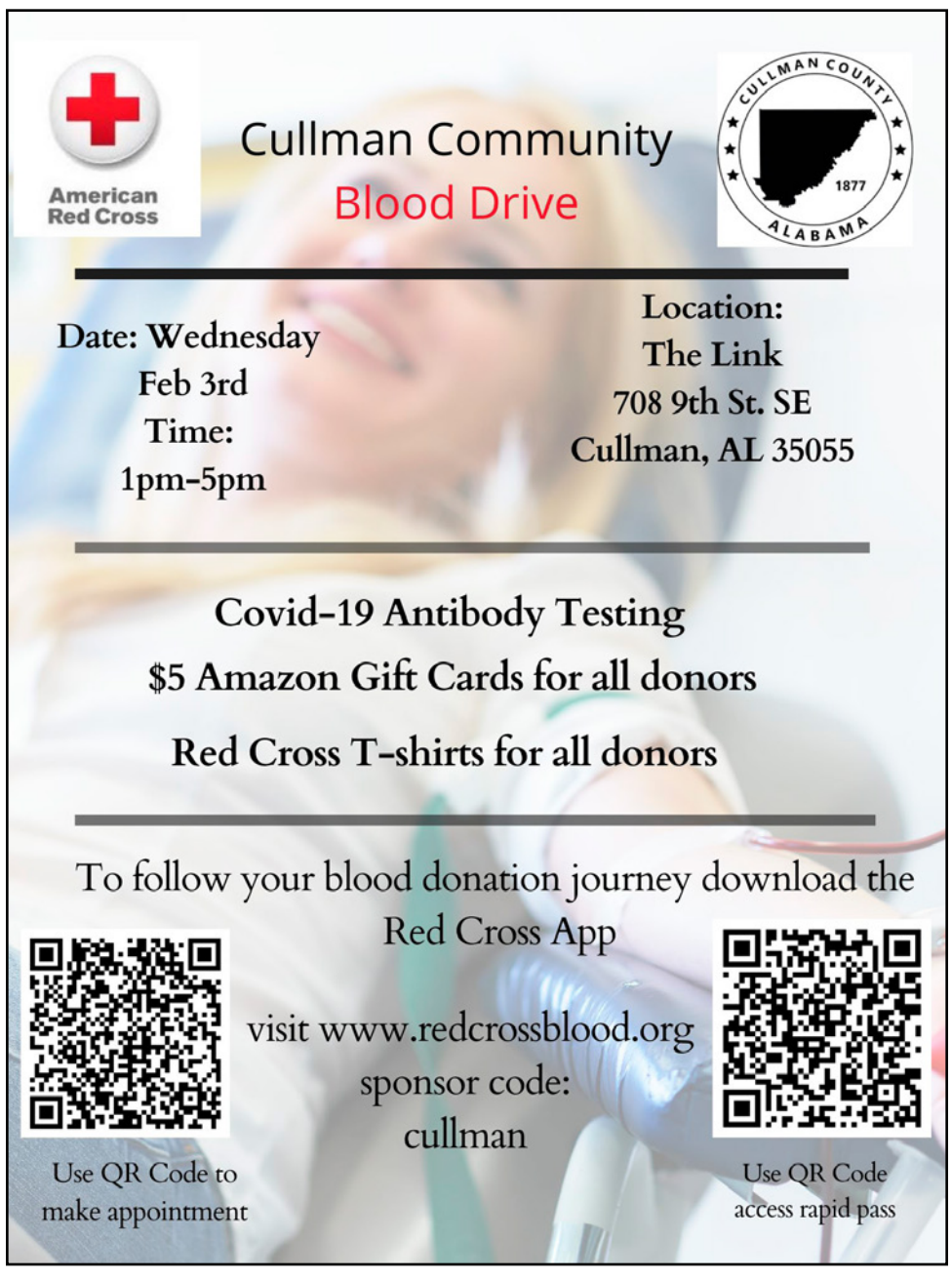
D.C. Hassell, 65, died at the Holly Pond gin suddenly of a heart attack recently.

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POET'S CORNER

Later life: A Double Sonnet of Sonnets No. 5

By: Christina Rossetti 1830-1894

Lord, Thou Thyself art Love and only Thou;
Yet I who am not love would fain love Thee;
But Thou alone being Love canst furnish me
With that same love my heart is craving now.
Allow my plea! for if Thou disallow,
No second fountain can I find but Thee;
No second hope or help is left to me,
No second anything, but only Thou.
O Love accept, according my request;
O Love exhaust, fulfilling my desire:
Uphold me with the strength that cannot tire,
Nerve me to labor till Thou bid me rest,
Kindle my fire from Thine unkindled fire,
And charm the willing heart from out my breast.

Masks (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman-based bedding manufacturer turned mask producer HomTex on Jan. 25 received authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to distribute its Sovereign America line of surgical masks under the agency's Aug. 5, 2020 Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) policy enacted to respond to equipment shortages resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a company memo, HomTex President/CFO Jeremy Wootten wrote, "This is a major development for us. We now have FDA approval for the Surgical 3 ply masks and are able to sell our Alabama made product to healthcare institutions, State agencies, Federal agencies, etc."

The FDA said of masks approved under its EUA policy:

The FDA has made surgical masks available under an emergency access mechanism called an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). The EUA is supported by a Secretary of Health and Human Service's (HHS's) declaration that circumstances exist to justify the emergency use of medical devices, including alternative devices used as medical devices, due to shortages during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This product has been authorized by FDA under an EUA for use by HCP (health care personnel) as PPE (personal protective equipment) in healthcare settings to provide a physical barrier to fluids and particulate materials to prevent HCP exposure to respiratory droplets and large particles during surgical mask shortages resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

An authorized surgical mask made available under an EUA has not undergone the same type of review as an FDA-approved or cleared device.

This product has not been FDA-cleared or approved. However, in the absence of an FDA-approved or cleared alternative and based on the totality of scientific evidence, it is reasonable to believe the authorized surgical mask may be effective for the authorized use.

This product is authorized only for the duration of the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of the emergency use of medical devices, including alternative products used as medical devices, during the COVID-19 outbreak, unless the authorization is terminated or revoked sooner. An FDA approved or cleared device should be used instead of the authorized surgical mask under EUA, when available.

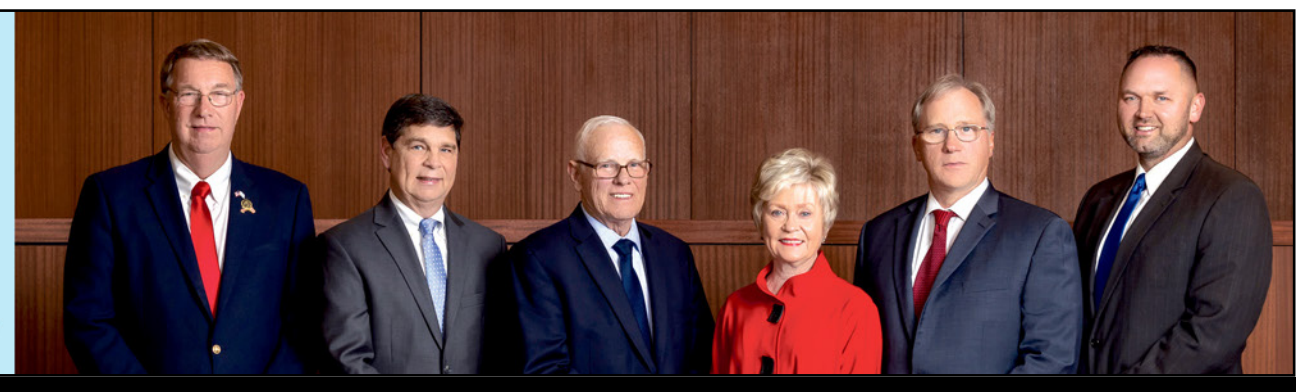
According to the EUA, authorized surgical masks must meet certain criteria including:

- Fluid resistance
- Basic flame resistance
- Particle filtration
- Breathability
- Use of materials that are non-toxic, non-irritating and hypoallergenic

Wootten also announced that HomTex's 3-ply masks have just passed a second round of FDA testing, and that the company is preparing to submit samples of its N95 masks, produced at its Selma plant, for approval as well.

Wootten concluded his memo, "Thank you so much to you all for your support and efforts on our behalf. We are excited about this breakthrough and what it means for our operations in Cullman and soon in Selma!"

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A Round of Applause for 365 American Joy-Givers for 2021: The Illustrative Americans Birthday Party

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Turkey sandwich with brussels sprouts slaw



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"Freedom from Want" is a work of art, cherished by Americans as being one of the most joy-giving. The painting was created in 1943 by our country's most popular artist/illustrator, Norman Rockwell. You may recall the heart-warming image more readily by its popular name, "Norman Rockwell's Thanksgiving."

The painting is one of a series of four works Rockwell created which were inspired by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's 1941 "Four Freedoms" State of the Union address.

In this masterful speech, the World War II era American leader identified what he considered to be the essential rights of all humans which should be universally protected: Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Worship, Freedom from Fear and Freedom from Want.

Even though we are celebrating American joy-givers born in late-Jan. and early-Feb. (Mr. Rockwell was born Feb. 3) our "fantasy birthday party" is inspired by "Norman Rockwell's Thanksgiving" illustration and we are calling this joyous event "The Illustrative Americans Birthday Party."

You sense the joy the minute you enter the room. HOORAY FOR THE JOY-GIVERS! (Note: The comments attributed to these famous joy-givers come from words they have written or said.)

The destination party venue is in Colony, Alabama, a community founded by freed African-American slaves after the Civil War.

Colony, still predominantly Black, in the forested countryside about 40 minutes north of Birmingham, joyfully celebrates American freedoms 365 days a year.

The birthday party décor is created from 20-feet high, computer digitized versions of Rockwell's "Four Freedoms" series which were originally 46" x 34" paintings. At the center of this immersion into warm, joy-giving Americana is the masterpiece "Freedom from Want"- "Norman Rockwell's Thanksgiving."

Please give A ROUND OF APPLAUSE for these American joy-givers: Jan. 30—Brett Butler, stand-up comedienne, television comedy star; Jan. 31—Carol Channing, Tony-winning Broadway singer/dancer/comedienne best known for "HELLO DOLLY" which she performed more than 5,000 times; Feb. 1—Jason Isbell, alt country, Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter from north Alabama known for heartfelt lyrics with wrenchingly beautiful street cred; Feb. 2—Ina Garten, host of "The Barefoot Contessa" Food Network television show and cookbook author; Feb. 3—Norman Rockwell, the beloved, prolific artist who created more than 4,000 works including the popular "Four Freedoms" series mentioned above and one of the most-enduring salutes to women in wartime, "Rosie the Riveter," (Note: one of Rockwell's works known as "Saying Grace" sold for $46 million in 2013); Feb. 4—Charles Lindbergh, an obscure, U.S. Air Mail pilot who at age 25 was the first to fly solo from North America to Europe in "The Spirit of St. Louis" single engine airplane (Lindbergh also invented a heart pump that was first used in surgery to save his dying sister-in-law); also Feb. 4—Rosa Parks, whom the U.S. Congress called "The First Lady of American Civil Rights," the activist/freedom fighter whom the NAACP chose to resist segregation in public bus seating as a symbol for equality in court challenges; and Feb. 5—Red Buttons, born Aaron Chwatt, the Broadway and nightclub comic performer, named for his red hair and the shiny buttons on his bellhop uniform when he first started playing hotel cabaret gigs; he is on Comedy Central's "100 Greatest Stand-Ups of All Time."

COMMENTS OVERHEARD at "The Illustrative Americans Birthday Party:"

• "I'm so Southern, I'm related to myself...My mama would say, 'Y'all quit. Don't make me stop this car.' And I'd say, 'You're not in a car, Mama. You're in a hammock with a jelly glass of whiskey in your hand."—Brett Butler

• "I hate bigots so much it makes me one."—Brett Butler

• "I would like to be known as a person who is concerned about freedom and equality and justice and prosperity for all people."—Rosa Parks

• "Freedom, science, beauty, adventure: what more could you ask of life? A pilot was surrounded by beauty of earth and sky. He brushed treetops with the birds, leapt valleys and rivers, explored the cloud canyons he had gazed at as a child. Adventure lay in each puff of wind."—Charles Lindbergh

• "Orville Wright said to his brother, 'Wilbur, you were only in the air for 12 seconds. How could my luggage be in Cleveland?'"—Red Buttons

• "You know, laughter is much more important than applause. Applause is almost a duty. Laughter is a reward."—Carol Channing

• "Fun is the most important. If you do stuff for money, it never works out."—Ina Garten

• "I decided even if it wasn't an ideal world, it should be. So, I painted only the ideal aspects of it—pictures in which there are no drunken slatterns or self-centered mothers- only foxy grandpas who played baseball with kids and boys who fished from logs and got up circuses in the backyard."—Norman Rockwell

• "If a picture wasn't going well, I'd put a puppy in it...I keep the pornographic stuff in a bus station locker."—Norman Rockwell

• "I've never been someone who's very prone to boredom. Boredom seems like something you should grow out of in your teens. There's so much that needs to be done."—Jason Isbell

• "I believe we are here on planet Earth to live, grow up and do what we can to make this world a better place for all people to enjoy."—Rosa Parks

• "I'll never have enough time to paint all the pictures I'd like to do."—Norman Rockwell

• "The secret to so many artists living so long is that every painting is a new adventure. So, you see, they're always looking ahead to something new and exciting. The secret is not to look back."—Norman Rockwell

• "Sure, I've gotten old. I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees...I've fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half-blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, and take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded and subject to blackouts. I have bouts with dementia, poor circulation, hardly feel my hands or feet anymore, can't remember if I'm 85 or 92, but...thank God, I still have my Florida driver's license."—Red Buttons

• "Early on, I had to structure my ideas of success around things like, 'Can I go back and listen to the record months or even years after I made it and still get some enjoyment out of it?' or, 'Have I said what I wanted to say? Did it connect with people on a personal level, even if it's a small number of people?'"—Jason Isbell

• "You must never be fearful about what you're doing when it's right."—Rosa Parks

• "If one took no chances, one would not fly at all."—Charles Lindbergh

• "I am terribly shy, but no one believes me. Come to think of it, I wouldn't believe me, either."—Carol Channing

• "I want to be free so other people would also be free."—Rosa Parks

• "A female president of the United States—maybe they'd call it the 'Ova Office.'"—Brett Butler

• "Never raise your hand to your kids; it leaves your groin unprotected."—Red Buttons

• "I'm not trying to steer people in a direction. I'm just trying to move them."—Jason Isbell

• "One of the great gifts you can give people is to cook for them."—Ina Garten

PARTY MENU for "The Illustrative Americans Birthday Party":

• **Appetizer**—Brett Butler Georgia Peach Bruschetta; Cocktail/Mocktail—Red Buttons' Jolly Ranchers (apple vodka, Peach Schnapps and cranberry juice) or simply Red Buttons' Cranberry Juice if you prefer a no-alcohol drink like Isbell, who says "Rehab is an amicable divorce;" Entrée and Salad—Ina Garten's Turkey Sandwiches with Brussels Sprout Slaw as a salute to Charles Lindbergh (see recipe below); Dessert—Rosa Parks' Favorite Sweet Potato Pie and/or Hello Dolly Bars (www.allrecipes.com).

• **PARTY MUSIC:** Isbell with this sample lyric from his hit "Cover Me Up"— "Girl, leave your boots by the bed, we ain't leavin' this room 'til someone needs medical help or the magnolias bloom."

• **ONE TO GROW ON:** Her autobiography, "ROSA PARKS: MY STORY," is engaging and inspiring, a celebration of American freedoms; this book would make a lovely and memorable birthday or any day gift.

At the end of "The Illustrative Americans Birthday Party," Rockwell gets the final word in for these ever-contributing, American joy-givers, "I'm not going to be caught around here for any fool celebration. To hell with birthdays!"

TURKEY SANDWICHES WITH BRUSSELS SPROUT SLAW

The American joy-giving adventurer Lindbergh carried five sandwiches, water, maps and no radio or parachute on his amazing trip as the first solo airplane pilot to cross the Atlantic Ocean from North America to Europe. Food Network celebrity cook Garten created the turkey sandwich recipe below and has this to say about America's other, great national bird "If you think about a Thanksgiving dinner, it's really like making a large chicken. It's so important that you don't put the stuffing in the bird, where in order for the stuffing to get cooked you have to overcook the turkey. It's better to do it on the side."

Ingredients

- 12 oz. brussels sprouts, trimmed
- ¾ cup good mayonnaise, extra for spreading
- 2 tbsp. whole-grain mustard
- 1 tbsp. good Dijon mustard
- 1 tbsp. apple cider vinegar
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 6 individual or 2 large ciabatta breads, halved and toasted
- ¾ lb. sliced turkey breast

Directions

1. Set up a food processor with the slicing disk and process the brussels sprouts through the feed tube. Transfer to a large bowl.

2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, whole-grain mustard, Dijon mustard, vinegar, 1 tsp. salt, and ½ tsp. pepper. Add the mayonnaise mixture to the sprouts and toss well.

3. Place the ciabatta halves, cut sides up, on a cutting board. Spread a thin layer of mayonnaise over each half. Place a layer of turkey on the bottom halves, pile some of the slaw on top, and place a second layer of turkey on top of the slaw. Sprinkle generously with salt and pepper. Cover with the top halves of the breads, cut sides down. Serve the individual ciabattas cut in half or cut the large ciabattas in thirds and serve.





CULLMAN COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Lady Aggies down Good Hope 54-38

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The varsity girls' semifinals were on tap at Tom Drake Coliseum Thursday night and we tipped things off with a clash between the top-seeded Fairview Lady Aggies and the fourth-seeded Lady Raiders of Good Hope. Fairview applied the pressure on the defensive end all night and after holing the Lady Raiders to just 18 points in the first half, the Lady Aggies pulled away to take the semifinal battle 54-38.

A three-pointer from Emma Garcia gave the Lady Aggies a 3-0 lead to start the game and after Rudi Derrick scored an easy basket in transition, Garcia drilled another three to make it a 6-2 game with five minutes to play in the first. Maddie Yeager pulled down an offensive board and laid it in to give Fairview an 8-2 lead midway through the period but a three from Bailey Tetro on the other end made it an 8-5 game. Daisy Manasco converted an and-one play at the line to put the Lady Aggies back in front 11-5 but Derrick answered with a bucket on the other end to make it a 4-point game. Garcia knocked down her third trey of the period to extend the lead to 14-7 with two minutes remaining in the first and Manasco scored off a turnover to make it 16-7. Manasco and Derrick traded buckets to make it an 18-9 game and Molly McKelvy nailed a three-pointer give Fairview a 21-9 lead late in the opening quarter. Derrick hit a three for the Lady Raiders to cut into the lead in the final moments of the first and Good Hope went into the second quarter trailing 21-12.

Another McKelvy three from the left wing made it a 24-12 game with five minutes to play in the first half and Yeager drained another three-pointer for the Lady Aggies to stretch the lead to 27-12 midway through the second. Derrick laid one in to cut the lead to 13 but McKelvy netted another three from the top of the key to make it 30-14 with two minutes remaining in the period. Jacy Gorham knocked down a corner three to add to the Fairview lead late in the second and Morgan Lindsay dropped in a floater to make it a 35-16 game. Charly Johnson banked one in for the Lady Raiders just before the buzzer, but the Lady Aggies went into the locker room with a commanding, 35-18 lead at the half.

Derrick got things started in the second half with a three-pointer from Derrick that trimmed the lead to 35-21 and she laid one in later in the period to make it a 12-point game. Bailey Tetro scored four straight points for Good Hope to cut the lead to 36-27 midway through the third and a Heather Tetro basket brough the lead down to seven.

A pair of Jayla Gorham free throws gave Fairview a 38-29 advantage with less than two minutes to play in the third and she laid one in on the next Lady Aggies' possession to extend the lead to 40-29. Ivey Maddox scored inside to cut into the lead late in the period and the Lady Raiders went into the final frame trailing Fairview 40-31.

McKelvy knocked down another three to give the Lady Aggies a 43-32 lead at the start of the fourth and Yeager laid one in to make it a 13-point game. Derrick scored on the other end to make it 45-34 but Manasco found Garcia with a nice pass under the basket and she laid it in to put Fairview back up 47-34 with five minutes to play. A pair of McKelvy free throws added to the Lady Aggies' lead midway through the fourth and she scored inside the paint later in the quarter to make it a 51-38 game with three minutes on the clock. McKelvy continued to help Fairview pull away, drilling another three to build the lead to 54-38 and the Lady Raiders were unable to overcome the deficit. The Lady Aggies held on to win it over Good Hope 54-38, punching their ticket to the varsity girls' county championship game Saturday.

McKelvy led the way for Fairview with 19 points in the win, followed by Garcia with 12, Manasco with seven and Yeager with five. Derrick led the Lady Raiders with 18 points in the loss and Bailey Tetro added seven.

The Lady Aggies will play West Point in the varsity girls' finals Saturday at 5:20 p.m. at Tome Drake Coliseum.



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Fairview's Molly McKelvy (32) led the Lady Aggies with 19 points in their 54-38 win over Good Hope Thursday night.

CULLMAN COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Lady Warriors outpace Cold Springs 64-53

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Cold Springs and West Point squared off in Thursday's night cap from Tom Drake Coliseum with one more spot in the county championship game up for grabs. After a tight first quarter, the Lady Warriors created some separation in the second and third periods and survived a late push for the Lady Eagles to win it 64-53 and earn the final spot in Saturday's varsity girls' championship game.

Summer Mendoza scored the first points of the game with back to back shots from three-point range that gave West Point a 6-0 lead. Kylie Quinn scored inside to add to the early lead but a three-pointer from Toni West made it a 4-point game midway through the first. Lexi Shadix drove to the basket and laid it in to give the Lady Warriors a 10-4 lead but a transition basket from Shay Sellers made it 10-6 with just over three minutes remaining in the opening period. AK Voce and Shadix traded buckets to make it a 13-8 game late in the first quarter but Voce scored another basket in the paint to bring the Lady Eagles within three.

Kylie Quinn laid one in to stretch the lead to 15-10 with just over a minute to play in the first but a free throw from West and another basket by Sellers made it a 15-13 game. Kylie Quinn finished an and-one play at the line to build the lead back up to five and Shadix added a free throw to give West Point a 19-13 lead with less than 30 seconds to play in the period. After offensive rebounds kept the possession alive for Cold Springs, West was fouled on a three-point attempt with one second on the clock and netted one of them to trim the lead to 19-14 going into the second quarter.

West started the second with another basket to cut into the Lady Warrior lead but Braelee Quinn responded with a three-pointer on the other end to make it a 22-16 game. Nikki Tyree added back to back threes to extend the scoring run for West Point and give the Lady Warriors a 28-18 lead and Shadix laid one in to stretch the lead to 12 midway through the period. Voce scored inside to stop the run and Brooker Crider drilled a three from the left wing to make it a 32-23 lead with just over three minutes to play in the half. Voce scored another basket in transition to trim the lead to seven but Shadix laid one in to put West Point back in front by nine late in the second quarter. Braelee Quinn buried a three with less than a minute remaining in the half to add to the lead and Ryleigh Jones drilled a deep three-pointer as time expired to give the Lady Warriors a 40-27 advantage going into the break.

Braelee Quinn scored on a transition layup to start the third quarter for West Point and she got a three-pointer to roll in off the front rim to make it a 47-27 game early in the period.

Braelee kept her scoring run alive with another three from the right wing and Jones added another trey of her own extend the lead to 53-30 midway through the third. A Mendoza bucket added to the Lady Warriors' lead with three minutes remaining in the quarter, but Sellers responded with a layup for Cold Springs on the other end. Tryee converted an and-one play at the line to make it a 58-34 game late in the third and West Point went into the final frame leading the Lady Eagles 58-36.

Kyla Aaron drilled a pair of three-pointers for Cold Springs to cut the lead to 58-42 at the start of the fourth and West hit a three from the top of the key to make it a 13-point game with five minutes to play.

Shadix knocked down a pair of free throws to give the Lady Warriors a 60-45 lead midway through the period and Mendoza scored an easy basket in transition to make it 62-47 with less than three minutes to play. The Lady Eagles continued to fight on each possession, but they ran out of time to chip away at the lead to and West Point went on to win it 64-53.

Braelee Quinn led the Lady Warriors with 18 points in the win, followed by Shadix with 13, Tyree with nine and Kylie Quinn with seven. West posted 18 points in the loss for Cold Springs. Voce added 12 and Sellers finished with nine.

West Point will play Fairview Saturday at 5:20 p.m. at Tom Drake Coliseum for the varsity girls' championship.



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West Point's Braelee Quinn finished with 18 points in the Lady Warriors' 64-53 win over Cold Springs Thursday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Addison sweeps Lindsay Lane at home

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. – Addison hosted the Lindsay Lane Lions for a pair of varsity matchups Thursday night, looking for revenge for a pair of close losses earlier in the year. The Lady Bulldogs won the opener in a back-and-forth contest, 53-49. The boys won the nightcap going away, 65-29

Addison 53 – Lindsay Lane 49 (varsity girls)

The Lady Bulldogs are playing well as of late and seem to be hitting their stride at the right moment. Head Coach Bailey West led her Lady Dawgs against the Lady Lions from up around Athens and were looking for payback. Neither team could hit the broad side of a barn in the first frame and it really had nothing to do with the other team's defense. Both teams were very cold as the Lady Lions led 11-06 at the end of the first. The Lady Lions were led by current and future star Sophomore Lindsay Murr who did a little bit of everything on this night. Miss Murr is only about 5"7" but has excellent timing on her block shot attempts and with her long arms plays about 6'6". Murr and Senior Madeline Dizon carried the scoring for the Lady Lions the entire night.

At the end of the first half, Lindsay Lane led Addison 24-18. Addison was led by their all-star sophomore, Gracie "Bug" Manley. Manley had eight points and six boards in the first half. Addison's Anna Grace "The Glove" Luker, who has a scowl that would scare a pit-bull, had five points and two steals.

The second half started, and it seemed like just a regular Addison Lady Bulldog game. Addison's down big and then, "Katy bar the door", here comes the Dawgs with pressing in your face defense and girls diving all over the place for loose balls. Addison took their first lead at 28-27 with four minutes to go in the third period. The Lady Dawg run was keyed by Hadley "Shooter" Butler draining back-to-back three pointers. The Lady Dawgs went on a 14-4 run to take a 9-point lead into the fourth and final period, 40-31.

Lindsay Lane wasn't ready to give in and led by their two-star players, Murr and Dizon they roared back. The Lady Lions outscored the Lady Dawgs 18-13 in the final period, but Addison held on to come away with a sweet 53-49 victory. "Magic" Molly Gilbreath with 16 second half points and Manley with nine points led the Dawgs in the second half. Butler nailed three more big threes with two coming in the pivotal fourth period.

Addison was led by Manley with 17 points, 12 rebounds, four assists and three steals. Gilbreath had 17 points, six boards, three assists and three steals. Butler had 12 points, four boards and two steals. Addyson Smothers had 11 rebounds with nine of them in the second half. Bracey "Tiny" Rodgers pulled in five boards and Lydia "Barbie" Ergle had four boards. Luker had a solid five points, two boards, two assists and three steals.

Addison will play at Falkville in the first round of the Area Tournament on Tuesday. The Lady Dawgs lost a both games to the Lady Devils this season by a grand total of nine points.

Addison – 65 Lindsay Lane 25 (varsity boys)

Addison was looking to avenge a 3-point loss to the Lindsay Lane Lions earlier in the season and boy did they. Addison came out and completely dominated the Lions from start to finish. The Lions could get nothing working on offense and the Dawgs domination of the glass, 33-17, kept the Lions with only one shot per possession. Addison's trademark man to man defense was enough to drive the Lions crazy as they could get no open looks and constantly were shooting the ball with hands in their face and bodies all around them. Addison outscored the Lions 14-7 in the first and it would only get worse.

Addison was led by Logan "Baby Shaq" Wilkins and Cannon "TNT" Hiller in the first half. Wilkins driving to the lane and laying it up and in. Hiller bombing from outside the three-point line. Addison had Quentin "Fabio" Barley and Christian "Ice Man" Roberts controlling the glass. The Dawgs absolutely snuffed the life out of the Lions in the second period outscoring them 23-7 to take a commanding 37-14 lead at the half.

The second half began and if the Lions thought a comeback was in the cards tonight, they were living in fantasy land. Addison continued to play smothering suffocating defense and sent wave after wave of defenders at the Lions. Addison played two complete sets of five men and would swap them out five at a time. There was no drop off in play from the first set to the second. Addison won the period 21-11 and led 58-25 going into the fourth period.

You would think that the defense couldn't get any better, but you would be wrong. Addison tightened the screws and the Lions only scored four points in the final period while the Bulldogs scored seven, there was a running clock. The final score was Addison 65, Lindsay Lane 29.

Addison was led by Wilkins with 14 points and six boards. Hiller had 12 points. Roberts had 11 points and four boards. "Fabio" Barley had nine points and nine boards. Eli "Curly" Howse had a nice all-around game of six points, three boards and four assists. Brady "Stick" Gilbreath had six points. Xavier "Smooth" Barley had four points and four boards. Jessie "Rooster" Brock had three points and two assists while Justin "Rocky" Mather had six rebounds.

Obituary Announcements: Jan. 30

Joan Elaine Little Woods, 76
Joan Elaine Little Woods passed away Jan. 28, 2021 at the age of 76 at Huntsville Hospital CVICU. Joan was the daughter of Talmadge L. Little and Hazel Bernice Hogan Little of Cullman. She was born Feb. 14, 1944 in Cullman County, Alabama. She is the fourth of five children. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Morris Cranson "Bud" Woods; daughters Roxanne (Roger) Asherbranner and Dueese Speegle; son Reno Bowman Woods; grandsons Lee Cranson (Mary Beth) Asherbranner and Chance Keith (Mellicha) Asherbranner; great-grandchildren Eli Cranson Asherbranner and Cheyenne Elizabeth Asherbranner; sisters Lavina Little, Nina Alger, and Gaye (Johnny) Freeman; brother Clayton Little; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Joan and her husband, Bud, were married Feb. 25, 1961 and would have been married for 60 years in February. Joan was a good Christian lady, and she loved the Lord with all her heart. She loved singing, especially singing with the Corinth Singers Kathryn Maddox, Linda Walker, Mickey Westmoreland, and Effie Braswell. It later included Carol Woods and Joan's daughter Roxanne Asherbranner. She loved her family and was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Visitation starts Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021 at 4 p.m. at Corinth First Congregational Methodist Church and will conclude Monday, Feb. 1, 2021 at noon when the funeral service begins. Brother Wayne Jetton and Brother Greg Standridge will officiate. Burial will follow in the adjoining cemetery. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.nicholsfuneralhomes.com.

Donald Ray Cates, 74, of Bremen
A graveside service for Donald Ray Cates of Bremen, Alabama will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021 at Cold Springs Cemetery. Mr. Cates was born April 29, 1946 in Blount County and died at the age of 74 Jan. 29, 2021 in Jefferson County. Survivors include his wife Shirley Cates; son Rod (Rachael) Cates; grandchildren Caleb Cates, Caitlin Cates, and Cade Cates; a brother Cecil (Viva) Cates; sisters Jewel Williams and Shirley (Edward) Willoughby; and a host of nieces and nephews. Mr. Cates was preceded in death by his son Shane Cates; parents Albert and Lucille (Washington) Cates; and brothers Wayne Cates and Mike Cates.

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Deceased. *

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Notice is hereby given that Petition for Summary Distribution of Small Estate has been filed by JEFFREY TRAMMELL, Petitioner, on the 23rd day December, 2020, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Jeffrey Trammell
Petitioner

Dan J. Willingham
Attorney for Petitioner
413 1st Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-2025

To: PUBLISHER OF ***The Cullman Tribune***

Please publish the above notice **ONE TIME** in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

DONE this the 28th day of January, 2021.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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 *
WILLIAM S. YEARWOOD * CASE NO PC 2020-353
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: MARIE YEARWOOD MARKS AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The Petition of Valarie Sterling Yearwood to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of William S. Yearwood, deceased, filed by Michael J. Baggett, Attorney for Valarie Sterling Yearwood, Petitioner, has been set for the **4th day of March, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

All persons in interest residing or being without state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

DONE this the 28th day of January, 2021.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper

Michael J. Baggett
BAGGETT & WILSON, LLC
Attorney for Petitioner
206 Ninth Street Southwest, Suite 102
Cullman, Alabama 35055

DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY
500 2nd Ave SW
Room 303
Cullman, AL 35055

Walker Brothers, LTD

(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2016-900124

Whitney Spooner

(Defendant)

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAW SUIT

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

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

Dated this the 6th day of January, 2021.

LISA MCSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY
500 2nd Ave SW
Room 303
Cullman, AL 35055

Walker Brothers, LTD

(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2020-900447

Brad Henderson

(Defendant)

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAW SUIT

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

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

Dated this the 6th day of January, 2021.

LISA MCSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF:)
) **CASE NO.: CV-2020-34**
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, **20**21.

Clerk of Court

Plaintiff's Attorney:
Shelbie G. Hankey
412 1st Avenue SE, Suite 100
Cullman, AL 35055

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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 *
BETTY ANDREWS HALE, * CASE NO PC-2021-026
*
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Administration having been granted to Kimberly Hale, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Betty Andrew Hale, Deceased, on the 28th day of January, 2021, by Tammy Brown, Probate Judge. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Kimberly Hale
Personal Representative

Chrissy L. Riddle
Attorney for Petitioner
PO Box 658
Haleyville, AL 35565

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
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ORDER ESTABLISHING BIRTH RECORD

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

Done this the 6th **day of** January, **20**21.

Clerk of Court

Plaintiff's Attorney:
Shelbie G. Hankey
412 1st Avenue SE, Suite 100
Cullman, AL 35055

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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**

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STEPHANIE LAYNE HART a/k/a STEPHANIE LAYNE *
*
PLAINTIFF, *
*
VS. * CASE NO. CV-2021-900012
*
Lots Numbered Seventeen (17) and Nineteen (19) in Block D, as shown and known on the recorded plat or map of Loring's Addition to Cullman, Alabama, said plat or map being recorded in Plat Book Vol. One in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. LESS AND EXCEPT ten (10) feet evenly off of the East side of said Lot 17 as previously conveyed by a deed recorded in Deed Book 299, Page 977.

AND

EBNER G. MOON and KATHERINE P. MOON, And A, B, C, D and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands,

DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE

The Defendants, Ebner G. Moon and Katherine P. Moon, and any unknown Defendants, must answer the Complaint in Rem to Quiet Title filed by Stephanie Layne Hart a/k/a Stephanie Layne on or before the 22nd day of March, 2021, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against them in case number CV-2021-900012 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County Alabama.

DONE this the 21st day of January, 2021.

LISA MCSWAIN, Circuit Clerk

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

Dates to Publish in Cullman Tribune: January 16, 2021, January 23, 2021, January 30, 2021, and February 6, 2021.

Mail bill and proof of publication to:
Jeffrey L. Cook
Attorney for Redstone Federal Credit Union
P.O. Box 5585
Huntsville, AL 35814

Xc: Cullman Tribune

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Eligibility (from Front)

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) announced Friday starting Feb. 8, ADPH will extend eligibility for COVID-19 vaccinations to include people 65 or older, and additional groups of frontline workers. The Vaccine Allocation Plan is available at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf

Frontline critical workers listed in the plan are as follows:

- First responders
- Corrections officers
- Food and agriculture workers
- U.S. Postal Service workers
- Manufacturing workers
- Grocery store workers
- Public transit workers
- People who work in the education sector (teachers, support staff, community college and higher education)
- Childcare workers
- Judiciary (including but not limited to) circuit judges, district judges and district attorneys

The additional priority groups will add more than 1 million people that are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination in Alabama. While just under 2 million people will qualify to receive the vaccine, the state continues to only receive around 100,000 doses each week.

As of Friday, 148,549 doses of the Pfizer vaccine and 175,326 doses of the Moderna vaccine have been given out to first responders, residents and staff of Alabama's nursing homes and individuals 75 and older.

A total of 772,275 vaccines have been delivered to Alabama, meaning that 42 percent of what has already been delivered to the state have been administered.

"We have all been frustrated that the supply of vaccine coming from the federal government hasn't kept up with the demand," Ivey said. "To be blunt, we simply haven't gotten the vaccine that we've been promised, and this has created a major backlog of aggravation. Today's announcement will ensure that as more vaccine is released, we will have a plan in place to get the vaccine in people's arms more quickly."

Covered in this expanded group are people at high risk for work-related exposure and persons in identified age groups at risk for COVID-19 associated morbidity and mortality. These include people working or living in congregate settings including but not limited to homeless shelters and group homes.

"Alabama is expanding its guidance despite the limited vaccine in order to accelerate the vaccine uptake in our state," State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris said.

"I want to reiterate that any remaining vaccines that have not been administered are either someone's first dose and they are waiting on their appointment or they are waiting on their second dose. Any vaccine currently in the state has someone's name on it."

As a courtesy to others, healthier people age 65 and older and workers who fall in these groups are encouraged to consider delaying their vaccination so that more vulnerable people can access vaccine ahead of them.

To schedule an appointment for the free COVID-19 vaccination at a county health department, individuals may call the ADPH COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling Hotline at 1-855-566-5333. For general information about COVID-19, the COVID-19 Information Hotline number is 1-800-270-7268. The vaccine providers can be found within the Alabama COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Dashboard at arcg.is/OrCey.

ADPH anticipates the release of a new online tool next week which will provide information about opportunities for vaccination, including drive-through clinics being scheduled throughout the state.

Tribune (from Front)

Christy Perry
christy@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. – Humble Roots, LLC., the parent company of The Cullman Tribune, is happy to announce the acquisition of Cullman Today from Tiffany Abbott Collins. Noah Galilee and Dustin Isom, owners of Humble Roots LLC, and Collins look forward to continuing to provide the most accurate and comprehensive news coverage in the Cullman County area.

The Cullman Tribune was founded in 1874 and is Cullman's oldest continuously operating business and the oldest continuously published weekly newspaper in Alabama. The Cullman Tribune is also proud to be Cullman's only locally-owned newspaper and one of only two Alabama Press Association accredited news sources in the area.

Galilee and Isom formed CullmanSense in late 2010. It was the first online news platform in the area solely dedicated to local news coverage and officially launched Jan. 1, 2011.

"Noah and I started CullmanSense in my bedroom a decade ago with less than $100 to pay for our website hosting and domain with a goal of simply reporting the news as unbiasedly as we can. There were moments where we thought we would not reach this goal and this idea would become but a memory," said Isom.

"Through the years we have persevered only because of the continued support of our community and our incredible crew. We have always been an independent, locally owned and operated, can't be paid off, not afraid to report the truth even if it hurts the bottom line news organization dedicated to original, factual reporting.

"As we integrate with Cullman Today, we will continue providing positive, family-friendly content across a variety of channels and we will strive to be a source of positivity, uplifting our community through these unusual times."

The two formed Humble Roots, LLC as they eyed their first purchase, The Cullman Tribune, which was officially acquired April 1, 2016. Under their leadership, The Cullman Tribune has grown its publication rate from once per week to Cullman's only 5-day print publication.

Abbott explained the history of Cullman Today, sharing, "My late husband, Tim Collins, launched Cullman Today in early 2015, much to my surprise. I came home from a family trip and he announced to me that he just started an online paper.

"As you can imagine, I was in shock. Tim was a naturopath at one point in his life, a holistic health merchant, a mortgage broker, a website builder, but newspaper owner was not in the arsenal of jobs I was familiar with. I had no idea he was interested in that, but he was great at it. He could write in a way that brought a situation to life. Sometimes it made you laugh and other times it made you go, 'Did he just say that?' But it was always colorful and in authentic one-of-a-kind Tim Collins fashion."

She continued, "Tim spent all of his time writing about the people in this community, highlighting our heroes in blue, the heroes who fight the fires each and every day (most of them for free) and our EMS heroes.

"He was a pioneer in many ways and changed the way that a lot of our news is reported today. Cullman Today was his life and it allowed him to connect with others in a deeply profound way. Cullman Today was basically a love letter to the one and only place that ever felt like home to Tim."

Abbott and Galilee have been friends for many years, but some of those years are described as rocky by both.

Galilee said, "Tiffany has been a friend since middle school days. When her late husband Tim launched Cullman Today, just a few years after the launch of CullmanSense, our friendship dimmed for a few years as competition generally breeds some sort of contempt.

"Those were not the best years, but I am glad they are behind us and our relationship is repaired. The acquisition of Cullman Today by Humble Roots, LLC served multiple purposes, first of which was to relieve Tiffany from the enormous amount of stress and pressure that come with operating a news service.

"She has been through the ringer the past few years and she has earned the right to relax. Secondly, the acquisition of Cullman Today means there will be a bit more content including more videos and some audio casts- not going to say too much as we are still working on a couple of projects."

Abbott also acknowledges that the relationship between The Tribune and Cullman Today was not always great, sharing, "It's no secret that we have not always been the best of friends. What people do not know is that Noah and I have known each other for many years. We went to school together in middle and high school and we were very close during that time. I think it's a beautiful thing to work together, put aside past differences and make Cullman Today reach its full potential going forward. I truly feel that this was the best decision for myself, my family and my business."

Carrying on the name and work of Tim Collins and Cullman Today is an aspect of the acquisition Galilee intends to honor.

"While Tim and I never spoke before he passed, I was able to learn more about him and what his true intentions were for Cullman Today and I find it admirable," he said. "At the time, natural competition dictated my moves, but as the years passed by, it became clear that Tim was a great ambassador for Cullman County. He genuinely had others' best interests at his core, and that is something that will not leave Cullman Today."

When asked what this means to her and about Cullman Today's future, Abbott said, "It means for me personally, much needed time to rest, spend time with my family and friends and an opportunity to focus on my health. I think the reason I've stayed so busy all of these years was to keep my mind off the grief and painful loss we have endured. As for Cullman Today, it means an exciting new chapter, growth and continuing what Tim built while honoring him and his hard work."

While Abbott's decision was not an easy one, allowing Humble Roots, LLC to acquire Cullman Today is something she is happy with.

"I feel great about it. I know that it will allow Cullman Today to grow in ways I would not have been able to make happen," she said. "As I mentioned earlier, I needed more time with my family and friends, time to rest, and my time was very limited. At one point, I was operating two businesses and involved with three nonprofits.

"This purchase will allow Cullman Today to expand on multiple platforms. It means that just because I don't have the time and energy to make it go, it will not die or disappear. I am grateful for this opportunity."

The acquisition of Cullman Today will result in minimal changes to The Cullman Tribune according to Galilee, who added, "The Tribune will continue to print five days per week and post news online daily. We have built the strongest publication in the region, and the amount of new print subscribers and daily digital downloads has proven that we are on the correct path. The Cullman Tribune will serve as the main hub for news aggregation for all social media platforms. As far as our day-to-day business, it will continue on the same."

As for changes you can look for at Cullman Today, Galilee said, "Besides some aesthetics, such as a new logo, Cullman Today will serve as more of a family, fun, relaxing, lifestyle and free-flowing news aggregate for the Cullman Tribune. It will continue to have breaking news and weather, and we will be introducing a new line of videos and podcasts."

The Cullman Tribune is also excited to welcome members of the Cullman Today family as the two crews come together, Galilee said. "The crews from both will work together, but assignments will differ based on content. We are happy to have Macie and Coleman joining us from Cullman Today and they have already begun working with our reporters and editorial staff. It's gone quite well. There were many volunteers at Cullman Today so we will spend the next week reaching out to each individually to find out which ones would like to continue shooting photographs and sending in reports."

The addition of the Cullman Today crew will add even more depth to a team at The Cullman Tribune, who brought home 24 Alabama Press Association Media Awards in 2020 including 2020 Photo of the Year, Best In-Depth News Coverage, Best Human Interest Column, Best Use of Social Media and Most Improved, building on the six awards won in 2019.

Abbott has not ruled out future contributions to Cullman Today and The Cullman Tribune. She said of her role for now, "I will continue to share Cullman Today news and support Cullman Today. It was built by the man I loved more than anything. Keep your eyes peeled, you may see me now and then involved with certain projects and creative endeavors. My dear friend and partner in Cullman Today, Tonya Quick, will continue to run our sister page, Hanceville Today, to cover local events, happenings and news in Hanceville."

Galilee concluded, "At the end of the day, I have spent over 16 years in the news industry while Dustin has spent a decade, so between us and our meetings with Tiffany, we can assure this acquisition is going to be a great one for all involved from the readers to advertisers and all those who will have their stories told. We are grateful and humbled to take over where Tiffany has left off and will keep true, local news flowing for decades to come."





