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Jones Chapel Fire Department receives biggest ever FEMA grant

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Jones Chapel Fire Department recently received three different grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighters Grants, the Cullman County Community Development Commission and the Alabama Forestry Commission.

The department has already purchased 25 new air packs with the grant money from Assistance to Firefighters Grants. The grant of $175,500 from AFG is the biggest the department has ever received. The packs were delivered Nov. 19 and should be in service in a couple of weeks. They were awarded a $12,000 grant on the Nov. 15 from the Cullman County Community Development Commission to purchase a battery powered rescue tool. » PAGE 8



FACEBOOK

New Good Hope bridge dedicated to Glenda Sapp Doss



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Main: The Doss family poses in front of the new bridge sign. Bottom right: Glenda Sapp Doss Memorial Bridge

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — On Wednesday, the new Glenda Sapp Doss Bridge on Doss Road in Good Hope was dedicated to Jack Doss' late wife. The old bridge, in the same location, was a narrow, dangerous, one-lane bridge and did not have guard rails. The bridge was on Jack Doss' property who gave the strip of land to the city of Good Hope for the creation of the new bridge.

The bridge was built in partnership with Cullman County. Mayor Jerry Bartlett says, "We just built another bridge on the main road which is Doss Bridge also and it was from a grant. This, with conjunction with the county that helped us with our equipment, helped us with manpower, helped us with dump trucks, at cost. So, we ended up building this one without a grant and the council paid for it out of pocket and saved a whole lot of money. We got a lot for our money."

Jack Doss welcomed everyone to the event and introduced pastor James Fields to give the invocation.

Susan Eller and Eric Phillips of the Good Hope Town Council and City Planner Corey Harbison were present at the dedication. Harbison recognized some of the officials present—Cullman County Commissioner Kerry Watson, Chairman Jeff Clemons and Sheriff Matt Gentry.

Harbison said about the bridge, "I think this is going to be an asset for Good Hope for years to come and I do think it could potentially save lives because the old bridge was dangerous."

Jack Doss thanked Bobby Childers who worked on the bridge with his crew. He also thanked Todd Anderson who was in charge of printing the memorial signs and building the frames. Jack also thanked Mayor Bartlett » PAGE 2

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Stolen vehicle involved in high pursuit through multiple counties

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PREP FOOTBALL

Fairview's historic playoff run ends with 47-17 loss at No. 2 Pleasant Grove

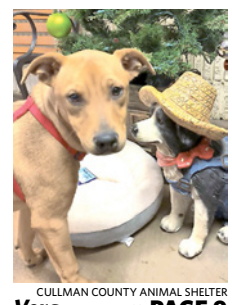


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Fairview running back Tyler Simmons (24) finished with 105 yards and a pair of touchdowns in the Aggies' 47-17 loss at Pleasant Grove Friday night. » PAGE 5

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 26

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported November 26, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE INCIDENTS

Nov. 22
- harassment; CR 702
- domestic violence; Hwy. 69 S
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Hwy. 91
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; attempt to elude police officer; Hwy. 69 S
- harassment; CR 252
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 8
- trespassing; CR 586
- harassment; CR 338
- domestic violence; CR 557
- criminal mischief; CR 1834

Nov. 23
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1435
- domestic violence; CR 1592
- criminal mischief; Hwy. 69 S
- violation of protection order; CR 62
- harassment; CR 1763
- burglary; Hwy. 31
- criminal mischief; CR 1273
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hickory Ave. SW

Nov. 24
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Main St. NW, Hanceville
- domestic violence; Johnson Ave. NE, Hanceville
- violation of protection order; CR 431
- harassment; CR 741
- theft of property; Hwy. 278 E
- theft of property; Hwy. 278 W
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 87
- theft of property; CR 1742
- theft of property; Hwy. 31
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 NB at MM 310

No arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Mayor proclaims November 'Home Health Care and Hospice Month' in Cullman

Leanne H. West
Office of Mayor Woody Jacobs

CULLMAN, Ala. — On Wednesday, Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs proclaimed the month of November "Home Health Care and Hospice Month" in Cullman, urging citizens to express appreciation to home health care and hospice providers in our community.

"Home health care and hospice staff provide an invaluable service to their patients and their families in our community," said Mayor Jacobs. "I am proud to honor them with this proclamation."

Home health care is a wide range of health care related services provided for patients in their home. Home health care registered nurses, under the direction of an attending physician, assess and monitor health care needs and provide a variety of skilled nursing services including medication management and education, wound and post-surgical care, pain management, nutritional support, dressing changes, diabetic care and more.

The home health care team also generally includes medical social workers who help patients and families manage and alleviate the stress that medical conditions often create, home health aides who assist patients with the tasks of daily living and personal care, and therapists to help patients regain functional mobility, speech, fine motor and other skills.

Hospice care is focused on improving the quality of life for people and their caregivers who are experiencing a terminal illness. The hospice care team generally consists of an attending physician who coordinates care, RNs who cares for the patient and offers family support, aides who assist with bathing and dressing and other everyday activities, a social worker who gives emotional support and financial guidance, a chaplain who provides spiritual support to the patient and their family and other professionals or volunteers who coordinate services or offer nonmedical care and support.

Representatives from Comfort Care Home Health (comfortcarehomehealth.com, 256-841-4433) and Comfort Care Hospice (comfortcarehospice.com, 256-739-2588) accepted the proclamation from Mayor Jacobs. Those representatives included Shannon Griffin, Emily Hall, Terri Woods, Nickie Bailey and Debi Murphy.

"Thank you for the services you provide," said Mayor Jacobs. "We hope we never need home health care of hospice services, but when we do, it's great to know that we have those services right here in Cullman."

Leanne West, executive assistant to Mayor Jacobs, who was also in attendance, expressed appreciation to the Comfort Care team and to all home health and hospice workers.

"My mom passed away last month, my uncle passed away in July, and my dad passed away in December 2016," she said. "They all had illnesses that required home health care and hospice care through Cullman Regional Home Care and Hospice. I don't know what I and my family would have done without home health care and hospice professionals caring for them and providing much-needed emotional and spiritual comfort for us!"



CITY OF CULLMAN

Pictured, left to right: Debi Murphy, Nickie Bailey, Mayor Jacobs, Shannon Griffin, Emily Hall and Terri Woods

According to recent statistics, about 12 million people in the United States require some form of home health care. There are more than 33,000 home health care providers in the U.S., with the most common conditions requiring home health care being diabetes, heart failure, chronic skin ulcers, osteoarthritis, and hypertension. Home health care offers security, dignity, and the ability to maintain as much independence as possible.

Approximately 1.6 million people in the United States receive care by hospice providers each year. The majority of hospice care takes place in the home, allowing patients to spend their final months at home with loved ones. Hospice care is covered under Medicare, Medicaid and most private insurers.

Both home health care and hospice providers strive to provide access to individualized services based on a patient's unique care needs and wishes. The month of November is set aside each year in the United States as "National Home Health Care and Hospice Month" to honor all professionals who work in the broad field of home health care and hospice are honored.

"I know everyone's focused on Thanksgiving and Christmas right now," said Mayor Jacobs. "But I hope that our citizens will find a way to express appreciation to the home health care and hospice professionals in our area – not only through the month of November, but throughout the year!"

Bridge (from Front)

and Corey Harbison, saying, "They are dedicated to the work and that's what we need more of."

Jack introduced his family, and his grandson Isaac presented a special reading:

"You can shed tears because they are gone, or you can smile because they lived.

"You can close your eyes and pray they will come back, or you can open your eyes and see all that they left for you.

"Your heart can be empty because you can't see them, or you can be full of the love you shared.

"You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

"You can remember only that they are gone, or you can cherish their memory and let it live on.

"You can cry and close your mind and feel empty, or you can do what they would want:

"Smile, open your heart, love, and go on."

Jack said, "This is not about Jack Doss. It's not about the Doss family. It's about one person and two entities. That one person is Glenda Doss. The two entities are the city of Good Hope and its staff and the Cullman County and its staff, and I'm pleased and I'm in love with all of you.

"Miss Glenda Doss Sapp was born May 18, 1939. She grew up in Baileyton, Alabama; went to High School at Fairview. I met her in 1956. We got married in 1959. We finished Auburn together in 1961.

"Miss Glenda was an educator. She taught in the Cullman County system for about 23-and-a-half years. She was an accomplished musician; she played the piano, she played the accordion, and as Bobby Bowden said, 'and it's not Bobby Bowden that coached football, she could sing like a mockingbird.'"

He continued, "Mother loved her family, she loved everybody. One of the most famous things she was known for was her chicken and dumplings.

"Before everybody moved in here, there weren't many homes in Good Hope community, she hand-delivered a bowl of chicken dumplings to them.

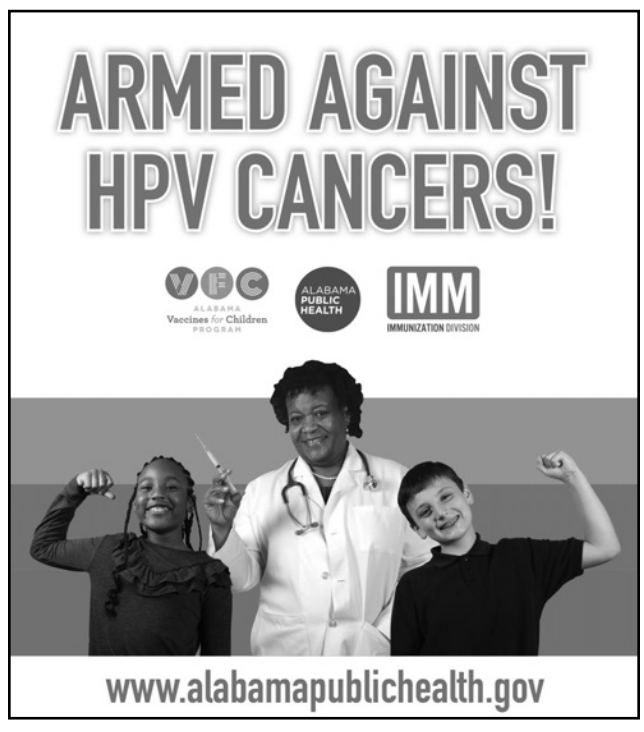
"The thing I love most about this woman, she was a born-again Christian by the grace of God, through the blood of Jesus Christ. She wasn't a religious woman; she was a God/ Jesus loving woman."

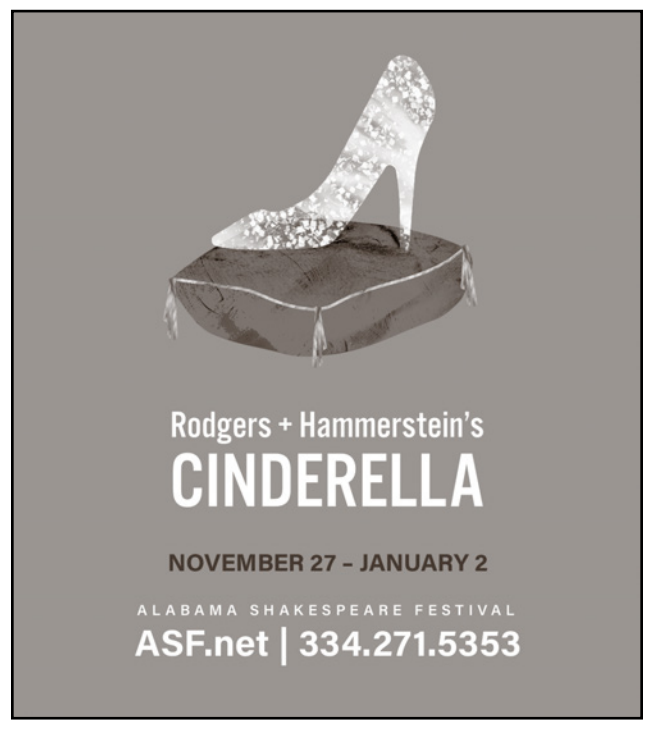
Jack's neighbors Jimmy and Shelby Knight spoke, as well as Jack's brother Chris Doss and pastor Perry Knight.

Shelby said about her friend Glenda, "It was just amazing, what a good, sweet woman you had to deal with. I think that if we all took that kind of picture and put it before us and thought about Glenda Doss and said, 'Well I'd kinda like to be like that,' that would be a wonderful, wonderful thing. She was a genuine person."

Pastor Perry Knight said, "The establishment of this bridge was and is timely and proper and surely meets a need. Glenda Doss was no stranger to the idea of making a connection. She would be both humbled and proud to have such a tribute become a visible and useful part of her legacy."

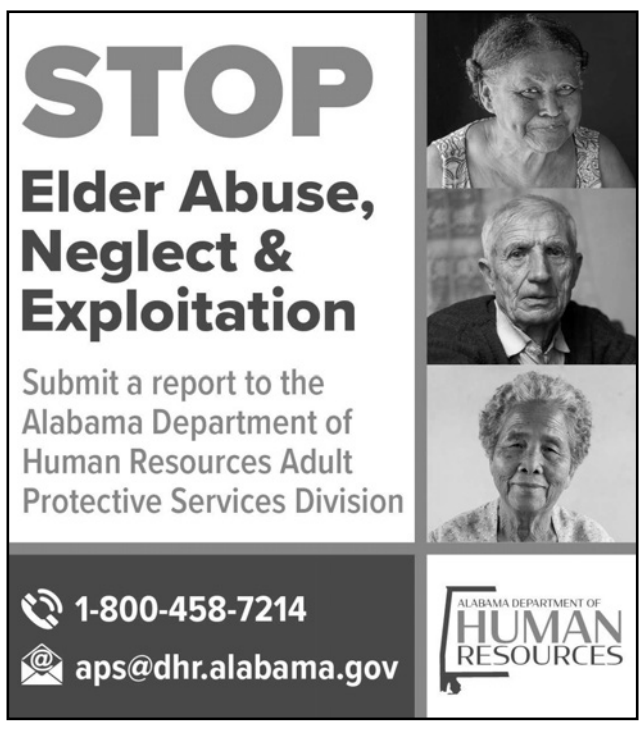














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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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"Come to the Well" Community Women's Bible Study
• Tuesday mornings at 10 at the Hebrews Cafe at East Side Baptist Church, 1111 Third Street SE in Cullman
• Please wear a mask/face covering.

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.

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 Street Joseph Drive 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.
• Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast @ 9:30 a.m. Small group classes for children, youth and adults @ 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Message "EMPOWER ME LORD!" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
• Mondays-Fridays 5 Points Food Outreach -CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID
• 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- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m. – noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m. – noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry, and Spirit Life Church.
• 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 (5100 Curry Highway 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.
• Kids Loving Kids -outreach program to provide CHRISTMAS gifts for children, ages infant-18 years, to help parents in need of assistance. Register now through midnight on Nov. 15 for December pickup. https://form.jotform.com/202483601332041 or facebook.com/kidslovingkids and look for registration info there. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.

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Grief Share Meetings Fall Semester (Cullman First Baptist Church)
August – November: The fall semester of Grief Share is taking place at Cullman First Baptist Church. Weekly meetings are at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays in Room 215. These meetings will run through Nov. 9. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a friend or loved one is welcomed to join us for this faith-based program to help deal with the effects of grief and loss. Workbooks for the semester are $15, but scholarship funds are available for anyone who would like to attend. You can register online at https://www.griefshare.org/ or just show up a little early for the next meeting. Please contact Tammie Dunkling at 256-339-2999 with any questions.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meeting
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (family life center of St John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts fall – spring performances

Christmas Spectacular
• Dec. 9, 7 p.m.
• Featuring: Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts programs
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Night of Jazz
• Feb. 10, 7 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring Wallace State Faculty and Friends
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
• March 18-19, 7 p.m., March 20, 2 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring Wallace State Theatre
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Dazzle Me, Disney!
• April 7-9, 7 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring the Wallace State Singers
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Big Band Dance
• April 15, 7 p.m.
• Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts
• Featuring the Wallace State Jazz Band
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Dance Spring Showcase
• April 22, 7 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring the Allegro Dance Theatre
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Spring Under the Stars
• April 26, 7 p.m.
• Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts (bring lawn chairs, blankets etc.)
• Featuring the Wallace State Concert Choir and Concert Band
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Agriplex Children's Fall Camp Programs
Saturdays, beginning at 9 a.m. at Festhalle Farmers Market, Power of Produce: Kids up to age 12 can sample fresh produce while earning market money (pop bucks) to buy produce from local farmers.

Adult programs
Thursdays, noon - 1 p.m., Yoga under the Pavilion, Join us for a beginner yoga class in the serenity of nature. $5 per person, no registration required. Please bring your yoga mat & water.

Sportsman Lake Park Winter Wonderland
Nov. 19 – Dec. 30: This annual Cullman event is returning this year, featuring thousands of lights, Christmas train, horse and carriage rides, snow machine, photo booth, hot chocolate and more. A new addition is the Winter Wonderland Christmas Shop. Times are 5-9:30 p.m. For a more detailed schedule or for more information, call 256-734-3052.

Christmas in the Park
Nov. 26 - Dec. 31: The City of Arab is hosting Christmas in the Park nightly 5-9:30 p.m. from Nov. 26 - Dec. 31 at Arab City Park (844 Shoal Creek Trail, Arab, AL). Over 2 million display lights to walk through! Lighting ceremony will be Nov. 26 at 6 p.m. Admission is free! Santa will be in the park Nov. 26 - Dec. 18, Fridays and Saturdays only, from 6-9 p.m. in Arab Historic Village, which will also feature food trucks, live music and more! Admission is $6, with ages 2 and under free. For more information, call 256-586-6793 or visit https://www.arabcity.org/

Christmas at the Grotto
• Nov. 26 – Dec. 31: Christmas at the Grotto will return this season at the Ava Maria Grotto. The Grotto will open for special evening hours to allow visitors to tour the Grotto grounds which will be decorated with thousands of lights. This year, there will also be barbecue, music and even horse-drawn carriage rides Dec. 17 and 18. Admission prices for adults - $6, students - $3, with children under 3 are free.
• For more information, visit http://www.avemariagrotto.com.

St. Andrews Church new guest sermon series
• Nov. 28 - Dec. 1: Saint Andrews Church, on the corner of Seventh Street and Main SW, Cullman, welcomes Rev. Aaron Golden, vision pastor of Union Point Church, New Bern, North Carolina, for a series of gatherings examining the "Plumblines of a People – Foundations."
• Sunday, Nov. 28, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
• Monday - Wednesday, Nov. 29 - Dec. 1, 6 p.m.
• All are invited.

32nd Annual Cullman County Christmas Parade
Dec. 4: The 32nd Annual Cullman County Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, Dec. 4 beginning at noon in downtown Hanceville, rain or shine. Entries are now being accepted. The theme is First Responders: God's gift to their community. For more information, contact Tonya Godbee at 256-531-8992 or Amy Moctezuma at 256-339-9900 or by email at hancevillecivitan@gmail.com.

Berlin Volunteer Fire Department's Breakfast with Santa
• Saturday, Dec. 4
• 7-10 a.m. at the Berlin Community Center, 3309 U.S. Highway 278 E
• Plates are by donation, and a donation enters you into a drawing to win a 7-foot teddy bear.
• Drawing at noon. You do not have to be present to win.
• Donations go to Santa to provide area families in need with food and gifts for Christmas.

Christkindlmarkt
Dec. 10-11: Join in on a newer Cullman holiday event, the Christkindlmarkt, on Friday, Dec. 10 - Saturday Dec. 11 in Downtown Cullman. This event will sport many different vendors set up German style in small wooden tents. This will be the perfect way to finish out your Christmas shopping!

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PREP BASKETBALL

Arab downs Lincoln County 76-64 to win 65th Holly Pond Thanksgiving Tournament

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HOLLY POND, Ala. – Four local squads returned to Felton Easterwood Gymnasium Wednesday for the final day of the 65th annual Holly Pond Thanksgiving Tournament and the Arabian Knights clashed with Lincoln County in this year's championship game. The Knights and Falcons were neck-and-neck at halftime, but Arab was able to pull away in the second half and win it 76-64 to claim this year's tournament title. Fairview also collected a 65-49 win over Holly Pond in the losers' bracket earlier in the afternoon and Cold Springs fell to Guntersville in the consolation game 60-51.

Arab 76 – Lincoln County 64 (Varsity Boys)

The Knights squared off against the Falcons of Lincoln County in Wednesday night's championship game and a pair of quick baskets by Ed Johnson gave them a 4-0 start. The Falcons responded and tied things up at 6 but Case Couch drilled a three-pointer to put Arab back in front 9-6 midway through the opening period. A Will Cavender basket kept the Knights ahead 11-10 later in the first and Owen Thomas knocked down a three to make it a 16-10 game with just under three minutes to play in the quarter. Cavender laid one in to add to the lead and Dakota NeSmith buried a three-pointer of his own in the final minute to make it 21-12 going into the second quarter.

Lincoln County managed to cut the lead to 21-18 early in the second but a basket from Spencer Strickland and a pair of free throws by Thomas stretched the lead back out to 25-18. Ed Johnson drilled another three to make it a 28-22 game and Couch scored inside to give the Knights a 30-22 lead midway through the quarter. Cavender scored to keep Arab in front 32-24 and Couch split a pair of free throws to make it 33-26 with just over two minutes to play in the first half. Couch scored two more buckets off the glass to give the Knights a 39-28 lead, but the Falcons got one to drop in just before the buzzer to make it a 39-30 game at the halftime break.

Ed Johnson knocked down a three to start the third quarter and extend the lead to 42-30. James Reynoso put one up and in to give Arab a 47-36 advantage with just over five minutes remaining in the third and Couch drilled another three-pointer to make it a 50-36 game.

Back-to-back baskets from Cavender and Strickland added to the lead midway through the period and a pair of free throws by Johnson put the Knights in front 56-40 with around two minutes to play in the third. Lincoln County was able to cut the deficit to 10 late in the quarter and Arab's lead was down to 56-46 going into the final frame.

Strickland threw down an emphatic dunk to get the fourth quarter started, making it a 58-46 game and Wes Johnson drained a three to extend the lead to 62-47 later in the period. A layup from Ed Johnson and a pair of free throws by Wes Johnson made it 66-49 midway through the quarter but the Falcons managed to trim the lead 66-56 as the fourth went on. Strickland drilled a three-pointer to build the lead back up to 13 with just under three minutes to play but Lincoln County wouldn't go away.

The Falcons cut the lead to 69-62 with less than two minutes remaining in regulation and sent the Knights to the free throw line but Wes Johnson knocked down three from the stripe to make it a 72-62 game. Cavender split a pair of free throws to keep Arab up by 10 with less than a minute on the clock and Couch laid in an easy basket in the final seconds to secure a 76-64 win for the Knights and a Holly Pond Thanksgiving Tournament title.

Ed Johnson led the way for Arab with 19 points in the win. Couch posted 15, Cavender finished with and Strickland and Wes Johnson each added nine.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Arab Knights defeated Lincoln County 76-64 to win this year's Holly Pond Thanksgiving Tournament.

Fairview 65 – Holly Pond 49 (Varsity Boys)

The Aggies and Broncos tipped off the tournament's second game of the day at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon and after falling behind 5-1 early, Fairview responded with a 14-3 run to end the first quarter with a 15-8 lead over Holly Pond. Five different Aggies scored in the opening period.

The Broncos took the momentum back early in the second quarter, starting with a three-pointer by Blake Rickard and a basket from Kollin Brown that cut the lead to 15-13. Cylas Yarbrough drained a three to put Fairview in front 18-13 and a basket from Cade Arnold followed by a pair of free throws by Kobe Payne made it a 22-13 game.

A layup by Brown and a three-pointer by Nathan Carter trimmed the lead to 22-18 and Christian Couch scored inside to make it a 2-point game midway through the second. Austin Johnson laid one in to keep the Aggies in front 25-20 later in the period but back-to-back buckets by Brown made it a 27-24 game with less than two minutes to play in the second quarter. Johnson scored another basket to give Fairview a 5-point lead with less than a minute remaining in the half, but Brown netted a free throw and Rickard added another bucket in the final seconds to trim the lead to 29-27 at the break.

Baskets from Landon Tweedie and Ethan Frasier stretched the Aggie lead to 33-27 early in the third quarter but back to back scores from Diego Garcia and Rickard made it a 4-point game. Frasier and Yarbrough each scored to give Fairview a 39-31 advantage midway through the third quarter, but Brown drilled another three to cut the lead to five. Two quick baskets from Frazier gave the Aggies a 43-34 lead with two minutes left to play in the period and they went into the final frame leading the Broncos 47-40.

Rickard scored the first basket of the fourth quarter to cut the lead to five but an and-one play by Tweedie followed by two more buckets from Arnold made it a 54-42 game midway through the period. Olinger drilled a three-pointer to hold the lead to 12 and Couch scored another bucket inside later in the fourth, but the Broncos couldn't keep pace with Fairview and the Aggies pulled away to win it 65-49.

Guntersville 60 – Cold Springs 51 (Varsity Boys)

Cold Springs took on Guntersville after the battle between Fairview and Holly Pond and Brody Peppers put together a massive first quarter to give the Eagles an early lead. Peppers scored 11 of Cold Springs' 18 first quarter points and the Eagles led the Wildcats 18-11 going into the second quarter.

Peppers stayed hot in the second period, scoring three more points to make it a 21-13 game early in the second but after a three-pointer from John Mark Smith, Guntersville began to rally. The Wildcats trimmed the lead to four and knocked down a three to make it a 24-23 game with about four minutes to play in the first half. A pair of free throws gave Guntersville its first lead of the night at 25-24 but Tanner Kilgo banked one in off the glass to put the Eagles back in front 26-25. A 4-0 run gave the Wildcats a 29-26 lead but a free throw and a basket by Seth Ingram tied things up at 29. After another bucket by Guntersville, Seth Williams drained a pair of free throws in the final seconds of the quarter to tie the game at 31 going into halftime.

The Wildcats came out firing in the third quarter, pulling ahead to take a 43-36 lead early in the period. A pair of Peppers baskets cut into the lead midway through the third, but Guntersville finished the third strong and led the way 52-40 going into the fourth.

Peppers drove to the basket and scored to make it a 55-42 game with just over five minutes remaining in the regulation. Williams laid one in to make it an 11-point game midway through the fourth quarter, but the Wildcats were able to build a 60-44 advantage with just over two minutes to play and they held on to defeat the Eagles 60-51.

SPORTS COLUMN

Finding clarity in the chaos after week 12

Chris Pugh
Tribune Correspondent

Another One Bites The Dust: Another week, another chaotic outcome that's beginning to paint a clear picture. No. 23 Utah ended the first half with a shocking punt return for a touchdown to down the No. 3 Ducks 28-0 at the half. Utah finished what they started and ended the Pac-12's chance for a playoff berth by knocking out their last contender.

Even more shocking however is the fact that there was another top 10 team that suffered an even worse fate in the first half of their game. No. 7 Michigan State found themselves down 49-0 to the No. 3 Ohio State Buckeyes. The hottest team in college football is getting better every week and they wasted no time putting this one away. More on the Buckeye Quarterback later.

Not that the Spartan defense could do anything any different, but the Michigan State offense was hopeless from the start. Heisman hopeful Kenneth Walker III rushed only six times in the first half, being limited due to a lingering injury that rendered him useless. The Spartans had to revert to their passing game, which they lack severely, and the rest was history.

Rivalry Week

While Auburn's season has quickly went downhill, especially after losing starting quarterback Bo Nix for the season, they'd love nothing more than to reclaim in state bragging rights for the next year. Alabama could lose to Auburn, beat Georgia in the SEC championship game, and still make the playoff, but no one is Tuscaloosa wants things to go that way. Alabama should win big on the road, but Jordan-Hare is a magical place so there's no guarantee.

If there is one game that will shape the college football playoff more than any other this week, look up north to "The Game." No. 2 Ohio State takes on No. 5 Michigan in their biggest matchup since 2016 when the Buckeyes knocked them off 30-27 in double overtime. The Wolverines will certainly have their work cut off for them.

For those wanting a playoff expansion, you have it! This game is essentially the first of four rounds for Ohio State and Michigan. Winner goes onto the Big 10 Championship game, which will serve as a quarterfinal play-in to the College Football Playoff.

No. 7 Oklahoma State will also be hosting No. 10 Oklahoma, but it may not mean anything more than a New Year's Day bowl. The winner will get a shot at No. 8 Baylor in the Big 12 Championship Game, but there is a lot of ground to catch up for the Big 12 to make the playoff.

The final matchup highlighted is just a state over in "The Egg Bowl." Two of the top offenses in the country will go head to head.

If you like offense this is the game to tune into as Will Rodgers and Matt Corral have lit up scoreboards all season. With 63 combined touchdowns scored this year between the two it may come down to who gets the ball last or can simply make a single stop.

Two horse race: Heisman watch

The Heisman will invite a third person to New York in just three weeks, but it's become a two-horse race between Alabama's Bryce Young and Ohio State's C.J. Stroud.

Each made strong statements this past weekend with Stroud going 32 for 35 for 432 yards and six touchdowns, in the first half. Young would follow that up with his own school record breaking performance. He completed 78% of his passes for 561 yards and five touchdowns.

They are neck and neck overall for the season as well. Young is 264 for 368 (71.7%) for 3,584 yards and a 38:3 touchdown to interception ratio.

Stroud is 246 for 346 (71.1%) for 3,468 yards and a 36:5 touchdown to interception ratio. While Young is expected to add to his numbers this week against Auburn, Stroud will have a chance to really impressive voters with a back to back dismantling of the schools from the state of Michigan. Young however will have a chance to seal the Heisman trophy if he can take down the Goliath that is the Georgia defense in the SEC Championship game.

Clarity in the chaos

College Football Playoff Picture. As mentioned above the Ohio State-Michigan game will have the biggest impact on the CFP but heading championship week there are several possible scenarios that can play out. The following teams are all in the conversation: Georgia, Alabama, Ohio State, Michigan, Cincinnati, Notre Dame, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State.

Three of those teams are guaranteed to get another loss, but in case you're not doing the math that still leaves five teams and only four spots.

What would the committee do with a two loss Alabama? Would they get in over a one loss Notre Dame? Or a one loss Big 12 champion? That may be the debate. What happens if the Ohio State - Michigan winner gets beat in the Big 10 Championship game?

If Alabama wins out, Ohio State wins out, Georgia gets in with a loss to Alabama, who gets in: a one loss Oklahoma State or undefeated Cincinnati? So many scenarios are in front of us and if there are two things we know it's that there will be clarity in the chaos in just two weeks.



Fairview (from Front)

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PLEASANT GROVE, Ala. — Fairview's season continued in Pleasant Grove Friday night when the Aggies hit the field to take on the second-ranked Spartans in the Class 5A Semifinals. It was the first time Fairview has made it the fourth round of the state playoffs and a massive contingent of Aggie fans made the trip to pack the stands and support the Aggies on the field. Unfortunately, the Spartans proved to be too much for Fairview to handle and this year's historic postseason run came to an end with a 47-17 loss to Pleasant Grove.

Aggies Head Coach George Redding is disappointed with the outcome of Friday night's game but knows that it doesn't take anything away from what his team has accomplished this fall.

He hopes future generations of Aggies can learn from the example set by this year's team and understand they can achieve whatever they want if they're willing to work for it.

"Listen, I couldn't be more proud of a group of young men that I think just paved the way and saw things the way I hope all young men can see things.

"That's just to get up and work hard and don't fit in that little box that everyone wants to put us in. If you want something, get up and work for it and go get it," Redding said.

"This team has proven that you can do that. They belong here, we earned our right to be here and the other team was just better than us tonight but that takes nothing away from our guys and I couldn't be more proud of them."

The Spartans received the game's opening kick and used screen passes to pick up a couple of early first downs, but the Aggies forced a fumble and Bryson Chamness recovered it to give the ball to Fairview on Pleasant Grove's side of the 50.

Fairview Quarterback Parker Martin used his legs to gain the Aggies' first first down of the drive and running back Eli Frost ripped off 9 yards on fourth and short later in the drive to move the chains again.

Fairview moved the ball down inside the 10-yard line, but penalties backed the Aggies up and stalled the drive. Elijah Guyton came onto the field and knocked through a 42-yard field goal to put Fairview up 3-0 with just under five minutes to play in the first quarter.

The ensuing kickoff was mishandled by the Spartans and the Aggies recovered, setting up the Fairview offense with great field position once again.

Another penalty put the Aggies behind the chains, and they were forced to punt the ball back to Pleasant Grove with around three minutes remaining in the first.

A big gain on first down gave the Spartans some momentum and after a couple more explosive runs, including a 34-yard touchdown, they pulled ahead of Fairview 7-3 with one minute to play in the opening quarter.

A huge return by Martin on the ensuing kickoff set up the Aggies offense in Pleasant Grove territory and they were able move the chains on fourth and short again to extend the drive.

However, facing fourth-and-four inside the Spartan 30-yard line, Fairview was unable to pick up the yardage to gain and turned the ball over on downs with around nine minutes to play in the second quarter.

A pair of big runs moved Pleasant Grove across midfield and another explosive gain through the air put the Spartans inside the Aggie 10-yard line.

Fairview held them out of the end zone on three straight plays, but the Spartans were finally able to punch it in on their fourth try and took a 14-3 lead with less than five minutes remaining in the first half.

The Aggies were forced to punt on their next possession and Pleasant Grove took over near its own 40-yard line.

The Spartans began moving the chains again and connected on another big pass to get into the red zone.

Two plays later, an 18-yard touchdown pass stretched the lead to 21-3 with 20 seconds remaining until halftime.

Frost took the ensuing kickoff back from the 1-yard line all the way out past midfield to give the Aggies a chance to score before the half but Martin couldn't get the Hail Mary attempt off and the first half ended with Fairview trailing 21-3.

The Aggies were held to just 74 yards of offense in the first half and were penalized five times for 50 yards.

Fairview received the ball to start the third quarter and a big run from Frost on an option play gave the Aggies a first down near midfield. Frost broke loose for a 25-yard gain later in the drive and set Fairview's offense up inside the 20-yard line of Pleasant Grove.

The Spartans stiffened on defense and the Aggies decided to go for it on fourth-and-six at about the 12-yard line, but a fumbled snap led to another turnover on downs and Pleasant Grove took over possession early in the third quarter.

One play later, the Spartans took a handoff 83 yards to the house for a touchdown and after a blocked extra point, the Aggies trailed 27-3 with 7:15 to play in the third.

Pleasant Grove forced another Fairview punt and got the ball back with around six minutes remaining in the third quarter and it took just two plays for the Spartans to get back in the end zone with another long touchdown run.

The Aggies held on the two-point conversion attempt and trailed 33-3 with just under five minutes on the clock in the period.

Fairview was finally able to respond on its next drive. Martin connected with Caden Jennings and Dalton Payne on back-to-back passes to pick up a pair of first downs and he gained 14 more on the ground to get the Aggies deep into Spartan territory.

Simmons broke through the line and scored from 25 yards out on the next play to get Fairview into the end zone for the first time and after Guyton's extra point, the lead was down to 33-10 late in the third quarter.

However, it took Pleasant Grove just one play to answer the Aggie score and a 65-yard touchdown run built the lead back up to 40-10 with less than two minutes remaining in the third.

Penalties slowed down Fairview once again on its next possession and the Aggies were forced to punt it away.

The Spartans strung together some first downs early in the fourth quarter to maintain possession and run some clock but on a fourth down play, they hit another explosive pass to down inside the 10-yard line.

The Spartans ran one in one the next play and took a 47-10 lead with just over seven minutes to play.

Fairview's offense came back out onto the field and gained a quick pair of first downs thanks to some hard running from Simmons.

Simmons wasn't done, and on fourth-and-short, Simmons weaved his way through multiple tackles and scored his second touchdown of the night from 35 yards out to trim the lead to 47-17 with 4:22 remaining in the game.

The Aggies forced a punt and got the ball back with just under two minutes to play but couldn't chip away any more of the lead and Pleasant Grove held on to win it 47-17.

Simmons led the way for Fairview on the ground with 105 yards and two touchdowns and he caught two passes for 21 yards.

Frost finished just behind with 90 yards rushing and Martin added 23 of his own. Martin finished 9/20 passing for 54 yards.

Payne caught three passes for 29 yards and posted 14 yards on the ground as well.

Friday night's game didn't go according to plan for the Aggies but this year's team and the season they had will always be remembered as one of the greatest in Fairview's history.









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365 AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS for 2021: The Life as Opera Birthday Party

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"Opera is when a guy gets stabbed in the back and, instead of bleeding, he sings," wrote American joy-giver, Robert Benchley. Another music critic wrote, "Opera is like a husband with a foreign title...expensive to support, hard to understand and therefore, a supreme social challenge."

Only one of our honorees at "The Life as Opera Birthday Party," Maria Callas, is known for performing opera. She was romantically linked to Greek shipping tycoon, Aristotle Onassis, who said of a particular opera that it was--"Two Italian chefs screaming risotto recipes at each other."

Though "La Divina (The Divine One)," as Ms. Callas was called by her passionate fans, was strikingly attractive, but many divas have not been both vocally and physically blessed. The Danish American joy-giver, Victor Borge, once quipped, "When an opera star sings her head off, she usually improves her appearance."

One of our birthday celebrants, Bruce Lee, performed with operatic exaggeration and the martial arts star's mother was a famous, Chinese opera performer.

In fact, all the joy-givers at "The Life as Opera Birthday Party," from Mark Twain to Louisa May Alcott to Richard Pryor, have over-the-top biographies which opera buffs relish.

We are in Hartford, Connecticut at 351 Farmington Avenue (06105) at the house and museum of Mark Twain. The author and his family built the house and moved here in 1874. This 11,500 square feet home with 25 rooms distributed on three floors presents lots of Victorian drama like an ever-changing array of opera sets.

The exotic interiors were created by Louis Comfort Tiffany and his team of creatives associated with the American Aesthetic movement. The first floor is filled with design motifs where the eye travels from Morocco to India, on to Japan, China and Turkey. Think "Madama Butterfly" meets "The Barber of Seville" and they rendezvous in the Ancient Egypt of "Aida."

This house is where Mark Twain was happiest and most productive. About the home, the author, perhaps America's greatest ever, said, "To us, our house...had a heart, and a soul and eyes to see us with; and approvals and solicitudes and deep sympathies; it was of us, and we were in its confidence and lived in its grace and in the peace of its benediction."

JOIN US...

BRAVO! BRAVA! BRAVISSIMO!! You feel the joy the moment you step onto the sprawling porch of the Mark Twain House and the voices inside are so bombastic, fantastic, operatic you can understand them from the street.

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 JOY-GIVERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK:

Nov. 27—BRUCE LEE (born Lee Jun-fan in San Francisco, California) was a Hong Kong American film actor, director, martial arts instructor and philosopher. His mother was a Cantonese opera star and his father worked in American film production. Lee is considered the most-influential martial artist of all time. His films bridged the gap between Eastern and Western culture. "Time" magazine named Lee one of the "100 most important people of the 20th century."

Nov. 28—JON STEWART (Jonathan Stuart Leibowitz) is a comedian, writer, producer, director, political commentator, actor and television host. He hosted "The Daily Show," a satirical news program on Comedy Central from 1999 - 2015. Stewart won 22 Primetime Emmy Awards and two Grammys. Since leaving "The Daily Show," he has joyously used his celebrity and voice in a sustained advocacy for 9/11 first responders, as well as war veterans' health benefits.

Nov. 29—LOUISA MAY ALCOTT was a novelist, short story writer, newspaper journalist and poet best known as the author of the treasured novel, "Little Women" (1868). Raised in New England by prominent transcendentalist parents, Alcott grew up among many well-known, American intellectuals of the day such as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Henry David Thoreau and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Her novels are still popular today and have been adapted many times to stage, film and television.

Nov. 30—MARK TWAIN (Samuel Langhorne Clemens) was a stand-up humorist, writer, entrepreneur, publisher and lecturer. He is lauded as the "greatest humorist the United States has ever produced." Nobelist William Faulkner called Twain "the father of American literature." His novels include "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" and "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," the latter often called—"The Great American Novel." Twain was born shortly after an appearance of Halley's comet, and he predicted he would "go out with one" as well. He died the day the next Halley's comet came closest to the earth.

Dec. 1—RICHARD PRYOR (born Richard Franklin Lennox Pryor in Peoria, IL) was a stand-up comedian, actor and writer. He reached a broad audience with his illuminating observations and unique storytelling style. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest and most influential humorists of all time. He was listed at No. 1 on Comedy Central's list of all-time greatest stand-up comedians, and "Rolling Stone" magazine ranked him first on its list of the 50 best stand-up comics of all time. Pryor's work included concert movies, comedy albums and these feature films: "Silver Streak," "Blue Collar" and "Superman III." He won an Emmy Award, five Grammys and was the first recipient of the coveted Kennedy Center Mark Twain Prize for American Humor."

Dec. 2—MARIA CALLAS (born Sophie Cecilia Kalos in New York City) was a Greek American soprano who is considered one of the most renowned and influential opera singers of the 20th century. Many music critics praised her "bel canto" technique, her wide-ranging voice and her theatrical interpretations. She was hailed as "La Divina (The Divine One)." Even today, 50 years after her death, she remains one of classical music's bestselling vocalists.

Dec. 3—TIFFANY HADDISH (Tiffany Sara Cornelia Haddish) is a stand-up comedian, actress and author. She gained prominence for her role as Nekeisha Williams on the NBC sitcom "The Carmichael Show." 2017 was a breakthrough year for Haddish when she gained critical acclaim for her performance in the comedic film, "Girls Trip," won a Primetime Emmy Award hosting "Saturday Night Live" and published a best-selling memoir, "The Last Black Unicorn." In 2021, she won the Grammy for Best Comedy Album for "Black Mitzvah."

COMMENTS OVERHEARD AT "THE LIFE AS OPERA BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

"Do not pray for an easy life, pray for the strength to endure a difficult one."—Bruce Lee

"If you don't stick to your values when they're being tested, they're not values, they're hobbies."—Jon Stewart

"I like strong words that mean something."—Louisa May Alcott

"Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter."—Mark Twain

"There is a thin line between to laugh with and to laugh at."—Richard Pryor

"Art is domination. It's making people feel that for that precise moment in time there is only one way—one voice. Yours."—Maria Callas

"I believe my purpose is to bring joy to people, to make them laugh and to share my story to help them."—Tiffany Haddish

"I'm not in this world to live up to your expectations and you're not in this world to live up to mine."—Bruce Lee

"I'm not going to censor myself to comfort your ignorance."—Jon Stewart

"I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning to sail my ship."—Louisa May Alcott

"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see."—Mark Twain

"When you ain't got no money, you gotta get an attitude."—Richard Pryor

"Each note exists for a reason."—Maria Callas

"That's why my life turned out as good as it has. Because all the time, I'm just trying to have fun."—Tiffany Haddish

"Be happy, but never satisfied."—Bruce Lee

"Evil is relatively rare. Ignorance is epidemic."—Jon Stewart

"A faithful friend is a strong defense; and he that hath found him hath found a treasure."—Louisa May Alcott

"Never put off until tomorrow what may be done day after tomorrow just as well."—Mark Twain

"Marriage is really tough because you have to deal with feelings...and lawyers."—Richard Pryor

"Love is much better when you are not married."—Maria Callas

"In stand-up, you need to be having fun up there like Richard Pryor said."—Tiffany Haddish

"Adapt what is useful, reject what is useless, and add what is specifically your own."—Bruce Lee

"The best defense against bullshit is vigilance. So, if you smell something, say something."—Jon Stewart

"Love is a great beautifier."—Louisa May Alcott

"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why."—Mark Twain

"It's been a struggle for me because I had a chance to be white and I refused."—Richard Pryor

"I would like to be Maria, but there is 'La Callas' who demands that I carry myself with her dignity."—Maria Callas

"All my wins are lessons and all my failures are lessons that will one day become wins."—Tiffany Haddish

"A wise man can learn more from a foolish question than a fool can learn from a wise answer."—Bruce Lee

"The Internet is just the world passing around notes in a classroom."—Jon Stewart

"Good friends, good books and a sleepy conscience; this is the ideal life."—Mark Twain

"There's nothing worse than being an aged young person."—Richard Pryor

"When the curtain rises, the only thing that speaks is courage."—Maria Callas

"Every teacher I've ever had, that I still remember their name, made me laugh. Comedy is the best instrument for teaching."—Tiffany Haddish

"I'd rather take coffee than compliments just now."—Louisa May Alcott

MENU FOR "THE LIFE AS OPERA BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

APPETIZER—Jon Stewart Skewers (yummly.com)

SOUP/SALAD—Louisa May Alcott Boston Lettuce Herb Salad (myrecipes.com)

ENTRÉE—Mark Twain Mississippi River Catfish (foodnetwork.com)

SIDE DISH—Bruce Lee Kung Fu Dumplings (rosannapansino.com)

BREAD—Tiffany Haddish Black Mitzvah Challah (mysecondbreakfast.com)

BEVERAGE—Richard Pryor Silver Streak Cocktail (see below)

DESSERT—Maria Callas Greek Yogurt Parfaits (eatingwell.com)

ONE TO GROW ON—"A Mark Twain Christmas," by Carlo DeVito (Cider Mill Press, 2013) gives readers insight into Twain's life through little known stories about how he and his family celebrated the holiday. Filled with wit and joyousness by one of America's greatest storytellers. The tales are charming, heart-warming and heart-breaking but ultimately reaffirm the joys of the season.

"The Life as Opera Birthday Party" had only a small slice of opera singing but it was a delicious one. Tiffany Haddish, Bruce Lee, Richard Pryor and Jon Stewart introduced gifted singers performing arias from the opera, "Little Women." This highly praised contemporary opera was written by American composer Mark Adamo to his own libretto. It is inspired by Louisa May Alcott's tale of growing up in New England after the American Civil War. This new classic was premiered by the Houston Grand Opera in 1998 and a recording was broadcast by National Public Radio.

But, it's not over until the svelte lady sings. "La Divina," Maria Callas, invited one of the opera tenors to join her in a duet of "Worlds Apart" a song from the musical "Big River." The Tony Award-winning musical was created by American joy-giver Roger Miller and based on the adventures of the river-rafting friends Huck and Jim imagined by Mark Twain. Together, they brought down the curtain and challenged the crystal chandeliers with these joyously sung words:

"And you see the same
skies through brown eyes
That I see through blue,
But we're worlds
apart, worlds apart.
Just like the earth,
just like the sun,
Two worlds together
are better than one.
I see the friendship
in your eyes
That you see in mine.
But we're worlds
apart, worlds apart.
Together, but worlds apart.
And a mockingbird sings
in an old yonder tree,
Twah-dee-dee, ah
dee dee, dah dee."

(Rapturous applause and a standing ovation) BRAVO! BRAVA! BRAVISSIMO!

RICHARD PRYOR SILVER STREAK COCKTAIL
(Source: complete-cocktails.com)

INGREDIENTS
- 3 ounces gin
- 1.5 ounces Jägermeister

INSTRUCTIONS
Shake gin and Jägermeister with ice in a cocktail shaker. Strain into a chilled cocktail glass and serve.



BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

My prayer of Thanksgiving

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Dear God, thank you for waking me up again this morning. Thank you for another night of sleep and rest. Thank you for turning the earth again today, so my part of the world could enjoy the warmth and light of the sun. Thank you that so far nothing hurts, but I haven't moved much yet. Thank you that I am still able to move, even when it does sometimes hurt. Thank you for allowing me to live in a place with indoor plumbing, and bathrooms, and for a glass of clean water by my bedside each night. Thank you for allowing me to have another day of life in this world. I apologize that we have messed up so much of your great creation.

Our world, and even our great nation of the United States, has a multitude of problems. Thank you for those you have already helped us through, and I pray you will guide us through those with which we continue to deal. We thank you for our leaders, even though we don't always agree with their decisions, and we pray that you would guide their thoughts and decisions. Although our nation is terribly divided these days, I thank you that we are still the "United" States. I do pray that you, oh God, would help us to become more united in harmony. Help us to accept the fact that we are not all alike, in many ways, and don't have to be. Thank you that we are not all alike. Help us to understand that we don't have to agree with one another on everything, but help to live together peaceably in spite of our differences. Thank you for the peace we do have, and we pray that more people would realize that violence rarely settles problems. Help us to seek your will and ways.

Thank you that this terrible virus that has plagued us for almost two-years now, finally seems to be on the run. Thank you for scientists and doctors who have created a vaccine to help us avoid getting sick, and medicines to help us get well when we do get sick. Thank you for nurses and hospital staff, including my own daughter, who have worked at the front lines during this war. Thank you for protecting her and others who have not gotten sick while they helped those who were. Thank you for the healing you brought to so many who did get sick, but survived.

I do pray for the families of the 50-million people across the world who have died from this terrible monster.

As I come to my final weeks as the director of Tuskegee Lee Baptist Association, thank you for the 15 years I've been allowed to serve there. Thank you for the churches and pastors there, as well as across Alabama, who have given me numerous opportunities of service.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you for my family and that you have allowed us to have another year together and with good health. Thank you for Jean, my wife of 46 years, and for our daughter Ashley, her husband Justin, and their son Drew, the best grandson in the world, in my humble opinion, of course. Thank you that you have kept us all safe and well during another year of this terrible virus.

Thank you, God, that you love us more than we can even imagine. Help us to love you more. I pray this in your son's name. Amen.

Oh, and thank you, readers, for reading my columns. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1900, 1936

From the Files of 1936

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Todd, of Hanceville, visited Beech Grove relatives on Sunday.

Mrs. Race Lowery spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert McHan at North Vinemont.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ray, of Hanceville, spent Sunday with his father at Beech Grove.

In 1916, R.E. Lee, John Beyer and Andy Kelhoffer, spent Monday in Bremen.

Doctor G.W. Bledsoe attended the Vandy-Auburn game, in Birmingham on Saturday.

We all admire the wisdom of people who come to us for advice.

From the Files of 1900

George Patrick of Ryan's Cross Roads was here yesterday.

C.N. Peek, of Eddy, was in Cullman on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Sanders and baby are visiting in Scottsboro.

J.A. McMinn left Tuesday for New York.

Sidney Dunn, of Birmingham, visited relatives here on Sunday.

The tax collector and assessor can be found in the sheriff's office.

David and Ernest Tipton, of Joppa, were in Cullman, on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Weigand left Monday for a visit in Birmingham.

W.H. Harris, a prosperous merchant of Crane Hill, was here on Friday.

John Huey of the L and N visited at Simcoe this week.

Walker King has accepted a position with the American Newspaper Union in Birmingham.

Uncle Buck Nesmith, of Logan, was in the city this week.

A Thanksgiving luncheon, given at the "Palace" Thursday, surpassed anything that this city has ever seen.

Ben Timpe went to Birmingham, on Wednesday, for the purpose of buying furniture for his barber shop, which he will open on First Avenue East, in a few days.

Charlie Norman reports that his father, C.R. Norman, formerly of this county, now of Collin County, Texas, has gathered and sold 43 bales of cotton this season.

William Bauer died on Tuesday.

POET'S CORNER

A Tuft of Flowers | By: Robert Frost

I went to turn the grass once after one
Who mowed it in the dew before the sun.

The dew was gone that made his blade so keen
Before I came to view the levelled scene.

I looked for him behind an isle of trees;
I listened for his whetstone on the breeze.

But he had gone his way, the grass all mown,
And I must be, as he had been,—alone,

'As all must be,' I said within my heart,
'Whether they work together or apart.'

But as I said it, swift there passed me by
On noiseless wing a 'wildered butterfly,

Seeking with memories grown dim o'er night
Some resting flower of yesterday's delight.

And once I marked his flight go round and round,
As where some flower lay withering on the ground.

And then he flew as far as eye could see,
And then on tremulous wing came back to me.

I thought of questions that have no reply,
And would have turned to toss the grass to dry;

But he turned first, and led my eye to look
At a tall tuft of flowers beside a brook,

A leaping tongue of bloom the scythe had spared
Beside a reedy brook the scythe had bared.

I left my place to know them by their name,
Finding them butterfly weed when I came.

The mower in the dew had loved them thus,
By leaving them to flourish, not for us,

Nor yet to draw one thought of ours to him.
But from sheer morning gladness at the brim.

The butterfly and I had lit upon,
Nevertheless, a message from the dawn,

That made me hear the wakening birds around,
And hear his long scythe whispering to the ground,

And feel a spirit kindred to my own;
So that henceforth I worked no more alone;

But glad with him, I worked as with his aid,
And weary, sought at noon with him the shade;

And dreaming, as it were, held brotherly speech
With one whose thought I had not hoped to reach.

'Men work together,' I told him from the heart,
'Whether they work together or apart.'

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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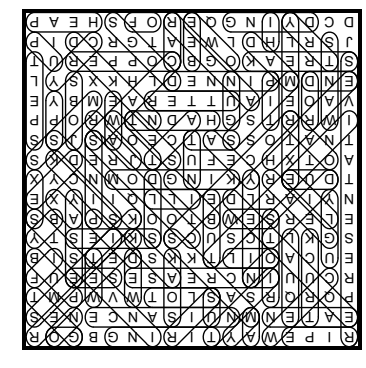
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Pursuit (from Front)

Lauren Estes
lauren@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. — On Nov. 24, at 12:45 p.m., Cullman County Sheriff's Deputies observed a suspicious vehicle. During the investigation of the vehicle, it was determined the vehicle was reported to be stolen and involved in a homicide in Jefferson County, Alabama.

The suspect refused to stop and attempted to elude deputies. The chase continued on U.S. Highway 278 West. Ultimately, the suspect vehicle became stuck as the suspect continued to try and elude law enforcement. The suspect then fled on foot and stole another vehicle.

The pursuit then continued toward Winston County, and other law enforcement agencies soon became involved in the pursuit.

Addison Police Department was able to successfully deploy spike strips and eventually disable the vehicle.

Once the vehicle was stopped and the pursuit ended, deputies discovered the suspect was deceased from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The case will be turned over to SBI for further investigation.

Grant (from Front)

The department depends on grants for their large equipment purchases.

They received a grant in 2012 for a new truck, as well as one in 2010 for a set of rescue tools and a washing machine and dryer for turn-out gear.

Assistant Chief Clint Thrasher said, "Stuff gets outdated. We got rescue tools on a grant in 2010, but those tools now are nearing the end of their life span, so that's why we've applied for more rescue tools. We've got a lot of trucks now, but a lot of our trucks are getting older, so we've applied for another truck this year too. A lot of our stuff has expiration dates, so we have to keep it in a cycle to keep it replaced. And the technology, like our radios, we have to keep up with the technology."

They have also recently been awarded a skid unit from the Alabama Forestry Commission. The skid unit is a tank, a pump and a hose reel that can be put on or taken off a vehicle.

The department recently got a military surplus Hummer with a medical skid. Thrasher said, "We've got that Forestry grant so that we can take that medical unit out of it and put the firefighting unit in it and use it for two different purposes."

The Jones Chapel Fire Department would also like to invite the community to donate to the Sandlin's who recently lost their home due to a fire a couple of weeks ago. Donations are being accepted at Harmony School in Logan.







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Vera (from Front)

Olivia Law
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Animal Shelter's Donna Ruttkay shares the Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Vera is a 1-1.5-year-old hound/terrier/Cur mix. She is a low-to-medium-energy gentle-natured gal who is learning about the ends and outs of leash training and is has a precocious and curious nature.

She finds comfort being close to her people and responds well to positive affirmation.

Vera is ready to make someone a therapy, companion, reading or hiking dog!

Vera'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.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or visit them at 935 Convent Road NE.

Reach them by email at cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.

Good news!
Ruttkay shared with us that recent POTW's Polly and Banjo have been adopted!

Thanks to the whole community for making forever homes a regular destination for our furry friends.





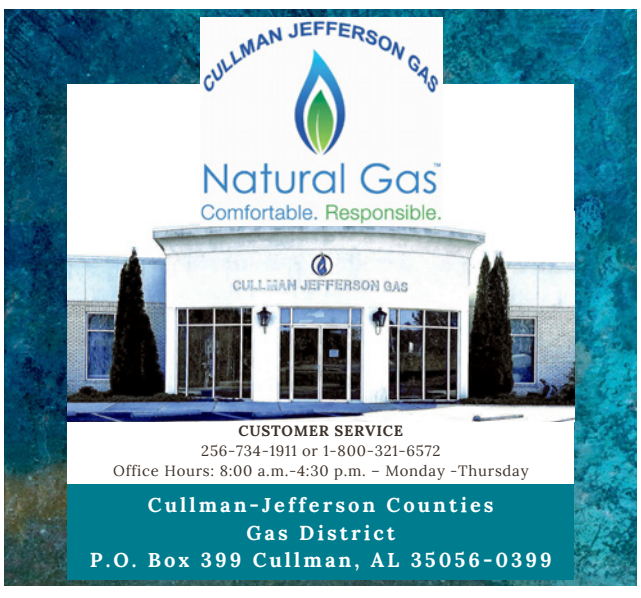




















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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
RONALD GENE MOORE,) CASE NO PC2021-275
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR AND GUARDIANSHIP AND FOR EMERGENCY LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP

TO: RONALD JASON MOORE
JOHN EDWARD MOORE
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTEREST PARTIES

Please take notice that a hearing on the Petition for Appointment of Conservator and Guardianship and for Emergency Letters of Guardianship, filed by Kimberly J. Moore, Petitioner, is set for hearing on the **6th day of January, 2022, at 9:30 A.M.**. Before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Done this the 10th day of November, 2021.

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

PB ADT Bk 60 Pg 3 - 11/23/2021 01:49 PM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF I.A.M.O
A minor child.
D.O.B. 01/14/2008
CASE NO.: AD2021-070

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD, I.A.M.O. BORN TO BRITTNEY ANN OWEN

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Virginia Lynn Owen and Robert Allen Owen, 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 petitioner, 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 23rd DAY OF November, 2021.

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

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for Petitioners
200 First Avenue SE
Cullman, AL 35055

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF HANCEVILLE

Pursuant to the instructions of the City Council of the City of Hanceville, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council at the Hanceville City Hall, located at 112 Main ST SE, Hanceville, Alabama, 35077, on Thursday December 20, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., where all interested citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard for or against the rezoning request submitted by property owners, Sohon Properties LLC, for described property below to be rezoned to B-2 (General Business).

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 636

AN AMMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 510 INCLUDING THE ZONING MAP BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The public health, safety, morals, and general welfare requiring it under authority granted by Article 4, Sections 11-52-70 through 11-52-79, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hanceville, Alabama Ordinance No. 510, adopted the 1st day of May, 2006, as amended, and more particularly the Hanceville, Alabama zoning map as a part thereof, is hereby amended, changed, and modified as follows:

   (a) That the real estate being the property of Sohon Properties, LLC zoned B-1 Local Shopping, located in Hanceville, Cullman County, Alabama, be re-zoned to B-2 General Business, described as follows, to-wit:

Commence at a found 5/8" iron marking the Southwest corner of Lot #1 of Steve Warren First Addition to the Town of Hanceville, Alabama, as shown and known on the recorded plat thereof recorded in Map Book 6, Page 137 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, thence run along the right of way of Alabama Highway #91 in a Southwesterly direction for a chord distance of 70.20 feet to a found capped 5/8" rebar at the intersection of the Southeasterly right of way of Alabama Highway #91 and the Southwesterly right of way of Edmondson Road. Thence turn angle right 0-54'02" and continue along said right of way of Alabama Highway #91 in a Southwesterly direction for a chord distance of 153.98 feet to a capped ½" rebar being the point of beginning, thence turn angle left 87-50'47" and run in a Southeasterly direction for a distance of 48.17 feet to a capped ½" rebar, thence turn angle right 35-47'49" and run in a Southerly direction for a distance of 99.21 feet to a capped ½" rebar, thence turn angle left 49-33'02" and run in a Southeasterly direction for a distance of 28.88 feet to a capped ½" rebar, thence turn angle left 33-22'01" and run in an Easterly direction for a distance of 70.49 feet to a capped ½" rebar thence turn angle right 43-21'32" and run in a Southeasterly direction for a distance of 34.07 feet to a capped ½" rebar, thence turn angle right 46-26'55" and run in a Southerly direction for a distance of 78.68 feet to a capped ½" rebar, thence turn angle right 90-09'01" and run in a Northwesterly direction for a distance of 170.98 feet to a found capped 5/8" rebar, thence turn angle right 82-53'45" and run in a Northerly direction for a distance of 219.84 feet to a found 3/4" pipe on the Southeasterly right of way of Alabama Highway #91, thence turn angle right 52-06'49" and run along said right of way in a Northeasterly direction for a chord distance of 47.64 feet to the point of beginning. Being 0.614 acres more or less. Less and except all powerline rights of ways and all other rights of ways and easements of record.

2. That this Ordinance has been published once each week for two (2) successive weeks with the second being at least 15 days prior to passage, within the City of Hanceville, Alabama, and the publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim.
   That a public hearing has been held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the ____ day of _____ _____, at 5:30 p.m. at which time interested parties and citizens had opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.
3. That all notices as required by law were given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing.
4. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Hanceville, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance be and are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.
5. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this ordinance.
6. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above-described property is now zoned B-2 General Business and that appropriate action be taken to change and modify the City Zoning Map to so reflect the said land as such.
7. This ordinance adopted ____ day of _____ _____, shall take effect after its publication as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

_____
Mayor Kenneth Nail

ATTEST:

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Tania C. Wilcox, City Clerk



Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80.
2004 Kia Sorento, Vin. #KNDJC733045309759
2011 Hyundai Tucson, Vin. #KM8JU3AC0BU300518
2006 Toyota Corolla, Vin. #1NXBR32E26Z733902
2010 Ford F-150, Vin. #1FTFW1CV7AKE56721
2001 Toyota Camry, Vin. #4T1BF22K01U967781
2013 Chevrolet Cruze, Vin. #1G1PD5SB6D7258821
1999 Ford Ranger, Vin. # 1FTYR10CXXUB87727
2005 Toyota Camry, Vin. #4T1BE32K45U508266
2013 Nissan Altima, Vin. #1N4AL3AP1DN563257
2000 Chevy Impala, Vin. #2G1WWF55E4Y9238793
2001 Dodge Neon, Vin. #1B3AS46C21D143213
2007 Chevy Cobalt, Vin. #1G1AM15B877302445
2013 Ford Fiesta, Vin. #3FADP4AJ8DM117913
2001 Mitsubishi Eclipse, Vin. #4A3AC84H51E039579
1997 Oldsmobile Silhouette, Vin. #1GHDX03E4VD248248
These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Smith's Body Shop and Wrecker Service, LLC, 11597 US Highway 278 East, Holly Pond, Alabama, 35083, on Friday, December 31, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION PETITION OF
SAMANTHA LYNN STOUT
FOR THE ADOPTION OF
CASE NO AD 2021-071

S.L.B., A MINOR.
D.O.B. 6-2-2017

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER OF A CHILD BORN TO KIRSTEN SHAREE PAIGE BIRMINGHAM STOUT

The Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Samantha Lynn Stout, Petitioner. 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 23rd DAY OF November, 2021.

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

Annette Irons-Parker
Attorney for Petitioner
215 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
HARRIET TOMPKINS * CASE NO PC 2021-399
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to **Deborah Tompkins McDanal,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Harriet Tompkins**, deceased, on the 18 day of November, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Deborah Tompkins McDanal
Personal Representative

Anna R. Moses
Attorney for Petitioner
4000 Eagle Point Corporate Drive, Suite 100
Birmingham, Alabama 35242

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

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Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80.
2007 Audi A6, Vin. #WAUDH74F47N119312
2004 BMW 525, Vin.#WBANA53524B848895
2014 Chevrolet Malibu, Vin.#1G11H5SL1EF120551
2007 Chevrolet Impala, Vin.#2G1WC58R879249205
2005 Chevrolet Classic, Vin.#1G1ND52F05M176418
1991 Seville 2GB, Vin.#2GBJG31K8M4105657
1997 Chevrolet GMT-400, Vin.#1GCEC14W0VZ150467
2016 Chevrolet Spark, Vin.#KL8CB6SA9GC619181
2002 Chevrolet Silverado, Vin.#1GCEK14V62Z313497
2011 Cadillac CTS, Vin.#1G6DE5EY1B0134438
1999 Ford Taurus, Vin.#1FAFP53S1XA195827
2003 Ford Mustang, Vin.#1FAFP444X3F446576
1998 Ford LGT Convt, Vin.#1FTEX17L1WNA01712
2000 Ford Focus, Vin.#1FAHP33P9YW121911
2005 Ford Focus, Vin.#1FAFP36N05W250472
2002 Honda VT750, Vin.#JH2RC44082M614989
2012 Honda Civic, Vin.#2HGFG3A89CH541139
2009 Honda Odyssey, Vin.#5FNRL38299B053865
1999 Jeep Grand Cherokee, Vin.#1J4G268S9XC639935
2007 Kia Sorento, Vin.#KNDJD736775696547
2015 Lexus RC 350, Vin.#JTHSE5BC7F5001669
2000 Oldsmobile Alero, Vin.#1G3NF52E0YC399139
2007 Toyota Camry, Vin.#JTNBB46K973008556
2005 Toyota MR2, Vin.#JTDFR320250072212
1990 Mazda Miata, Vin.#JM1NA3511L0140469
These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Mullins Body Shop, LLC, 11042 US Highway 31 South, Cullman, Alabama 35055, on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

NATIONAL

Wreaths Across America Wreath Laying Ceremony set for Dec. 18

Sara Gladney
sara@cullmantribune.com

MONTEVALLO, Ala. — The Support Committee for the Alabama National Cemetery is holding their 13th Annual Wreaths Across America Wreath Laying Ceremony at Alabama National Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 18 from 11 a.m. – noon. For the last 12 years, live Maine Balsam Wreaths are placed on each veteran's grave. This would not be possible without the support of donors. The cost of each wreath is $15.

Family members of those buried at ALNC, as well as donors and volunteers, lay the wreaths at the ceremony.

For those wishing to donate in memory or honor of a loved one or friend, donations and requests must be turned in no later than Nov. 30 to be included on Memorial Boards displayed at the ceremony.

To donate, visit the https://scalnc.org/programs-at-alnc and scroll down to "Donate to Wreaths Across America."

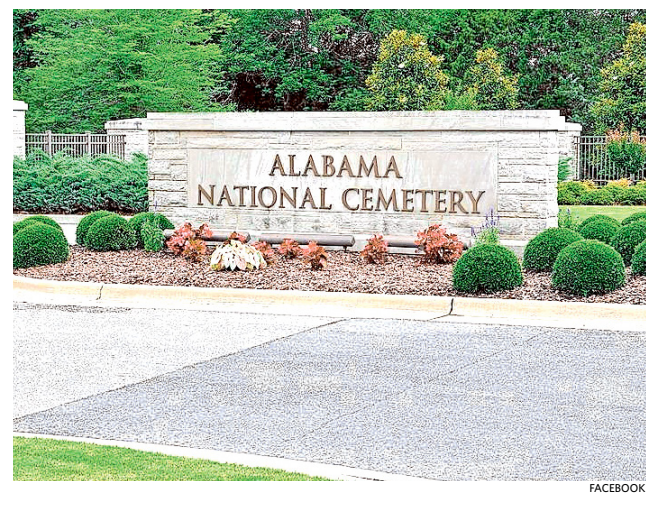
Janice Rogers of Fox 6 News will serve as the Master of Ceremonies, with special music by Rob Robinson, and ceremonial wreath laying for all branches of service.

The ceremony will be followed by ALNC family members graveside wreath laying, then volunteers laying remaining wreaths.

The Support Committee for the Alabama National Cemetery is committed to honoring the fallen by placing a wreath on each military service grave at ALNC in remembrance and honor of those who sacrificed so much to protect our freedom and way of life.

The Support Committee thanks its generous donors, as well as other fundraising groups including the Blue Star Salute Foundation and the Civil Air Patrol.

Volunteers are coordinated by the Support Committee through registration. For volunteer information, contact the committee at: supportcommitteealnc@gmail.com.



FACEBOOK

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 24-26

James L. Brossow, 76, formerly of Hanceville
A celebration of life service for James L. Brossow, formerly of Hanceville will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Maple Hill Cemetery in Huntsville. Reverend Tim Barnett will be officiating. Visitation for the public will be from 5:30-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30, at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Brossow was born to the late Frank and Carolyn (Pribbnow) Brossow on Friday, April 20, 1945, in Stanley, Wisconsin. He died on Wednesday, Nov. 24, at the age of 76 at his residence in Arab, Alabama. After high school, Mr. Brossow went on to join the United States Army. He entered in the year of 1965 in Neillsville, Wisconsin. During his enlistment period, he obtained an active Corporal status and served in the Vietnam War. After his transfer to Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, he was honorably discharged in 1967. Following his separation, Mr. Brossow focused on getting into the workforce and growing his family. Working as a mechanic was just one of the many trades he gained over the years. He also had a talent for creating humor, not only in the toughest of situations but in his everyday life. There are many tales that will be talked about and shared in the days to come. Those he leaves behind to cherish his life and legacy are his daughters: Jeannie Certain, Julie Boatright and Linda Kreuscher; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his brother: Randy Brossow; two sisters: Susan Riemer and Nancy Brossow and a host of nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife: Janie A. Brossow; one brother and two children.

Tim Pierce, 57, of Hillsboro, Alabama
Tim Pierce, 57, of Hillsboro, Alabama, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 24, at the Russellville Hospital. Tim was born on Nov. 15, 1964, in Haleyville, Alabama. Visitation will be held Sunday, Nov. 28, at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville from noon – 1 p.m. where the services will be held at 1 p.m. Burial will be at Winston Memorial Cemetery in Haleyville, Alabama. Bro. Josh Sparks will officiate. Tim is survived by his wife: Trina Pierce; children: Alena Pierce, Lucas Blankenship and Sebastian Blankenship; his sisters: Fay Kelley and Brenda Kay Sutherland; nephews: Jeff Kelly, Patrick "Rick" Kelley and Barry Sutherland and great-nieces and nephews: Brooke, Alyvia and Isaak. Tim is preceded in death by his parents: O.B. and Esther Marie Pierce; sisters: Carolyn Kelly and Judy Pierce; brothers: Johnny and Terry Bruce Pierce and nephew: Bruce Sutherland.

Leonel De Leon Huerta, 34, of Baileyton
Leonel De Leon Huerta, age 34, of Baileyton, Alabama passed away on Friday, Nov. 19. Leonel was born March 10, 1987. A visitation for Leonel will be held Saturday, Nov. 27, from 2-5 p.m. Following the visitation will be a rosary at 5 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home (1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL). Tennia Federer Isley, 63, of Cullman. Memorial service for Tennia Federer Isley, 63, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Dec 1, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Steve Bryan officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Isley passed away Thursday, Nov. 25, at her residence. She was born Aug. 31, 1958, to Ocie and Reba McPherson Federer. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Dan Isley and brothers: Billy Federer and Charles Federer. Survivors include her son: Kevin (Randi) Mooney; daughter: Lori (Nicholas) Bates; brother: Joe (Melba Jo) Federer; sisters: Becky (Jack) Trawick, Jane (Jerry) Coughlin, Jean (Ronnie) Thomas and Kathy Stewart; grandchildren: Kaitlyn and Brayden Mooney; nieces, nephews, family and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family requests making donations to your favorite charity.

Bonnie O'Neal Fullilove, 86, of Cullman
Funeral service for Bonnie O'Neal Fullilove, age 86, of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 29, at Antioch Baptist Church. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 28, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, and from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. prior to the service at Antioch Baptist Church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Ms. Fullilove died on Thursday, Nov. 25, on Thanksgiving Day surrounded by those that loved her most, her family. She was born July 12, 1935, to Frankie and S.L. "Bud" Turner. She was preceded in death by her husband: W.A. "Bud" Fullilove; son: Greg Fullilove; granddaughter: Heather Walker; great-granddaughter: Reagan Walker and parents. She is survived by two sons: Andy and Michael Fullilove; three daughters: Robin Walker, Joan (Randy) Holcomb and Sharon (Michael) Harris; daughters-in-love: Jan Sexton and Shelia Dahlke; 14 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; four more great-grandchildren that will arrive soon; sisters: Janette "Tootle" Howell and Gail Latham and brother: Jerry Turner.

Bettina Denise Reeves, 63, of Somerville
Funeral service for Bettina Denise Reeves, age 63, of Somerville, will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Jesse Morgan officiating, and interment in Ebenezer Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 29, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Reeves passed away Thursday, Nov. 25, at Decatur Morgan Hospital. She was born Aug. 7, 1958, to Ralph and Quiness Higdon. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister: Linda Kay Holloway. Survivors include her husband: Joel Reeves; son: Jason (Andrea) Reeves; daughter: Catrina (Patrick) Marshall; granddaughter: Darlene Marshall; sister: Beth (John) Fleishman; nephew: Byron Holloway; nieces: Cindy Bryant and Rachel Fleishman; nephews: Sam Fleishman and Thomas Fleishman and a host of family and friends.

Teresa Carol Murphree, 54, of Eva
Funeral Service for Teresa Carol Murphree, age 54, of Eva, will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 27, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Terry Hudson officiating; interment in Gum Pond Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 26, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Murphree passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 24. She was born March 25, 1967, to Leon Holmes and Brenda Holmes Scott. She was preceded in death by her son, Gregory Murphree, and father, Leon Holmes. Survivors include her daughters, Teejay (Dustin) Mitchell and Jessica Murphree; grandchildren, Adelynn Mitchell, Maxus Mitchell, Kayleigh Grandstaff, and Khloe Grandstaff; mother, Brenda Holmes Scott; sisters, Kathy (Robert) Pestona, Christina Holmes-McLemore (Mike McLemore); and Kelly (Jeff) Cornelius; brother, Ricky Holmes; aunt, Gloria Wise; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Teresa was a loving and dedicated mother, Mi-Maw, daughter, sister, and niece. Even the strongest warriors need to rest.

Jack Burlin Dye, 75, of Haleyville
Jack Burlin Dye, age 75 of Haleyville, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 23, at Russellville Hospital. Mr. Dye was born Sept. 11, 1946, in Haleyville, Alabama. No services at this time. Jack is survived by his wife, Marie Wright Dye; sons, Buddy (Jayne) Sparks, Joe (Tammie) Sparks, Jack (Jenese) Dye, and Eugene (Tammy) Dye; grandsons and granddaughter; great grandkids; brother, Max Dye; and sisters, Kay Dye Lawson, and Lisa Dye Blakey. He was preceded in death by his parents, Theo and Mona Godsey Dye; brothers, Lloyd and Ted; and sisters, June, Teresa, and Catherine Jean.

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EDUCATION

Wallace State Community College receives federal funding to continue Talent Search program

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College will receive five additional years of funding from the U.S. Department of Education for the school's Talent Search program. The award is expected to total $2.4 million.

Wallace State's Talent Search program serves students from 15 high schools throughout the college's service area, providing them with an opportunity to prosper in higher education.

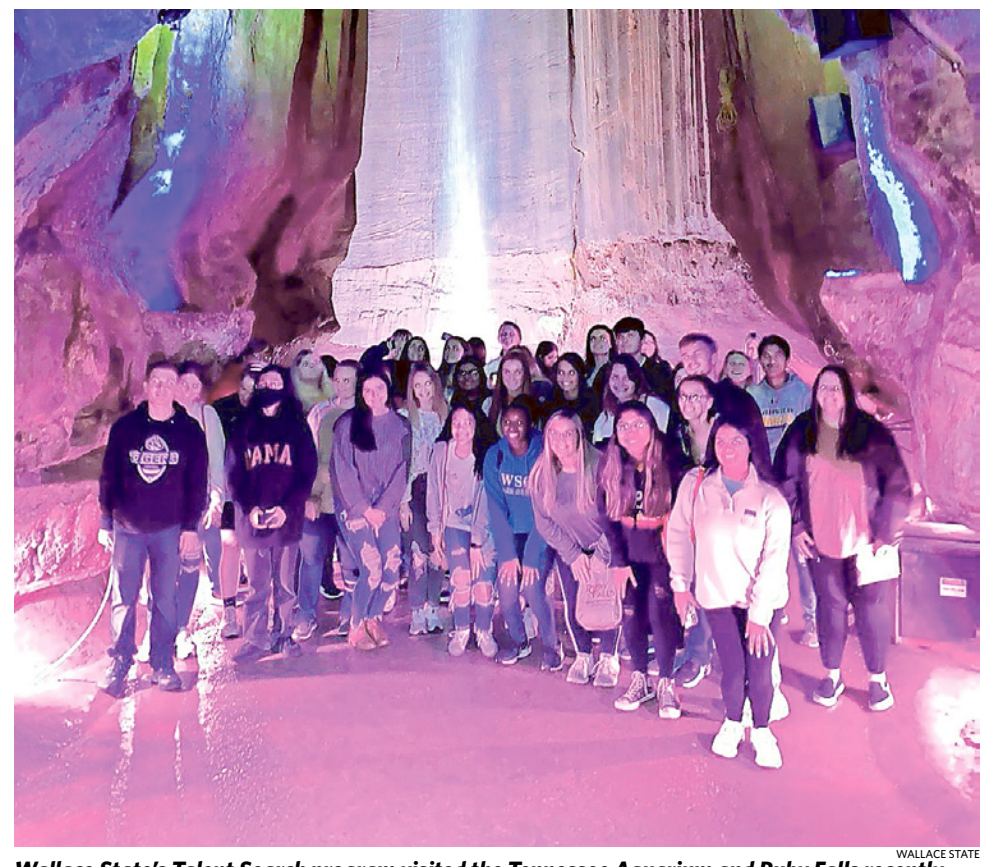
"Talent Search is an extremely integral program for the communities and high schools Wallace State serves. We prioritize first-generation, low-income students from grades 9-12, who might not have the adequate resources available to succeed and welcome others interested in the program. Our Talent Search counselors connect with students on an individual basis and assess what's meaningful to them. We work to help them achieve their goals and dreams and try to give them a pathway to a better future through career planning," said Todd Abbott, director of Wallace State's Educational Talent Search. "We're grateful this program has been funded for five more years. It's an essential component for all involved with the program."

Talent Search is one of seven Federal TRIO programs that provides educational services to individuals. Wallace State also offers the TRIO program and Student Support Services, which assists students already enrolled in postsecondary education. Talent Search participants in high school may ultimately become SSS students in college.

While enrolled in the Talent Search program through Wallace State, students receive academic advising and career exploration assessments, assistance with financial aid processes, college admission assistance, guidance with scholarship applications, ACT prep opportunities, financial literacy tips, test-taking skills, social/emotional skills guidance and the chance to visit multiple colleges and enjoy cultural trips, among other activities.

The Talent Search group recently enjoyed a cultural trip to Tennessee, visiting Ruby Falls and the Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga.

For more information on the Talent Search program, contact Abbott at 256-352-8258, by email at todd.abbott@wallacestate.edu or visit https://www.wallacestate.edu/talent-search.



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Wallace State's Talent Search program visited the Tennessee Aquarium and Ruby Falls recently.

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