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PREP BASKETBALL

Raiders fall to Hamilton in sub-regional 71-50



Good Hope's Tanner Malin (11) drives to the basket during the Raiders' 71-50 loss to Hamilton in the sub-regional round Friday night. » PAGE 4

MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope blows past Haleyville 72-42, advances to NW Regional



Good Hope's Ivey Maddox (11) led the Lady Raiders with 29 points in their 72-42 win over Haleyville Friday. » PAGE 4

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– CULTURE –

CELEBRATING OUR HISTORY

Colony will hold Black History Month celebration Feb. 27



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Colony Councilwoman and Mayor Pro Tem Ethel Alexander at the 2018 Colony Black History Month celebration

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COLONY, Ala. – The Town of Colony will celebrate Black History Month Saturday, Feb. 27 by creating a temporary community history museum at the town's Educational Complex to "reflect the many milestones and accomplishments of our ancestors," according to a notice from Colony's Black History Committee. Colony residents and others with town connections are invited to bring photos, artifacts, historical documents and their own stories of » PAGE 5

FEATURE

'If it weren't for Him and prayer, I would not be here right now'

For American Heart Month, Dr. Lance Boyd recounts his heart attack, recovery » PAGE 8

EDUCATION

Up, up and away...and back!

Hanceville students release balloons, get letters



MICHELLE PENDER

Hanceville Elementary School first graders released balloons with special messages attached Feb. 8, 2021. The students have already received a letter from a man in Chickamauga, Georgia. » PAGE 2

Cullman County Commission honors retirees



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman County Administrator Gary Teichmiller (holding plaque) is retiring after 23 years of service to the Cullman County Commission. Pictured with Teichmiller are, from left to right, Commissioner Kerry Watson, Chairman Jeff Clemons and Commissioner Garry Marchman. John Bullard (not pictured) has moved into Teichmiller's role.



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Customer Service Representative Brenda Williamson (holding plaque) is retiring after 11 years of service to Smith Lake Park. Pictured with Williamson are, from left to right, Commissioner Kerry Watson, Chairman Jeff Clemons and Commissioner Garry Marchman. (Not pictured) Holly Pond Senior Center Manager Linda Pruett is retiring after 13 years of service to the Cullman County Commission on Aging.

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CRIME

Cullman County man charged with trafficking meth

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DODGE CITY, Ala. – The Cullman Police Department's (CPD's) TACT Team, along with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Special Response Team (SRT) and CPD and CCSO investigators on Friday executed a search warrant, after which Evan Jon Craig Fuller, 25, of the Dodge City/Hanceville area was arrested.

Fuller is charged with trafficking in methamphetamine, trafficking in cannabis, firearms violations, unlawful possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to a media release from the CPD, investigators and Alabama Drug Enforcement Task Force (ADETF) Region F Agents recovered approximately 3 ounces of methamphetamine, three handguns, more than 2 pounds of marijuana, alprazolam pills, THC edibles, multiple items of drug paraphernalia and cash.

The CPD said Fuller was out on bond at the time of his arrest on an unrelated charge.

Fuller is being held at the Cullman County Detention Center.



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Evan Jon Craig Fuller

Balloons (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – First graders at Hanceville Elementary School (HES) celebrated the 100th day of school Feb. 8 by releasing special balloons. Already, they have received a letter from someone who found one, along with the special message and directions attached to it. In years past, students have received letters from as far away as Canada.

For several years, first graders at HES have been using the fun balloon activity to learn about geography, weather and wind currents.

"We want to teach the students how things travel and how what we do can affect not just our area but other areas," said first-grade teacher Michelle Pender.

"It's also a great geography lesson to pull up and see places. We can pull it up on Google Maps and actually see the field where it was (found), and they really enjoy that."

vThe students released the balloons Feb. 8 and received their first letter four days later on Feb. 12. The letter came from a gentleman in Chickamauga, Georgia, approximately 120 miles away by air.

Said Pender, "The man was very nice and responded very quickly. It is so much fun, and the kids enjoy the process of it." The students anticipate receiving more letters in the coming days and weeks. Last year's first graders received two letters from Canada, but they weren't able to share in their excitement as school had already been closed due to COVID-19.

"The kids didn't exactly get to enjoy it a whole lot, but that's why we do it; it's an interesting study on how things travel and the effect we can have," said Pender.

"Even though it was a 120 mile trek where it went, it's a small world after all."

Pender said of the gentleman from Georgia, "He said he found the balloon on Feb. 9. He was very particular and said, 'I found it today, Feb. 9 at 1 p.m.' It was really sweet that he took the time to sit down and write it to us."

Last year's late January balloon release garnered letters from March until July, shared Pender. "We usually average about 10 letters. We've gotten them from North and South Carolina, lots from Georgia, and even one from Opp, Alabama. It always seems to be from north and east." She recalled that last year's release was on an "exceptionally blustery day."

The balloons are purchased each year by members of Pender's church, and Dollar Tree typically gives a small discount. Small, laminated cards are then attached to each balloon giving instructions to potential finders.

Pender has been searching for biodegradable balloons but has yet to find affordable ones. She said, "I am still on the hunt and if anybody knows where to get good, inexpensive biodegradable balloons, we are interested and please let us know!"

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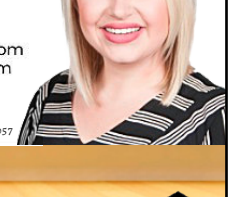


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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Feb. 19

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Feb. 19, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Feb. 17

- domestic violence; CR 1145
- domestic violence; CR 52
- burglary; Hwy. 69 N
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; Industrial Blvd.
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S
- attempting to elude; Hwy. 69 N
- theft of property; CR 1087

Feb. 18

- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; CR 1242
- domestic violence; CR 504
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- burglary; Hwy. 69 N
- domestic violence; CR 735
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; Katherine St.
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 842
- theft of property; Fire Station Road

ARRESTS

No arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Feb. 18

- third-degree criminal mischief; person; Logan St. SW; damage to '98 Volkswagen; $450

ARRESTS

Feb. 18

Barnett, Gretchen S., 45

- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)

Sesma, Eric, 29

- public intoxication

Williams, Shayla C., 26

- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
- FTA- leaving the scene of an accident

Sears, Bridget N. 35

- FTA- resisting arrest
- FTA- disorderly conduct
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, Feb. 19, 2021 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

Case details

- Total confirmed cases in AL: 380,594 (+799 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 104,618 (+48 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 7,514 (+123 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 2,059
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,000 (-1 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,816 (+4 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 113 (+3 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 36,483
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,934
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 132
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,248,455
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 16,731
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 176,234
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 951
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 44,767
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 275,245

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 1,032,175
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 923,975
- Doses administered: 717,477
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 530,021
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 186,578
- Doses delivered to federal Long-Term Care Program: 108,200
- Doses administered by the federal Long-Term Care Program: 67,436

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

Daily update from ADPH COVID-19 cases

More than 480,000 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Alabama, and Alabama's case fatality rate is more than 1.9%. During the past 2 weeks, COVID-19 numbers have trended downward, and hospitalization rates are one-third of what they were a month earlier. Alabama's percent positivity of 11.3% is its lowest since Nov. 1. Slightly more than 10% of Alabamians have received a first-dose vaccination and about 10% have been infected with COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccination update

During the week of Feb. 7-13, more than 150,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses were administered in Alabama, and state providers are administering vaccine as quickly as possible. While the State expects to receive more than 90,0000 vaccine doses the week of Feb. 21-27, there is still a relative lack of vaccine for providers.

Race and ethnicity demographics

At this time, 54.9% of vaccine has gone to white persons, 11.7% to African Americans, and the race and ethnicity of 31.6% of persons are unknown or not reported. About 25% of the state's residents are African American. As expansion continues, ADPH hopes to rectify racial and ethnic disparities by offering walk-in clinics in close proximity to low-income neighborhoods and providing mobile vaccination sites for rural areas. Other strategies include targeted efforts to dispel vaccination myths among African Americans, offering transportation to vaccination sites, and vaccinating homebound individuals in congregate settings or homes. Demographic information is available on the vaccine distribution dashboard, that can be accessed here arcg.is/0brSGj

UK variant - B.1.1.7

ADPH is partnering with several private and commercial laboratories in the state to expand its ability to identify COVID-19 strains that are known to be more transmissible. To date, 8 variant strain cases of the highly transmissible COVID-19 B.1.1.7 variant have been identified in Alabama residents, but only a couple of the cases had out-of-state travel prior to illness onset which indicates this variant strain is already circulating in Alabama. Cases were identified in residents of Autauga, Jefferson, Madison, Mobile and Montgomery counties. The cases that have been identified correspond with the counties where a small portion of laboratories are collecting specimens for sequencing, so there is much yet to be determined about the variant's spread. The variant was first identified in the United Kingdom.

COVID-19 vaccine appointments that are no longer needed should be canceled

Please be considerate of others and cancel your scheduled COVID-19 vaccine appointment if you cannot make it or have received your vaccine elsewhere. This helps ensure that other people have access to appointments.

Second dose large-scale mass vaccination clinics to be held in March

Eight large-scale mass vaccination clinics took place throughout the state February 8-12, with more than 70,000 first doses given out. Clinics were located in Anniston, Birmingham, Dothan, Huntsville, Mobile, Montgomery, Selma and Tuscaloosa. Attendees will return to the same locations in March to receive their second dose. Additional information will be provided soon.

COVID-19 vaccine delayed second doses due to inclement weather

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that if a delay occurs in the normal schedule for receiving a second dose of COVID-19 vaccine, the second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines may be administered up to 6 weeks (42 days) after the first dose. ADPH will assure the opportunity for people to get their second dose over the next 2 weeks, including providing extended clinic hours as staffing availability permits. ADPH is pleased that there was no loss of vaccine in Alabama due to the inclement weather.

Volunteers supporting ADPH for vaccine distribution

As of today, ADPH has 455 medical volunteers, including physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, dentists, and LPNs, verified to support COVID-19 clinical activities. Please email requests to volunteer to Thresa.Dix@adph.state.al.us, and include your discipline, license number and county in which you would like to volunteer.

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.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Berlin Residents
The Town of Berlin will be handing out Midland WR-120 Weather Radios Saturday, Feb. 27 and Saturday, March 6 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Berlin Community Center. Citizens are asked to bring their current electric bills that show they are paying fire dues to the Berlin Volunteer Fire Department, along with a photo ID.

Cullman Electric Cooperative Scholarship Opportunity
Do you know a high school senior attending a college, university or technical school in the fall? The scholarship deadline is one week away! Applications are due Friday, Feb. 26, at 4 p.m. Scholarship applications can be found on our website at https://bit.ly/3arxOSk.

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
- 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.

Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District 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, "The Phases of Armageddon" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
- Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for adults, children and youth at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message at 11 a.m.
- 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. Kids do not have to come to the center to get a free meal. Adults can list the names of the children and do takeout meals. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
- Saturday, Feb. 20 from 9-11 a.m., Drive-thru food bank; bring an ID with you.
- Sunday, Feb. 21 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Revival led by Prophet and Evangelist Dr. Arvind D'Silva. Also Feb. 22-27 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 27 5:30 p.m. Chili Fundraiser for Children's ministry- $7 per person: chili, drink and dessert

Free Community Dinner at Center Hill Baptist Church
- 5-6 p.m.- The first Wednesday of every month we will be offering a Free Community Dinner. Church members, community members, neighbors and friends are welcome. This will be takeout only. Please message or comment with how many plates you will need to help us prepare enough food for everyone. RSVP at http://bit.ly/centerhill.
- 13108 County Road 747, Hanceville, AL 35077

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Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County Fundraiser at Panda Express
- Saturday, Feb. 20 from 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- The Friends will receive 20% of your purchase.
- Panda Express is located at 5505 Alabama Highway 157 in Cullman.

Appeal to Heaven Prayer Gathering
- Saturday, Feb. 20 at noon at the Cullman County Courthouse
- We are gathering together to pray for our county, state and country. We will also be praying for anyone at the event who needs prayer or healing.

Good Hope City Council Meeting
Monday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall

Berlin Town Council Meeting
Monday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Berlin Community Center

Cullman City Council Meeting
Monday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. at Cullman City Hall

Virtual Concert Featuring Miss Alabama 2019 Tiara Pennington
Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 9:30 a.m. at bit.ly/missalabama-wscc. Pennington will also participate in a Q&A session. Her appearance is part of Black History Month events offered at Wallace State Community College.

Colony Town Council Work Session and Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 5 p.m. at Colony Town Hall

Cullman High School Jazz Band Concert
- Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. at Cullman High School
- The concert is free, but seating is limited. Reserve your seat at https://gofan.co/app/events/243859.

Cullman Tree Commission Meeting
Friday, Feb. 26 at 9:30 p.m. at Cullman City Hall

Tree-City USA Dedication Ceremony
- Friday, Feb. 26 at 10 a.m. at Cullman City Hall

Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday
- From 12:01 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26 to midnight Sunday, Feb. 28, Alabama will observe the annual Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday. Certain emergency preparedness items will be exempt from the state's 4% state sales tax, and the cities of Cullman, Good Hope and Hanceville and Cullman County are all participating, along with the towns of Addison, Dodge City, Eva, Fairview, Garden City and Arley, waiving local tax on certain items.

Tax-exempt items include the following priced at $60 or less:
- Flashlights, lanterns
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Batteries
- First-aid kits
- Cell phone charger
- Two-way radios
- Manual can openers
- Tarps and plastic sheeting
- Duct tape
- Fire extinguishers
- Tie-down kits, bungee cords or rope

Other tax-free items include coolers, ice packs, plywood, window film and smoke/fire/carbon monoxide detectors. Portable generators and power cords costing $1,000 or less are also tax-free. To see a full list of tax-free items, go to https://bit.ly/3qFabeI.

Annual Spring Cleanup for City of Cullman Sanitation Customers
- March 29 – April 2, 2021
- Place your old unwanted appliances, furniture, mattresses, and other large items curbside on MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021. Crews will be picking up these items throughout that week (separately from your regular garbage and recycling). This is a service provided to our customers at NO EXTRA CHARGE!
- There are some things we can't pick up, though. We CANNOT pick up rocks, dirt, bricks, concrete, construction materials, hazardous materials or tires. And due to the large volume of items to be picked up, we will not be picking up brush, tree limbs and other yard waste during the week of March 29-April 2, 2021.
- If you have any questions, please contact the City of Cullman Sanitation Department at 256-737-7560 or cityhall@cullmanal.gov.

The American Hero Music Festival
- Saturday, April 24 at Camp Liberty, 15719 Alabama Highway 157 in the Battleground community west of West Point- Gates open at 9 a.m., with the show going from 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
- The event will feature headliner Black Oak Arkansas along with Blackbird Anthem, Billy Don Burrs, Rowdy Johnson, Michelle Leigh, Mercy Shine, Dawn Rix, Dee Rock and Kris Rowdy, as well as speakers Billy Howell, Jr. (veteran of the Special Forces unit that was the subject of the 2018 film "12 Strong"), Navy Rear Admiral Kent David and Dan Robinson.
- Activities consist of an Airsoft shoot house, zip lines, food, vendors and giveaways, with the grand price being a Smith & Wesson M&P AR15 style rifle.
- Lodging available through Camp Liberty (cabins, camping/RV, and bunk rooms)
- Get tickets at http://bit.ly/2N-Lka3a.

THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
FEBRUARY 20, 2021

Alabama Head Basketball Coach Nate Oats agrees to contract extension through 2027

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – University of Alabama Director of Athletics Greg Byrne announced Thursday that head men's basketball Nate Oats and the University have agreed to a raise and contract extension.

The new agreement will extend his current contract by three seasons to six years and keep him in charge of the Crimson Tide basketball program through March 14, 2027. The base salary and talent fee will increase to $3.225 million annually.

"We are excited to agree to a contract extension with The University of Alabama," Oats said. "Crystal and our daughters love it here, and we are committed to The University of Alabama. We feel like we have a lot of positive momentum going with our team and have the program headed in the right direction. Our administration is making a major statement with this extension as we all work on building a successful program for the long term. I know the winning history we've had with Alabama basketball, and I feel like we can add to that and accomplish great things here. We appreciate the opportunity Greg Byrne and our athletics administration, President Stuart Bell, Chancellor St. John and The Board of Trustees have provided us. This is really a reflection of the outstanding job that our players, coaches and basketball staff have done the last two years. Now we need all of our focus to be on finishing this season the right way and giving our team the best chance to succeed down the stretch."

Now in his second season at the helm of the Crimson Tide program, Oats has guided Alabama to a 17-5 overall record and a 12-1 mark in Southeastern Conference play. The Tide is currently ranked No. 8 in the latest Associated Press Top 25, which is its highest ranking in the AP Poll since the 2006-07 campaign. Furthermore, the last time Alabama was ranked in the AP Top 10 in mid-February came in 2002. Projected as a No. 2 seed in this year's NCAA Tournament, which would match the highest seed in program history, the Crimson Tide is just two wins away from clinching the program's first regular season title in 19 years. He has a record of 33-20 (.623) across his two years at the Capstone and a 20-11 (.645) mark against SEC competition.

Prior to coming to Alabama, Oats spent four seasons (2015-19) at the University at Buffalo where he led the Bulls to a 96-43 (.691) record, three MAC Tournament Championships and three NCAA Tournament appearances. He was named the league's Coach of The Year and National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) District 14 Coach of the Year in back-to-back seasons (2018 and 2019) and finished fourth in the voting for the 2019 Associated Press Men's College Coach of the Year.

"We are thrilled to be able to announce a contract extension with our head men's basketball coach Nate Oats," said Byrne. "We had great expectations when we hired Coach Oats. He has exceeded those expectations, and we want to ensure he is compensated among the top half of the SEC. We have put buyout measures in place that show the long-term commitment between both parties. Coach Oats and his staff have built a comprehensive program that has maximized our student-athlete's experience, significantly increased interest in Alabama Basketball with future recruits and put forward a product that has excited our fan base. Nate, Crystal and the Oats family have embraced our community and state and, in turn, our fans have embraced them. A special thanks goes to President Bell, Chancellor St. John and our Board of Trustees for their support in helping to get this extension done."

"We are very proud of what our men's basketball program has accomplished in just a short period of time under Coach Oats' leadership," said University of Alabama President Stuart R. Bell. "His emphasis on effort, continuous growth and selflessness has helped our student-athletes excel on the court, in the classroom and in the community. He has embraced the standard of excellence at The University of Alabama, and we are excited he will continue to lead our program for years to come."

While appropriate members of The Board of Trustees have been notified of the proposed terms and conditions of the proposed contract extension, the financial terms remain subject to the approval by The Board of Trustees.



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama Head Coach Nate Oats has agreed to a contract extension through 2027.

Good Hope - Hamilton (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – After a week of winter weather and shifting schedules, the Good Hope Raiders were finally able to host their sub-regional matchup against Hamilton Friday night. Unfortunately for the home crowd, Good Hope wasn't able to overcome the early lead built by the Aggies and the Raiders' season came to a close with a 71-50 loss in the sub-regional round.

After the Aggies started the game with a three-pointer, Lawton Farr responded with a basket on the other end to make it a 3-2 game. Two quick Hamilton baskets put the Raiders behind 7-2 but Michael Owens laid one in to cut the lead to 7-4 with six minutes to play in the first. The Aggies built a 13-4 lead midway through the opening quarter, but K'mal Bell stopped the run with a corner three that made it 13-7. Tanner Malin scored a quick transition basket to trim the lead to four but a 6-0 run by the Aggies gave them a 19-9 lead late in the first. Noah Barnette scored inside to make it an 8-point game with two minutes to play in the period and Owens finished an and-one play at the line to cut the lead to 21-14 with 30 seconds on the clock. Hamilton was able to get one more bucket on the other end before the first quarter expired and Good Hope went into the second trailing 23-14.

The Aggies were able to pull ahead 29-14 early in the second quarter and despite getting some good looks at the rim, the Raiders weren't able to get any shots to fall. The scoring drought for Good Hope finally ended when Malin laid one in off a steal to cut the lead to 35-16 with just over two remaining in the first half. Colton Lindsey split a pair of free throws to make it 35-17 but Hamilton was able to add a couple more baskets in the final minute of the period and take a 39-17 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Malin took a steal the other way for an easy basket that made it a 39-19 game early in the third quarter and he drove through the lane for another layup around the five-minute mark to trim the lead to 39-21. Barnette scored to make it 39-23 midway through the third and Farr laid one in to hold the lead to 41-25.

Another Barnette layup cut the lead to 41-27 with two minutes to play in the third and Malin finished an and-one play at the line to make it 45-30 with 30 seconds remaining in the period. However, the Aggies were able tip one in just before the buzzer and take a 47-30 advantage into the fourth quarter.

Farr drained a three-pointer to start the fourth and trim the lead to 14 and he knocked down another one with just over six minutes to play to hold the lead to 50-36. Malin scored at the rim to make it a 52-38 game and he and Barnette each added another bucket to cut the lead to 55-42 with just over four minutes remaining. Malin continued to score and prevent Hamilton from pulling away but the Aggies were able to match buckets with the Raiders throughout most of the final frame. Another bucket from Barnette made it a 59-48 game with just under three minutes to play and Farr scored inside to make it a 9-point game. Unfortunately, that's as close as Good Hope would get as Hamilton scored a couple easy baskets off turnovers and made most of their shots from the free throw line to pull away and defeat Good Hope 71-50

Malin led the way for the Raiders with 17 points in the loss. Farr and Barnette each finished with 12 and Owens posted five.

Good Hope - Haleyville (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – The Good Hope Lady Raiders were finally able to get back on the floor for their sub-regional showdown with Haleyville Friday afternoon and they were able to set the tone right out of the gate. Good Hope built a 14-point lead at the half and then exploded for 34 points in the third quarter to pull away from the Lady Lions and win it 72-42. The Lady Raiders will advance to this year's Northwest Regional Tournament with the win.

Rudi Derrick laid one in to give Good Hope an early 2-0 lead and Heather Tetro turned a steal into an easy basket to stay in front 4-2. Ivey Maddox scored down low in the post to make it 6-2 and after splitting a pair of free throws, she drained a three-pointer to stretch the lead to 10-4.

Derrick and Charly Johnson each scored to make it a 14-6 game with less than a minute to play in the first and after Maddox tacked on two more free throws with nine seconds on the clock, the Lady Raiders went into the second holding a 17-6 lead.

The Lady Lions were able to cut the lead to 17-12 early in the second quarter but Maddox scored six straight points off Haleyville turnovers to put Good Hope on top 23-12 midway through the period.

Derrick drilled a three-pointer and Johnson scored another basket inside to make it a 28-15 game with just over three minutes remaining in the opening half. Another bucket by Johnson, followed by an and-one play by Maddox, stretched the lead to 33-17 late in the second and Maddox laid another one in just before the buzzer to make it a 35-21 game going into the break.

Bailey Tetro converted an and-one play at the free throw line to add to the Good Hope lead at the start of the third quarter and Heather Tetro buried back to back three-pointers to make it 44-24. Another Derrick basket kept the Lady Raiders in front 46-26 and Maddox knocked down a pair of threes to extend the lead to 52-31 midway through the third.

An easy transition basket for Maddox made it a 54-31 game and she laid one in on the very next possession to stretch the lead to 25. Good Hope stayed hot, and Heather Tetro drained back to back threes of her own to make it 64-34 with just over a minute to play in the period.

Derrick laid one in to add to the lead late in the quarter and Heather Tetro drilled yet another three-pointer at the buzzer to give the Lady Raiders a commanding, 69-34 advantage going into the final frame.

Good Hope outscored Haleyville 34-13 in the third quarter.

Derrick scored early in the fourth to keep the run going and with the clock running throughout the remainder of the game, it was a great opportunity for some younger Lady Raiders to get some postseason experience.

Neither team put many points on the board in the final period, but Good Hope's lead was too much for the Lady Lions to overcome and the Lady Raiders pulled away to win it 72-42.

Maddox led Good Hope with 29 points in the win. Heather Tetro posted 17, Derrick added 15 and Johnson finished with six.

Good Hope will face either Deshler or Brooks in the opening round of this year's 4A Northwest Regional Tournament.

Those two squads are currently scheduled to tip Saturday at 1 p.m. A date, time and location for the Lady Raiders' Northwest Regional matchup will be announced at a later date.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Boardwalk.. my very own Boardwalk

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



I don't know exactly what it is about the sound of hard heels pounding on a wooden boardwalk, but I do love that sound. I like it even better when I am wearing my cowboy boots. I guess part of that pleasure is that it takes me back to my childhood-cowboy days. No, I was never actually a cowboy, but I did play one many times in my backyard. I also spent time watching Matt Dillion, Festus, Doc, and the others as they strolled through Dodge City. They were on my family television each week, on Saturday evenings originally, and later, on Mondays. Now, I could watch reruns of Gunsmoke every day of the week, and I do sometimes. Dodge City, Kansas; Tombstone, Arizona; Virginia City, Nevada; and Lonesome Dove, Texas; to name a few, all had wooden sidewalks, otherwise known as boardwalks. Cement had been invented by that time, but those rustic cowboy towns of the West didn't have such luxuries.

The earliest recollection I have of actually walking on a boardwalk is when I was around six-years old. It was not on a boardwalk in some Wild-West town, but in an everglade swamp in South-Central Florida. My oldest brother was living down there at the time, and he took us out there for a stroll through the swamp. Since I couldn't walk on water, I was thankful for the elevated boardwalk, especially since there were alligators in the water. According to my brother, little boys were the favorite appetizer of those gators. Since I survived that outing without being eaten alive, fried gator is now one of this big boy's favorite appetizers!

There are a number of well-known boardwalks across our nation. At Coney Island, in Brooklyn, you can walk the boardwalk while eating a Nathan's Hot Dog. If you're brave enough, especially after eating that hot dog, you ride the Cyclone Roller Coaster. Other famous boardwalks include the Santa Monica Pier, the Atlantic City boardwalk, and the boardwalk in Ocean Springs, Maryland, which was first constructed in 1900. In 1964 The Drifters recorded a hit song called, "Under the Boardwalk."

There is another boardwalk that is not quite as famous as any of those, but I do love it. This boardwalk is my very own, located in my backyard. I had a wet area back there, right beside my shop, and where I needed to walk. I had acquired several wooden-shipping pallets to tear apart so I could use the wood to build craft items. One day I laid a few of those pallets across the wet area, so I wouldn't ruin my shoes. I considered getting enough pallets to line them up for a sidewalk until Jean gave me one of those, "You-aren't-going-to-leave-those-there-are-you?" looks. So I decided to do something that was a little more pleasing to the eye. Drew and I began taking the boards off the pallets. We put down pressure-treated runners and nailed the boards across them, to build a sidewalk, or boardwalk. Eventually, we nailed down 106 pallet boards which covered a span of around 30 feet. Oh, and we broke that many or more trying to pry them off, but that's good for small crafts! Our newly constructed boardwalk has now passed inspection. If I still had a couple of cap-guns and holsters, I'd strap them on, put on my boots and cowboy hat, and strut down my boardwalk! I would even try to talk Drew into playing too, but he's getting too big for such foolishness.

Boardwalks and bridges rise above muck and even danger sometimes, and help us reach the other side safely. The most important one ever, across the largest chasm, was shaped like a cross.

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1900, 1950

From the Files of 1900

M. Dickerman has purchased the sawmill, belonging to W. Turney, near Vinemont.

Doctor W.A. Barclift of Hartselle is having a cottage erected on the bluff, overlooking the Vinemont railroad station and will use it as a summer home.

Swiss and Limburger cheese always to be had at Al Richter's. Adv.

The streets are constantly crowded with cotton wagons.

Mrs. C.J. Brown entertained a few friends on Tuesday evening.

W. Thomas Green of Joppa has entered the Polytechnic College.

Miss Hattie Gibson left this week for an extended visit to friends in Morgan County.

A.M. Weatherford has been at work putting electric lights in the courthouse, this week.

Mrs. M.W. Howard stopped in Cullman, this week, on her return from Kentucky, where Mr. Howard has been making campaign speeches.

John F. Knight went to Birmingham on Wednesday to meet Mrs. Knight, who has just returned from Canada. They will reside here.

From the Files of 1950

Philip G. Hartung has been elected president of the State Board of Pharmacy. He owns Peoples Drug Company.

A.C.E. Grafton of Route Four, Cullman has peanuts he grew measuring 7½ inches around, the oblong way. The seed came from Florida. He feeds the "gobblers" to his hogs.

Those yelling for the Bearcats on Friday night included Helen Hamilton and Kenneth Speegle, Doris Lessman and Kermit Robinson, Gwen Hart and Elwin Robinson and Jeanette and Bobby Joe Blalock. The game was at Scottsboro.

Dwight McSwain leaves the Bearcat football team to enter the Army on October 19.

Cullman defeated Scottsboro, 14 to 6. Coach Tilrow Morrison attributed the upset to the blocking of Asa Blalock, Dahlke and Cook.

Charley Dewberry, age three, was killed at Liberty Grove, when he fell into a neighbor's boiling pot of water, where they were killing hogs.

Mr. and Mrs. Fonzie Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Oran Holmes and Lowell Holmes were baptized at the John R. Holmes pond last week.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Aldridge of Piney Grove severely cut his leg on a pile of sawdust. It required several stitches.

Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Bontrager have a new daughter, Barbara Kay, born on September 26.

Mrs. Ray Benefield of Hulaco has a new electric range. It is a present from her daughter, Lucille of Arab.

John Bishop of Berlin has a mule for sale.

Jack Mann, age 22 and Vida Faye Hamrick were recently married.

History (from Front)

families, churches and community institutions to share. Tables will be available for displays. The program will feature music, poetry and crafts.

Colony Councilwoman and Mayor Pro Tem Ethel Alexander, who is heading up the program, told The Tribune, "Colony, the oldest African American community in Cullman County, Alabama will be hosting its 2021 Black History Museum.

"The theme "Things Remembered" will reflect the great contributions of local and national African Americans in the county, state and nation."

Alexander emphasized the importance of the history of African Americans and their contributions to the country and community.

"It is important that all Americans know the true history of America and how the enslaved African Americans contributed to its greatness. Black History Month is a special time to learn about the way African Americans rose from slavery to help build and shape our country's history," she said.

"We will make tributes to many Colonites of Cullman County such as Ms. Kizzie Montgomery Leeth and Ms. Tina Hall, two midwives who delivered many black and white babies throughout Cullman County; Ms. Nancy Boyd, who in the 1880 agriculture census owned a successful farm; Mr. Zether Malcom in 1952 donated 1 acre of land to build the Mason Hall (sic) Lodge #96 A.A. and A.M.; and the Colony Mercantile Dry Good store operated by Mail Fields, along with many other successful notable pioneers of the Colony."

At a glance

- Colony Black History Museum

- Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021 from 3-5 p.m.

- Colony Educational Complex, 151 Byars Road in Colony

For more information, contact Ethel Alexander at 256-287-1192, ext. #5; Barbra Moody; Donnis Leeth at 205-339-9317; or Colony Town Clerk Patricia Ponder at 256-287-1192, ext. #1.

CORRECTION

In the article titled "Commission honors retirees; CR 1301 to be resurfaced," published Friday, Feb. 19, 2021, The Tribune wrote: "The Cullman County Commission passed a resolution Thursday evening approving the resurfacing of County Road 1301 from near Monk's Flooring in South Vinemont toward Lake George and to Childhaven Road." It should say: "The Cullman County Commission passed a resolution Thursday evening approving the resurfacing of County Road 1301 from near Monk's Flooring in South Vinemont on U.S. Highway 31 east to County Road 1319." We regret the error.

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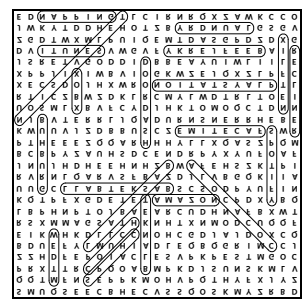
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ANSWER:



POET'S CORNER

The Snow Man

By: Wallace Stevens (1879-1955)

One must have a mind of winter
To regard the frost and the boughs
Of the pine-trees crusted with snow;

And have been cold a long time
To behold the junipers shagged with ice,
The spruces rough in the distant glitter

Of the January sun; and not to think
Of any misery in the sound of the wind,
In the sound of a few leaves,

Which is the sound of the land
Full of the same wind
That is blowing in the same bare place

For the listener, who listens in the snow,
And, nothing himself, beholds
Nothing that is not there and the nothing that is.

FINANCE

Tips to help investors protect online accounts

Alabama Securities Commission

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – As financial technology has evolved, it has given consumers the ability to shop, save and invest online using their phones, tablets and computers. These modern financial conveniences, however, come with risk. Scammers always look for new ways to get into a consumer's pocketbook, electronically or otherwise. Investors should be cautious in the way they use the conveniences offered by new and evolving financial technology, especially as they've become more widely used during the COVID-19 pandemic. A bit of caution can keep virtual distance between scammers and your money.

Banks, credit unions, brokerage firms, investment advisers, employer retirement plans, personal retirement accounts and more all offer consumers electronic access to their accounts through websites and mobile apps. Retail investors can make important financial decisions, day or night, from their mobile phones.

Not long ago, this sort of ready-access to the financial markets was the realm of science fiction. No longer. Technology allows us to buy securities, send money and pay bills with the swipe of a finger.

These conveniences are unfortunately not counterbalanced with comparable protections from fraud or abuse.

Online accounts, virtual shopping and the risk to your financial information
The more that financial information is shared through apps, websites and other digital media, the more it becomes at risk. Scammers can access private information in different ways and use that information to harm your finances.

Here are a few examples:
Data breaches. A data breach is an incident that exposes confidential or protected information, usually involving the loss or theft of private data that can be used by criminals to steal consumers' identities and assets. Data breaches happen to businesses, universities, hospitals, governments, and even credit reporting and monitoring agencies whose job it is to protect such
data. Data can be sold or shared with other fraudsters through online black markets that traffic in misappropriated information.

Phishing. Phishing involves scammers using fraudulent emails, text messages or phone calls to impersonate legitimate people and entities to trick consumers into giving out their personal information. The scammer pretends to be a well-known business, an employer, or some other person or entity the consumer trusts. The scammer then uses a person's presumed trust to request personal data that can be used fraudulently or sold on the online black market.

Skimming. Skimming frauds involve the use of technology fraudulently installed into a debit or credit card reader, frequently at a gas pump or an ATM. When a consumer inserts their card to pay for gas or withdraw money from their account, the skimmer copies or "skims" information from the card, allowing the scammer to make counterfeit versions of the card for fraudulent use.

Public Wi-Fi scams. Many businesses and public spaces offer free wireless internet for the public to use when going about their daily lives. Unsecured public Wi-Fi is a goldmine for scammers looking to steal personal financial information from people who use these public networks to shop online or access personal information that becomes visible to anyone who wants to see.

These are not the only ways that scammers try to get access to your money, but they are some of the more common ways that bad actors try to use new technology to play old tricks, leaving consumers and investors holding an empty bag.

How to protect yourself and your financial information
Monitor your accounts. Check your bank, credit card, and brokerage account statements regularly and keep an eye out for fraudulent or suspicious transactions. Contact your bank, credit card issuer, broker or investment adviser immediately if you see a questionable transaction or charge. Don't hesitate to contact the authorities in cases of fraud. The sooner you dispute a fraudulent or suspicious transaction, the better.

Use caution on public Wi-Fi. Public Wi-Fi networks – especially unsecured public networks – carry huge risks. Avoid online shopping and accessing financial or other personal data on public Wi-Fi networks. Wait until you can access an encrypted private network to enter your credit card number or enter account login information.

Check your credit reports. In the U.S., consumers can visit www.annualcreditreport.com at least once per year to check their credit reports from the three major credit reporting agencies for free. In Canada, consumers can visit the federal government's website for similar information. If an entry does not look familiar, consumers should follow up right away. Dispute entries that are fraudulent. Consumers interested in greater peace of mind might consider subscribing to a credit monitoring service.

Be careful with debit cards. Debit cards offer fewer fraud protections than credit cards and leave your bank account vulnerable to scammers who get bank account information or spoof your card. Credit cards offer better fraud protections than debit cards, and consumers should consider using a credit card instead of a debit card anytime they are shopping online or giving a card number to pay for something over the phone.

Speak up if something is wrong. If an investor suspects something is wrong with their account statement or credit report, they should follow up with their financial institution and credit reporting agency to make sure the charge or credit report entry is accurate. Dispute transactions and credit entries that are not legitimate.

The bottom line
Be careful when disclosing personal information online and avoid doing it in a public setting at all costs.

Use safer methods of payment that come with enhanced fraud protection if possible, and check account statements regularly.

Reach out to the Alabama Securities Commission by calling 1-800-222-1253 before making any investment, or if fraud is suspected.

LEGALS

Auction Notice

Contents of storage unit **A-21,** rented to **Del Hudson,** on **July 31, 2020,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **February 27, 2021,** at **10:00 a.m**. Consisting of household goods.

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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: AMANDA DYE, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER
RANDY ALLEN SCOTT, BIOLOGICAL FATHER

The Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Hilda Watts and Ronnie Watts, Petitioners. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioners, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 5th DAY OF February, 2021.

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

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Petitioners
P.O. Box 517
Cullman, AL 35056

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STEPHANIE LAYNE HART a/k/a STEPHANIE LAYNE

PLAINTIFF,

VS.

CASE NO. CV-2021-900012

Lots Numbered Seventeen (17) and Nineteen (19) in Block D, as shown and known on the recorded plat or map of Loring's Addition to Cullman, Alabama, said plat or map being recorded in Plat Book Vol. One in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. LESS AND EXCEPT ten (10) feet evenly off of the East side of said Lot 17 as previously conveyed by a deed recorded in Deed Book 299, Page 977.

AND

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

DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE

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

DONE this the 21st day of January, 2021.

LISA McSWAIN, Circuit Clerk

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE MATTER OF:
G.C.B.,
a minor, DOB: 03/04/2015

CASE NO. JU-2020-559.01

NOTICE OF PETITION

JOSHUAH BLACKWOOD, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights by March 15, 2021 or thereafter a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case No. JU 20-559.01 in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 26 day of January, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Court

Plaintiff's Attorney:
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Cullman, AL 35055

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC2021-051

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF KATHERINE LEE McDONALD, DECEASED

TO THE HON. TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to RACHEL McDONALD, as Administratrix of the Estate of KATHERINE LEE McDONALD, Deceased, on the 8th day of February 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown.

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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Deceased

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Tammy Brown
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Judge of Probate

Obituary Announcements: Feb. 20

Doyle "Gus" Raphael Lowry
Doyle "Gus" Raphael Lowry died peacefully at his home Thursday morning, Feb. 18, 2021. The son of Harry Raymond Lowry and Grace Estelle Phillips Lowry, he was born May 15, 1935. Gus graduated from Cullman High School and attended St. Bernard College while working with his father and brother Buford in the family business, Lowry Implement Company. Gus is a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church, serving as Elder. He is preceded in death by his parents and brothers Harry Buford Lowry (Jo Ann), Clifford Aubrey Lowry (Wynema), and Dalton Douglas Lowry. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Cora England Lowry; sons Steven Craig Lowry and John Langston Lowry (Katharyn); grandson John Louis Lowry; and sister-law Louise Smith McCool Lowry. Private funeral services will be held at First Presbyterian Church Sunday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Lowry family.

Charles Emmitt Dye, 65, of Vinemont (updated)
Funeral services for Mr. Charles Emmitt Dye, 65, of Vinemont will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, 2021 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Mt. Zion Cemetery; Rev. Tommy Graves officiating. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Dye passed away Feb. 14, 2021. He was born Feb. 15, 1955 to Alford and Lillis Dye. He was a godly man who loved music and sang in gospel groups. He enjoyed going to senior centers. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mavis Owens. Survivors include his wife Betty Dye; son Brandon Dye; stepsons William (Karen) Addison, Byron Addison, Sidney (Lesley) Bontrager, Chad (Brittany) Barnett, and Skylar Barnett; and a host of grandkids, family, and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Mary Sue Burks, 72, of Bremen
Mary Sue Burks of Bremen passed away Feb. 16, 2021 at the age of 72. She was born in Cullman Feb. 12, 1949 to Archie A. and Mae Bell Hamby McNabb. She is preceded in death by her parents; sister Betty Burks; and brother James McNabb. Funeral services were Friday Feb. 19, 2021 at Moss Funeral Home Chapel at 2 p.m. with interment in Mt. Zion Cemetery. Survivors are sons Robert (Jennifer) Burks, Steve (Leanne) Burks, Carl Jr. (Sandra) Burks, and Archie Burks; 19 grandchildren; and a host of great-grandchildren. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Sandra Beth Shoemake, 59, of Cullman
Sandra Beth Shoemake of Cullman passed away Feb. 16, 2021 at the age of 59. She was born in Cullman June 17, 1961 to Artis Duwayne and Dewey Jane Smith Shoemake. She worked in as a registered nurse until retirement. She is preceded in death by her parents and a brother-in-law, Allen Lawrence. Survivors are sister Sherrie Lawrence; nieces Tiffanie Lawrence and Brittanie Weeks; great-nephews Tanner Lawrence and Tristan Weeks; and a host of other family and many friends. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be announced at a later date by the family.

Robert Lee Page, Sr., 61, of Vinemont
Robert Lee Page, Sr., 61, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021. Robert was born April 13, 1959 in Toledo, OH. Survivors are wife Melinda Page; daughter Alicia Chesser; sons Robert Page, Jr. and Clint Jones; brother Chuck Page; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Page family.

Alan Dean Irby, 88, of Cullman
Alan Dean Irby, 88, of Cullman, passed away Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021 at UAB-Palliative Care. He was born Wednesday, Nov. 23, 1932 in Laurel, Mississippi. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary Irby; granddaughter Britni Champagne; and his parents. Survivors include his daughter Sherry Burtchaell; son Jerry Dean Irby; five grandchildren; and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. There are no services planned at this time.

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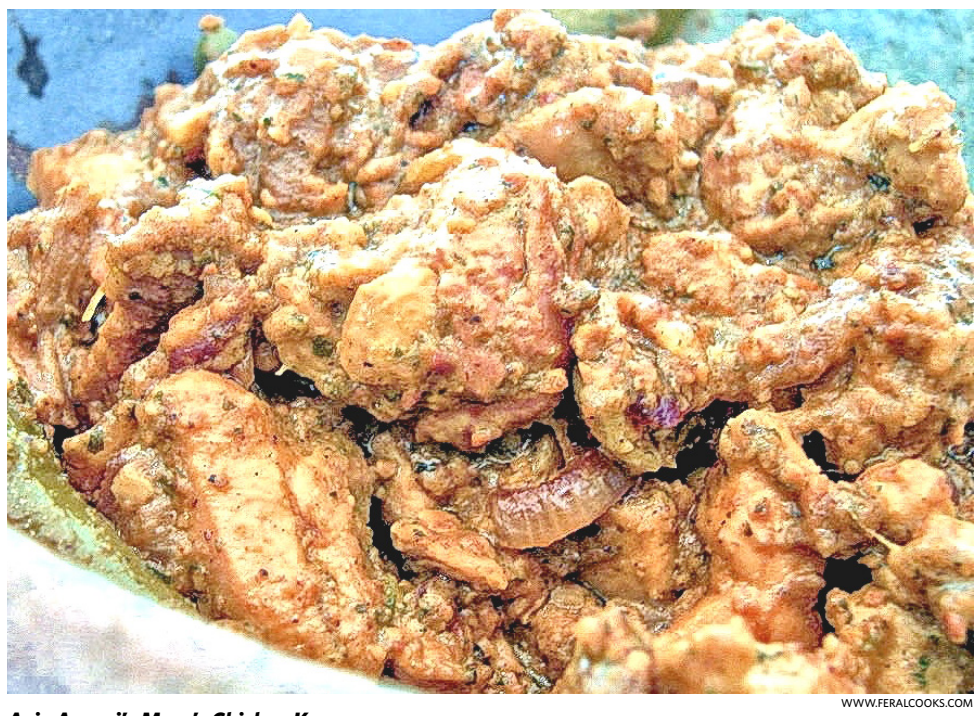
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A Round of Applause for 365 American Joy-Givers in 2021: The Blue Jeans and Bombeck Birthday Party

Ben South
Tribune Columnist



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Aziz Ansari's Mom's Chicken Korma



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Howdy pardner, make yourself comfortable. This midwinter birthday party is beautiful but casual. We are surrounded by the grandeur of Ansel Adams' large-scale, black-and-white photographs of the American West, but the suggested attire is blue jeans to salute textile merchant Levi Strauss. A large, stone fireplace beckons you to put your boots up, relax and take a load off.

The color scheme is black, white and indigo. Seating is hand-tooled leather chairs with blue denim cushions. The dinner menu is comfort food, including the entrée Chicken Korma, which Aziz Ansari's family brought from India to South Carolina. Instrumental music is gentle guitar, fiddle and fife.

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

Please give A ROUND OF APPLAUSE for these American joy-givers celebrating a birthday this week:

Feb. 20—ANSEL ADAMS, America's most-popular landscape photographer and a life-long advocate for environmental conservation. Especially treasured are his wide-angle, black-and-white photographs of the American West, many of which hang in museums in the U.S. and abroad. His image "Winter Morning, Yosemite Valley" was licensed to be on a Hills Brothers coffee can, which now brings up to $1,500 for a single can at auction. Adams was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1980. He and many of his portrait subjects wore blue jeans.

Feb. 21—ERMA BOMBECK, one of our most widely read and popular humorists mined mirth describing Midwestern suburban homelife. She wrote more than 4,000 columns which were published semi-weekly reaching 30 million readers in more than 900 newspapers in the U.S. and Canada.

Feb. 22—GEORGE WASHINGTON, "The Father of Our Country" had no children, which historians say could have been because tuberculosis made him infertile. I got that tidbit from "Mental Floss Magazine" as well as these things you might not know about our first president: He didn't have a middle name and did OK without one. His hair was all real, not plugs, but it was white because he powdered it. He was made an official citizen of France in 1792. He had to borrow money to attend his first inauguration. He wasn't very religious and refused to take Communion. He wrote between 18,000 and 20,000 letters which would take 50-plus years if one were to write a letter a day. Before he fought the British, he fought for the British against the French in Ohio. He had several pairs of false teeth including a set made from rhino tusk, but he did not have wooden ones. He owned the biggest whiskey distillery in the U.S. which produced 12,000 gallons a year. He loved dogs and bred many hunting companions, including those he named Drunkard, Tipler and Tipsy.

Feb. 23—AZIZ ANSARI, comedy writer, actor, producer, director, author of "Modern Love." He's best known for his role as Tom Haverford on the NBC television series, "Parks and Recreation." He has two Emmy awards and was the first Asian-American television actor to win a Golden Globe for Best Actor in a TV Show. Ansari's stand-up comedy is observational humor and occasionally "blue," which he often performs wearing blue jeans.

Feb. 24—STEVE JOBS, pioneer leader of the personal computer revolution, industrial designer, marketeer. He was an incredibly successful entrepreneur, co-founder of Apple, Inc. and also the major investor for The Walt Disney Company's digital graphics group, Pixar. Jobs was a Buddhist with a simple, signature sartorial style of black turtleneck (which he considered "lucky" for him) and blue jeans.

Feb. 25—JACK HANDEY, blue jeans swaggering, Texas humorist best known for "Deep Thoughts by Jack Handey," a vast collection of surrealistic one-liners. The ex-newspaper columnist first wrote comedy with Steve Martin and later wrote and performed on "Saturday Night Live." The best place to find Handey's musings these days is in "The New Yorker" magazine.

Feb. 26—LEVI STRAUSS, a Bavarian-American cloth merchant who founded the San Francisco branch of his brother's NYC-based dry goods store. At first, blue jeans made with the cloth from his store were utilitarian wear and mostly popular in the Western states. The "dude ranch" craze of the 1930s made Levi's brand blue jeans an icon of American fashion and popular worldwide.

COMMENTS OVERHEARD at "The Blue Jeans and Bombeck Birthday Party" for American joy-givers:

"I'm not a glutton; I'm an explorer of food." —Erma Bombeck

"Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence."—George Washington

"A firm takeaway from all my 'Modern Romance' interviews with women is that most dudes out there are straight-up bozos."—Aziz Ansari

"A sensible woman can never be happy with a fool."—George Washington

"I believe the world is incomprehensibly beautiful—an endless prospect of magic and wonder."—Ansel Adams

"Being the richest man in the cemetery doesn't matter to me. Going to be at night saying we've done something wonderful...that's what matters to me."—Steve Jobs

"This country was not built by men in suits."—Levi's Jeans advertisement

"Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way when you criticize them, you are a mile away from them and you have their shoes."—Jack Handey

"When the going gets tough, the tough make cookies."—Erma Bombeck

"Decision-making, like coffee, needs a cooling off process."—George Washington

"Let us leave a splendid legacy for our children...let us turn to them and say, this you inherit; guard it well, for it is more precious than money... and once it is destroyed, nature's beauty cannot be repurchased at any price."—Ansel Adams

"The people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do."—Steve Jobs

"Have you ever had a bad time in Levi's?"—Levi's jeans advertisement

"Is there anything more beautiful than a beautiful flamingo flying across the sunset? And, he is carrying a beautiful rose in his beak, and also, he is carrying a beautiful painting with his feet. And also, you are drunk."—Jack Handey

"A member of my (ladies church group) slapped my nametag, 'Erma,' over my left bosom. 'Thanks, what shall we name the other one?' I smiled. She was not amused."—Erma Bombeck

"If freedom of speech is taken away, then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter."—George Washington

"Everyone is on this boat together, and it would probably be good if we were a little nicer on that boat."—Aziz Ansari

"You don't make a photograph just with a camera. You bring to the art of photography all the pictures you have seen, the books you have read, the music you have heard, the people you have loved."—Ansel Adams

"I want to put a ding in the universe."—Steve Jobs

"Venture bravely. Love ravenously. Rebel 'til you're 90."—Levi's jeans advertisement

"The face of a child can say it all, especially the mouth part...If a child asks where rain comes from, I think a cute thing to tell them is, 'God is crying.' And, if they ask why God is crying, tell them, "Probably because of something you did."—Jack Handey

"When humor goes, there goes civilization."—Erma Bombeck

"It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one."—George Washington

"Marriage is like, 'I wanna keep hangin' out with you until one of us dies."—Aziz Ansari

"Have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow know what you truly want to become."—Steve Jobs

"All asses are not created equal."—Levi's jeans advertisement

"I bet the sparrow looks at the parrot and thinks, yes, you can talk, but listen to yourself."—Jack Handey

PARTY MENU for "The Blue Jeans and Bombeck Birthday Party:"

APPETIZERS—Erma Bombeck's Holiday Dip (recipegoldmine.com)

SALAD—Levi Strauss Bleu Cheese and Blueberry Salad (tasteofhome.com)

ENTRÉE—Aziz Ansari's Mom's Chicken Korma (see below)

BEVERAGE—Steve Jobs Apple/Banana Smoothie (livin3.com) and Jack Handey's Flying Flamingo Cocktail (food.com)

BREAD—Biscuits with Ansel Adams Mountain Dew Jelly (yummly.com)

DESSERT—George Washington Blueberry-Cherry Compote (teatimemagazine.com)

At the end of the evening, Jobs, saluting all the American joy-givers in the room, takes his new Apple iPhone out of his jeans pocket and beams these words from a classic Levi's advertisement across one of the giant photographs by Adams: "I am the new, American pioneer, looking forward, never back, no longer content to wait for better times...All I need is all I got. Bruises heal. Look across the plains and mountains and see America's eternal promise. Go forth."

AZIZ ANSARI'S MOM'S CHICKEN KORMA
(source: allrecipes.com)
This is an Indian chicken dish that Ansari's family made in South Carolina, where he was raised. Serve with rice or naan bread.

Ingredients:
- 1 tbsp. vegetable oil
- 4 (2-inch) cinnamon sticks
- 10 whole cloves
- 10 cardamon seeds
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 (6-oz.) skinless, boneless chicken breasts, halved
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
- ½ tsp. ground coriander
- ½ tsp. ground cumin
- ½ cup tomato sauce
- ½ cup warm water
- ½ cup buttermilk
- 2 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley

Directions:
1. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Cook cinnamon sticks, cloves and cardamon seeds in hot oil for 3 minutes. Stir in onion and garlic and cook until soft.

2. Cut each chicken breast in half for four pieces and add to skillet; cook for 5-8 minutes.

3. Season with salt, red pepper flakes, coriander and cumin. Stir in the tomato sauce and warm water. Continue cooking for 10 minutes.

4. Stir in buttermilk and cook for 5-8 minutes. Just before serving, mix in the parsley.

Serves 2





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Boyd (from Front)

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"Mom, God has this!" Those are the words that still go through Dr. Lance Boyd's mind each day. Words his daughter Sadie said as she and the family were in the midst of Boyd experiencing a traumatic heart attack. Those words proved to be the difference as the family remained calm and worked together to do what had to be done in those moments- resulting in Boyd being able to tell his story today.

Boyd has dedicated his life to teaching. He has served as a principal and coach at Fairview, a professor at Wallace State Community College and now a teacher at Cullman Christian School. He teaches many subjects, including biology, physics and math. Above all that, he has dedicated himself to God and teaching others about Him.

Boyd was just 49 years old when he suffered a heart attack that many refer to as a "widowmaker." He said he always listened to his doctors, took care of his body and described himself as active and athletic. Despite his healthy lifestyle choices, family history indicated that a heart attack was a very real possibility.

"I come from an athletic background. I was taught to take care of your body and I was one to never even take Tylenol. I would only drink water, milk and buttermilk. All these years, I have taken care of my body," he said. "I come from a gardening background and grow my own produce. We would put up vegetable soup and eat healthy and did what my doctors told me to do. If they told me to eat an egg sandwich for breakfast, that's what I did. I think that's one of the reasons I am still here on this Earth."

Boyd's father had a stent put in when he was around 50, and others in his family experienced heart attacks or developed heart problems around the same age. Boyd said he thought he was a year or so out before he should begin undergoing tests on his heart, but his heart attack occurred before those tests could happen.

Boyd recalled how the events unfolded, saying, "It was on Dec. 10, 2018. I was teaching at Wallace State Community College and I had been there for about 17 years. I had just given finals that day and was feeling good. I was about to get out for Christmas break and planning on going duck hunting with my son and son-in-law. I was just excited."

Boyd went home and did some chores around the house while his daughter, who was expecting her first child, stopped by to wrap some presents.

He continued, "I was just on cloud nine. I was tired like I usually am. I am the type of person that is high adrenaline and always on the go and always have been. I went to bed around 8:30 and that's really the last thing I remember for almost a week and a half."

He doesn't recall the next series of events, but he got up an hour after he went to bed. When he did, he collapsed.

"My son was in the basement and my wife was in the living room, and in the bedroom, I had got up and fell face first," he said. "My son, he came up and thought his mom had dropped something. He came into my bedroom and I was face down with a busted mouth and head."

Boyd said the biggest blessing in all that happened next was his family members and their ability to remain calm when faced with a crisis. "None of them panicked. I still don't think they told me everything that happened, but my son, Truman, immediately called my son-in-law, Trett Hardman."

Hardman was less than a mile away and due to being a coach at Fairview, Hardman knows CPR.

"Trett started CPR and you know, they say, if you do it right, you are probably going to crack some ribs. He did it right because I was still sore even after my heart attack," Boyd laughed.

Truman Boyd called the paramedics and Hardman continued CPR until the paramedics from Gold Ridge arrived to take over and transport Boyd to Cullman Regional.

"I didn't have a pulse for 40 minutes, so I was being kept alive through CPR. I was shocked four times in the house and twice in the vehicle outside," Boyd said.

"All of those people, they never gave up on me. That's one thing I have always told my students, I had a 75% rule and I still do, and I still teach to this day. I always told them if they make below a 75 on a test, I am going to do anything I can to help you. So many of those nurses were my former students and they didn't give up on me."

At Cullman Regional, the decision was made to fly Boyd to Huntsville. There, he was treated by Dr. Henry Chen. Doctors were not sure Boyd would regain brain function, or his ability to walk or talk.

"It was the left anterior descending artery, and he had put a stent in. They had chilled my body down like they do to keep your organs going," said Boyd. "They didn't know if my organs would or could come back."

Boyd's wife Kristi told him that soon people began showing up to the hospital and texts and calls were coming in to let the family know that prayers were being lifted up.

"She said that she was getting texts and my family was getting texts and it was like nothing they had experienced before. Of course, I am out of it at this point, but to know that we live in a community where they think of others like Cullman does... I've had several opportunities to take different jobs at different places, but I just never felt at peace about leaving," said Boyd. "I wanted to raise my kids here, and that is just one example of just what a special place we live in here in Cullman."

Nurses from different floors and family and friends of other patients at the hospital came to Boyd's room and prayed.

"They would hear about what a spirit was coming out of that room," he said. "That's one of the main reasons I am here is because of those prayers and God wasn't finished with me. The alternative would have been I was in Heaven, but now, I still get to help people on this Earth. I have a new grandson and I have been able to be with him, that little rascal Walt."

Two days after he suffered his heart attack, doctors planned to remove him from much of the equipment to see how he would respond. Churches from throughout the community continued to pray, and two hours before the scheduled removal, Boyd opened his eyes as his sister-in-law held his hand and whispered to him, "Lance, I need you."

It was the first of many indications that Boyd would indeed regain all of his abilities.

Two weeks later, he returned home just before Christmas, but there were still obstacles and tough days.

"I couldn't do anything. I was down to about 160 (pounds) and was at 205 for many, many years" he said.

"I couldn't even watch TV, and smells, oh my, that just made me so sick. My son, bless his heart, that's what hurts so much is just knowing that they were hurting and having to see me through that. I was always Dad, but now, they were having to take care of me.

"I still tear up thinking about that, but I think it made them stronger. I was finally able to get on a walker and I always think of Coach Talley and Couch Burns at Hanceville and how they taught us toughness and how to handle adversity."

Boyd needed that toughness as he faced his next challenge- cardiovascular rehabilitation at Cullman Regional.



AMBER BLACK

Left to right are Trett Hardman, Sadie Hardman, Walt Hardman, Lance Boyd, Kristi Boyd, Truman Boyd and Alicia Boyles.

He said of the staff there, Rixie, Kelly and Patty, "They are special people!" He added, "There was one of the times, Rixie told me after two or three times there, 'Lance, you gotta walk that,' and I just remember thinking, 'There's no way I can do that.' I prayed and said, 'God, this is one of those times when I'm not going to be able to do this now. I'm going to fall on my face!' Rixie, she knew what she was doing, and she knew she had to push me just like you would in sports."

He continued, "It was just one of those times in your life when you feel Jesus standing there holding your hand. That's one of my favorite songs, 'Down of my knees, I learn to stand. I can't even walk without you holding my hand.' I was doing that song the whole time I was going around that track. It's one of those tasks when I felt so close to the Lord at that time."

Boyd's wife gave him a favorite scripture that he now reads every morning and every night. It is placed on his nightstand next to his Bible- Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous."

He said, "The other verse that I go to all the time that helped me get through it is Colossians 3:23, and this is what I tell each of my students, that it's one of my favorite verses and I try to live it each day- 'And whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord, and not for men.' The person you are in front of at the moment, God has put there for a reason."

Today, Boyd is doing much better and no longer has any restrictions. "It's a miracle! It's a miracle and it's my goal that what I said will bring someone closer to the Lord," he smiled. "The reason I am still here is to use my story to help bring people to the Lord. If it weren't for Him and prayer, I would not be here right now."

Boyd retired from Wallace State in 2018 and soon after, he received a call.

He shared, "One of my former students and favorite people, Josh Swindall- boy, he is wonderful- he asked me to come teach for him. I prayed about it and asked the Lord and had peace about it, so I have been teaching at Cullman Christian School now for my second year. I don't know what the future holds or me, but I am 51 and I can't find anything in Proverbs that says anything about retiring. So, I am going to do everything I can as long as I live and am able to do it, wherever the Lord needs me to help people."

According to Boyd, his heart attack was linked to family history, so he urges people to be aware and act if there is a history of heart disease or heart attacks in their families.

"Preventive medicine and having good insurance where you can go and get the screenings are so important for people to do. Knowing your family history is so important. Go get the tests done and don't put it off. It's so important. Failing to prepare is preparing to fail," he said.

While Boyd doesn't know if his heart attack could have been prevented, he credits his lifestyle prior to the event for his ability to withstand it.

"My body and heart were so strong. My lifestyle, being a Christian, when you are a Christian, your body is a temple for God. I have never smoked or drank," he said. "What you take in and how you treat your body, it paid off for me and would for anybody."

Boyd works outside in his garden and is very active. He bought a treadmill and walks at least 30 minutes a day. He is now able to play with his new grandson.

"He's going to be 2 on March 4 and it has been such a blessing to be able to know him," he smiled. "Just like my son and being able to watch him graduate from Wallace and now he is about to graduate from Athens in logistics. Also, to see so many people become closer to God through my experience. That's just such a blessing, and some have said they are back in church now. Some, I don't even know about, might have gotten a check and prevented their heart attack."

Boyd urges people to smile and live by his daughter's favorite verses, Matthew 5:14-16, "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven."

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