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Curt's Closet makes big move in 2021



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Christmas Love Inc. passed the torch to Curt's Closet for the formation of Curt's Christmas in 2021. Left to right: Champ Crocker, Nancy Bryant, Ashley Wilson, Javon Daniel, Angie Jarrett, Helen Lewis, Jayne Roberts

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Curt's Closet had a moving experience in 2021, literally. Relocating to a new and larger facility and becoming a full-time operation, the child and youth clothing ministry has expanded to keep up with growing needs.

"This past year has been a roller coaster of a ride for all of us here at Curt's Closet: many ups and very few downs," said founder Ashley Wilson. "Laughter, love and the pure presence of the Lord surrounds this building. I am a firm believer that when God gives you a calling, a path forward, and a vision that you have no doubt is only from Him, He will see you through and provide. Curt's Closet is a true example of God's work.

"I have definitely steppe d out in Faith this past year. I hate change, it scares me to my core. But, when we were approached by St. John's Church about their vacant building on Third Avenue Southeast, I knew it was time for change. And God had extraordinary plans within these walls."

Wilson opened the new Curt's Closet in April at 1101 Third Ave. SE in Cullman, with a much larger building and a separate freestanding warehouse.

Said Wilson, "With our new expanded square footage, we are able to store numerous items for the families we serve, provide a comfort space for volunteers and add new projects, like Curt's Christmas. Since moving to our new home we have seen an increase in donations, volunteers and interest about our organization. It amazes me the new connection I make daily here at Curt's Closet. It makes my heart happy knowing Curt's legacy lives not only in this community but worldwide."

Curt's Christmas

In the summer, Wilson and her board were approached by Christmas Love, a 25-year-old Cullman-based nonprofit that provides for children in need and their families at Christmas, with an offer to take charge of the » PAGE 2

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Godbee family fulfills father's love of service through Mandate of Giving

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Tom Godbee, age 57, of Arley, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 18, in Birmingham, Alabama. He was born Sept. 1, 1964, in Cullman, Alabama to Jack and Hazel Godbee. Tom experienced lung complications due to COVID-19 that began just before Thanksgiving. He spent weeks at Cullman Regional, and when he came home, his oxygen machine threw a breaker. Godbee's daughter Kayra, a nurse practitioner, administered CPR until an ambulance arrived.

When Godbee was in the hospital, he spoke to his wife Cindy about experiencing dreams of heaven. Pam Dodd, whose nephew is married to Godbee's daughter Kayra, said that Godbee spoke about being a "soldier for God" when he was released from the hospital. Dodd says he talked about doing the work he has not done for the Lord and "he was really excited about it."

Godbee's children decided to carry out his desire to give and serve. They participated in gathering and buying donations for the Kids Loving Kids charity organization.

Dodd says, "They bought bicycles, clothes and toys for all these children. It was such a blessing." Dodd continued, "They decided to take their sadness and their sorrow and turn it into love for others, and it has been very healing to them."

Godbee had a large family with three children, seven grandchildren, six siblings, and a host of nieces and nephews.

His children Candiace (Jimmy) Morgan, Kayra (Hayden) Everett and Trent (Lauren) Godbee want to work to preserve their father's legacy and make him proud by doing all they can for their community. Tom Godbee was loved by many in his community and will be missed.



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Pictured: Hayden and Kayra Everett, Candiace and Jimmy Morgan, Cindy Godbee, Tom Godbee, Trent and Lauren Godbee; Grandchildren: Tucker and Tanner Morgan, Emery and Grayson Everett, Grant and Gavin Godbee

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program.

Wilson explained, "After much prayer and thoughts, I knew this was something God had in our future. It is now known as Curt's Christmas. I am very happy to say we just finished up our first year and it was a huge success. Curt's Christmas provided 300 children with at least, if not more, six new gifts from their wish list to open on Christmas morning along with new outfits, new coats and new pairs of shoes. We wanted to also bless these families that were struggling this year with household items they might be in need of, such as cleaning supplies, towels, sheets, just to name a few items, plus groceries to stock their cabinets and refrigerators. All of this was made possible through monetary donations, all the wonderful businesses, schools and churches that held toy drives, cleaning supply drives, sponsored children and so much more. I would try to list them all but I know I would leave someone out. Let me take the time here to say a heartfelt 'Thank you' to everyone who made this Curt's Christmas possible. We are already in the works to make next year bigger and better."

By the numbers

Due to the time involved in the move, Curt's Closet was open a shorter time than usual in 2021, but the ministry still served 1,716 children, providing them with new outfits, shoes, coats and accessories.

Wilson noted that the number "does not include the hundreds we served through other organizations. Cullman is truly blessed with amazing organization, serving our neighbors. Just to name a few that Curt's Closet has partnered with over the past year are: The Link, Victims Service, First Source for Women, United Way and Unsheltered (International). I love being able to network with these and so many others to serve people in need."

And in 2022?

With the first Curt's Christmas finished, Wilson looks forward to the first post-COVID "Clothed in Cullman" in 2022.

Wilson explained, "Clothed in Cullman is our luncheon, silent auction fundraiser. Due to COVID we have been unable to hold it the past two years. We are extremely excited to be able to hold this year. It is such a fun event. You will want to mark your calendar for Clothed in Cullman. We anticipate the tickets will sell out quick. Clothed in Cullman will be held Saturday, May 7, 2022. It is always the Saturday before Mother's Day. We have a Facebook page, to keep up-to-date with this event we encourage everyone to go follow Clothed in Cullman."

Wilson added, "We also have a few new projects that we are extremely excited about for 2022 and about to bust to let everyone know, but we have to get everything in order before we can announce. So stay tuned. God isn't done yet."

Reflecting on a busy year

"As I look back over the past year a few things really stick out to me," said Wilson. "It is the families I see at the grocery store or that stop back by to give me their praise report, to let me know where they are now and how Curt's Closet helped them in their time of need, and what an impact it made on the family.

"I love to hear how they are paying it forward. That is what life is all about, asking for help when needed, giving help when you can and remembering where you came from and where God has brought you. We are called to serve.

"Sadly, we live in such a selfish world, it is me, me, me society. If everyone only knew what you get when you serve and help your neighbor. It is truly the most rewarding gift ever! I am living proof, focusing on others can help you survive the darkest days of your life. Because serving is the closest thing you will get to Heaven until we are truly Home.

"Curt was such a joyful soul. His main goal each day was to make someone laugh, smile and feel good about themself. If I can carry on that legacy while I wait to hold Curt again then I am one blessed person.

"As always, I want to thank all the support from not only this community but from people I have never met and new friends that do not call Cullman home. Curt's Closet would not be what it is today without everyone who donates clothing, shoes, monetarily, their time and prayers. Thank you!"

The final word

Wilson said, "I would love for every child in need to know where they can come to be loved and leave feeling worthy. Being able to provide basic needs, such as clothing and shoes to a child that might otherwise go without is why we are here. I feel children are the innocent victims of life circumstances. They should not have to go without. Curt's Closet charges for nothing, everything is FREE.

"There is a peaceful spirit here, mentioned by many. I feel it and if you walk in these doors, I know you will as well. I encourage anyone wanting to learn more about Curt's Closet please stop by and see the good work going on. I look forward to meeting new friends."

For more information, visit https://sites.google.com/view/curtscloset.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, Dec. 24, COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

ADPH COVID-19 dashboard changes

Along with decreases in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths, ADPH will be updating its dashboard less frequently. Effective June 7, the Data and Surveillance Dashboard will update Monday, Wednesday and Friday; the Vaccine Distribution Dashboard will update Tuesday and Thursday and no weekend updates will be made. Additional information may be provided in the future as ADPH gathers more data on the pandemic.

*The dashboard has been redesigned to help people better understand the current transmission levels in their communities and the impact of COVID-19 in Alabama. The moving 7-day sum is updated daily instead of weekly--instead of a 3, 7 and 14-day average, the dashboard will provide a 7-day moving sum for cases. The 2020 and 2021 breakdowns of cases and deaths will be provided - not just a total sum over both years.

Case details* (Updated Monday, Wednesday and Friday) No updates available

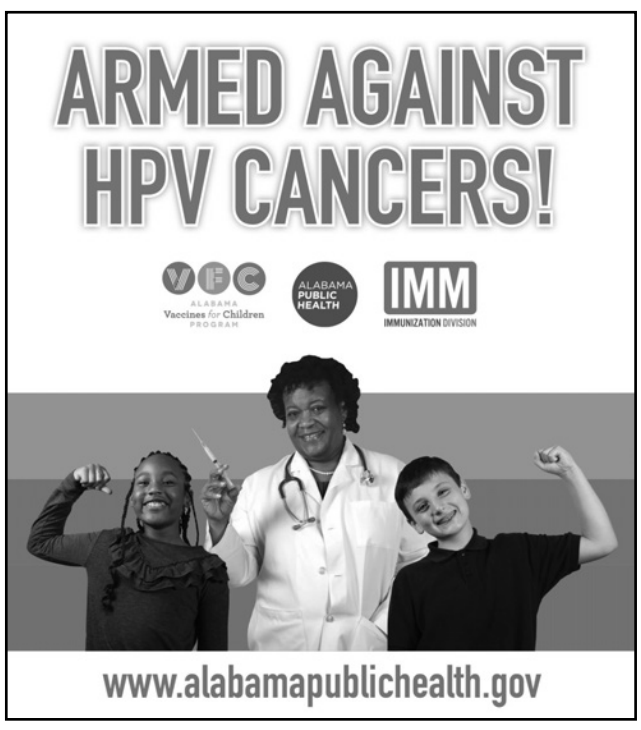
- Positivity in tests in Alabama: 9.7%
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,500
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 473,610 (+2,723 since Monday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,186
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,194 (+26 since Monday)
- Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 6.6%
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,561
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 8,991 (+76 since Monday)
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 180 (+1 since Monday)
- Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,567
- Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 103
- Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 49,100
- Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 4,770
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 432

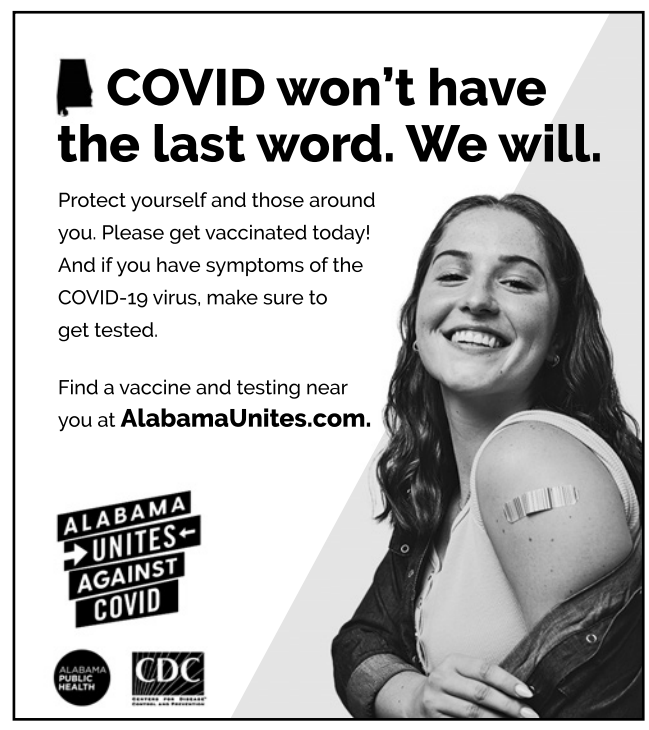
Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday) No updates available

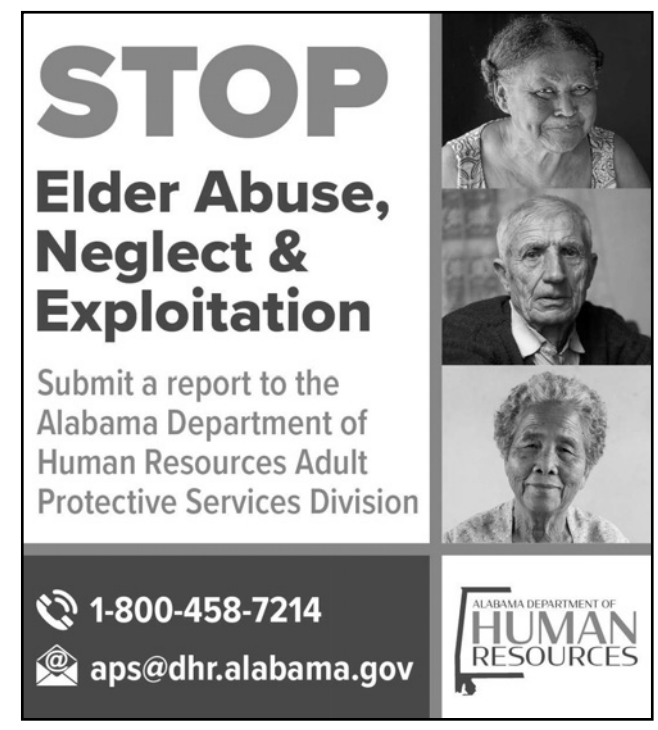
- Doses delivered to Alabama: 7,827,125 (No update available)
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 4,289,825 (No update available)
- Doses administered: 5,321,649
- Additional doses administered: 519,790
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,694,970
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,199,137
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 3,537,300 (No update available)

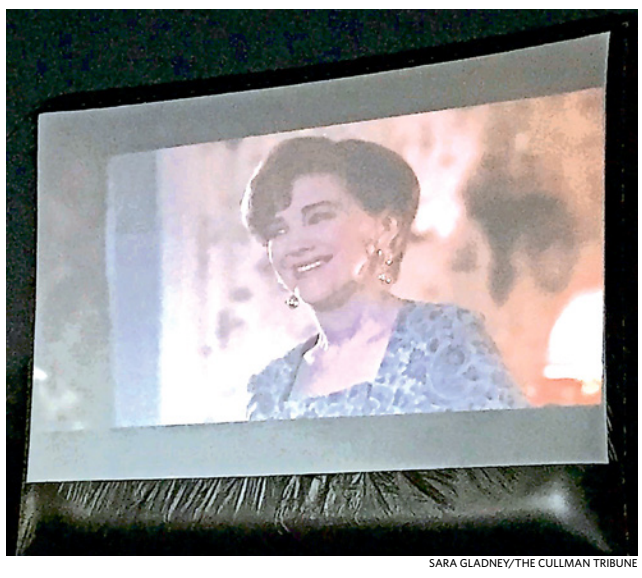
Alabamians in Phases 1a, 1b and 1c (including those 12 and older) are now eligible to receive a vaccine.

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









SARA GLADNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Drive-in (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Throwback Outdoor Cinema is a new drive-in theater that opened in Cullman the first weekend in December. Brandi and Seth Powell, of Cullman, started the theater showing Christmas films at the Cullman County Fairgrounds. Seth and Brandi began the theater with just the two of them. They said they had always wanted to start a drive-in and just recently found the time to do so. The theater has shown "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York," "Dr. Suess' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and will show "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" tonight, Dec. 23.

The Powell's plan to continue their drive-in theater in the summer with classic throwback films from the 70s, 80s and 90s. They serve Kernel Kullman's popcorn, hot chocolate, theater candy and bottled sodas at the concession stand. There are designated rows for different types of vehicles, with the smallest cars in the front row.

The Powell's hope their theater will be a fun new activity in Cullman for the whole family to enjoy throughout the year.





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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 Saint 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 at 9:30 a.m. Small group classes for children, youth and adults at 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.

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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 Meetings
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

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
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Big Band Dance
• April 15, 7 p.m.
• Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts
• Featuring the Wallace State Jazz Band
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Dance Spring Showcase
• April 22, 7 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring the Allegro Dance Theatre
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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

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! 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.

Wallace State Community College spring registration
Dec. 11 - Jan. 15: Registration for the spring 2022 semester is underway at Wallace State Community College. Classes will begin Jan. 10 with options for day and evening classes on campus, online and hybrid. Registration will continue through Jan. 15 for regular and Mini Term I classes. Mini Term II classes will begin March 8. Call 256-353-8000 for more information.

Pleasant View Watch Night Service
• Dec. 31: Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will have a Watch Night service on Friday, New Year's Eve starting at 8 p.m. The guest singers will be "The Singing Ambassadors" from Fayetteville, Tennessee. We will break for refreshments around 10 p.m. We will pray the old year out and the new one in. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left.
• For more information call 256-796-5986.

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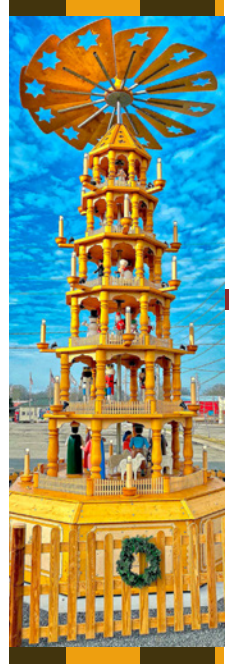






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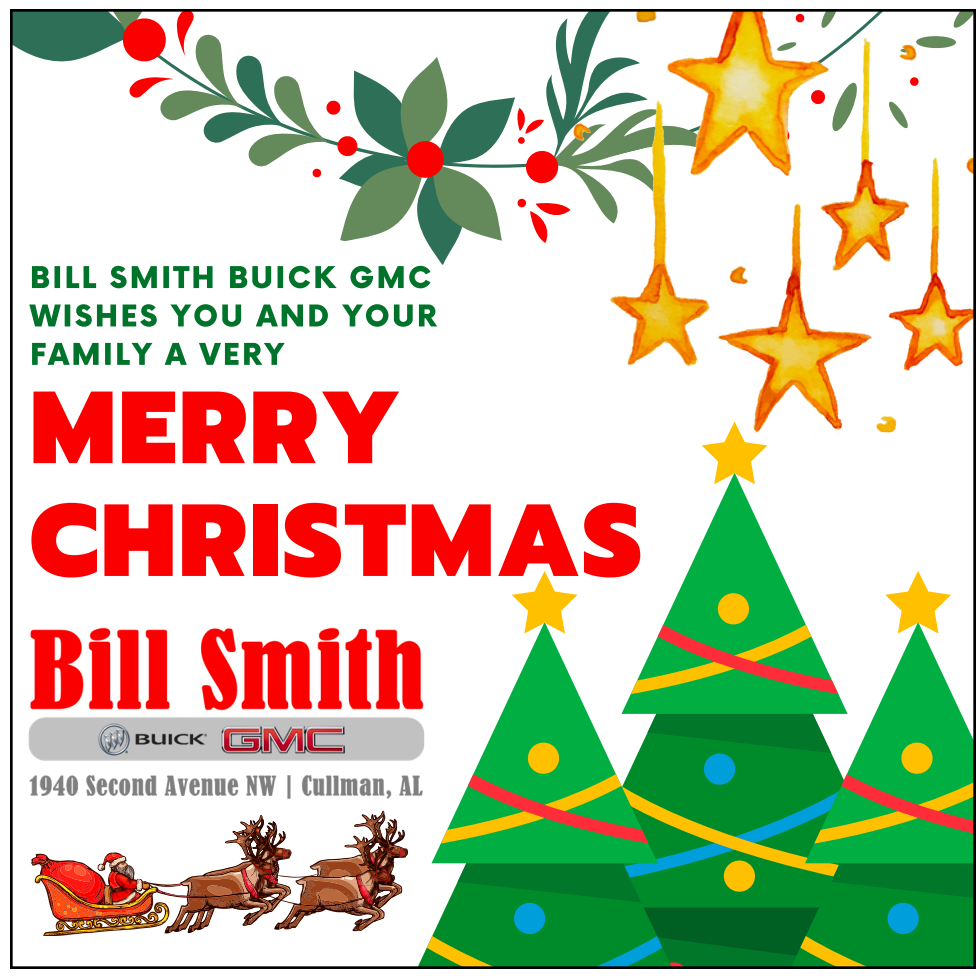
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Austin Davis named Offensive Coordinator at Auburn

Kirk Sampson
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. — Austin Davis, a seven-year National Football League veteran and current quarterbacks coach for the Seattle Seahawks, has been named offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Auburn, head coach Bryan Harsin announced Saturday. A former two-time All-Conference USA quarterback at Southern Miss, Davis has spent the last three seasons with the Seahawks, working closely with eight-time Pro Bowl quarterback Russell Wilson.

A native of Meridian, Miss., Davis played in the NFL for St. Louis, Cleveland, Denver, Seattle and Tennessee before joining the coaching ranks in February 2019 as an offensive assistant with the Seahawks before being promoted to quarterbacks coach in 2020.

"From the first conversation I had with Austin, you could just feel his passion for coaching and teaching the game," Harsin said.

"He's spent the past 10 years as a player or coach in the NFL, bringing that experience from the highest level into our offensive and quarterback rooms.

"He's learned and been around some of the best in the business and has been on an upward trajectory since joining the coaching ranks. We can't wait to get him teamed up with the rest of our staff."

In Davis' first season as quarterbacks coach, Wilson continued to elevate his command of the offense, throwing for more than 4,000 yards for the fourth time in his career and setting franchise record for touchdown passes (40), completions (384), and completion percentage (68.8) in 2020. Wilson earned NFC Offensive Player of the Month for September and was voted to his eighth Pro Bowl. Wilson finished 2020 with 267 career touchdown passes, second only to Peyton Manning for most touchdown passes through a player's first nine seasons.

"I'm honored and privileged to be the next Offensive Coordinator at Auburn University and to be a part of an elite staff led by Coach Harsin," Davis said. "Being born and raised in Mississippi, you know very well what SEC football is all about and I couldn't be more excited about the opportunity that is before me. I've been very fortunate to work for one of the best organizations in all of sports and would like to extend a special thanks to Pete Carroll and John Schneider for believing in me as a young coach. I can't wait to get down to the Plains and get to work. War Eagle, y'all."

During his first year with the organization in 2019, Wilson earned his first All-Pro honors while passing for 4,110 yards and 31 touchdowns while completing 66.1 percent of his passes. This season, the Seattle offense is eighth in the league in completion percentage (67.0), fifth in yards per completion (11.7) and tied for the league lead in fewest interceptions throw while seeing Wilson miss three games with an injury.

An undrafted free agent who had a seven-year career in the NFL, Davis started 10 of 16 career games played, completing 236 of 378 passes for 2,548 yards, with 13 touchdowns.

His most successful year as a player was the 2014 season in which he started eight games for the St. Louis Rams, where he threw for 12 touchdowns while completing 64.3 percent of his passes. In 2017, Davis served as Wilson's backup in Seattle.

A walk-on at Southern Miss under head coach Larry Fedora, he became the starter as a redshirt freshman in 2008, ending the season with a combined 15 school single-game and single-season records. He led the Golden Eagles to a bowl game victory in the New Orleans Bowl and was selected to the freshman All-Conference USA team and earned a freshman All-American honorable mention by College Football News.

After having his sophomore season cut short due to injury after five games, Davis returned in 2010, throwing for 3,103 yards with 20 touchdowns against just six interceptions while running for another 452 yards and 10 touchdowns. In the Papajohns.com Bowl against Louisville, Davis passed Brett Favre on the school's passing touchdown record list.

As a senior, Davis led the Golden Eagles to a C-USA Eastern Division championship and a spot in the conference championship game. Davis ended the 2011 season throwing for 3,496 yards and 30 touchdowns, both school records.

Davis, who threw for 10,898 yards and 83 touchdowns while accounting for 109 scores in his four-year career at USM still owns 10 school records.

He was drafted by the Boston Red Sox in the 2012 MLB Draft in the 31st round. His brother, Bo, played for the San Diego Padres.



AU ATHLETICS

Seattle Seahawks QB Coach Austin Davis has been named Auburn's Offensive Coordinator.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT AUSTIN DAVIS

Pete Carroll, Seattle Seahawks Head Coach

"Austin is going to show that he is one of the bright young minds in the game. He's been able to transition from player to coach unlike anybody I've ever seen. It was just so smooth for him, and he's been thinking like a coach for a long time, obviously because he was able to capture the role. Russ (Wilson) thinks the world of him, Shane (Waldron) thinks the world of him, and I do too because he is really, really good at what he does. He is going to really be a big benefit to their program."

Russell Wilson, Seattle Seahawks Quarterback

"I think Austin is going to be a brilliant offensive coordinator and potential head coach one day. He has a passion for the game, number one. Number two, he's got an understanding of the game as he's played the position at the highest level in the National Football League. And three, he's an amazing teacher. He's an amazing teacher of the game. He keeps it simple in terms of relaxing the quarterback's mind. He'll be an amazing coach at Auburn."

Blake Anderson, Utah State Head Coach (Davis' OC at Southern Miss)

"Austin Davis is an amazing hire for Bryan Harsin and the Auburn football program. His path from four-year starter and Conference USA Champion as a walk-on quarterback at Southern Miss, to a starter in the NFL, tells you all you need to know about his work ethic, competitive drive, and passion for the game. I have watched Austin grow in this profession since retiring as a player and those same traits have only been magnified as a coach. He will do an outstanding job as an offensive coordinator at this level."

Larry Fedora, Former North Carolina and Southern Miss Head Coach (Davis' Head Coach at Southern Miss)

"What a great hire by Bryan Harsin and Auburn. Austin Davis is a tireless worker who will be innovative in his offensive approach. He has that 'it' factor as a leader and mentor everyone wants. Austin is an overachiever in everything he attacks, whether that's being a walk-on quarterback and leading his team to a conference championship or being an undrafted free agent in the NFL only to prove folks wrong and play seven years at the highest level. I know his character, his knack for developing strong relationships and the quality of his work on the offensive side of the ball. Austin will make Auburn fans proud."

Meet the class: Auburn's 2022 early signees

Kirk Sampson
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. — Auburn football is adding 17 of the nation's top high school and junior college football players for the 2022 season, Coach Bryan Harsin announced Wednesday.

"It's a great day for Auburn. I'm really excited about the class we signed, and we'll continue to work toward another signing period as we prepare for our bowl game and practice," Harsin said.

"Our entire focus and purpose in recruiting was to bring in the right people, number one – character, hard workers, guys who were going to compete, guys who were winners. We had 16 signees and eight are going to be mid-year enrollees. We had seven captains in this group and the average GPA of our signees is 3.3.

"I want to thank all the people who were involved in making this happen; our focus has been a continuation of building relationships and an understanding of what the expectations are. Everyone on this staff did a great job in helping make that happen."

2022 EARLY SIGNING CLASS

Damari Alston (RB, 5-10, 205; Woodward Academy; Atlanta, Ga.): Record-setting all-purpose running back who holds the Woodward Academy career rushing yards (4,195) and rushing touchdowns (62) record ... team captain for Coach John Hunt and the War Eagles to the Class 5A Region 3 title ... Rivals ranks him No. 3 nationally at his position ... top 50 recruit in the state of Georgia by 24/7 and ESPN ... PrepStar All-America ... also a track and field letterman.

Austin Ausberry (DB, 6-1, 199; University Laboratory School; Baton Rouge, La.): Play-making defender with elite athletic ability ... also played receiver, leading Coach Andy Martin and the Cubs to the Division II state championship title as a senior and the semifinals as a junior ... Under Armour All-America Game ... SI preseason All-America ... also a track & field letterman ... Rivals rates him the No. 6 recruit at his position nationally ... top 20 prospect in the state of Louisiana by Rivals, ESPN, 24/7 ... graduating with a 3.6 GPA.

Camden Brown (WR, 6-3, 190; St. Thomas Aquinas (Fla.) HS; Monroe, La.): Long wide receiver seeking his third straight state title. ... 24 catches for 483 yards and 9 touchdowns as a senior for Coach Roger Harriott, helping the Raiders advance to the Florida state Class 7A finals ... also a track & field letterman ... rated among the top 90 overall recruiting prospects in the state of Florida by ON3, Rivals, 24/7 and ESPN ... lived in Louisiana growing up.

Jay Fair (WR, 5-10, 175; Rockwall-Heath HS; Rockwall, TX): Skilled receiver with big-play potential ... recorded 46 receptions for 894 yards (19.4 avg.) and 13 touchdowns as a senior and captain for Coach Mike Spradlin and the Hawks ... school-record 25 receiving rouchdowns ... VYPE DFW public school receiver of the year ... earned first team all-District 10-6A honors as a junior ... rated among the top 60 overall prospects in the state of Texas by ESPN and 24/7 ... ESPN ranks him the No. 55 receiver recruit nationally ... also a track & field letterman.

Holden Geriner (QB, 6-3, 206; Benedictine Military School; Savannah, Ga.): Top-rated quarterback prospect with more than 7,100 career passing yards, 71 TD for Coach Danny Britt at Benedictine ... led the Cadets to the Class 4A state title as a senior, passing for 3,377 yards, 36 TD ... MVP in the state championship game ... team captain ... graduating with a 4.0 GPA ... Atlanta TD Club player of week; WJCL Big 22 ... as a junior, earned AJC first team all-state and all-Greater Savannah honors passing for 2,770 yards, 25 TD ... ESPN lists him No. 9 at his position nationally ... among top 25 overall prospects in state of Georgia by 24/7, ESPN ... PrepStar All-America.

Marquise Gilbert (S, 6-2, 180; Hutchinson CC; Flagler Palm Coast HS; Daytona Beach, Fla.): Ranked as the No. 1 junior college safety prospect in the country... recorded more than 50 tackles, 2 INT in two seasons for Coach Drew Dallas and the Salt City Bowl champion Blue Dragons ... 2021 spring all-KJCCC honorable mention ... played in three games at Bethune-Cookman in 2019 ... all-area and second team all-state safety for Coach Travis Roland at Flagler Palm Coast High.

Powell Gordon (LB, 6-3, 210; Auburn HS; Auburn, Ala.): Productive linebacker and two-time captain who helped the Auburn High Tigers and Coach Keith Etheredge advance to the Class 7-A regional finals with a 10-3 record as a senior ... Tigers were state finalists his junior season with an 11-2 mark ... 2020 ASWA first team all-state ... Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Game ... Rivals rates him the No. 25 prospect nationally at his position ... among the top 30 recruits from the state of Alabama by 24/7, ESPN, Rivals, PrepStar.

EJ Harris (OL, 6-5, 303; Auburn HS; Auburn, Ala.): Dominant lineman on both sides of the football with size, strength and balance ... helped the Auburn High Tigers and Coach Keith Etheredge advance to the Class 7-A regional finals with a 10-3 record ... O-A News all-area performer as a junior at Beauregard (Ala.) High, where he was also a basketball and track & field letterman ... Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Game ... ESPN, 24/7 and Rivals rank him among the top 20 overall prospects in the state of Alabama ... PrepStar All-America.

Omari Kelly (WR, 6-1, 175; Hewitt-Trussville (Ala.) HS; Jesup, Ga.): Elite wide receiver with a great catch radius ... second team Class 7A all-state as a junior for Coach Josh Floyd at Hewitt-Trussville High ... Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Game ... AL.com A-List ... also a sprinter in track & field ... previously lived in Jesup, Ga. ... Rivals ranks him No. 13 among prospects from the state of Alabama ... top 25 nationally at his position by ESPN and 24/7 ... PrepStar All-America.

Jeffrey M'ba (DL, 6-6, 305; Independence CC; Fougere, France; Libreville, Gabon): The No. 1-ranked junior college player in the country ... long, athletic, tough, relentless and physical defensive lineman who can play every position on the defensive front ... has the tools to become one of the best defensive linemen in the country ... He recorded 50 tackles, 15 TFL in two seasons at Independence Community College ... played for the Indy Pirates under Coach Jason Martin, advancing to the KJCCC semifinals ... began playing football three years ago in France for the Pionniers de Touraine ... originally from Libreville, Gabon.

Alex McPherson (K, 5-10, 156; Fort Payne HS; Fort Payne, Ala.): The top-ranked kicker in the country playing for Coach Chris Elmore at Fort Payne High ... holds the state record 61-yard field goal vs. North Jackson ... teammates voted him a team captain ... won Kohl's kicking national field goal competition and underclassman challenge ... Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Game record 58-yard field goal ... Under Armour All-America Game ... also ranked among top 10 punting prospects nationally ... brother Evan kicks for Cincinnati Bengals ... also a soccer letterman ... No. 1-rated kicker by Rivals, PrepStar and 24/7.

JD Rhym (CB, 6-1, 180; Valdosta HS; Valdosta, Ga.): Instinctive defensive back with great coverage ability ... registered 54 tackles, 5 TFL as a senior for Coach Shelton Felton at Valdosta High ... 46 tackles, 5 TFL as a junior for the Wildcats ... two-year all-Region 1-AAAAAA ... AJC first team all-state ... On3 and 24/7 rank him among the top 15 overall recruits in the state of Georgia ... top 25 nationally at his position by 24/7, On3, Rivals and ESPN.

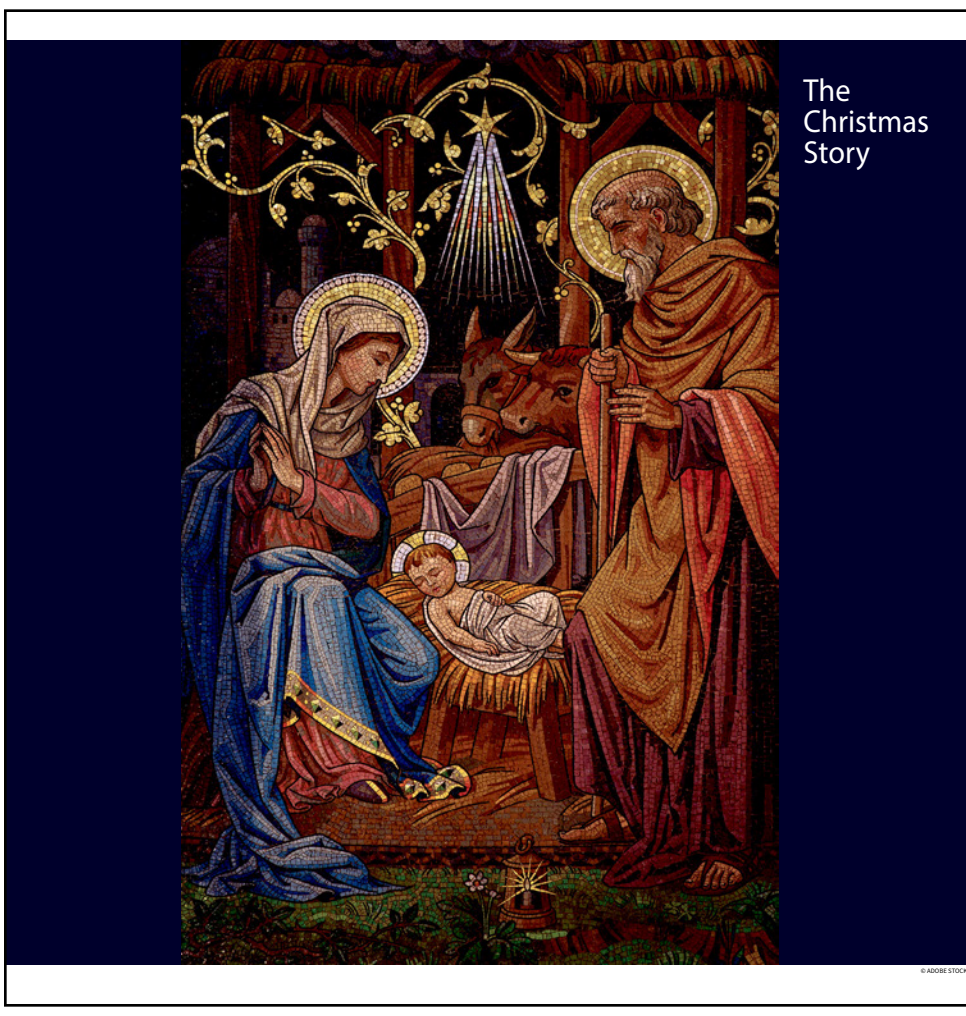
Micah Riley-Ducker (TE, 6-5, 236; Bellevue West HS; Omaha, Neb.): Strong, athletic pass catcher and blocker ... averaged 18.6 yards on 36 catches with 6 touchdowns for Coach Michael Huffman and the Bellevue West Thunderbirds as a senior ... first team Class A all-state ... also a basketball and track & field letterman ... Rivals and ESPN both rate him the No. 15 tight end prospect nationally ... top 6 recruit from the state of Nebraska by ESPN, Rivals, 24/7, PrepStar.

Keionte Scott (CB, 6-0, 185; Snow College; Helix HS; San Diego, Calif.): Athletic junior college playmaker at defensive back who served as a team captain at Snow College ... two-season contributor on defense and as a return specialist at Snow College for Coach Zac Erekson ... Badgers were 7-1 this fall ... CFA juco preseason All-America ... two-way starter at Helix (Calif.) High for Coach Robbie Owens, helping the Highlanders win the Southern California open division ... also a track & field letterman ... 24/7 ranks him the top juco prospect at his position.

Enyce Sledge (DL, 6-4, 305; Neville HS; Monroe, La.): Big defensive lineman who is tough and athletic with great quickness ... played multiple positions up front helping Coach Jeff Tannehill and the Neville Tigers advance to the Class 4A semifinals as a junior and senior ... has the tools to provide depth in his first year and will develop into a dominant SEC defensive lineman ... two-time first team all-district, team captain and second team all-NE Louisiana ... also a basketball letterman ... rated as one of the top 50 overall prospects in the state of Louisiana by ESPN, On3 and 24/7.

Caleb Wooden (S, 6-1, 180; Archer HS; Lawrenceville, Ga.): Physical defender who projects as a collegiate safety ... 189 career tackles, 8 interceptions for Coach Andy Dyer and the Archer High Tigers ... all-Region 7-A and second team all-Gwinnett County as a junior ... brother Colby is a defensive end for the Tigers ... ESPN and PrepStar rate him among the top 50 prospects in Georgia ... Rivals ranks him No. 49 among national recruits at his position.

Robert Woodyard Jr. (LB, 6-1, 235; Williamson HS; Mobile, Ala.): Dominant linebacker who has recorded more than 200 tackles over the past two season ... team captain for Coach Melvin Pete Jr. and the Lions ... as a junior, recorded 133 tackles, 12 TFL, earning Class 4A first team all-state honors ... AL.com A-List ... also a basketball letterman ... 24/7, ESPN and Rivals rate him among the top 10 overall prospects in the state of Alabama ... ranked No. 5 nationally at his position by Rivals.



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And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And Joseph also went up to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

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And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

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Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

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When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

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And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

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And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace, good will toward men.



AU ATHLETICS

Back row, left to right: Donald, Mike, David and Mark Neal; Front row: Carrel and Eula Mae Neal

LIFESTYLE

Happy 90th birthday to Carrel Wesley Neal!

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Tribune would like to wish Carrel Wesley Neal a happy birthday! Christmas Eve has always been important to Carrel, and this year his family wants to make it extra special for his 90th birthday celebration.

Carrel Wesley Neal's 90th birthday will be this Saturday, Christmas Day, from which Carrel's name is derived. According to his son Mark, the family had a record of longevity. Carrel's wife Eula Mae is 89 years old. Carrel and Eula Mae have four sons Donald, Mike, David and Mark. The family is from Holly Pond, where Carrel graduated from high school and afterward, opened Neal's Tire and Lube. The Neal's have a big family, who always gets together on Christmas Eve to celebrate Carrel's birthday. Carrel was born in 1931. He has always been a hard worker and taken care of his family. He worked as a truck driver, opened several businesses including a convenience store and his tire and lube business, as well as owned a cattle and a poultry farm. The Neal's have lived at their current residence in Holly Pond since 1965.

Happy birthday and a merry Christmas to Carrel Wesley Neal and his family!

EDUCATION

Vinemont Elementary to hold memorial cornhole tournament in January

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VINEMONT, Ala. — Vinemont Elementary School will be holding a memorial cornhole tournament in memory of Christian Hart, a Vinemont student who passed away in 2019, on Jan. 29, 2022. Funds raised by the tournament will go to benefit the Christian Hart Memorial Scholarship Fund for Vinemont High School. The event will be held in the VES gym, with registration beginning at noon and the games starting at 1 p.m.

There will be two divisions of Bring Your Own Partner games - a social division using provided bags ($30 to register) and a bring-your-own-bag competitive division ($40).

After the BYOP tournaments will be the airmail shot, followed by a blind draw partner tournament ($10).

More details will be made available as the event draws closer.

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Farm Kids Club learning all about baking bread for January event

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Farm Kids Club is a North Alabama Agriplex program in which kids can learn vital agricultural and survival skills. The club recently learned to distinguish animal tracks and signs to tell which wildlife they may come across in the wild. The club also allows children to participate in various arts and crafts. The next event the Farm Kids Club will be hosting will be Saturday, Jan. 8 at 9 a.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex. Kids will learn about the different kinds of bread from around the world and even get to bake some of their own.

The Farm Kids Club program is conducted on Saturdays every month. The program is for children ages 5 and over accompanied by an adult. Class fees are $5 per child. There is a maximum program cost of $10 per family. To register for the event and to see the upcoming Agriplex events, go to https://agriplex.org/WPtest/.



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Party (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Dreher's Cocktail Bar and Restaurant will be celebrating Christmas Eve with their new Christmas Eve Bubbly Brunch on Friday, Dec. 24. Tickets are $60 per person with a $25 deposit required (deposit goes toward the total ticket price). Tickets can be reserved by calling Dreher's directly at 256-735-4645 or messaging through the business' social media pages.

Doors will open at 10 a.m., with the event starting at 10:30 a.m. Alabama Crown Wine Representative Sonya Ploshay will be in attendance and will be presenting each of the wines paired with the extensively detailed four course brunch, put together by Chef Eli Russell and his team.

Co-owner Christine Chamblee shared, "We are a bit brunch obsessed here. Our kitchen loves to create new brunch options for guests to enjoy.

"The exciting thing about when we do a ticketed Bubbly Brunch is it allows our Chef and his team to come up with some new, innovative ideas for guests to try.

"I'd have to say that is my favorite part, is when I get the menu handed to me and I finally get to see what they have been working so hard on!"

The business will also be hosting a New Year's Eve party, themed the Black & Gold Masquerade Ball. This event will present a specialty cocktail and dinner menu, as well as a complimentary midnight toast to all in attendance.

While dressing up is not required, it is highly encouraged.

The event will be open to all until 9 p.m., at which time it will be 21 and up with IDs being checked at the door and a $5 cover charge.

"We have typically stuck with a 20s theme in the past two years that we have been open, just because of the feel of the interior of Dreher's, but this year we wanted to change it up a little bit and do a Black & Gold Masquerade Ball. New Year's Eve is always one of our favorite events to have. My personal favorite part is our tradition to have a complimentary Champagne Midnight Toast with our guests.

"It is kind of like saying, 'Cheers, you made it through another year! Let's see what this next year holds in store!' And we love getting to be a part of ending the year with our guests!" said Chamblee.

Acquisition (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council recently announced that the city would be taking over the grounds at Terri Pines, including its golf course and swimming pool, amongst others. Shortly after announcing that the McGriff family was relinquishing the property to the City of Cullman, rumors began swirling around the true cost/debt of the property and that the city was getting into the real-estate business.

After reviewing the comments, The Tribune reached out to city leaders for clarification on these issues. Those responding were Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, Cullman City Councilman Clint Hollingsworth, Cullman Parks, Recreation, & Sports Tourism Board Chairman Rusty Turner, CPRST Executive Director Nathan Anderson and Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer, all of which were compiled in a Q&A format.

Cullman Tribune: There are reports circulating amongst social media that Terri Pines is $5 million in debt. Is this an accurate number or fabricated? Please explain the total expense, what it covers and why.

City of Cullman: The city is acquiring all assets and debts. Terri Pines currently has approximately $500,000 in debt; this covers the property and related assets. Examples include the cost of equipment to maintain the course, golf carts, pro-shop inventory, swimming pool equipment, furniture, kitchen equipment, etc. The property was recently assessed at a value of $4.7 million.

CT: How will this help the City of Cullman and the City's park and recreation?

CC: The City of Cullman's population growth was 23% in the 2020 census. With the exponential growth, both golf courses can be used for different purposes, and both have been operating successfully for decades.

The additional tennis courts and other amenities provided by the acquisition provide more facilities to serve the citizens and schools for tournaments.

The clubhouse and dining space offer a huge meeting venue, and it will continue to play a role in events and activities supporting economic growth within the community. We are confident that Terri Pines will significantly benefit the City of Cullman; history proves that.

CT: There are speculators saying the City is only taking the property to offload it next year for a profit. Is this accurate? Why or why not?

CC: This is an absolute rumor. Any decision-maker involved with this process will tell you there is no truth to these unwarranted speculations. We are acquiring Terri Pines to build on its legacy and success for generations to come. There are no plans to offload the property. In fact, by taking ownership, we protect the property in its entirety and original form.

CT: Cullman city currently has Cross Creek Golf Course. How is this going to impact this course?

CC: The City of Cullman's new ownership of Terri Pines will not affect Cross Creek Golf Course staffing or operations. There are enough golfers and visitors to Cullman to support each course and its amenities. Both have been operating for years, and we expect that to continue.

CT: What benefits or detractors come with the City owning two golf courses?

CC: We see only the benefits of owning both golf courses. Pooling resources and expanding our team to include additional pro shop staff and golf pros will benefit both courses. There is a lot of talent between both teams that will allow us to share each staff's knowledge, experience and expertise. Terri Pines and Cross Creek BOTH had their most successful years to date in 2021.

CT: Will the City's park and rec takeover duties, including staffing at TP? If so, how soon?

CC: We are in the process of taking over all operations. No changes will be made to any staffing, only that Terri Pines employees will now be City of Cullman employees.

CT: What types of changes can players expect when hitting the links following the acquisition?

CC: We will not be making any immediate changes to the facilities or operations. We welcome and ask for feedback from the Terri Pines' team and members to determine what changes are needed.

CT: What does the purchase of TP fully include - the course and facilities, or does it include the entire footprint with homes?

CC: The golf course, buildings, equipment, tennis courts and pool. No residential property is involved.

CT: Will TP's facilities be used to host events for the City of Cullman? Why or why not?

CC: Yes, it will be used in the same manner as it has been used in the past. The annual Industry Appreciation Reception hosted by the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, Cullman City Industrial Development Board and Cullman County Industrial Development Authority with other local entities is scheduled there on Feb. 22, 2022.

Over the years, Terri Pines has been a key meeting location for community leaders to host industrial prospects and convince them that Cullman was the place for them to locate a new manufacturing facility. Cullman has been one of the most successful counties in Alabama for new and expanding industry, capital investment and job creation for four decades. Terri Pines facilities helped to make this happen and will continue to serve in this capacity under the City's leadership.

CT: What are members of TP saying in regards to the acquisition?

CC: We have experienced a lot of support throughout this process. As with any change, there are inquiries that obviously follow new ownership; however, overall feedback has been very supportive. Members know and understand that the City's ownership brings sustainability to Terri Pines.

CT: How will this acquisition affect pricing at both Cross Creek and TP?

CC: There will be no changes for members. Dues and green fees will remain the same for Cross Creek and Terri Pines, and they will operate as separate facilities under city management.

CT: Will TP now be open to the general public?

CC: There are no plans to change the Terri Pines semi-private golf course operation. It has been open for public play in recent history and will remain that way under the City's ownership.

CT: Will there be a membership package or will it operate as a public golf course such as Cross Creek?

CC: Yes, there will be no changes for members, and dues will remain the same. If anyone has any questions, we want them to feel free to reach out directly to the City. We are happy to answer any questions.

To view the original council meeting where this issue was first discussed, visit https://www.facebook.com/CullmanTribune/videos/616018676379178.

The Tribune's story can be read here: https://www.cullmantribune.com/2021/12/13/terri-pines-golf-course-to-transfer-ownership-to-city-of-cullman/.



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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)
RALPH ALLEN HAWKINS,) CASE NO PC2021-076
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

TO: GARY WAYNE HAWKINS
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTEREST PARTIES

Please take notice that a hearing on the Petition for Final Settlement filed by G. Rhys Battels, Attorney for Treasa Charlene Hawkins, Administrator of the Estate of Ralph Allen Hawkins, is set for hearing on the **11th day of January, 2021, at 10:30 A.M.**. Before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Done this the 9th day of December, 2021.

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

G. Rhys Battles
Attorney for Administrator
200 Second Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

HALEY MONTGOMERY,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2021-000377.00**

CHRISTIAN MONTGOMERY,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Christian Montgomery, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Haley Montgomery's complaint for divorce by January 24th, 2022 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2021-000377.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 10th day of November, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER:
Haley Montgomery
2379 Union Hill Rd
Union Grove, AL 35175

PB MIN BK 202 PG 606 - 12/09/2021 08:35 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

HALLEY EUGENE PEAK, DECEASED CASE NO.: PC 2021-364

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF HALLEY EUGENE PEAK, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Rickey A. Peak on the 8th day of December, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Rickey A. Peak, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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PB ADT BK 60 PG 197 - 12/16/2021 02:10 PM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2021-073

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF JONATHAN JAMES KILGORE TO ADOPT I.P.J. a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: UNKNOWN FATHER OF I.P.J
WHOSE IDENTITY, ADDRESS AND/OR WHEREABOUTS
ARE UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of I.P.J. a minor child born on 12/15/2016 to Jenifer Marie Johnson, was filed on the 15th day of November, 2021, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Jonathan James Kilgore, Petitioner. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE this 16th day of December, 2021.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

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PB WIL BK 106 PG 460 - 12/09/2021 11:14 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
RUTHIE MAE KANADAY,) CASE NO PC 2020-046
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT AND
AMENDED PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

TO: BETHLEHEM EAST BAPTIST CHURCH
LOUISE KANADAY
SARA MAE SMITH
FRANCES FOUST
GARY KANADAY
JOHNNY BAKER
JUDY HOOPER
STEVE KANADAY
KEITH KANADAY
JEFF KANADAY
BETTY STEWART
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a hearing on the Petition for Final Settlement and filed by Reba Michelfelder, Personal Representative of the Estate of Ruthie Mae Kanaday, deceased, by and through Attorney, Beverly Paschal Poston, and Amended Petition for Final Settlement filed by Beverly Paschal Poston, is set for hearing on the **2nd day of February, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Done this the 9th day of December, 2021.

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

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

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

The real story of Christmas

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Once upon a time, long, long ago, there lived a young lady named Mary. Mary was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph. Before they were married, and while she was still a virgin, Mary was found to be with child. God sent an angel named Gabriel to explain to Mary what was happening. Gabriel said, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. You will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus." Mary asked, "How can this be since I have not known a man?" And the angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God."

Joseph, being a just man, and not wanting to make Mary a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

But while he thought about these things, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

Now it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered to pay taxes.

Everyone went to the city they were from to be registered.

Joseph went from Nazareth, in Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David. Mary accompanied him.

So, while they were there in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to deliver her baby. Because so many had come to Bethlehem to register, there was no room for Mary and Joseph in the inn.

So Mary brought forth her first born Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger.

Now there were in the same country shepherds out in the fields watching over their sheep by night. An angel of the Lord appeared before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were greatly afraid.

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

"And this will be a sign to you. You will find a Babe wrapped in saddling cloths, lying in a manger."

Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

After the angel left them, the shepherds went to Bethlehem to see this great thing that had happened.

Just as they had been told, there they found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Now when they had seen Him, they told everyone what they had been told about this Child. All who heard them marveled at those things.

The shepherds returned home glorifying and praising God for what they had seen and heard. Others, including wise men from the East, came to see Jesus too.

While many fun and interesting story have sprung up around Christmas, this is the real story of Christmas. I wish each and every one of you a blessed merry Christmas.

Bill King can be reached at bkpreach@yahoo.com or 334-745-0588 (office).

HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1936, 1950

From the Files of 1936

Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Edwards are announcing the birth of a little daughter.

Editor J.C. Norwood of The Cullman Tribune is suffering from a severe heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry White are the parents of a son, born last Thursday. He is named John Henry.

Herman Pruett, one of Cullman County's popular teachers, will be a reader of the Tribune for the year 1936.

Officers for the National Honor Society for this semester have been elected at Cullman County High School. They are President – Marigene Wilhite, Vice-President – Cortez Johnson and secretary – Lila Belle Ponder. The second issue of the high school paper will be published on Friday.

Cullman Motor Company has a new Chevrolet car for $495. Ad.

Miss Viva Lou Hyatt, age 24, passed away on Monday at Talladega School. She was a victim of pneumonia. Services were at Livingston's Chapel on Tuesday. She was a sister of Allen Hyatt, Jimmie and Robert Hyatt and Miss Gladys and Alta Hyatt of Trade.

From the Files of 1950

Geraldine Zinsmeister, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Zinsmeister of Cullman has completed W.A.F. training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas and is spending ten days with her parents.

A city truck caught fire at the city dump last Saturday when it was parked too near a blazing fire.

Lee Yeager, of East Point, has a pear tree in full bloom.

The Reverend A. Wayne Johnson is the new pastor at Longview Church of God.

Mrs. W.H. Harris of Crane Hill died on February 6. She is survived by a brother, Gerald Land and a sister, Mrs. Mary McAfee.

Pretty Odessa Swann is in the hospital from serious burns which she sustained in front of an open grate at her parents (Mr. and Mrs. B.W. Swann) home when her skirt caught fire. Odessa is a senior at Cold Springs High School.

Derlan Harbison has purchased a new pickup.

Earney Shaw and Mary Martin had dinner in Blountsville on Sunday. Mary is a former Holly Pond teacher, who is now at Corner.

POET'S CORNER

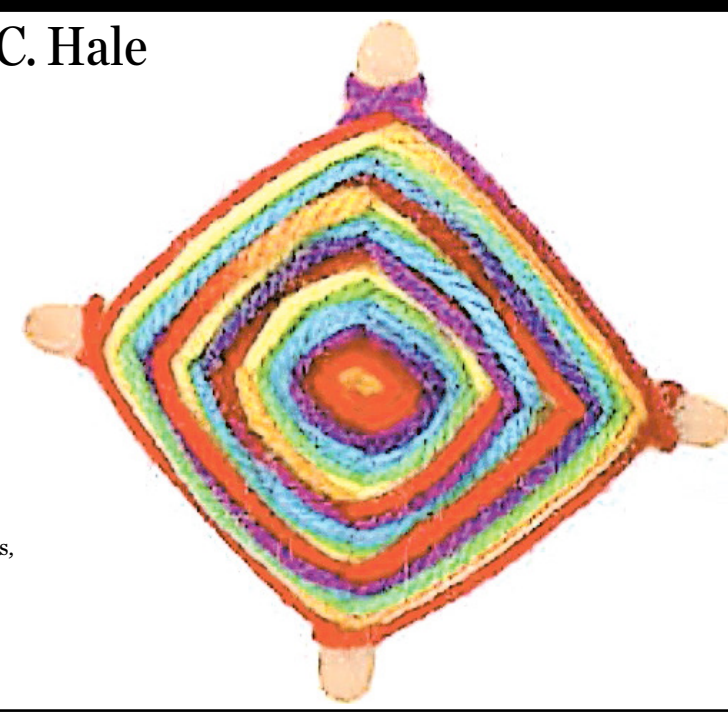
The Eye of God | By: Randy C. Hale

Deep inside an old hat box was
a cherished trinket I had made,
once hung on the Christmas trees
of my childhood days.
Two popsicles sticks glued into
a cross with bright-colored yarns intertwined from the center out,
forming what my teacher called
the God's eye.

How quickly life has passed
through the years as I gasp at the
brevity, and close my eyes to see
this moment froze in time.
"This is how you do this," she said,
with her hands and fingers creating
from the raw materials an ornament
for us to see, teaching us to make
our very own.

At home, was a fresh cut cedar tree draped in tinsel, adorned with glass colored bulbs of shiny golds, reds,
and blues with other things to remind
us of whom we celebrated each year. Beneath a silver star were angels with
harps, glimmering garland, and lights
that blinked in merry song, joining with this all-seeing Eye of God.

Note: Thank you, Ms. Paula Kretzschmar for the precious memories



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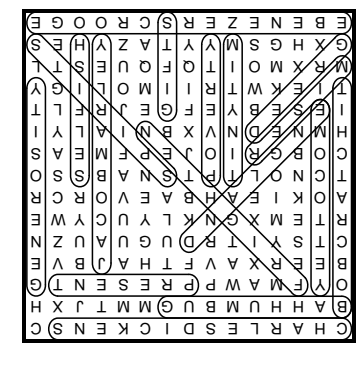
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