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– ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT–

$500K grant official for Reliance Worldwide expansion



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Gov. Kay Ivey (center), accompanied by (left to right) Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer, Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, former CEDA Director and current Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce Interim President and CEO Peggy Smith and Reliance Worldwide Corporation Americas CEO Sean McClenaghan, breaks ground at the site of Reliance Worldwide's new distribution facility in Cullman Monday morning, Oct. 5, 2020. » PAGE 6

– LOCAL GOVERNMENT –

CCCDC awards more than $98K in community grants



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Left to right are Board Member Joe Golden, Chairman Champ Crocker, Board Member Josh Speakman and Board Member Cherrie Haney at Thursday night's meeting of the Cullman County Community Development Commission.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Community Development Commission (CCCDC) met and awarded a total of $98,225 in grants Tuesday night.

The following grant requests were approved:

• Town of Baileyton – $12,000 for electric meter for park

• Vinemont-Providence Volunteer Fire Department – $12,000 for turnout gear

• VFW Post 2214 – $8,000 for SGB shot medical procedure for veter- » PAGE 8

– FEATURE –

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JAY

Suzette Kendall honoring late husband by helping others



RPM PRODUCTIONS

Jay and Suzette Kendall, in a photo taken about two weeks before Jay was killed by a distracted driver in May 2014

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Q & A with Hanceville's Alexandria Flanigan, Miss Alabama USA



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Miss Alabama USA Alexandria Flanigan

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Feb. 4

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Feb. 4, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Feb. 1

• unlawful possession of a controlled substance; CR 222
• theft of property; CR 1769
• theft of property; CR 1343
• domestic violence; CR 1422
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; Hwy. 91
• criminal mischief; Hwy. 91
• domestic violence; CR 1114
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 747

Feb. 2

• possession of drug paraphernalia, attempting to elude; CR 1030
• domestic violence; Hwy. 278 E
• theft of property; Wesley Ave. N
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance; CR 222
• theft of property; CR 750
• theft of property; CR 30
• theft of property; CR 1634
• unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 792
• criminal mischief, theft of property; CR 544
• domestic violence; CR 8
• theft of property; CR 89
• theft of property; CR 750

Feb. 3

• trespassing; CR 574
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; Hwy. 278 E
• violation of a protection order; CR 1711
• criminal mischief; CR 222
• burglary; CR 1114
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S
• domestic violence; CR 1269
• violation of a protection order; Cherokee Ave. SW
• theft of property; CR 1635

ARRESTS

Feb. 1

Brasher, Jessica Gabrielle, 27
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Jordan, Timothy Marvid, 42
• forgery
• possession of a forged instrument

Lee, Brandon Wayne, 29
• FTA- driving while suspended

Stanfield, Dustin Harry, 40
• motion to revoke bond-burglary

Feb. 2

Brewer, Charity Faye, 39
• second-degree bail jumping- illegal possession of prescription drugs
• FTA- illegal possession of prescription drugs
• second-degree bail jumping- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Campbell, Jake Austin, 24
• domestic violence- harassment

Fout, Sabrina Marie, 23
• judge's order- soliciting a controlled substance

Hines, Timmy Lemark, 58
• FTA- driving while suspended

Husted, Lacy Haley, 36
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance
• attempting to elude
• auto theft

Knowles, Johnathan Scott, 28
• domestic violence- harassment

McDonald, Shannon Alford, 39
• FTA- burglary
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (3 counts)
• FTA- receiving stolen property

Norman, Timothy Clark, 38
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Persall, Nicholas Drennon, 31
• aggravated assault
• domestic violence- menacing
• interfering with a domestic violence emergency

Reynolds, Kristopher Alan, 35
• probation violation- burglary

Rice, Toney Demetrius, 45
• forgery (2 counts)
• possession of a forged instrument (2 counts)

Steele, James Tyler, 29
• motion to revoke bond-burglary
• motion to revoke bond-unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle

Taylor, Ryan Patrick, 32
• third-degree domestic violence- third-degree criminal trespassing
• domestic violence- harassment

Feb. 3

Calloway, Jeffery Craig, 37
• FTA- child abuse
• FTA- leaving the scene of an accident

Dutcher, Stephanie Lynn, 41
• GJ- auto theft

Fout, Sabrina Marie, 23
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Fuller, Autumn Elizabeth, 25
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Fuller, Destiny Michelle, 23
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Hall, Andrew Rodriguez, 32
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• forgery
• possession of a forged instrument

Holland, Dana Denenda, 30
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Johnson, Angel Desiree, 27
• probation revoked- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Macklin, Tajuan Mashun, 27
• FTA- receiving stolen property

McIntyre Jr., Bryan David, 36
• FTA- obstructing a criminal investigation
• possession of a sawed off rifle/shotgun

McKenzie, Cameron Blake, 26
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• illegal possession or use of a credit or debit card

Morris, Jason Keith, 42
• FTA- aggravated assault
• FTA- domestic violence-harassment

Newsome, Michael Lee, 35
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
• FTA- tampering with physical evidence

Overton, Celina Jackie, 26
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Reid, Jason Michael, 41
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Skinner, Matthew Seth, 25
• FTA- domestic violation-harassment

Speakman, Tyler Lamont, 26
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana (2 counts)
• receiving stolen property

Sutton, Anthony Dale, 27
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Winfrey, Leigha Shay, 33
• FTA- child abuse
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• promoting prison contraband

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Jan. 30

• fourth-degree theft of lost property; person; St. Joseph Dr. NW; phone; $100

Feb. 1

• fourth-degree theft of property; person; Hwy. 157; jewelry; $500

Feb. 2

• fourth-degree theft of property; person; Main Ave. SW; catalytic converter; $500

Feb. 3

• third-degree theft of property; person; Austin Ave. NW; bicycle; $800

ARRESTS

Feb. 3

Graham, Asia R., 30
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
• FTA- insurance violation

Allaire Jr., Richard L., 61
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
• FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Baker, Robin L., 48
• FTA- public intoxication (2 counts)
• FTA- disorderly conduct

Boyd, Tyler E., 29
• FTA- public intoxication (3 counts)
• FTA- disorderly conduct (2 counts)
• FTA- assault with bodily fluids
• FTA- attempting to elude
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
• FTA- DUI

Shaffer, Dameon S., 23
• fourth-degree receiving stolen property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Alabama Beta Delta Teachers' Sorority Annual Chocolate Tasting Extravaganza Canceled
With regret, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Alabama Beta Delta Teachers' Sorority Annual Chocolate Tasting Extravaganza, has been canceled for this year. Thanks to the community's support for the past 13 years. Through your support, we have been able to award college scholarships to students majoring in education. We hope to see everyone back next year!

Baileyton Bargain Days
• First and third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park
• The Town of Baileyton has partnered with Wal-Mart to receive pallets of merchandise which is unable to be placed on the store's shelves due to barcode errors.
• Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items
• A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted.
• Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

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.
• Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
• Classes- Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult class "You are Qualified" by Zach Beard-Youth Pastor
• 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, Feb. 7 message "Out of the GRAVE!" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children and elderly 3:30-5 p.m. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW Please call Aimee at 256-841-2060 for more information. Eat in or take out. Kids' activities are available. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry, and Spirit Life Church.
• Sunday, Feb. 14 at 5 p.m. Valentine's Banquet $10 per person. Dinner, entertainment and fun! To reserve your tickets, call Amy at 256-736-4657 Venmo @AMYNCANTER

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.

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."

Cullman Education Retirees Association Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021 at 11 a.m. at Stone Bridge Farms. Our program this month will be a COVID Impact Panel with Dr. Shane Barnette, Dr. John Waggoner and Tim Compton, explaining the impact this pandemic has had on our area. Following the program, we will have a short business meeting and then enjoy lunch together. All education retirees are invited to attend. We will practice CDC guidelines, including wearing masks and social distancing.

North Alabama Agriplex Living Landscapes Presents Raised Bed Gardening
Thursday, Feb. 11 from 6-8 p.m. on Zoom. This virtual class will cover everything you need to start your own raised beds, from bed types, to soil mixes, pest control and more. You can access this class through our events tab on Facebook or at http://bit.ly/3oEUgef.

North Alabama Agriplex Pruning Fruits Lunch & Learn
Wednesday, Feb. 17 from noon-1 p.m. on Zoom. Join local expert Tony Glover as he walks us through how to properly prune our fruit trees for best overall plant health and production. Access the class at http://bit.ly/3jaLqUt or through our events tab on Facebook.



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HEALTH

Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama invests $1.05M in Alabama-based research

Funds to support O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center and partners throughout the state

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama (BCRFA) this week announced an investment of $1.05 million in Alabama-based breast cancer research, bringing the organization's total impact over 25 years to nearly $11 million.

Matching its 2019 investment, the organization will support 14 research projects throughout the state, including studies at the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), Auburn University, Cerflux, Mitchell Cancer Institute at University of South Alabama, Tuskegee University and Southern Research. Funding was raised in 2020 by corporate sponsorships, special events, individual donations, grants from local, state and federal funders and sales of the Breast Cancer Research specialty license plate. "Despite COVID-19, individuals and companies throughout the state stepped up for breast cancer research," said Beth Bradner Davis, executive director of the BCRFA. "Our staff and board are truly thrilled to match last year's investment, allowing us to support critical projects which will change therapies and treatments for breast cancer patients here in Alabama and around the world. Unfortunately, diagnoses don't stop during a pandemic. This investment will ensure that research won't either."

The BCRFA invests in projects in developing stages, providing "seed money" to attract grant funding. From there, many projects go on to win national grants from the National Institute of Health (NIH) and others.

"The support of organizations like the BCRFA is crucial to our work at the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center," said Dr. Barry P. Sleckman, director of the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. "Developing projects often have an undeniable positive impact for research in the field of breast cancer. Each discovery brings us closer to a cure - and the BCRFA is helping get us there."

The 2020 award recipients include:

• **Randall Davis, MD; Suzanne Lapi, Ph.D.; Erica Stringer-Reasor, MD** - "Advancing the Prognostic, Immunotherapeutic, and Imaging Potential of FCRL6 in Breast Cancer" (O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center at UAB)

• **Mick Edmonds, Ph.D.** - "A Novel SRC Inhibitor for the Treatment of Metastatic Breast Cancer" (O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center at UAB)

• **Xu Feng, Ph.D.; Douglas Hurst, Ph.D.** - "RANK Signaling Pathways in Breast Cancer Development" (O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center at UAB)

• **Selvarangan Ponnazhagan, Ph.D.** - "Combinatorial Genetic Immunotherapy and RANKL Antagonism for Breast Cancer" (O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center at UAB)

• **Troy Randall, Ph.D.; Erica Stringer-Reasor, MD; Ahmed Elkhanany, MD** - "Identifying Neo-Antigen-Reactive T Cells in Breast Cancer Using Organoid Cultures" (O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center at UAB)

• **Rajeev S. Samant, Ph.D.; David A. Schneider, Ph.D.** - "Unraveling a Novel Vulnerability of Breast Cancer" (O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center at UAB)

• **Nan Cher (Flo) Yeo, Ph.D.** - "Understanding WRN-Dependent Pathways to Regulate Genome Stability in TNBC" (O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center at UAB)

• **Corinne Augelli- Szafran, Ph.D.; Omar Moukha Chafiq, Ph.D.; Rebecca Boohaker, Ph.D.** - "Development of Novel Clofarabine Analogs for Breast Cancer Therapy" — BCRFA Impact Award (Southern Research)

• **Karim Budhwani, Ph.D., DLA** - "Personalized Oncology Efficacy Test (POET)" - BCRFA Innovation Award (CerFlux)

• **Natalie Gassman, Ph.D.; Michelle Schuler, Ph.D.; Marie Miguad, Ph.D.** - "Targeted Nanoparticle Delivery to Reduce STAT3 and Improve Cell Killing in Triple Negative Breast Cancer" (Mitchell Cancer Institute at University of South Alabama)

• **Nancy Merner, Ph.D.; Erica Stringer-Reasor, MD** - "Breaking Research Participation Barriers in Alabama – An African American Breast Cancer Genetics Study" (Auburn University and O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center at UAB)

• **Nancy Merner, Ph.D.; Clayton Yates, Ph.D.** - "The Identification of Genetic Risk Factors Associated with Hereditary African American Breast Cancer" (Auburn University and Tuskegee University)

• **Jingjing Qian, Ph.D.** - "Reducing Breast Cancer Risk in Alabama - The Role of Medications" (Auburn University)

• **Robert Sobol, Ph.D.** - "Exploiting a Novel, Live-Cell, Real-Time Poly-ADP-Ribose Probe for Discovery of PARG Inhibitors" (Mitchell Cancer Institute at University of South Alabama)

Efforts that helped fund this year's donation included community events throughout the state, grant awards and corporate partnerships. Companies that sponsored included Renasant Bank, Tameron Automotive, Wind Creek Wetumpka, ARC Realty, the Thompson Family Foundation, Sirote & Permutt, the Alabama Power Foundation, the Hill Crest Foundation, the Robert M. Meyer Foundation, Bank of America/Merrill, the Caring Foundation/Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama, Protective Life Foundation, Thrivent Financial, Spectrum Reach, iHeart Media, UAB Benevolent Fund and Vulcan Materials Company.

Approximately one-half of the total $1.05 million donation was raised through sales of the BCRFA specialty car tag. Available at DMVs across the state, nearly 14,000 vehicles in Alabama sport the Breast Cancer Research tag- 100% of funds received by the BCRFA from tag sales are invested in research.

The BCRFA supports a comprehensive approach to battling breast cancer through collaborative and innovative research to help diagnose, treat, prevent and eradicate the disease. All of the funds raised remain in Alabama, supporting local research, which in turn, makes a national impact.

POLITICS

Alabama Senate passes legislation to protect against COVID-19 lawsuits

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – On Thursday, the first bill passed by the Alabama Senate was SB 30 by Senator Arthur Orr, R-Decatur, legislation to shield organizations and groups from lawsuits related to the pandemic. Entities covered under this legislation include businesses, nonprofits, LLCs, health care providers, educational entities, churches, governmental entities and cultural institutions operating in this state, as well as individuals associated with these groups.

"These entities across our state have been crushed by the effects of the pandemic and are struggling to stay in business, maintain their employees on the payroll, and keep their doors open to continue to serve their communities," said Orr.

"For our economy to continue to survive and recover, these groups need to know that they will be protected if they are making every effort to follow health and sanitization protocols," Orr said.

"This legislation does not protect organizations that do not follow the rules. This simply prevents those who did from being taken advantage of in the courts," Orr concluded. Similar common-sense legislation has been adopted by more than 25 states including Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

"This legislation has one goal – to protect vulnerable people across our state who are struggling to stay afloat amid the pandemic," Orr said. "This bill should be swiftly passed and signed into law so we can give people hurt by this pandemic this much-needed peace of mind."

STATE

AG Marshall announces $573M multi-state settlement with McKinsey & Company for role in opioid crisis

Joy Patterson
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Attorney General Steve Marshall has joined a coalition of attorneys general from 47 states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories in a $573 million settlement with one of the world's largest consulting firms, McKinsey & Company, resolving investigations into the company's role in working for opioid companies, helping those companies promote their drugs, and profiting from the opioid crisis.

The settlement, after payment of costs, will be used to abate problems caused by opioids in the participating states.

Alabama will receive $9,229,421 from the multistate settlement, which will be used to remediate the harms caused to the State and its citizens by the opioid crisis. This is the first multistate opioid settlement to result in substantial payment to the states to address the crisis.

In addition to providing funds to address the crisis, the agreement calls for McKinsey to prepare tens of thousands of its internal documents detailing its work for Purdue Pharma and other opioid companies for public disclosure online. In addition, McKinsey agreed to adopt a strict document retention plan, continue its investigation into allegations that two of its partners tried to destroy documents in response to investigations of Purdue Pharma, implement a strict ethics code that all partners must agree to each year, and stop advising companies on potentially dangerous Schedule II and III narcotics.

"The opioid crisis has wrought tremendous suffering upon its victims throughout Alabama over the last 20 years," said Marshall.

"Opioid addiction, abuse, and overdose deaths have torn families apart, damaged relationships, and eroded the social fabric of communities. It has taken a huge toll on our state, with increased health care, child welfare, treatment and criminal justice costs, as well as lost economic opportunity and productivity.

"The careless greed of companies that exploited people's pain and exacerbated their suffering has caused incalculable harm. It is appropriate that they be held to account, through settlements such as this, to provide some measure of remediation for the terrible damage they have caused."

Today's filings describe how McKinsey contributed to the opioid crisis by promoting marketing schemes and consulting services to opioid manufacturers, including OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma, for more than a decade.

The complaint, filed with the settlement, details how McKinsey advised Purdue on how to maximize profits from its opioid products, including targeting high-volume opioid prescribers, using specific messaging to get physicians to prescribe more OxyContin to more patients, and circumventing pharmacy restrictions in order to deliver high-dose prescriptions.

This filing is the latest action Attorney General Marshall and his office have taken to combat the opioid epidemic and to hold accountable those who are responsible for creating and fueling the crisis.

The Attorney General has also filed a lawsuit against Purdue Pharma, Endo Pharmaceuticals and McKesson Corporation over their roles in the opioid crisis. That case is currently pending in the Montgomery County Circuit Court.

The states' investigation was led by an executive committee made up of the attorneys general of California, Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee and Vermont. The executive committee is joined by the attorneys general of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, the District of Columbia, and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub

Case details

• Total confirmed cases in AL: 367,773 (+1,955 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in AL: 100,050 (+812 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in AL: 6,642 (+113 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in AL: 1,723
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 5,899 (+25 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,771 (+23 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 101 (+0 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 60
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 35,230
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 3,521
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 493
• Total tested in Alabama: 2,149,684
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 36,272
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 228,574
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,666
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 42,811
• Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 252,880

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

• Total doses delivered to Alabama: 923,750
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 836,975
• Doses administered: 413,346
• Doses delivered to federal Long-Term Care Program: 86,775
• Doses administered by the federal Long-Term Care Program: 46,328

Beginning Feb. 8, vaccine eligibility will expand to include phase 1b and people 65 years and older. The Alabama COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Plan outlines the various phases, and is available at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf

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

No.7 Alabama improves to 10-0 in SEC play with 78-60 win over LSU

UA Athletics
rolltide.com

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Five players scored in double figures and the reserves contributed 34 points to lead the No. 10/7 Alabama men's basketball team past LSU 78-60 on Wednesday night in Coleman Coliseum. The Crimson Tide (15-4) improved to 10-0 in SEC play with the victory, which is the second-best start in conference play in program history (1955-56 team finished the year with a perfect 14-0 record).

Guard Jaden Shackelford led the Tide with 19 points, while forward Alex Reese added 13 points and four rebounds.

Forward Juwan Gary had career highs of 12 points and seven rebounds while guards Jahvon Quinerly and Keon Ellis both added 10.

The Tide used a big 18-4 run over the first 7:22 of the second half to turn a six-point 36-30 halftime advantage into a 20-point lead and cruised from there to the victory. It's the first season sweep of the Tigers since the 2016-17 campaign.

Coach Nate Oats Postgame Comments

"I thought this was a quality win. We obviously didn't play well offensively as far as shooting the ball. We had a few too many turnovers, but we have to find ways to win when we're not hitting threes. LSU came out and guarded us a lot better than they did the first time. We kind of expected that. They have some pride over there and what we did to them at their gym, we anticipated them playing us a lot better.

"We went 6-of-24 from the three, which was obviously not ideal. Jaden Shackelford and John Petty, two of the better shooters in the league, weren't necessarily on fire tonight. I thought we did some other good things, outrebounding them by 16. I thought we did a really good job defensively.

"Cam Thomas got going early, with 11 quick ones and ended the game with 22. I thought the last 30 minutes of the game we did a good job on him. Trendon (Watford) goes 3-of-13, he ended up with nine rebounds and a lot of those were his own misses. I thought our guys did a really good job, especially without Herbert (Jones).

"I think Herb is the best defender in the league and he got four fouls, while still being banged up. Reese stepped in and did a great job on Trendon and Juwan Gary did a great job as well. It's a big win and it creates some separation between us and the rest of the league."

Team Stats

- Alabama shot 47.8 percent (33-of-69) from the field while holding LSU to just 30.8 percent (20-of-65)
- The Tide dominated the boards, grabbing 51 rebounds to LSU's 35 which led to 17 second chance points for the Tide compared to just four for the Tigers
- Alabama bullied the Tigers inside, scoring a season-high 52 points in the paint and holding the Tigers to 26
- The Tide bench scored 34 of the Tide's 78 points while the LSU reserve contributed just seven
- UA had a big advantage at the free throw line, knocking down 16-of-22 (72.7 percent) from the charity stripe, while LSU finished 6-of-6



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama's Keon Ellis (14) goes up for a dunk during the Crimson Tide's 78-60 win over LSU Wednesday night.

First Half

- After starting the game evenly, Alabama found its rhythm with a 16-7 run, knocking down 6-of-7 field goals during that span to take an 18-11 lead at the 11:32 mark
- LSU used a quick 5-0 spurt to cut the Tide's lead to two, however, Alabama responded with a 10-2 run to go up 28-18 with 6:54 left to play in the opening stanza
- The Tigers added a 7-2 mini run to shrink the Tide's lead to 30-25 at the under four media time out
- Alabama outscored LSU 6-5 the rest of the way to take the 36-30 lead into the locker room at the half
- The Tide dominated inside in the first half with 24 points in the paint and 24 rebounds to the Tigers 12 points in the paint and 19 rebounds
- The Tide shot 41.2 percent (14-of-34) from the field in the first half while holding the Tigers to 34.4 percent (11-of-32)

Second Half

- Alabama began the second half with a 9-2 run to take the 45-32 lead at the first media time out
- The Tide added a 7-0 spurt to its total run of 18-4 to take a 20-point lead at 54-34 with 12:53 remaining
- In all, Alabama led by as many as 22 points and outscored LSU 42-30 in the second half to pull away from the Tigers
- The Tide defense shut down LSU in the second half, limiting the Tigers to 9-of-33 shooting (27.3 percent) while converting 19-of-35 (54.3 percent) from the field

The Tide will next travel to take on No. 18/17 Missouri, which is in second play in the SEC at 12-3 overall and 5-3 in league play. That contest is slated to tip off at 11 a.m. CT and will be televised on ESPN.

For all the latest information on the team, follow AlabamaMBB on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. General athletic news can be found @UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and Alabama Athletics on Facebook.

Auburn adds to 2021 recruiting class: 'A big moment for everybody'

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – Adding his first six signees to a 2021 recruiting class that still has room to grow, Auburn football coach Bryan Harsin welcomed the new recruits Wednesday while making his pitch to future Tigers.

"This is a big moment for everybody," said Harsin, who took over as Auburn's head coach on Dec. 22, six days after 11 members of Auburn's 2021 class signed with the Tigers. "These guys that chose Auburn University, they made that simply through building a relationship with our coaches. There's still several spots left, so we're not done.

"I'm proud of the guys who are here on campus, I'm proud of the guys that have signed earlier who will be here this summer, and I'm proud of the guys we just signed today."

Above all other concerns, Harsin said fit was the primary factor Auburn considered in signing student-athletes.

"Do these guys love football? High-character guys, competitive guys who want to come in here and work hard, guys who are winners. Guys we can develop, who we know their best football is ahead of them, who want to develop and are going to do the work necessary to get better each and every day. We wanted guys who want to be at Auburn. There's no doubt in my mind we got the right ones."

Among Auburn's December signees, quarterback Dematrius Davis, cornerback Kamal Hadden, safety Ahmari Harvey, defensive tackle Lee Hunter, tight end Landen King and offensive lineman Garner Langlo enrolled in January and are already participating in strength and conditioning workouts. Auburn's five other December signees will enroll this summer after graduating from high school.

"We still have several spots to fill," Harsin said. "Recruiting never ends. The opportunities for guys to be a part of this program are still available. We'll do that throughout the spring.

"It's not only depth, we're creating competition. We want everybody on this team to have an opportunity to play, whether that's offense, defense or special teams. We want guys who can contribute somehow some way and handle their business and want to be a part of Auburn University and graduate from here and will have opportunities, hopefully within the game of football where they can continue that.

"That's why I'm fired up on these guys because they know what they're getting into. These guys will work extremely hard and are going to help our program be successful."

Auburn's 17-member 2021 recruiting class includes six offensive players and 11 defensive players, hailing from these states: Florida (four), Texas (three), Alabama (three), Georgia (two), North Carolina (two), Michigan (one), Mississippi (one) and Missouri (one).

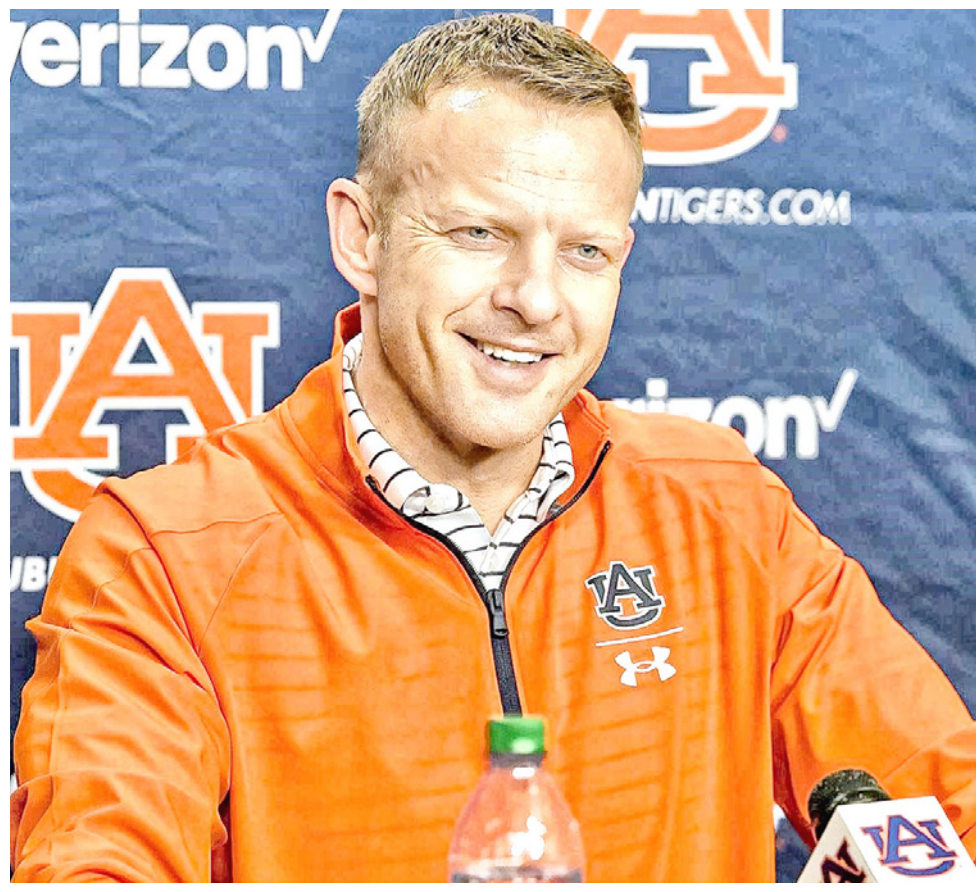
In his Zoom call with reporters, Harsin made the case for why elite prospects would be wise to consider Auburn.

"We have something here at Auburn University that is different," he said. "When players and families get a chance to be here and be around the culture and the people and see what I saw when I came here for the first time, that's really what it comes down to.

"They know they're in good hands. As a family member, that's all you can ask for. My son's going to be around good people. He's going to be in a great place. He's going to have a chance to accomplish his goals and dreams, and he's going to be developed.

"Those are the things that I think become the deciding factor. These guys know that. They're going to put in the work, do things right, and when they leave our program, they're going to be better for it.

"They're going to have a process of how to be successful and how it should be done the right way. I believe the players and parents really appreciated hearing that from our coaches and what it is we're trying to build in our culture here."



TODD VAN EMST/AU ATHLETICS

Auburn Head Coach Bryan Harsin discusses the Tigers' signing class at a presser Wednesday afternoon.

Coach Bryan Harsin on the February signees...

Cayden Bridges: "Hard hitter, plays hard, physical. A guy who's had very good stats. You see the potential of his development. A guy who handles his business, very focused and determined. Great family, great support system. We're excited about him coming in here and being in that defensive backfield for us."

Tar'Varish Dawson Jr.: "Never wavered one time through the coaching change. High energy, fun to talk to and a great player. Great hands, great speed, a pleasure to recruit. He's helped us. A guy who loves Auburn, wants to be here, wants to be a part of this family."

Juwon Gaston: "Just down the road. Juwon is a competitor. Did a great job his senior year, 96 tackles, five interceptions, seven kick returns for touchdowns. Playmaker, football player. Enjoyed getting to know him and his mom. A guy I know is going to come give everything he's got."

Eku Leota: "Graduate transfer from Northwestern. A guy who is all about the fit and culture, his development and being a part of this program and wanting to be here. He's had experience playing against Auburn. We're looking forward to him being a guy on the edge for us who can provide that pass rush. A very good player. Will have his degree and has three years to come in and be part of this program."

Colby Smith: "This guy is a big human being. Great personality. Wonderful family, wanted to be here. A guy who will continue developing, his best football is ahead of him. A guy who's going to come in here and help us in that offensive line room who we can develop and will continue to grow into our program."

Joko Willis: "Outside/inside linebacker. A lot of range, very speedy player, great quickness and can run. A guy who loves ball and certainly fits what we're looking for. It's been great to get to know him.

"His energy, enthusiasm and desire to be here once this opportunity came up, there was no question this was the right fit for him.



ARTS

Wallace State invites visitors to view new online art gallery

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Vibrant self-portraits, innovative photography and dramatic audio – those are some of the creative works you will experience when you visit a new online art gallery titled, "Streaming Identity" at www.wallacestate.edu/streaming-id.

To launch the project, Wallace State Community College (WSCC) collaborated with Hennepin Technical College (HTC) in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The multimedia gallery features the creative work of students, faculty, staff and community members from both colleges.

It explores the diversity and intersectionality of identities across cultural, digital and regional boundaries, and addresses issues such as racial justice, healing and inclusion.

"I hope this exhibition builds dialogue and empathy for our fellow community members who often likely will have different perspectives," said Adrian Scott, Art & Visual Communications instructor at Wallace State.

"Our hope is that when individuals visit the gallery, they will challenge their own perspectives about cultural identities, labels and stereotypes," said Paul Howlett, Graphic Design and Web Design, faculty, HTC.

"It is meaningful that the gallery is a collaboration between two college communities because it shows us how artistic expression is a bridge across regional boundaries."

The gallery is an effort to encourage self-reflection and community reflection.

The colleges have launched several collaborative projects to explore racial justice, healing and inclusion in the aftermath of the death of George Floyd.

In "Streaming Identity," each work of art demonstrates that the participating artists interpret the gallery's mission in a manner that is often personal and inventive.

Many students created self-portraits while others focused on the social justice theme.

WSCC student Joni Money, a Criminal Justice major, submitted a photograph that directly addressed her perspective as a law enforcement officer in regard to the death of George Floyd and also her hopes for our collective common good.

HTC student Daisha Pearson created a graphic design titled, "All Lives Can't Matter Until Black Lives Matter." In addition to displaying her design in the gallery, she has printed the design on shirts and posters which have been popular items in the community.



SCREEN CAPTURE/WALLACE STATE

Streaming Identity is "A collaborative multimedia showcase of community artworks organized by Minnesota's Hennepin Technical College and Alabama's Wallace State Community College exploring the diversity and intersectionality of identities across cultural, digital and regional boundaries."

Gallery organizers will continue to accept new creative work from a wide range of categories including photography, computer graphics, audio/video, and poetry – as well as paintings, drawings and collages.

For guidelines to submit art and creative projects, visit www.wallacestate.edu/streaming-id-submission.

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OUTDOORS

Winners of Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest announced

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Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The winners of the 2021 Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest are listed below. As usual, the judges had a very difficult time selecting the winning photos from among the thousands entered. The 2022 contest will be announced later this year.

"The abundant diversity in Alabama's landscape and native wildlife make it a photographers paradise," said Chris Blankenship, commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR). "From the north Alabama mountains to the state's Gulf Coast beaches, the winning images in this year's Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest highlight the natural beauty of our state."

Sponsors of the 2021 photo contest include the Alabama Conservation Enforcement Officers Association (ACEOA), Alabama State Parks, and the Alabama Tourism Department.

Each winner will receive a prize pack and be featured in a traveling exhibit throughout 2021.

First place winners in each category will also receive a $50 gift card from Academy Sports + Outdoors (provided by ACEOA).

Second place winners in each category will receive a $25 Alabama State Parks gift card. When the 2021 traveling exhibit schedule is finalized, it will be posted on outdooralabama.com.

CATEGORIES AND WINNERS

Alabama State Parks

- First Place, Keith Bozeman, Rock Garden Trail at Cheaha State Park
- Second Place, Arthur James Davis, Sunset at Meaher State Park
- Third Place, Christopher Baker, View of Comet NEOWISE at Lake Guntersville State Park
- Honorable Mention, John Marvin Hillsman, III, Gulf State Park Beach Pavilion

Birds

- First Place, Matthew Dees, Brown Pelican on the Mobile Causeway
- Second Place, Brent Eanes, Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- Third Place, Debra Lucas, Northern Harrier
- Honorable Mention, Jim Flynn, Bluebirds in Albertville

Wildlife

- First Place, Christopher Baker, North American Beaver in Madison
- Second Place, Terry D. Brandebourg, Rutting Buck
- Third Place, Maranda Mink, Groundhog on Monte Sano Mountain in Huntsville
- Honorable Mention, Laurie L. Schaerer, Fox Kits on Dauphin Island

Cold-blooded Critters

- First Place, Sean C. Grizzle, Barracuda
- Second Place, Christopher Baker, Tree Frog in Madison
- Third Place, Gwen Ainsworth, Green Anole in Mobile
- Honorable Mention, Rick Dowling, Northern Pine Snake in Autauga County

Bugs and Butterflies

- First Place, Jim Flynn, Robber Fly in Albertville
- Second Place, Jim Flynn, Jumping Spider in Albertville
- Third Place, Thomas W. Peterson, Green Lynx Spider and Bee on Zinnia in Daphne
- Honorable Mention, Jim Flynn, Dragonflies in Guntersville

Sweet Home Alabama

- First Place, Gwen Ainsworth, USS Alabama Battleship and Skyline in Mobile
- Second Place, Glenn Wills, Starry Night in Sumter County
- Third Place, Beth Cowan Drake, Shrimp Boats in Bayou La Batre
- Honorable Mention, Linda P. McCullough, Diner in Gulf Shores

Nature-Based Recreation

- First Place, Christopher Baker, Full Moon Fishing at Lake Guntersville
- Second Place, Arthur James Davis, Fishermen at Dauphin Island
- Third Place, Amata Hinkle, Caving in Paint Rock
- Honorable Mention, Glicerio Ralleca, Jr., Hot Air Balloon Festival in Decatur

Shoots and Roots

- First Place, Arthur James Davis, Fern with Dew Drops on Dauphin Island
- Second Place, Bob Moore, Frost on Blackberry Bush
- Third Place, Benjamin Rollings, Live Oak at Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge
- Honorable Mention, Arthur James Davis, Spiderwort on Dauphin Island

Scenic

- First Place, Keith Bozeman, Canyon Cascade in Bankhead National Forest
- Second Place, Jon Whitaker, Star Trails Over Tent in Tuscaloosa
- Third Place, Audra Spears, Lightning Over Lake Martin
- Honorable Mention, Barry Lee Miller, Sunset on Fort Morgan

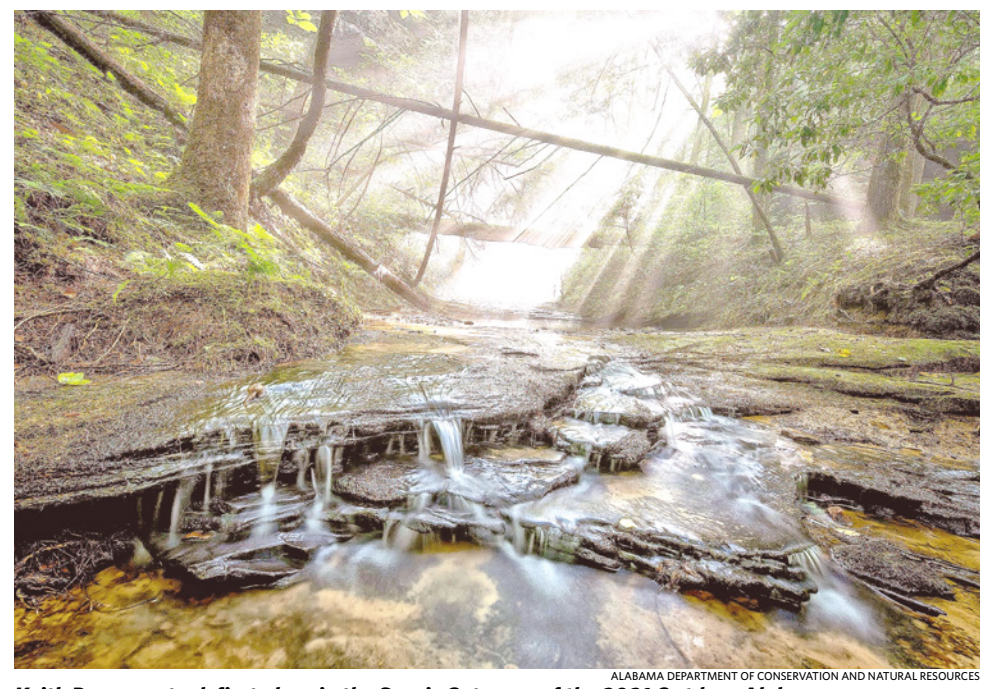
Young Photographers

- First Place, Sophia Charlotte Haines (age 13), Snowy Plover Chick in Fort Morgan
- Second Place, Sophia Charlotte Haines (age 13), Longleaf Pine at Splinter Hill Bog
- Third Place, Hannah Beth Long (age 16), Hay in Limestone County
- Honorable Mention, Jessica Olivia Fain (age 16), Tate Farms in Meridianville

For more information about the Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest, visit outdooralabama.com/outdoor-alabama-photo-contest.

View the winning photos at www.flickr.com/photos/outdooralabama/albums/72157718137637166.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama's natural resources through four divisions: Marine Resources, State Lands, State Parks, and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. To learn more about ADCNR, visit www.outdooralabama.com.



ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Keith Bozeman took first place in the Scenic Category of the 2021 Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest with his image of Canyon Cascade in the Bankhead National Forest.





OUTDOORS

Alabama hunters bagging big bucks this season

David Rainer
Ala. Dept. of Conservation and Nat. Resources

Judging from the number of deer reported through the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division's Game Check system and the number of trophy bucks posted on social media, Chris Cook thinks this is the best deer season our state has had in quite a while.

Cook, the WFF's Deer Program Coordinator, said numerous factors are likely involved in the increase in harvest numbers as well as the quality of the bucks harvested.

Alabama's three-buck limit has been in place for more than a decade, which could be one of the reasons for the big bucks, but Cook said that is difficult to quantify. Hunters are allowed to take one male deer (bare antlers visible above natural hairline) per day and three per hunter during all combined seasons. One of the three must have at least four antler points 1 inch or longer on one antler (except for Barbour County). A point is defined as an antler projection of at least 1 inch in length from base to tip. Main beam tip shall be counted as a point regardless of length. Barbour County requires all bucks to have at least three points on one side to be legal except during the statewide special youth season, when any antlered buck can be harvested.

"It's hard to track and determine what you can attribute exactly to the three-buck limit because of the way data was collected before that," Cook said.

"We used the mail survey, and before the three-buck limit one of the questions was how many bucks you killed. If they killed 20, that's what they put down. After the three-buck limit, nobody was going to put down they killed more than the limit.

"But I also think people started to be a little more selective. So we can't attribute it to the three-buck limit or just a change in hunter attitude. It does appear hunters were willing to pass on yearling and 2-year-old bucks. A lot of clubs put in rules on buck harvest, so some of it was self-imposed."

The number of trophy bucks taken in Alabama this year has been impressive. Huge bucks pop up on social media daily. Cook thinks the ease of posting photos on social media could possibly be skewing the impression of a banner season.

"With increased use of social media, everybody wants to post a picture of what they've killed, so everybody else sees what they've done," he said. "In the past, somebody had to take a picture, get the film developed and send the picture to you.

"But it definitely seems that a lot more really good bucks were taken this year. Our Game Check numbers show that people are reporting way more deer than they ever have. They're killing more deer, and a percentage of bucks reported have been really good deer."

Cook said the change in the possession regulations has likely increased the Game Check compliance. After a deer is harvested, it must be reported by the hunter through Game Check before it can be transferred to an individual, processor or taxidermist.

Whoever is in possession of all or part of a deer or turkey that is not their own must retain written documentation with the name of the hunter, the hunter's Conservation ID number, the date of the harvest and Game Check confirmation number. The information can be documented on a piece of paper, or on a transfer of possession certificate available in the "Alabama Hunting & Fishing Digest" or online at outdooralabama.com. WFF also reactivated its toll free Game Check phone number, 1-800-888-7690, to make it easier for those without smartphones or internet access.

"You look at this season's significant increase in Game Check numbers, and you have to wonder what our phone survey is going to tell us," he said of the survey that had previously been done by mail. "If the survey numbers track along with the Game Check numbers like they have in previous years, I suspect we'll see a pretty good increase in numbers from the phone survey."

Cook said the COVID-19 restrictions have played a role in the increased harvest of all deer. Many people have discovered or rediscovered many outdoors activities, including hunting.

"We saw that during last year's turkey season," he said. "More people were hunting because of work schedules. Some people were working remotely and were able to schedule more time in the woods to kill more deer."

Environmental conditions that improved deer habitat also likely contributed to an increase in deer harvest, Cook said.

"We had two good years of above average rainfall," he said. "In some areas, we had a lot of flooding, which makes it hard to hunt during deer season. Some deer that would have normally been harvested didn't get killed.

"The other benefit of all that rain is food production. So tough hunting conditions for a couple of years and great growing conditions probably allowed the deer to be a little older and in better condition. Early in the season, people were saying they couldn't remember seeing body weights this good.

"Another factor that may be playing into this is the supplemental feeding. When feeding became legal last year, we had a 14% increase in harvest. But I wouldn't attribute corn to the increased quality of the deer."

Cook said WFF biologists and Law Enforcement personnel continue surveillance throughout the state for evidence of CWD (chronic wasting disease) with a special emphasis on northwest Alabama.

"We've increased our sampling efforts because of what's going on in Mississippi and Tennessee," he said. "We're doing what we can to try to detect it early if it shows up in Alabama to give us more options on how to manage it. We haven't detected anything.

"Mississippi added a couple of counties this year. Alcorn County (Mississippi) is the one closest to us. It really didn't change our response protocol because it was still far enough away. Lauderdale County (Alabama) is the county within 25 miles of that positive case, and we had already stepped up surveillance in that area. We're still working on meeting our target for testing. We've sampled a little more than 1,700 deer this year, more than we have before, and we'll continue to sample more throughout the year."

The Alabama deer herd is estimated at between 1.25 million and 1.5 million animals. As the Game Check numbers and phone survey data are analyzed for harvest on the county level as well as age and sex ratios, Cook said WFF will be able to update its population estimates after deer season ends Feb. 10.

"We've got some areas where the deer population is down and other areas with more deer than they've ever had," Cook said.

"Places with good habitat will have good deer populations. It sure appears our deer herd is healthy. It's going to be interesting to see what the phone survey numbers are, but it sure appears the harvest took a pretty good jump up this year, which I think will be an indicator of two things – we have more deer, but I think it also shows that people spent more time hunting.

"This deer season appears to be one of the best we've had in a long time. I hope people are able to take advantage of the last few days of the season. It will be prime time to be in the woods, especially in south Alabama."

Grant (from Front)

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Gov. Kay Ivey on Thursday officially awarded a previously announced $500,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to help Cullman's Reliance Worldwide expand its distribution center. Once the expansion is completed, Reliance Worldwide, which produces water control and plumbing products, will occupy more than 1.1 million square feet of manufacturing and distribution space and employ nearly 500 people in Cullman. Ivey said the company will hire at least 50 new employees.

Reliance Worldwide back in October 2020 officially announced and broke ground on the 300,000-square-foot distribution center to be located on an 81-acre site off Cherokee Avenue in southwest Cullman. Ivey, who earlier awarded $100,000 in CDBG funds in relation to the expansion, was on hand in Cullman in October for groundbreaking ceremonies. (See bit.ly/39K3dyS)

"Reliance Worldwide is an Alabama success story that is being sold across the globe with its products," Ivey said. "I am so thankful to have companies like Reliance Worldwide set up shop in Alabama and employ our people. I am pleased to support this expansion and the related job opportunities for Alabamians."

The City of Cullman will use CDBG funds to construct an access road and fire-loop accessibility road to offer fire protection for the new facility.

After acquiring Cash Acme less than 20 years ago, Reliance Worldwide has invested more than $100 million in its Cullman complex which includes four manufacturing sites and multiple distribution centers.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) is administering the grant from funds made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"ADECA is pleased to support Gov. Ivey's goal of making quality jobs available to every Alabamian, and Reliance Worldwide has certainly helped to increase employment opportunities in the Cullman area through its quality production of products and ever-growing facilities," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said.

The City of Cullman is supplying a local match of $100,000.

Jay (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Suzette was set up on a blind date at a karaoke place in Pensacola, Florida. A mutual friend arranged for her and Jay to meet, and the sparks flew right away. After meeting on that date in July 2005, they became Mr. & Mrs. Jay Kendall the following November. They soon found themselves transferred to Vinemont, Alabama.

Jay worked for the postal service and Vinemont is where they needed him to serve as postmaster. He quickly became an active member in the community and loved his role as referee and umpire for baseball and football. He called games on all levels, from the youngest leagues to high school games. Being a strong role model was important.

The Kendalls soon opened their own karaoke place, J&S Karaoke Place in Hanceville. On April 2 of this year, it will celebrate 11 years in business.

"He was a deejay for our karaoke and he also worked at Wal-Mart," remembered Suzette. "He worked his little butt off."

When Suzette met Jay, she had been experiencing some health problems, and she said he was like her own knight in shining armor, sharing, "He took care of me and took care of all my problems. He took on my four kids and helped them out. This man was amazing!"

Close family friend Brandi Gipson said of Jay, "Any time anybody needed Jay, he was there. No questions asked. He and his wife would help anybody they met and treated everyone like family."

On the morning of May 21, 2014, Jay was called to help at the post office in Hanceville. He jumped on his motorcycle in Vinemont and headed down U.S. Highway 31. Near the intersection of Golf Course Road, a car traveling north suddenly jumped the median, striking Jay and killing him instantly. Suzette and one of her sons actually passed the crash scene that morning and didn't realize who was involved.

Jay was struck by a 17-year-old driver who was distracted as he Skyped with friends on his phone. In an instant, Jay was gone, and Suzette's world was shattered.

The man Suzette described as "a kid at heart," whose favorite movie was "Happy Feet," also collected elephants and was retired from the Navy.

Said his wife, "He was a Chief in the Navy and served 22 years."

A purple cross is located at the intersection where Jay was killed that terrible morning.

In court, Suzette was able to address the juvenile driver at the wheel of the car that killed Jay.

She explained, "I had written this whole letter out and read it in front of him. I told the judge what kind of person Jay was, and I told the judge that I don't want to see (him) go to jail and rot where he plays cards and hangs out with the wrong crowd. I wanted him to make something of his life. I don't know if I could have stomached it, but I would have liked for him to go with me to talk to others about distracting driving.'"

Suzette said she felt his testimony would have had a great impact on young people who heard his story.

"He wouldn't do it," she said.

The judge allowed the young man to leave the courtroom that day as long as he, according to Suzette, passed drug and alcohol tests, earned his GED and found a job.

She shared, "I had three or four months when I didn't know if I would still be here. I had sunk that low and it wasn't good. I didn't know if I was going to come out of it." Suzette's daughter said to her mom, "He killed Jay, he didn't kill you." That's when Suzette became determined to try and create something positive after the tragedy.

Suzette is hoping to get Jay's Law passed in Montgomery.

"I want to make the law stiffer. I want to make it a fine that they can't afford, that they have to think twice, that if they grab their phone they will lose (everything), and (they) put it down," she said. "I want to make it where if they do get in an accident and kill somebody and the (victim's) family goes to counseling, I want them to have to go with them so they can see the damage they have done to that family, to see the grief and pain they are going through."

Suzette said she wants stiff fines and loss of licenses for those driving distracted.

"I don't want it to be too easy for them," she said. "I want it to be hard!"

Suzette is working with Cullman's state legislative delegation and other members of the community to push for Jay's Law. She and her group, Jay's Legacy, have visited Montgomery and other places bringing awareness to the terrible consequences of distracted driving. She also started a nonprofit called Hands on the Wheel. Due to a clerical error that is currently being addressed, Hands on the Wheel is trying to regain its 501(C)(3) status.

Hands on the Wheel has created the Jay Kendall Memorial Scholarship at Wallace State Community College. Money from the yearly concession sales at J&S Karaoke are used to fund the scholarship.

"We get to help a student there, and we just try to do a lot of things to make a difference to people," said Suzette. "I mean, that's the way Jay would have wanted it. That's the kind of person Jay was."

Jay's Legacy has started a new fundraiser to help in its mission to advocate for Jay's Law. The group is currently collecting new and gently used shoes with a goal of collecting 2,500 pairs of shoes for families in developing countries.

Explained Brandi, "We are so passionate about these fundraisers. All of this is going into the Hands on the Wheel organization for the scholarship and all her trips to Montgomery to get these laws passed."

Suzette added, "We have a lot of good people working with me on this. I have a great little team. I'd like to thank Michelle, Mo, Brandi, Jeff, Sherry, Betty and Harless."

"We are collecting the shoes and we will get a check for the shoes collected to go toward Hands on the Wheel," Brandi said. "The shoes we collect will go to (developing) countries so their people can have shoes to work and start businesses and help better themselves as well. It's a win/win for everybody."

Add Suzette, "I want something good to come out of this. Between what we are doing and throwing ourselves into what we do in trying to help other people and other people trying to make a difference, I just feel Jay encouraging me saying, 'I'm proud of you keep going.' It's a good feeling. If you had told me 10 years that I'd be doing this, I would have called you a liar. I would have said that I have my husband and we'll grow old together. Never in a million years did I think I would be doing this now. I wouldn't wish this upon anybody."

Those wanting to donate shoes can do so at J&S Karaoke, located at 10303 U.S. Highway 31 S in Hanceville, Friday and Saturday from 4 p.m.-2 a.m. For more information, email evolutionnonprofit2020@gmail.com or suzettekendall@aol.com. Members of the team can also pick up donations.

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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 *
VIRGINIA GRAF WADDEY, * **CASE NO.: PC2021-044**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Ancillary Letters of Testamentary having been granted to HAYLEE ADELE WADDEY HALL and ALEXANDER CLINTON WADDEY as Ancillary Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of VIRGINIA GRAF WADDEY, deceased, on the 4th day of February, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

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Please publish the above Notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Flanigan (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – On Jan. 10, Hanceville's Alexandria Flanigan was crowned Miss Alabama USA, making her the first Miss Cullman USA contestant to win the state pageant. Early Thursday morning, The Tribune spoke with Flanigan to get to know the woman behind the crown.

College

"What led you to study law, and what do you hope to do in that career?"

"I went to Jacksonville State, and then I decided that was not where I needed to be. I was trying to find direction and purpose, and in between my freshman and sophomore year I was saved. My sophomore year, I came home and attended Wallace State in Hanceville, and at the end of that year I actually decided to go into ministry. I actually didn't believe I would finish my degree. So that first year, I just did ministry with my local church, and my second year I attended college in Birmingham. While I was there, I just saw a lot of things that really woke a passion in me to help people and to be a voice for the voiceless. That's why I chose to be an attorney, to help people. That's what I want to use my career for."

According to the Miss Cullman USA 2021 website (www.misscullmanusa2021.com/), Flanigan currently attends the University of Alabama in Huntsville and is enrolled in the pre-law program, where she is majoring in philosophy and minoring in political science. She is involved with the UAH chapter of the NAACP and serves as the treasurer for the pre-law honor society.

Charity work

"In other interviews, you've spoken about your passion for philanthropy and charity work. What have been your favorite projects to work on or organizations to work with?"

"My favorite project - I was thinking about that this morning - it was in I think 2017. My church (Desperation Church in Cullman) does a First Saturday Serve, and we went to this elderly woman's house and all we did was just clean her yard, but it was her reaction. We had picked up tree limbs and mowed the grass and planted some flowers, and that was just something nice that we wanted to do for her because she couldn't, but she just started crying. She was so grateful, and it just reminded me that the little things are what makes a difference in people's lives.

"I would say my favorite organization right now is Filter of Hope (an organization that helps poor families get filters for clean drinking water) just because I see the impact that it is making, and I cannot wait to get to travel again and go to a different country and build filters for people."

"Are there any projects that you're hoping to start working on in the future?"

"There are, but I don't know if I can talk about them yet because I'm working with other organizations and we're trying to figure how we're going to go about doing this."

Other passions

"Outside of pageants and philanthropy, what else are you passionate about?"

"You know, I'm very passionate about writing. That's not something I share with people; I don't really share what I write. I write poetry and music, and hopefully one day I'll be writing books. I think everyone has their way of expressing themselves, and that's mine."

Pageantry

"How did you get started doing pageants?"

"I've never really been a pageant girl; I've always been more of a tomboy. With this specific pageant, it was always something I'd wanted to do but I'd never had the confidence to do it, to step out and take that opportunity. But after everything that happened in 2020, I was like, 'You know, why not? Life is short. I should try to challenge myself and conquer those fears.' That's why I did this pageant."

"So was this your first pageant?"

"This was my first state pageant, the first pageant of this caliber. When I was a freshman at Jacksonville State before being at UAH, I tried to compete for Miss Jacksonville State. I did it just because other people said I should, and it didn't go over well."

"What does your victory as Miss Alabama USA mean to you? How has it affected your life so far?"

"It has affected my life drastically. People didn't know my name before this, and now they do. People are asking me about my life, and I've never really had to talk about that before. It's given me many opportunities too - job opportunities, modeling opportunities, speaking opportunities. I'm excited to see what happens this year."

"What do you plan to do with the platform you've been given?"

"I really want to use it to better my community, better the state, and hopefully use it to raise money for the organizations that I'm a part of so that I can use it to advance the purpose of what we're doing."

"How are you feeling about competing in the Miss USA pageant later this year?"

"I don't think the idea of competing has set in just yet. I've seen videos of last year's pageant, and I know the work the former Miss before me put in, but I just don't know how to feel yet. I honestly wasn't planning on winning! I really just take it day by day right now."

Being a role model

"What advice would you give to young girls who look up to you and your platform?"

"I would tell them three things: Never be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. Never let someone tell you that you cannot do something. Everything you need to succeed is already in you, you just have to take that leap of faith."

Obituary Announcements: Feb. 5

Susan Kathleen Waters, of Cullman

Susan Kathleen Waters, of Cullman, passed away Monday, Feb. 1, 2021 at North Alabama Specialty Hospital in Athens, Alabama. A native of Oxford, Alabama, Susan was born Feb. 14, 1948 to parents Lillian and Clyde Williams. She was a 1966 graduate of Oxford High School where she was awarded the title of Miss Oxford High School her senior year. Susan followed her calling to be a teacher and received her Bachelor of Science degree in Early Elementary Education from Jacksonville State University in 1970. It was while in college that she met her husband of almost 50 years, Jerry Mack Waters. Before they were married June 19, 1971, Susan worked for a short time as a flight attendant for Delta Airlines in Atlanta, Georgia. Susan and Jerry settled in Cullman in the early 1970s where they became active in the community. Susan began her teaching career at Cold Springs Elementary School and worked in the classroom for several years until she became the loving mom to three children, Carrie, Melanie, and Nathan, and decided to dedicate more time at home with them. She also worked alongside her husband helping operate their locally-owned businesses over the years, Burger Chef, J.Mack's Hamburgers, and then later J.Mack's Sporting Goods. As a wife and a mother, she filled their home with warmth and kindness. She created many special memories for her children and their friends and was a "team mom" for many years. She was committed to supporting and helping her children pursue their interests. Susan lived her life with abiding faith and taught her children to love the Lord and to love one another. Susan's heart and passion for children led her to accept the position of Director of Sonshine Preschool at Cullman First United Methodist Church in 1992 where she would have finished her 29th year this spring. She dedicated her time and energy to carrying out the mission of the preschool: for each child to leave the program more confident, more caring and more aware of God's love. For the students that entered the hallways of the preschool every day, "Mrs. Waters" was always there to greet them with a high-five, a hug or words of encouragement to start their day. Susan poured her heart and soul into her family and extended family and to those closest to her, she was affectionately known as "Mama Sue," "Susie," or "Aunt Susie." But the role she treasured most was "Granna," the name by which she was so lovingly called by her adoring grandchildren. She was extremely thoughtful and always tried to make holidays and birthdays or even the smallest occasions very special for the loved ones in her life. Her favorite pastime was participating in her grandchildren's activities and sporting events. She was always an active participant as she loved to keep up with the rules and follow the score. She also shared her love of games, puzzles and black and white movies with her family. Susan loved those in her life so well. She looked forward to family gatherings and cherished the time she spent with her siblings. For those that knew her best, she was always putting the needs and wants of others before herself. As a longtime member of Cullman First United Methodist Church, she was devoted to faithfully serving the church she loved in many capacities throughout her life. She was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by her family, extended family, and friends. While Susan leaves an absence on this earth that will be impossible to fill, her family takes comfort in knowing that she is now in her heavenly home living in the presence of Jesus Christ, her Savior. Preceded in death by her parents, she is survived by her husband Jerry Mack Waters of Cullman; three children Carrie (Ryan) Thomas of Guntersville, Melanie (Matt) Townson of Cullman, and Nathan (Maggie) Waters of Auburn; and seven grandchildren Riley Thomas, Tyler Thomas, Lanie Townson, Max Townson, Addie Townson, Baylor Waters, and Paxton Waters. Susan also leaves a sister Annette (Taylor) Archer of Kissimmee, FL; sister Cindy (Reid) Colgrove of Boligee, AL; and brother Greg (Beverly) Williams of Covington, GA. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces and nephews who were dear to her heart. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Cullman First United Methodist Church, Reverend Sandra Locke Godbey officiating, with interment in Cullman Memory Gardens. Visitation will be held from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary prior to the service. Moss-Service Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. The family asks that those attending the service wear masks or facial coverings. Social distance guidelines will be followed. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Cullman FUMC Sonshine Preschool, 320 Third Ave. SE, Cullman, AL 35055. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants." Psalm 116:15

Rev. Melvin Donald Cordes, 82, of Chattanooga, formerly of Cullman

Rev. Melvin Donald Cordes, 82, of Chattanooga, formerly of Cullman, AL, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jan. 31, 2021. He was born Dec. 11, 1938 in Cullman to the late Herbert and Agnes Cordes. He was a graduate of Hanceville High School and served honorably in the United States Air Force. Mr. Cordes retired from Toledo Scale Company as a Region Manager after many years of service. Rev. Cordes completed his ministerial training at Grace Baptist Church in Decatur, AL and went on to pastor Trinity Baptist Church in Cullman, AL for 15 years. He was currently a member of Stuart Heights Baptist Church in Hixson, TN. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 51 years, Martha Cordes; his son Keven Cordes; and his brother Ernest Cordes. Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law Chris and Lisa Cordes of Chattanooga, TN; daughter and son-in-law Heather and Josh Teis of Las Vegas, NV; sister Lucille Looney of Decatur, AL; sister-in-law Lea Cordes of Cullman, AL; nine grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021 from 5-8 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Monday, Feb. 8, 2021 at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Chris Cordes and Rev. Josh Teis officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Baptist Church, 1701 Childhaven Road, Cullman, AL 35055, or Southern Hills Baptist Church, 6425 W. Pebble Road, Las Vegas, NV 89139. Please share your thoughts and memories at www.ChattanoogaEastBrainerdChapel.com.

Robert Dean Gossett, 87, of Cullman

Funeral services for Robert Dean Gossett, 87, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021 at the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will precede the service Sunday from noon-2 p.m. The interment will be at the Good Hope Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Gossett family. Mr. Gossett was born July 10, 1933 to Leonard and Mertice White Gossett. He was preceded in death by his parents; two wives Helen Butler and Eileen Moehring; brother Richard Gossett; sister Wilma Powell; and son Buck Molzof. Mr. Gossett is survived by his sons Frankie (Katherine) Gossett and Leslie (Cathy) Gossett; three daughters Anita Gossett, Pam (Jim) Trakel, and Pattie (James) Williams; sister Shirley Quick; grandchildren Nicholas Gossett and Jessica Dunseath; great-grandchildren Piper and James Darville; and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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• United Way of Cullman County – $12,000 for 19 partner programs

• St. Bernard Prep School – $12,000 for virtual learning technology/infrastructure

• Vinemont High School – $12,000 for outdoor seating for safety

• Holly Pond Guy Hunt Library - $12,000 for science, technology, engineering, arts, math resources

• Colony Tom Bevill Library - $12,000 for IT equipment and furniture

• Berlin Volunteer Fire Department - $6,225 for NOAA weather radios

Requests from White City Community Center, Cullman County Parks and Recreation, Good Hope Elementary School and the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation were tabled for later consideration.

Requests from Ray Buchmann, West Point High School FFA, Liberty Leadership Institute and West Point Elementary School were declined.

CCCDC members are:

• Cherrie Haney – appointed by Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman

• Joe Golden – appointed by Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview

• Josh Speakman – appointed by Rep. Scott Stadthagen, R-Hartselle

• Champ Crocker, chairman – appointed by the legislative delegation

Crocker announced that Thursday night's meeting was his last, as he has been appointed to the Cullman County Industrial Development Board.

The seat occupied by former board member Bradley Williams will also be vacant.

Williams was appointed executive director of Cullman County Economic Development. Two new members will be appointed to fill the vacancies.

Funding for CCCDC grants comes from taxes-Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) in lieu of taxes and beer taxes.

Grants are capped at $12,000 and are not issued for more than that amount except under extraordinary circumstances, which must be approved by the legislators.

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