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HELPING HAND



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Lowe's in Cullman on Thursday donated 380 gallons of hand sanitizer to the city and county school systems. Around 360 gallons are in large containers while 20 more gallons will come in personal/desk-sized containers. Left to right are Lowe's Store Manager Brian Roberts, Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette, Cullman City Schools Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson and Lowe's Operations Manager Zach Lee.

Annual Empty Bowls event postponed to 2022

'We are asking everyone to recall all of the happy memories of Empty Bowls, and to donate the price of your ticket or your normal donation directly to Cullman Caring for Kids'



2020 CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Hundreds of hand-thrown pottery bowls have been made in past years for the annual Empty Bowls of Cullman County Chili Dinner. The bowl pictured was made in 2020.

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – One of the area's most popular annual events since 2003, the Empty Bowls of Cullman County Chili Dinner, will not take place this year. The announcement was made Wednesday by Javon Daniel, executive director of Cullman Caring for Kids, the nonprofit which is the beneficiary of the dinner.

Organizers of Empty Bowls, which is not only a fundraiser, but also a night of food, fun and fellowship, released a letter to supporters Thursday. Read the full letter below:

Empty Bowls Memories

Things will be a little different in Cullman on President's Day this year. First Methodist's Hearin Hall will be sadly quiet.

For 17 wonderful years, on the third Monday in February, Hearin Hall has been a buzz of community activity. The mouthwatering aromas of chili and grilled cheese sandwiches waffling through the air, sounds of Southern Gospel music, beautiful clay bowls stacked on tables waiting to go home with guests. And most importantly, the sights and sounds of our community coming together for a common cause, raising money for Cullman Car-

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CRIME

B&E, pursuit ends in arrests of 5 in Hanceville



HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Left to right are Jonathan D. Washington, Danajh Tariq Watkins and Durell Spain.

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Hanceville council gets update from HPD

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Dodge City Town Council bids farewell to Murray Lowe



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Dodge City Councilman Murray Lowe makes final remarks before the council accepts his resignation Thursday evening.

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(BONUS)
PET OF THE WEEK

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CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Opossum

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Feb. 11

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Feb. 11, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Feb. 8
- theft of property; CR 588
- harassment; Alex Drive
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 941
- domestic violence; CR 1488
- trafficking drugs, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of marijuana; CR 1609

Feb. 9
- unlawful possession of marijuana; CR 1082
- domestic violence; CR 1635
- burglary; CR 1141
- harassment; CR 112
- domestic violence; CR 1669
- failure to deliver title; CR 703

Feb. 10
- trespassing; CR 1098
- burglary; Fire Station Road
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1718
- criminal mischief, theft of property; CR 1343
- theft of property; CR 1591
- theft of property; CR 1247
- domestic violence, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 222
- theft of property; CR 222
- theft of property; CR 719

ARRESTS

Feb. 8

Bannister, Frankie Edward, 33
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- disorderly conduct
- FTA- possession of a concealed weapon without permit

Brown, Jeremy Craig, 48
- SORNA- failure to adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement

Flanigan, Cory Darrell, 32
- domestic violence- harassment

Hinkle, Joseph Franklin, 41
- burglary

Martinez, Carlos Marquez, 23
- FTA- unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- GJ- counterfeiting (3 counts)
- FTA- forgery
- GJ- forgery (3 counts)
- FTA- possession of tax-paid alcoholic beverages for private use

Shedd, Laklee Alexandria, 29
- criminal trespassing
- auto theft

Sutton, Anthony Dale, 27
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Thomas, Nathaniel Riley, 37
- drug trafficking
- unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Feb. 9

Atkins, Anthony Marquel, 38
- FTA- assault
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassing communications
- FTA- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (without theft)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Cofield, Tristan Dewayne, 22
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Edwards, Haylie Nicole, 19
- auto theft

Harper, Jeremy Todd, 41
- shoplifting

Harvell, Dorinda Sue, 44
- FTA- driving while suspended

Higginbotham, Jarrett Thomas, 23
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- receiving stolen property
- FTA- altering firearm identification
- FTA- pistol on premises
- FTA- possession of sawed off rifle/shotgun

Ortiz, Francisco Aviles, 29
- motion to revoke bond- forgery- checks (6 counts)
- motion to revoke bond- possession of a forged instrument (6 counts)

Peak, Robert Alan, 30
- motion to revoke bond- soliciting a controlled substance
- motion to revoke bond- second-degree theft of property
- motion to revoke bond- auto theft

Watson, Zebary Cameron R., 30
- child abuse

Feb. 10

Billings, Kevin Dwayne, 48
- FTA- driving while suspended (4 counts)

Smith, Kenneth Ski, 49
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Villa Jr., Antonio, 41
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- public intoxication

Villa, Patricia Dee, 39
- domestic violence- harassment
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Feb. 5
- harassment; person; 2nd Ave. NW

Feb. 8
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $83

Feb. 9
- third-degree criminal mischief; Rainbow Foodmart- Shell; 4th St. SW; $100
- second-degree theft of property; person; Walker St. SW; rifle; $200
- fourth-degree theft of property; Dollar General; 4th St. SW; general merchandise; $118
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; makeup; $67

Feb. 10
- identity theft; person
- identity theft; person

ARRESTS

Feb. 9

Seals, Sharon, 47
- fourth-degree theft of property

Graves, Patricia W., 51
- FTA- driving while suspended

Feb. 10

Rouse, Ricky G., 43
- FTA- improper lane usage
- FTA- driving while suspended

Curvin, Meshach J., 25
- FTA- running a stop sign
- FTA- running a red light
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- attempting to elude
- FTA- third-degree assault
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
- FTA- resisting arrest
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

Allred, Dustyn H., 25
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving without a license
- FTA- running a stop sign
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- DUI- controlled substance
- FTA- no tag

Runyon, Jeremy A., 33
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- attempting to elude
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (3 counts)
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing (3 counts)
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana (2 counts)

Beam, Clayel D., 28
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Adkins, Sara R., 19
- FTA- speeding

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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 for our church, nation, healing, etc. 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.
- 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.
- Mondays-Fridays- Our 5 Points Ministry provide free hot meals for children and elderly 3:30-5 p.m. at the Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW Please call Aimee at 256-841-2060 to register or for more information. Eat in or take out. Kids' activities are available. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
- Friday, Feb. 12 at 10:30 a.m. Elderquest/Adult Luncheon and Games. Bring a dish. Enjoy a meal and play games such as "Michigan," dominoes, etc. Everyone welcome!
- Saturday Feb. 13 at 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast-Dutch treat. Meet at Jack's on West Main. Afterward-Axe Throwing Contest. Fees paid by Men's Ministry.
- Sunday, Feb 14 at 11 a.m. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd- "Go in the Strength You Have."
- 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
- Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthday. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations, and toys! Pick up is the last weekend of the month. Saturday-Jasper 5100 Curry Hwy Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504 from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
- Upcoming Revival- Feb. 21 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. by Evangelist Dr. Arvind D'Silva, and nightly Feb. 22-27 @ 7 p.m. Dr. D'Silva hears from the LORD and flows in a mighty anointing. Do not miss what GOD has for you during this event!

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.

Succulent & Perennial Plant Sale
- Friday, Feb. 12 from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Cullman County Public Library
- Great idea for Valentine's Day!
- All proceeds benefit the Cullman County Public Library.

Tree Giveaway
The Cullman Forestry Committee will not be having its normal Arbor Day Tree Sale, but the Alabama Forestry Commission has provided a small number of trees we will give away to anyone on a first come, first served basis. The tree species we will likely have are Redbud, Grancy Grey Beard (Fringetree), Dogwood, Wild Persimmon, Red Mulberry, Bald Cypress and White Oak. You will be limited to 1 tree of each species until they are all gone. Come to the North Alabama Agriplex at 1714 Tally Ho St. SW, Cullman (across from the Cullman Bowling Center) on Feb. 17 beginning at 8 a.m. We will stay until the trees are all gone, but come early for best results. The distribution will be drive-thru so you can stay safely in your car. Circle the shrub bed that takes you to the front door.

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.

1 killed, 1 injured in Bremen wreck

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BREMEN, Ala. – One person was killed and one injured in a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Alabama Highway 69 and County Road 54 Wednesday afternoon.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick confirmed Christopher Shane Dill, 29, of Jasper, who was operating a 2004 Mack cement truck, was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash, which happened at approximately 3:25 p.m.

The driver of the other vehicle, a Chevrolet Silverado, was airlifted to UAB Hospital in Birmingham.

According to Alabama State Troopers, Dill was fatally injured when his truck struck the Silverado.

Troopers said the driver of the Silverado failed to yield the right of way and made a left turn in front of the cement truck.

Troopers said neither driver was wearing a seat belt.

Responding to the scene were members of the Cold Springs Volunteer Fire Department, Cullman County Sheriff's Office and Alabama State Troopers, along with Cullman EMS.

Nothing further is available as Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate.

Dodge City (from Front)

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DODGE CITY, Ala. – The Dodge City Town Council on Thursday accepted the resignation of Councilman Murray Lowe, whose family will be relocating away from the town. Before the vote, Murray, who has served on the council since 2009, spoke fondly of his time on the council and of his fellow members, thanking them as he did. Mayor Tawana Canada and the other council members reciprocated, praising Lowe's contributions and telling him that they accepted his resignation but were not happy about having to do so. Canada particularly noted Lowe's efforts at Dodge City's senior center.

"Murray has a real soft spot for our seniors," said Canada.

"He was there helping whenever they needed him, and they will probably miss him the most."

The council declared Lowe's seat vacant, and scheduled a work session for Saturday, Feb. 20 to consider candidates to fill the vacancy.

Other council business

After hearing a report from Grady Parsons of Living Waters Services, which oversees the town's water treatment, the council voted to renew its sewage permit with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management in the amount of $4,260.

The council also approved up to $7,000 in repairs to the basketball court at the town's park, including new concrete and other items like new nets.

Canada told the council that the General Budget Fund has reached $453,000 and, according to previous council practice, recommended the transfer of $50,000 to pay toward Dodge City's USDA loan. The council approved that payment, which will leave a balance of $127,000 on the loan.

The Dodge City Town Council meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday evening of each month at Dodge City Town Hall. The public is invited to attend, subject to occupancy and social distance restrictions.

Hanceville (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Hanceville Police Chief Bob Long on Thursday night updated the mayor and city council about an incident that occurred early Thursday morning that resulted in the arrest of five individuals for allegedly breaking into vehicles at Wallace State Community College. The case is being investigated by the Wallace State Police, but the Hanceville Police Department and Cullman County Sheriff's Office assisted in the chase to stop and apprehend the suspects.

"In the early morning hours at Wallace State, five Birmingham residents, including two juveniles, broke into eight or nine Wallace State students' vehicles and stole numerous items and cash," said Long. "Wallace State got a call and dispatch got the call. The Wallace officers spotted them and attempted a traffic stop and they ran. Our guys got involved in the chase that went around town a little bit and went up north towards Johnson's Crossing and out towards Golf Course Road. At one point, the County spiked them and caught at least one of the tires. We got them stopped and pinned them at the overpass at Dodge City."

All five suspects were taken into custody without injury.

The HPD is also in the process of selling its existing fleet of police vehicles and replacing them with new Dodge trucks. Long asked the council for permission to put the older vehicles up for bid as needed as the new vehicles arrive. The council agreed to pay off the approximately $37,500 owed on the existing vehicles in order to have the titles on-hand as the vehicles are sold. As the vehicles are sold, the money from the sales will be put back into the Town's General Fund.

Said Long, "In the budget, we had $53,200 to go toward purchasing new vehicles."

After surplusage of the older fleet and several military surplus vehicles, Long said he anticipates saving the General Fund $35,000. In total, one Ford Taurus has already been surplussed. Two additional Tauruses will be surplussed, as well as six 2017 Ford Explorers and one 2018 Ford Explorer.

In other business, the council appointed Jerry Haynes to a three-year term on the Zoning Board of Adjustments beginning March 1, 2021 and ending in March 2024.

The next Hanceville City Council meeting will be Feb. 25, 2021 with a work session at 5 p.m. and regular meeting at 5:30.



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Hanceville Police Chief Bob Long addresses the Hanceville City Council Thursday evening.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub

Case details

- Total confirmed cases in AL: 374,746 (+1,145 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 102,824 (+358 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 7,089 (+99 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 1,932
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 5,970 (+6 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,803 (+4 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 108 (+1 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 61
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 35,976
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 3,141
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 289
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,211,371
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 26,037
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 208,436
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,281
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 43,906
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 264,621

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 993,715*
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 900,550*
- Doses administered: 553,003
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 438,081
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 114,306
- Doses delivered to federal Long-Term Care Program: 92,625*
- Doses administered by the federal Long-Term Care Program: 59,032*

*ADPH: Will update when information from Federal Systems is available.

Alabamians in Phases 1a and 1b, as well as people older than 65, are eligible to receive a vaccine.

View the Alabama COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Plan at: www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf

Walmart and Sam's Club Federal Retail Pharmacy Program

Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacies will begin administering COVID-19 vaccines at 74 locations in Alabama through the U.S. Federal Retail Pharmacy Program on Feb. 12, 2021. Eligible customers can schedule vaccine appointments at www.walmart.com/COVIDvaccineand www.samsclub.com/covid once appointments are available. Vaccines will be available to those who meet the current phase of vaccine eligibility in Alabama. The vaccine for this program is from a federal allotment and is not being taken from Alabama's state allotment. Please note that the Walmart and Sam's Club websites are currently having technical issues, and they are working to get them resolved.

Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine

Johnson & Johnson submitted an application to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for its single-shot COVID-19 vaccine on Thursday, Feb. 4. A phase 3 trial of the vaccine showed an overall efficacy rate of 66% and 85% effectiveness overall in preventing severe illness from COVID-19. The trial demonstrated complete protection against COVID-19 related hospitalization and deaths. We anticipate the Johnson & Johnson vaccine being approved soon, joining the Moderna and Pfizer vaccine options. ADPH encourages the public not to vaccine shop, as all approved COVID-19 vaccines are excellent options.

New information available on COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Dashboard

The Alabama COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Dashboard (http://arcg.is/OrCey) has been updated to show how many people have received one or more doses and how many people have received both doses that complete the vaccine series. An Alabama Vaccine Report that includes demographic information for vaccine recipients is now available in the upper right corner of the dashboard. These reports are also available on our Data and Surveillance page in chronological order (go.usa.gov/xsasA).

Be aware that vaccine shortages remain

Many county health departments are no longer offering first doses of COVID-19 vaccines and are currently administering only second doses to those people at highest risk and whose shots are already scheduled. This is due to the limited supply of vaccine. Please be patient and wait to schedule your own vaccination appointment if you have no underlying health issues or have limited contact with other people. Showing consideration for others will allow your neighbors who may be at higher risk to schedule their COVID-19 vaccinations.

Large-scale mass vaccination clinics in 8 Alabama locations

Eight large-scale mass vaccination clinics that started Monday continue throughout the state. Clinics are located in Anniston, Birmingham, Dothan, Huntsville, Mobile, Montgomery, Selma, and Tuscaloosa. The goal is for a total of 40,000 doses to be administered throughout the state at the clinics this week. Some sites require preregistration, and not all sites may have availability. Additional information about each location is available here www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/mass-clinics.html

See more details at https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK or www.BamaTracker.com.

PREP BASKETBALL

Cold Springs edges Falkville 63-53 in OT to claim 2A, Area 13 crown

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BREMEN, Ala. – After routing Winston County in the opening round of the 2A, Area 13 Tournament Monday night, the Lady Eagles were back on their home floor Thursday night to play for an area title. This time they faced the Lady Blue Devils of Falkville and after a tight, physical four quarters, they needed overtime to settle things. Cold Springs scored the first nine points of the extra period to finally pull away and claim a 63-53 win, an area championship and the right to host next week's sub-regional round of the playoffs.

Cold Springs 63 – Falkville 53 (OT) (varsity girls)

Cold Springs got the game started with a steal from Toni West that turned into a three-pointer for Lacey Rice and made it 3-0. West knocked down a jumper on the next possession to make it 5-0 but things slowed down a bit on the offensive end after that. A floater by West put the Lady Eagles in front 8-4 midway through the opening quarter but after a pair of free throws from Rice made it a 10-5 game late in the period, Falkville drilled back to back three-pointers in the final minute of the first to tie the game at 11 going into the second.

West and Shay Sellers each scored for Cold Springs to start the second quarter and give the Lady Eagles a 15-13 lead and Brooke Crider added another layup extend the lead to 17-13. However, the Lady Blue Devils were able to respond and tie things up at 17 with around three minutes to play in the half. Madison Bruer laid one in to give Cold Springs a 2-point lead and West drained a three from the left wing to make it 22-17. A pair of Crider free throws put the Lady Eagles ahead 24-19 with less than a minute remaining in the half but Falkville managed to cut it to 24-21 going into the break.

Sellers and Bruer each scored early in the third to stretch the lead to 30-25 and another basket from Sellers made it 32-25. The Lady Blue Devils would not allow Cold Springs to create separation and were able to trim the lead to 32-31 with just under two minutes remaining in the period. Falkville scored off a turnover to take a 1-point lead, but Sellers answered with a jumper on the other end to retake a 34-33 lead for the Lady Eagles. West drove to the basket as time ran down in the third quarter and scored through a foul to make it a 3-point game. West sank the free throw and made it a 37-33 game going into the fourth.

The Lady Blue Devils scored to cut the lead to two at the start of the final period and scored another basket inside to tie the game at 37 but West drained a three to put Cold Springs back on top 40-37. A three from Falkville tied things back up at 40 but Crider laid one it to make it 42-40 with five minutes to play. A free throw from the Lady Blue Devils made it a 1-point game midway through the final frame and they banked one with just over three minutes remaining to take a 43-32 lead. Bruer scored inside to give Cold Springs a 44-43 advantage and West buried another three to extend the lead to 47-43 with just over two minutes to play. Falkville netted a pair of free throws to cut the lead to back down to two, but Crider knocked down one from the line on the other end to make it 48-45 with less than a minute on the clock. The Lady Blue Devils scored again to make it a 1-point game but West stepped up to the line and drained two more free throws to put the Lady Eagles up 50-47 with 30 seconds remaining. The next three-point attempt from Falkville was well-defended but it banked in off the glass and tied the game at 50 with 15 seconds on the clock. Cold Springs wasn't able to score on the other end and the battle for the Area 13 title continued into overtime.

Crider drilled a corner three and West dropped in a floater to make it a 55-50 game early in the overtime period and Rice scored in transition to stretch the lead to seven. West took a steal the other way and scored to give the Lady Eagles a 59-50 lead with two minutes left to play but Falkville was able to trim the lead to 60-53 with just over a minute on the clock. West split a pair of free throws to make it a 61-53 game and after making a couple defensive stops in the final moments of OT, Cold Springs was able to hold on and defeat the Lady Blue Devils 63-53.

West led the Lady Eagles with 25 points in the win. Crider finished with 12, Sellers added 10, Bruer posted nine and Rice scored seven.

Cold Springs will advance to host either Sulligent or Aliceville in the sub-regional round Monday night.



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Cold Springs' Lacey Rice takes a steal the other way during the Lady Eagles' 63-53 OT win over Falkville Thursday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Lady Raiders take down Oneonta 40-29 to win 4A, Area 11 title

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ONEONTA, Ala. – Good Hope made quick work of Curry in the opening round of the 4A, Area 11 Tournament Monday night but had a tougher task ahead of them in the area championship game Thursday. The Lady Raiders traveled to Oneonta and allowed just 12 points in the entire second half to topple the Lady Redskins 40-29 and capture the area title.

Good Hope 40 – Oneonta 29 (varsity girls)

Early on, though, both teams were struggling to score offensively. With 4:45 remaining in the opening period, Oneonta got on the scoreboard with a basket down low, but Good Hope's Kyndall Seal hit a jumper to tie the game at two.

Heather and Bailey Tetro helped the Lady Raiders take an 8-4 lead with less than a minute to go in the quarter, but the Lady Redskins got a basket to fall to make it a two-point game after one.

A three each by Bailey Tetro and Seal pushed the Good Hope lead to 14-6 with less than six minutes to go in the first half. Five in a row by Oneonta made it a three-point game.

A basket down low by Rudi Derrick gave the Lady Raiders a 17-11 advantage before the Lady Redskins trimmed the Good Hope lead to 17-15 on a pair of free throws and the Lady Raiders went into the half up by two.

A layup gave Oneonta a 21-19 lead early in the third period, but Good Hope got the lead right back as Ivey Maddox and Bailey Tetro each hit back-to-back layups to give them a 23-21 lead. Maddox and Seal each hit consecutive treys to stretch the Lady Raider lead to 29-25 after three.

Maddox continued her hot second half as she scored seven in a row, including a huge steal and a layup, to help Good Hope push its lead into double-digits at 36-25 with 4:20 remaining in the contest.

The Lady Raiders held Oneonta without a basket for over 3 1/2 minutes before the Lady Redskins got a shot to fall to make it a nine-point game with 3:27 remaining in the game.

The Lady Redskins later trimmed it to seven with a little over a minute to go, but Heather Tetro and Maddox closed the door on an Oneonta comeback with four free throws as Good Hope clinched the Class 4A, Area 11 title with a 40-29 win over the Lady Redskins.

Maddox finished with 14 points, 10 rebounds, five steals and five blocks for Good Hope (22-9). Seal and Bailey Tetro (four steals) each added eight points. They will host the sub-regional game next Monday night at 6:30 p.m. against the loser of the Haleyville vs. Hamilton contest.

Herbert Jones named to Naismith Player of the Year Midseason Team

UA Athletics
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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Alabama forward Herbert Jones has been named to the 2021 Naismith Player of the Year Midseason Team, the Atlanta Tip Off Club announced on Thursday.

Jones was also named to the Naismith Defensive Player of the Year Watch List in January and is one of just six players who was named to both the Defensive Player of the Year and Player of the Year lists.

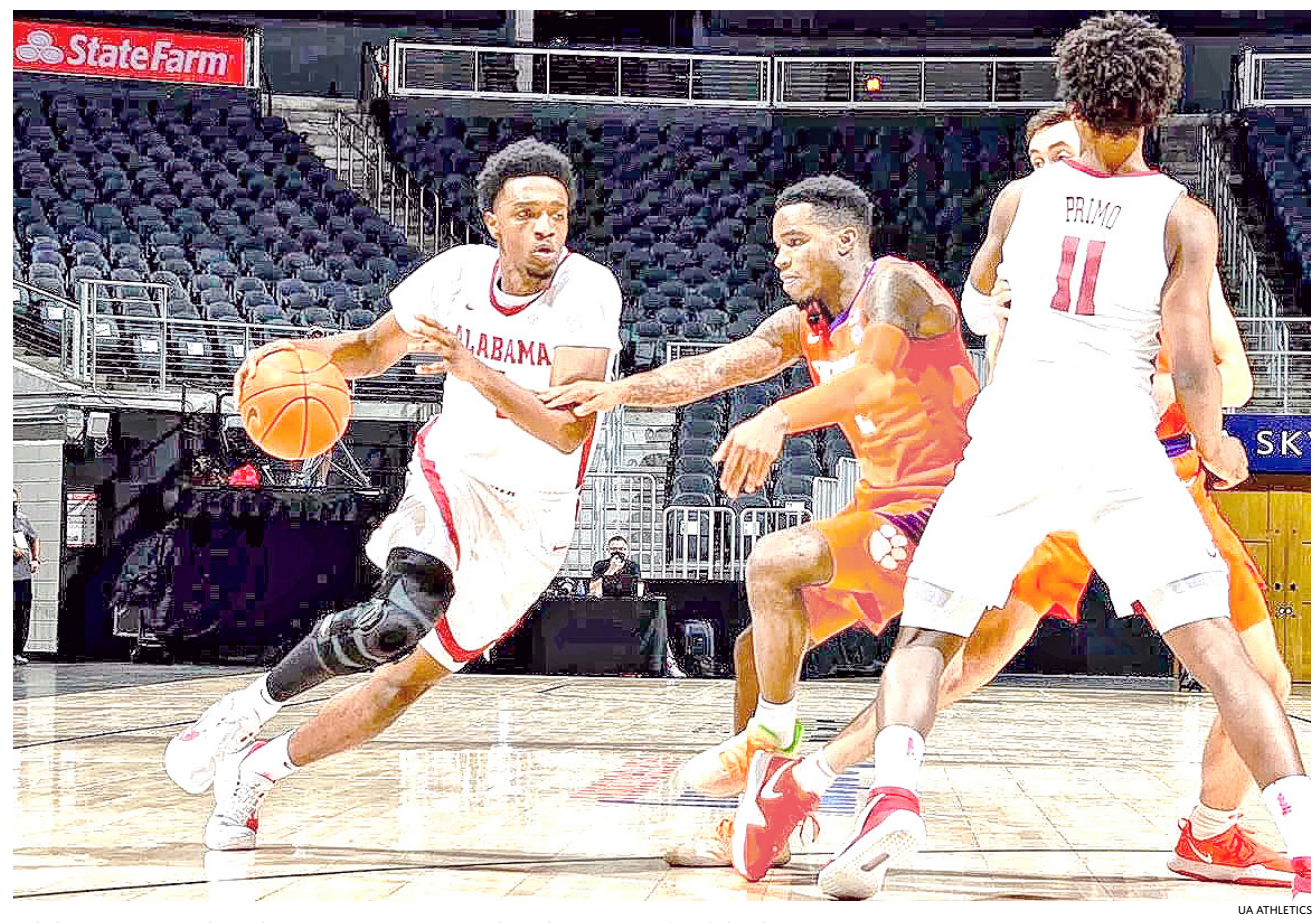
Herbert Jones

- Having the best offensive season of his four-year career
- Across the Crimson Tide's 21 games on the season, Jones is averaging 11.4 points per game while shooting 45.1 percent from the floor
- He leads the squad in assists (2.9 apg), three-point shooting at 50.0 percent (16-of-32) and from the charity stripe at 76.7 (66-of-86)
- He has 13 games in double figures, which ranks third on the team and leads UA with six games of five or more assists this season
- Also considered one of the top defensive players in the country, the Greensboro, Ala., native is known for his toughness, athleticism, length and ability to guard at a high level
- Leads team in rebounding (5.9 rpg), steals (1.7 spg), deflections (72) and floor dives (15), while ranking second in charges taken (7) and blocks (1.1 bpg)
- Has collected a team-leading 423.5 Blue Collar Points (BCP) – a system that includes players receiving points each game for deflections, steals, blocks, rebounds, floor dives and charges

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.

2021 Jersey Mike's Naismith Trophy Midseason Team

- Jose Alvarado - Sr. - G - Georgia Tech (ACC)
- Charles Bassey - Jr. - C - Western Kentucky (C-USA)
- Jared Butler - Jr. - G - Baylor (Big 12)
- Marcus Carr - Jr. - G -Minnesota (Big Ten)
- Justin Champagnie - So. - F - Pitt (ACC)
- Kofi Cockburn - So. - C - Illinois (Big Ten)
- Derek Culver - Jr. - F - West Virginia (Big 12)
- Cade Cunningham - Fr. - G - Oklahoma State (Big 12)
- Oscar da Silva - Sr. - F - Stanford (Pac-12)
- Hunter Dickinson - Fr. - C - Michigan (Big Ten)
- Ayo Dosunmu - Jr. - G - Illinois (Big Ten)
- Luka Garza - Sr. - C - Iowa (Big Ten)
- Collin Gillespie - Sr. - G - Villanova (BIG EAST)
- Quentin Grimes - Jr. - G - Houston (AAC)
- Trayce Jackson-Davis - So. - F - Indiana (Big Ten)
- **Herbert Jones - Sr. - F/G - Alabama (SEC)**
- Carlik Jones - Sr. - G - Louisville (ACC)
- Corey Kispert - Sr. - F - Gonzaga (WCC)
- Cameron Krutwig - Sr. - C - Loyola-Chicago (MVC)
- E.J. Liddell - So. - F - Ohio State (Big Ten)
- Sandro Mamukelashvili - Sr. - F - Seton Hall (BIG EAST)
- Mac McClung - Jr. - G - Texas Tech (Big 12)
- Davion Mitchell - Jr. - G - Baylor (Big 12)
- Evan Mobley - Fr. - F - USC (Pac-12)
- Jeremiah Robinson-Earl - So. - F - Villanova (BIG EAST)
- Jalen Suggs - Fr. - G - Gonzaga (WCC)
- Cameron Thomas - Fr. - G - LSU (SEC)
- Drew Timme - So. - F - Gonzaga (WCC)
- Trevion Williams - Jr. - F - Purdue (Big Ten)
- Marcus Zegarowski - Jr. - G - Creighton (BIG EAST)



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama Forward Herbert Jones was named to the 2021 Naismith Player of the Year Midseason Team Thursday morning.

EDUCATION

‘OnTo College’ founder John Baylor visits CHS for ACT prep

Cullman City Schools
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Forget cheering for touchdowns or defense — the Cullman High School “pep rally” this week was all about ACT test prep.

OnTo College Founder John Baylor made a stop at Cullman High School for a special ACT prep seminar Wednesday and received a socially-distanced rock star’s welcome from students and faculty who have been using his methods to prepare for the test. Cullman High has used Baylor’s methods and OnTo College curriculum the past few years with success, and finally garnered an in-person visit from the testing guru Wednesday.

Teachers and students turned out for Baylor’s seminar, sharing stories of how students made homemade T-shirts sporting his program’s popular catchphrase “Hammer the Grammar,” and how another dressed up and cosplayed as Baylor himself as part of the test prep sessions.

“He just has such a way of connecting with students,” CHS English teacher Danna Putman said.

OnTo College is a national ACT and SAT prep program used by more than 450 high schools in 24 states, encompassing tens of thousands of students.

The curriculum and study prep program reportedly improves ACT scores by 1-3 points, and the average SAT score by 50-200 points.

“In the years we’ve been using OnTo College we’ve seen such an increase in test scores,” Cullman High Principal Kim Hall said. “We’re so excited to get Mr. Baylor on campus to meet with students, especially this year, when they might be feeling disconnected.”

Baylor explained the curriculum has seen entire schools consistently pull up their overall score averages, which can have a positive effect on a community far beyond the multiple choice section on the page.

“Higher scores can mean more scholarships and less debt for students and families,” he explained. “It’s really a way to help school cultures become more future-focused.”

Cullman High senior Logan Holley is one student who benefited several score points from the OnTo College program, pulling his ACT score up from an 18 to a 25 following the prep sessions.

“I’d taken it three times and I couldn’t get my score past 18,” Holley said. “This really helps prepare you for how to take the test. It worked for me and I was able to get a scholarship.”

This week’s seminar, and the curriculum plan, is working to prepare sophomores and juniors for the upcoming spring testing session.



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

OnTo College Founder John Baylor meets with students Wednesday at Cullman High School. Baylor was on campus for a seminar on how to prepare for the ACT test. His program has helped pull up overall scores at CHS.

Empty Bowls (from Front)

ing for Kids Food Bank.

Empty Bowls of Cullman County is being delayed this year until February 2022. Organizers felt it best to postpone the event this year for several reasons, the pandemic being one.

Also, due to the exceptional success of last year’s empty bowls, which raised $24,000, our supply of bowls has been depleted. Many of the Empty Bowl potters either have retired or are unable to continue making bowls.

Our hope is that by February 2022, we will be able to gather in person again and have replenished our supply of bowls.

Even though we will not be having empty bowls this year, the need of the Cullman Caring for Kids food bank is the same.

In 17 years, Empty Bowls has raised over $190,000 for the food bank.

In the last 10 years alone, an average of 900 people participated yearly, raising an average of $13,000 for the Cullman Caring for Kids Food Bank each year.

This money helped provide food for those in need for several months.

It is easy to understand how this deficit will have an impact on the ability of Cullman Caring for Kids to provide for those in need in our community.

While Empty Bowls does not have the ability to give you a beautiful bowl, warm chili, a night of music and fellowship this year, the ongoing need for the money raised from Empty Bowls is still there.

Without the money that would normally be raised this year, the food bank will face a shortage of approximately $13,000 this year.

Through careful stewardship each dollar given to the food bank Cullman Caring for Kids will purchase 7 lbs. of food, $20 will purchase 140 lbs. of food and $100 will purchase 700 lbs. of food.

This will go a long way to help maintain the food bank for our community.

We are asking everyone to recall all of the happy memories of Empty Bowls, and to donate the price of your ticket or your normal donation directly to Cullman Caring for Kids. There are several ways to donate directly to Cullman Caring for Kids.

Send your Empty Bowls donation directly to:

Cullman Caring for Kids
402 Arnold St. NE
Cullman, AL 35055
Phone: 256-739-1111

Or donate online at: www.cullmancaringforkids.com or www.facebook.com/CullmanCaringForKids/

Also, share your special memories of your family and Empty Bowls on the Cullman Caring for Kids website.

We thank Our Awesome God for 17 wonderful years of Empty Bowls dinners and for all of you!

“and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.”
Isaiah 58:10 NIV

Blessings from all of us,
Tanya Shearer, Bobby Nolen, Debbie Morrison, Lynn Jetton, T.J. Franey, Martha Burchell, Clint Creel, David Bussman and Lacie Widner

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HEALTH

Prevention, early detection keys to fighting cancer

Dr. Michael M. Garcia talks National Cancer Prevention Awareness Month

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CULLMAN, Ala. – February is National Cancer Prevention Awareness Month, a time dedicated to promoting the importance of early detection and prevention of the disease. Dr. Michael M. Garcia with the Clearview Cancer Institute in Cullman sat down with The Tribune to discuss things everybody should be doing.

Clearview Cancer Center has been in Cullman now for two years and is one of seven satellite offices of the main campus in Huntsville. Garcia has practiced in the Jasper satellite office for 25 years and now splits his time between Cullman and Jasper.

"We are promoting cancer prevention and we have literature that tells patients the best ways to prevent malignancy from occurring," he said. "If we were able to follow just common sense guidelines and stick with them, you could prevent one-third to one-half of all the cancers that we see, which is pretty amazing."

Garcia advised:

Don't smoke or use tobacco, including smokeless tobacco. As for vaping, he said, "The jury is still out. We haven't had enough time. It took years and years and years before the data, and of course the tobacco industry fought us for years to hide the fact that tobacco causes cancer. It appears that vaping might be a little bit safer, but I don't think we know enough yet to say."

Maintain a healthy weight and a healthy diet. "Especially in the South, we tend to be obese. That is way and above the national norm. In the bigger cities where people walk and commute, they tend to have lower rates of obesity. Obesity is a big risk factor for several cancers," Garcia said.

He added, "Eating too much ham or eating too much meat is bad and puts you at risk for colon cancer or stomach cancer...the nitrosamines and nitrates in ham- and I am guilty of that, too."

Garcia said consuming large amounts of processed foods is not good for the body.

Other diet dos and don'ts include:

- Eat plenty of fruits, vegetables and whole grains.
- Avoid alcohol or drink in moderation.
- Reduce saturated fats and refined sugars.

Exercise regularly. Garcia suggested, "(Get) 20 or 30 minutes of exercise- it doesn't have to be vigorous- but if you aren't going to do vigorous exercise, you should go a little bit longer each time- 3 to 5 days a week- and you should incorporate that into your lifestyle. It is a change of lifestyle and when you do exercise, you don't eat as much, and it can curb your appetite, so you tend to eat better and make better choices."

He said exercise is not only good for cancer prevention but also longevity.

Get vaccinated. Garcia said, "We need to be sure to get vaccinations for hepatitis and for HPV (human papillomavirus). Hepatitis is a risk factor for liver cancer and HPV is a risk factor for cervical cancer and head and neck cancer.

"Then COVID! Just throw in the COVID vaccine because we need to vaccinate the world."

He added, "Most of the cancer patients in my clinic are older and they have shut themselves in, which helps prevent COVID, but as far as their mental health, it can't be good for their mental health."

Get screened. Cancer screenings and early detection are crucial, said Garcia, who believes COVID-19 has had an effect on the number of people receiving screenings.

"I read in one of my journals this past week," he said, "in the past year and since COVID in 2020, the number of screenings and preventative cancer screenings- breast cancer, colon cancer, cervical cancer and all those screenings and testing- has decreased by almost 80%.

"If we don't get rid of COVID, in two to three years you are going to see a rise in all these cancers because of the lack of screening tests, or you are going to see the instance of later cancers which are more difficult to treat and cure."

Who needs to be screened? Garcia said screenings have the most benefit before symptoms appear, especially for people 50 or older and those with family histories of cancer.

"Once a man or woman hits age 50, that's where your cancer risk tends to become more prevalent.

"If you have a first-degree relative who has a malignancy, they usually move that (recommended age) down 5-10 years."

The doctor urges everyone to see their health care providers regularly and be honest. Have conversations about cancer screenings.

He also recommends young men be screened for testicular cancer, saying, "They should feel for masses when they shower every day. That is the one cancer that really in men, starts at an early age. Then, if you have any lumps or bumps or moles, especially here in the South, any lesion on your skin that grows or has irregular borders or different colors, those should at least be looked at."

The doctor said there is some encouraging news when it comes to cancer screenings, especially regarding lung cancer.

"They have just approved in the past 2-3 years the CT scans for early detection of lung cancer. Insurance companies finally agreed that if we can catch a lung cancer earlier, you might actually save money, so that's beneficial for them," he said.

"We were doing routine chest x-rays for years, and that never did show that it improved the chances of early detection. Since they've started low-contrast CT scans, anyone who has more than 20-30 years of smoking, even if they have quit 4-5 years earlier, they can be screened now for a yearly CT scan that is low radiation so you aren't putting the patient at risk.

"They have shown that has dropped the mortality from lung cancer and increased early detection."

Other good news is advancement in immunotherapy. Said Garcia, "Immunotherapy is the backbone of the treatment and researchers are trying to add to the effectiveness of that therapy."

Clearview Cancer Institute of Cullman has reduced the need for cancer patients to travel out of town for treatments.



CLEARVIEW CANCER INSTITUTE

Dr. Michael M. Garcia

Garcia said, "The advantage of us being here in the community is that they have access to all the things that are available in Huntsville. It can be done here.

"We do molecular testing on cancers looking for mutations so patients might be able to receive what we call targeted therapy.

"We have a genetic counselor, who is in our Huntsville office, but we do tele-medicine now with patients. Anyone who has a suspected family history of cancer, such as one of the breast cancer mutations we look for, she can do an interview with the patient and their family and give them recommendations and we can follow through with those recommendations. That's something I had never had available to me and it's really nice.

"We can give all the treatments, any chemotherapy and all the immunotherapy drugs that are now being used in cancer that have been the big advances in the past five years. We have access to all of that."

Clearview Cancer Institute is Cullman is located at 1948 Alabama Highway 157, Professional Building I, Suite 380, Cullman, AL 35058. Learn more at www.clearviewcancer.com.

Pursuit (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – An early morning pursuit in Hanceville ended with the arrests of five individuals Thursday.

According to the Hanceville Police Department (HPD), the five suspects were observed breaking and entering into vehicles on the campus of Wallace State Community College around 5 a.m.

A post from the department said officers from the Wallace State Police Department as well as the HPD attempted to intervene, but the suspects fled, resulting in a pursuit down County Road 616 and Golf Course Road.

The post said deputies from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office joined the pursuit.

"The three law enforcement agencies pursued the suspects until approaching the I-65 intersection, where the suspect vehicle rammed a Hanceville Police unit, and in the process disabled their own vehicle," said the post.

The HPD said the suspects are "thought to have committed other burglaries in the Hanceville area. Wallace State is heading up the investigation with Hanceville Police assisting."

Preliminary charges include breaking and entering of a motor vehicle and receiving stolen property. The HPD said additional charges are expected.

Two of the suspects are juveniles and have been referred to juvenile court. The other three adult suspects were transported to the Cullman County Detention Center.

The adults being held are Danajh Tariq Watkins, 22; Durell Spain, 20; and Jonathan D. Washington, 23, all of Birmingham.

LEGALS

Notice of Requests for Proposals (RFP) to Design and Construct a Major Addition to a Waterpark

The City of Cullman is currently accepting proposals for Design and Build Services for a Major Addition to the "Wild Water" waterpark at the Cullman Wellness and Aquatics Center. The project with a projected $7,000,000 budget includes the complete design and construction of an approximate two acre expansion to the existing aquatics and waterpark facility. All bids must be submitted on time and meet the criteria set forth in the RFP instructions to be considered. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. The City accepts no responsibility for expenses incurred in the proposal, preparation, and presentation. Such expense is to be borne exclusively by the proposing party. Bids are due by 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2021 in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at Cullman City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. Interested parties can attain information from Cullman City Clerk Wes Moore by calling 256-775-7110 or emailing wmoore@cullmanal.gov.

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IN RE: The Estate of *
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Deceased. *

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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.

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* **CASE NO.** PC2021-019

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EDUCATION

Local students named to Auburn University Dean's List

Auburn University
Contributor

AUBURN, Ala. – More than 30 area students were named to the Auburn University Dean's List for the fall 2020 term. To meet Auburn University's requirements for inclusion on the Dean's List, the student must be enrolled for 12 credit hours exclusive of any S-U option courses, pass all courses attempted for the semester, have no D or D* grades that term, and earn a GPA of at least 3.75 (on the 4.00 system).

Local students include:

- Emily G. Apel, of Cullman
- Alexandria G. Barker, of Cullman
- Ashley N. Barton, of Logan
- Elizabeth A. Baughn, of Cullman
- Nicholas Boothe, of Cullman
- Carter S. Bowen, of Cullman
- Cooper B. Bowen, Cullman
- Korey L. Butler, of Cullman
- John C. Conway, of Cullman
- Tate M. Copeland, of Hanceville
- Garrett P. Crider, of Vinemont
- Trevor D. Crider, of Vinemont
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- Catherine A. Jowers, of Cullman
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7/21 Tomato Time- Preserving & Cooking
8/10 Planting and Growing Fall Veggies
9/15 Extending the Growing Season

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Obituary Announcements: Feb. 12



Thomas Charles Fillinger
Thomas Charles Fillinger fulfilled the work God planned for him from before creation and was called home to heaven by his Savior on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021. Tom served his Lord as a pastor and a pastor to pastors through the ministry he established, IgniteUS, Inc., in several states and countries around the world. He grew up on the shores of Lake Erie, the son of Howard John and Leora Marjorie Fillinger, and joined the U.S. Navy upon graduation from high school, proudly serving in the Cuban Missile Crisis. His northern Ohio roots made him an avid fan of the Cleveland Indians and Browns, and a loyal Ohio State Buckeyes fan. His greatest passion was his Lord, Jesus Christ and he served him with an intensity and urgency that left no doubt for anyone who met him that his faith was genuine. He was also passionate about the love of his life, Peggy Jean Coleman Fillinger. During 60 plus years of marriage, she was his constant companion and supporter. They were loving parents to three children: Roderick H. Fillinger (Cyndi), Dr. Eric B. Fillinger (Julie), and Dorinda Louise Fillinger Mitchell (Jeff). His grandchildren will miss hiking in Harbison Forest with him, having screaming contests in his car, and singing "Get Over It!" But he discipled them well to love the Lord and their families. Rod and Cyndi's family: Emily Claire Fillinger, Dr. Meghan Elise Fillinger (Dr. Andrew Durkee), Elisabeth Sara Fillinger, Abigail Joy Fillinger, Reagan Madeleine Fillinger, and Gabrielle Hannah Fillinger; Eric and Julie's family: Nicholas Lee Fillinger, whom Tom joins in Heaven; Andrew Thomas Fillinger; Dorinda and Jeff's family: Bailey Danielle Mitchell Staal (Michael), Alexandra Valentine Mitchell, Jacob Luke Mitchell (Mariah), Samuel Justice Mitchell, Seth Reagan Mitchell; Tom's sisters: Barbara Ann Fillinger Poloni (Marty), Gale Corrine Fillinger Duran (Chuck) and Carol Jean Fillinger Gueltig, whom he joins in Heaven; Tom's family will receive friends at Moss Service Funeral Home in Cullman, AL Friday, Feb. 12, 2021 from 6-7:30 p.m. Tom's funeral service will be Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021 at noon at First Baptist Church of Cullman. Burial will follow in Cullman City Cemetery. View the service online at https://youtu.be/Lwg1mfEtg9Y. Please visit www.mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Jamie Lee Ponder, 78, of Vinemont
Memorial service details for Jamie Lee Ponder, 78, of Vinemont, Alabama are incomplete at this time and will be announced at a later date. Mrs. Ponder passed from this life Feb. 10, 2021 at UAB Hospital. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.



Byron H. Smith, 34, of Hanceville
Graveside services for Byron H. Smith of Hanceville will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021 at Riverside Cemetery in Hanceville. Mr. Smith was born in Birmingham, Alabama Jan. 13, 1987 to Berney and Donna Smith. He died unexpectedly at the age of 34 Feb. 9, 2021. Byron was an amazing individual who would go above and beyond for anyone in need. Mr. Smith had a heart felt passion for teaching children and loved his colleagues just as much. Above all, he loved his wife and daughters. He will be deeply missed by his entire family, friends, co-workers and students. Survivors include his wife Meg Smith; daughters Amelia and Callan Smith; a niece Oaklee Chambers; his sister Ronda Chambers; parents Berney and Donna Smith; grandmothers Ruth Smith and Mable Eddy; and mother-in-law Nan Slaven. Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his grandfathers Bobby Smith and Fritz Eddy; first cousin Jonathan Walls; father-in-law Tim Slaven; and brother-in-law Damon Chambers.

J.L. Gillentine, 88, of Vinemont
Memorial services for J.L. Gillentine, 88, of Vinemont will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021 at Immanuel Baptist Church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Gillentine passed away Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021 at his residence. He was born April 5, 1932 in Dorsey, MS to Elijah and Alma Angelia Gillentine. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife Fay Gillentine; children Patrice Skinner, Renae Tucker, and Reggie Gillentine; and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Opossum (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Animal Shelter has love to spare right now, so Donna Ruttkay shares a bonus Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Opossum is a 1.75-2-year-old yellow lab mix. She has tiny ears due to an early medical condition; they don't bother her, but they do give her an endearing cuteness. She's well-behaved and responds enthusiastically to human attention.

With a little encouragement, she will freely take to the shelter's obstacle course to play, then likes to curl up with her folks when it's time to relax.

Opossum has the makings of a good reading, companion or therapy dog.

Opossum's adoption fee is $100 which includes DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, spaying, microchip, free 30-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax).

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior. Several of the shelter's canine friends have even been "hired" to work as therapy and special needs service dogs.

Please consider adopting, to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life.

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