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Hanceville council applies for road improvement grant

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville City Council on Thursday approved a resolution to apply for an Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (ATRIP) II grant from the Alabama Department of Transportation.

The competitive grant, if approved, will fund a project to construct a new right turn lane to the northbound approach of State Route 91 at U.S. Highway 31 and to modify the existing traffic signal to provide a matching mast arm signal pole to the signal in the southeast corner of the intersection.

The mayor is authorized to commit the City of Hanceville to an estimate financial participation of $96, 993.55 toward the project, over and above the grant funds of $592,635,25.

The council announced the following upcoming events:

• Christmas on Commercial Street on Nov. 19 from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

• Tinsel Trail and Tree Lighting at Veterans Park on Nov. 19 at 6 p.m.

• Christmas Parade on Dec. 3 at noon

The next work session will be Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. followed by the meeting at 5:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Cullman County Parks and Recreation unveils 40-foot inflatable Santa at 20th annual Winter Wonderland



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Cullman Regional Airport Director Ben Harrison, Sharon Davenport, Chamber Ambassador Katie McDonald, Parks and Recreation Director Doug Davenport, Chamber Ambassador Paige Clabo, Brian Spaeth, Chamber Ambassador Donna Alldredge, Sara Morgan and park visitors were present to cut the ribbon on the 20th annual Winter Wonderland.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Parks and Recreation saved the announcement of a big surprise for the ribbon cutting of the 20th annual Winter Wonderland at Sportsman Lake Park on Friday, Nov. 18.

Visitors did not have to wait long for the announcement. The 40-foot inflatable Santa could be spotted immediately as spectators arrived. The inflatable was purchased on EBay and donated by a sponsor to be the newest addition to the Winter Wonderland. The display has over a million lights and new displays are added every year.

Parks and Recreation Director Doug Davenport said, "I'm really excited because we've got the biggest Pepsi can at Smith Lake and we've got the largest Santa I've ever seen."

Davenport has been with the department for the last ten years. He said » PAGE 5

Crawford trial: Days 4 and 5



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Defendant Jason Crawford, on trial for the murder of his wife Tiffiney Joy Crawford, took the stand on Friday, Nov. 18.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 17-18

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 17-18, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Nov. 14

- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 157
- theft of property; Megan Ln.
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 616
- permitting dogs to run at large; Co. Rd. 1719
- harassment; Co. Rd. 1105
- violation of protection order; Co. Rd. 1442
- harassment; Co. Rd. 1234

Nov. 15

- harassment; Co. Rd. 463

Nov. 16

- burglary; Co. Rd. 627
- trespassing; Co. Rd. 54
- theft of property; Cupp Dr.
- harassment; Co. Rd. 469
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1755

ARRESTS

Nov. 14

Logan, Bradley L; 40
- FTA-speeding above 45 mph on county road

McDuffie, Joey L; 37
- FTA-resisting arresting

Owens, Chad M; 38
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

Nov. 15

Drane, Anthony G; 36
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs
- Motion to revoke-larceny/theft
- Motion to revoke-giving false identification to law enforcement
- Motion to revoke-receiving stolen property

Gray, Jason P; 29
- GJ-sexual abuse-1st degree

Johnston, Taylor N; 40
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of marijuana
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

Ouintanilla, Christian N; 33
- FTA-failure/refusal to display insurance

Smith, Audrey C; 64
- FTA-conspiracy to hinder/interfere with police business

Wylie, Aden N; 18
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Nov. 16

Chandler, Abby G; 19
- FTA-identity theft
- FTA-larceny/theft

Dingler, Erica L; 36
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-public intoxication

Howard, Henry L; 45
- assault-harassment

Loggins, Ashley N; 36
- FTA-resisting arrest

Moore, Billy E; 55
- FTA-driving under the influence of alcohol (2 counts)
- FTA-driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled (2 counts)

Sickler, Michael S; 34
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Thompson, Destiney K; 25
- probation violation-burglary-residence-force

Thornton, Lacey N; 28
- FTA-assault-harassment/intimidation
- FTA-driving while license suspended

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 12
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Commerce Ave. N.W; Nintendo Switch

Nov. 15
- theft of property-4th degree; Schneider Rd. S.E; cash

Nov. 16
- domestic violence-3rd degree; Logan St. S.W.
- theft of property-2nd degree; Main Ave. N.E; medication
- theft of property-4th degree; Cleveland Ave. S.W; tools; $200
- domestic violence-3rd degree; Brunner St. N.W.

Nov. 17
- theft of property-4th degree, criminal trespassing-3rd degree; Walmart; Hwy 157; general merchandise; $24
- theft of property-4th degree; Little Ceasars; 2nd Ave. N.W; cash; $90
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; St. Andrews Preschool; Main Ave. S.W; catalytic converter; $100
- harassment; 2nd Ave S.W.

ARRESTS

Nov. 16

Gandy, Melissa G; 38
- FTA-failure to register

King, Jeffrey D; 44
- driving under the influence
- resisting arrest
- attempting to elude law enforcement

Moore, Christina J; 45
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree

Steele, James B; 46
- FTA-driving while suspended
- FTA-insurance violation

Nov. 17

Mann, Jacob C; 26
- criminal trespassing-3rd degree

Mead, Tanya L; 47
- theft of property-4th degree

Smith, Carson M; 20
- FTA-speeding
- FTA-insurance violation
- FTA-improper backing

Sparman, Michael J; 24
- FTA-criminal trespassing-3rd degree

Walker, Shannon D; 42
- driving under the influence

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Cullman City Schools receive 'A' grade in 2022 state report card

Despite pandemic, schools maintain high marks across city

Cullman City Schools
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The 2022 Alabama Education Report Card is out, and Cullman City Schools scored an "A" overall, maintaining and reaching excellent achievement marks for 2022.

Due to the pandemic and remote learning changes across the state during the time, there was no report cards released for the 2020 or 2021 school years. But even after the layover, and the effect of remote learning and the pandemic, Cullman City Schools maintained remarkably good scores.

East Elementary School led the charge with a 94 grade, Cullman Middle School scored a 92 grade, West Elementary School and Cullman City Primary School scored a 91 grade, and Cullman High School scored an 86 grade. Those numbers made for an overall average of 91 for all schools combined, which would make for an "A" grade systemwide.

Scores are derived from a combination of academic achievement, academic growth, graduation rate, college and career readiness, English language learning and absenteeism within the system.

Some major tests factoring into the calculations clued the ACT for high school students, and ACAP scores for grades 2-8.

"I'm not the biggest fan of measuring and reporting a school's performance based on one assessment, but considering the amount of interruptions in instruction we faced over the past two years, I am extremely pleased with these scores," superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said.

"The Cullman City School System continues to score well above the state average in all tested categories. This release is a true testimony to the resilience of our students, teachers, and families."

East Elementary School Principal David Wiggins attributed the success at East to the school culture they've been able to develop and maintain, even despite the disruptions from the pandemic.

"Our motto is, 'Be excellent...every day in every way,' and our students and our staff work towards that expectation daily.

"Teachers encourage, motivate, and support their students to be the best that they can be in all that they do; and, our faculty and staff are constantly striving to better themselves through high-quality professional development and opportunities for continuous learning," he said.

"Plus, our families value the work that we are doing, they support us, and they trust us to do what is best for their children. When you combine those variables and add the support that we receive from the community, you have a recipe for success."

West Elementary School Principal Jay Page echoed those sentiments, noting it was a team effort between teachers, school leaders, students and families: "We were able to have academic resources, a math coach, tutors, and an intervention teacher.

"The 2021-22 school year began with a Covid wave, but our students, faculty, and staff were able to rebound; we are extremely proud of the hard work and effort that this score represents.

"The emphasis on teaching and learning in Cullman City Schools is second to none."

Kallhoff noted chronic absenteeism did prove to be an issue district-wide, increasing just over 6 percent since the last state report card, but was shown to not be as severe as some systems statewide have been affected since the pandemic.

"That definitely has an impact on academic achievement," he explained.

"Research consistently shows the importance of face to face instruction, and that's something we have to continue working with all stakeholders to emphasize the importance of student attendance."

All five Cullman City Schools earned a perfect score in academic growth in both ELA/reading and math.

The largest area of concern is in the area of ACT achievement, though Kallhoff noted he and the board will work with Cullman High administration to develop a plan to get those numbers up, too.

This year's report card is the first that is based off of the ACAP in grades 2-8. The last report card was calculated using the Scantron Performance Series as a summative assessment.

The ACAP measures students' achievement based on the Alabama Course of Study whereas the Scantron Performance Series is a computer adaptive assessment that predicts performance on state standards. The ACAP is a more rigorous instrument which incorporates an increase in application questions and fewer recall questions.

Also of note, previous report cards only used the English/reading scores as a factor. The 2022 release includes writing in its ELA calculation.

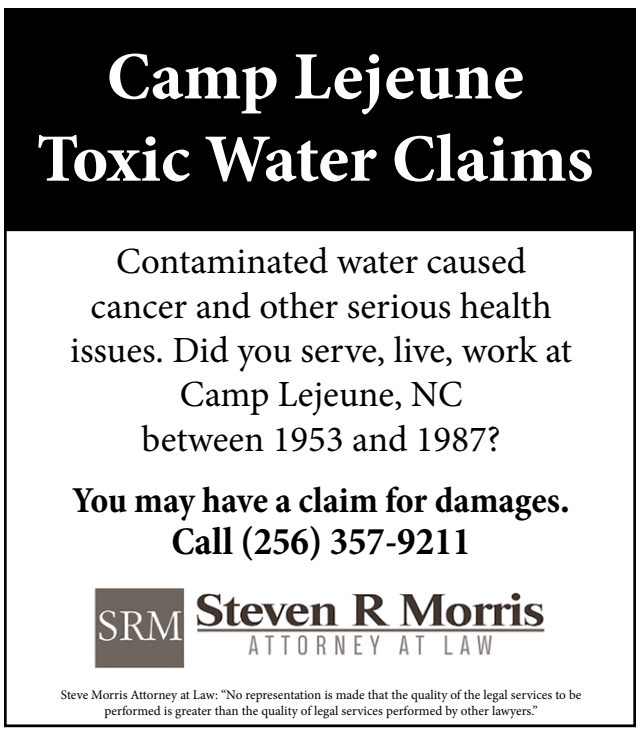
Also, on the mathematics portion of the ACT, the score used to determine proficiency increased on the 2022 release.

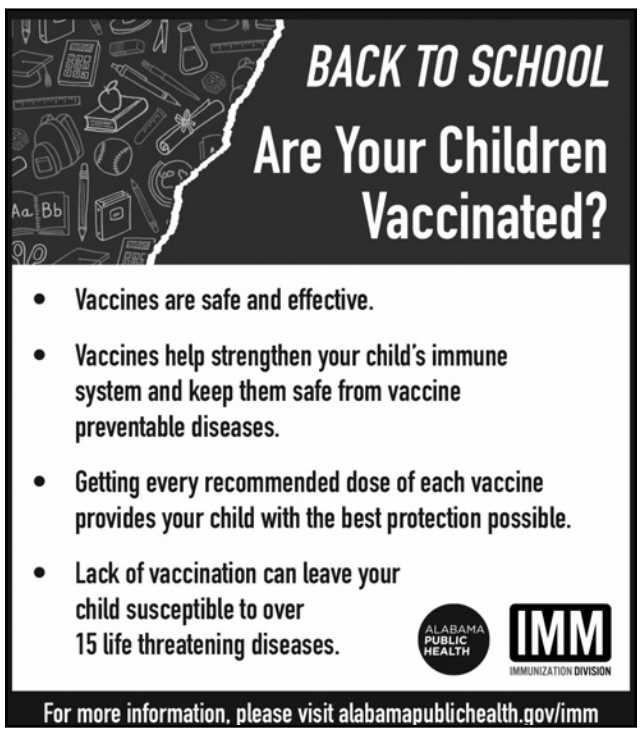
The previous report card used the range of 17-24 on the ACT in mathematics to define proficiency; however, in the 2022 version the score range for proficiency in mathematics increased to 19-24.

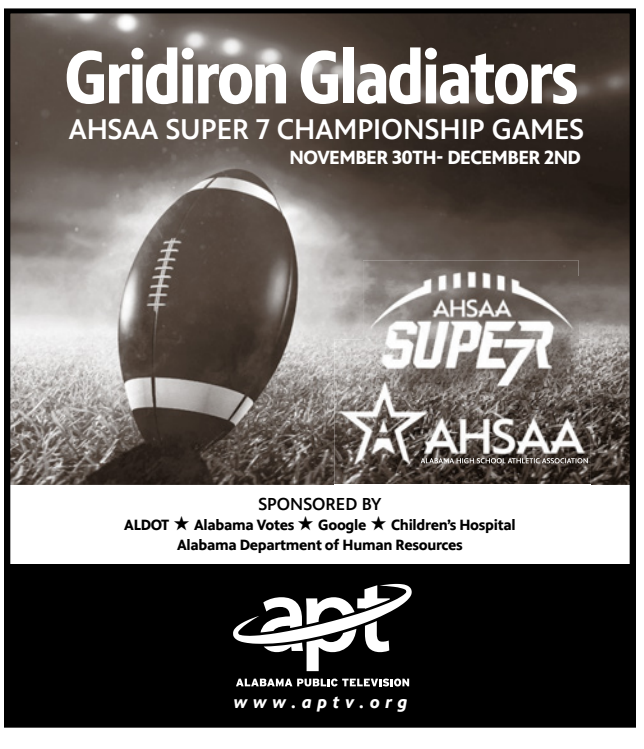
This two point increase had a tremendous impact in the area on academic achievement with high schools across Alabama.













COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph 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.
• 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 registration through Nov. 15 online only! Go to https://forms.gle/QmTtTVBUiTxTPZdZ9 or the Kids Loving Kids Facebook page and click on the registration form. NO late registrations can be accepted.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. 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.
• Saturday, Nov. 19 - 9-11 a.m. – Drive-through food bank - Please bring your ID.
• Sunday, Nov. 20 - 8-9 a.m. Prayer Group - Join Kevin and Pastor Bobby Sunday to pray for our church, nation and for those who need Salvation and deliverance.
• Sunday, Nov. 20 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth, and adults 10 a.m. Adult class. 11 a.m. message by Pastor Bobby Dodd.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

6th Annual Hanceville Tinsel Trail and Christmas Tree Lighting
Nov. 19, 6 p.m. at Veterans Park sponsored by Hanceville Civitan Club. Downtown merchants will be open for business. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served in front of the library after the lighting ceremony. All proceeds benefit the Hanceville Civitan Scholarship Fund.

Christmas on Commercial Street Holiday Market
Nov. 19th 10 a.m. – 5p.m. 50 plus vendors will set up along Commercial Street in Hanceville with all the best gifts for Christmas.

Town of South Vinemont Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov. 19th, 11a.m.-1p.m. Vinemont School lunchroom. The Town of South Vinemont in collaboration with other local organizations is providing free meals to up to 750 guests. Dine in or carry-out. 1 plate per person.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at Cullman Housing Authority Community Center (1545 Vine Circle SW, Cullman, AL 35055). The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

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.

Master's Hand Food Pantry at The Link
• 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
• Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

GriefShare Grief Support Group
• Sundays, 3-5 p.m., through Nov. 20, at First Baptist Church Cullman, 501 Second. Ave. SW
• Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend- GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Call 256-734-5632 for more information.

Monthly Weight Loss Support Group
• WHAT: Cullman Regional's Bariatric Center of Excellence is now offering a monthly support group for individuals who have had or who are considering weight loss surgery.
• WHEN: Dec. 22, 6-7 p.m.
• WHERE: Cullman Regional COE Conference Room – Professional Office Building 1, 1948 Alabama Highway 157
• WHY: The Bariatric Center of Excellence's support group provides a comfortable place to connect with people on the same weight loss journey. Bariatric team members will help facilitate a space where participants can share problems and solutions as well as encouragement to stay on the right path. For more information, call 256-735-5992.

"The Nutcracker"
Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 19-20, 7 p.m. and 2 p.m., respectively, at Wallace State Community College's Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. Presented by Ballet South, directed by Brooke Desnoes and Wallace State Community College present The Nutcracker. Mrs. Desnoes was the first artistic director to bring this Christmas tradition to Cullman. Her stunning choreography performed by her outstanding company dancers brings more magic to the stage every year. Children and adults will love it! Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for children 12 and younger. Purchase online at https://tinyurl.com/NutcrackeratWSCC.

20th Annual Sportsman Lake Park Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Display
Now through Dec. 30. Guests can drive through the magical display from 5-9 p.m. on open dates: Nov. 18-20, 25-27, 30 and Dec. 1-4, 7-11, 14-23, 26-30. Admission is $10 cash per vehicle. Returning this year will also be the Christmas train, horse and carriage rides, snow machine, photo booth, hot chocolate and more. Senior Night is Dec. 1 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Seniors 60 and older will be admitted free. A bag of candy will be given to the first 300 seniors. The last day for train rides is Dec. 23. The park will be closed Christmas Eve and Day. Dec. 26-30 will be drive-through only. Sportsman Lake Park is located at 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman. Find out more at www.facebook.com/SportsmanLakePark.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Sunday, Nov. 20, at 5 p.m. The Unity 4 Quartet from Iuka, Mississippi will be featured guests. 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. Everyone is invited.

4th Annual Christmas at the Grotto
Come and experience the beauty of Br. Joseph's work at night surrounded by lights and music! We have expanded this unique holiday experience throughout the grounds and have added several dates, including more horse carriage rides! On Dec. 9,10,16,17,23 we will expand the event to include live musical performances, food trucks, kids' rides around St. Bernard's campus and horse-drawn wagon rides along a beautiful, decorated path in the woods! Refreshments will be available every night. Make your plans to visit now!

Dates:
• Nov. 25,26 – 5-9 p.m.
• Dec. 1,2,3 – 5-9 p.m.
• Dec. 9,10 – 5-9 p.m. (wagon rides)
• Dec. 11, 15 – 5-9 p.m.
• Dec. 16,17 – 5-9 p.m. (wagon rides)
• Dec. 19,20,21,22 – 5-9 p.m.
• Dec 23. – 5-9 p.m. (wagon rides)
• Dec 26. – 5-9 p.m.

Admission:
• Adults – $10
• Seniors – $8
• Military/Veterans/First responders – $7
• Teens (13-17) – $8
• Children (5-12) – $7
• Children younger than 4 – free
• Wagon rides on Dec. 9,10,16,17,23 – $10
• Kids' rides on Dec. 9,10,16,17,23 – $5

The Ave Maria Grotto is located at 1600 St. Bernard Dr. in Cullman.

Christmas in Cullman Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting
Friday, Dec. 2, from 6-10 p.m. The parade will begin in front of the Busy Bee Café and work its way north down First Avenue to Depot Park, where there will be entertainment and the tree will be lit.

33rd Annual Cullman County Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec. 3, at noon. Begins at Wallace State Community College and ends at Hanceville Fire and Rescue, Station 1. This year's theme is "God's Gift of Salvation. ...Jesus!"

Cullman Regional Foundation's Dr. Herman C. Ensor Lights of Love Ceremony
Thursday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m. at St. John's Christ Hall. This year's event is dedicated in honor of Dr. Peter Crisologo and in memory of Cullman Regional Hospice patients. Giving a gift of love for $20, $40, $60 or more places a light on the Christmas tree atop Cullman Regional as a tribute to someone special. The program will also include special Christmas music by area artists. Donations may be contributed throughout the entire holiday season, and gifts received by Monday, Dec. 5 will be included in the special ceremony. Donate online at www.cullmanregional.com/foundation/events or call the Foundation at 256-737-2565 for more information.

Cullman Christkindlmarkt
• This German Christmas tradition will be one for the whole family to enjoy year after year. You will find hand-made gifts, activities for the kids, food and drink, and of course SANTA! Don't miss all the feels of Christmas at this year's Cullman Christkindlmarkt at the Festhalle downtown.
• Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10, 11 a.m.- 8 p.m.
• Sunday, Dec. 11, 1-5 p.m.

Huge, Gigantic, Very Big Book Sale
Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Cullman County Public Library, 200 Clark St. NE. All items 50 cents each.

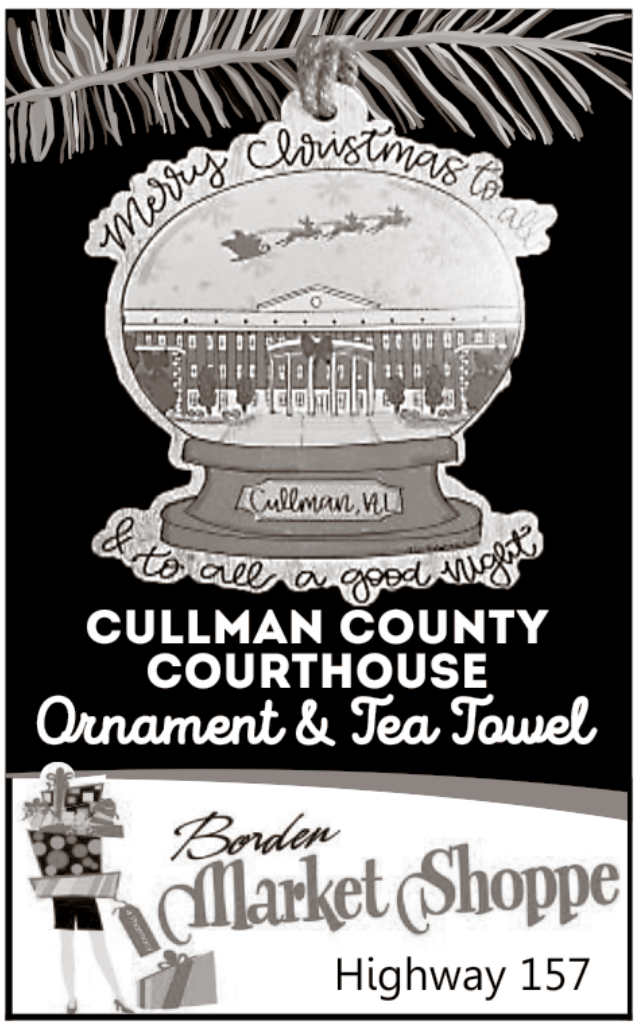
Good Hope Community Thanksgiving Meal
Wednesday, Oct. 23 starting at 11 a.m. Drive-thru at Good Hope High School. Maximum of five plates per vehicle.

Good Hope Christmas Parade
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Christmas in the Park
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PREP BASKETBALL

Holly Pond downs Vinemont on the road 61-53, Lady Eagles pick up 64-53 win

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NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Holly Pond's Kollin Brown (1) finished with 20 points in the Broncos' 61-53 win at Vinemont Thursday night.

VINEMONT, Ala. — Holly Pond made the trip to Vinemont Thursday night for a pair of varsity match-ups against the Eagles and the Broncos ended up splitting their road games. In the girls' matchup, Vinemont held a double-digit lead at the half but had to withstand a late run from the Lady Broncos to hold on and win the game 64-53. In the boys' game, the Broncos got huge baskets from Kollin Brown and Blake Rickard late in the game on their way to a 61-53 win over the Eagles.

Vinemont 64 - Holly Pond 53 (Varsity Girls)

Maggie Burks got Vinemont on the scoreboard with a short jumper. Baskets down low by Maddi Ham and Madison Butts gave Holly Pond a 4-2 lead early in the opening period. Points were hard to come by for most of the first quarter, but Reagan Robinson hit a shot down low and Whitney Quick drilled a three to give the Lady Eagles an 8-4 lead. A three from the left corner by Berkley Gable pushed Vinemont's lead to 11-5 and a pair of Raylee Quick free throws made it 13-5. Ham drilled a deep trey just before the buzzer sounded to make it a 13-8 game going into the second period.

Burks pushed the Vinemont lead to 15-8 with another short jumper, but a pair of free throws each by Alana Phillips and Emma Earl cut it to 15-12. Caroline Miller and Raylee Quick each scored down low to help make it 21-12, but a Maggie Nail trey cut it to 21-15. Morgan Flanagan made it 23-15 on a basket down low, then Robinson scored the next five points to make it a double-digit lead for Vinemont at 28-15. A floater by Kamryn Tankersley and a trey by Bai Widner trimmed the deficit to eight at 28-20, but a Whitney Quick basket down low gave the Lady Eagles a 30-20 lead at the half.

Holly Pond quickly cut into the Vinemont lead to start out the third quarter as Earl and Phillips each made a basket down low to make it a 30-24 game, then later on, Samantha Giles added a basket of her own and Widner knocked down a long-range shot to make it 32-29 with 4:29 remaining in the third quarter.

A Ham three kept the deficit at three at 35-32, but back-to-back huge threes by Flanagan and Carley Stephens pushed the Vinemont lead to 42-32 and ended up taking a 43-35 lead into the final quarter.

A Tankersley trey cut it to 43-38 to start out the final period, but baskets down low by Stephens and Robinson made it 47-38. As quick as a flash, though, the Lady Broncos continued their barrage from three-point range as Phillips, Tankersley, and Ham each hit one as the game was now tied up at 47. Raylee and Whitney Quick, though, quickly put a halt to the Holly Pond run as they scored the next seven points for Vinemont as they held onto a 54-47 lead. Miller added a basket down low to make it 56-47, but another Ham trey cut it to 56-50. Vinemont kept them at arms' length the rest of the way as baskets by Robinson and Miller were key in the end as the Lady Eagles ended up winning the game, 64-53.

Robinson led the way for Vinemont (2-0) with 14 points and 10 rebounds; nine of those rebounds came in the first half. Raylee Quick added 12 points, five rebounds, and three steals. Whitney Quick ended up with 10 points, six rebounds, and three steals. Burks added eight points and six rebounds. For Holly Pond (2-2), Ham drilled six threes en route to a 20-point night; she also added six rebounds and a steal. Tankersley added eight points and a steal. Phillips ended up with seven points and Widner added six points.

Holly Pond 61 - Vinemont 53 (Varsity Boys)

Levi Farr hit a basket down low for Holly Pond to put them on the scoreboard first. Sawyer Olinger knocked down a trey and Blake Rickard hit a basket down to give the Broncos a quick 7-0 lead. Vinemont got on the scoreboard with 3:47 left in the first quarter on a Toby Hill free throw; he later added a basket down to make it 7-3. A pair of Olinger free throws and a three by Kollin Brown gave the Broncos a 12-5 lead going into the second quarter.

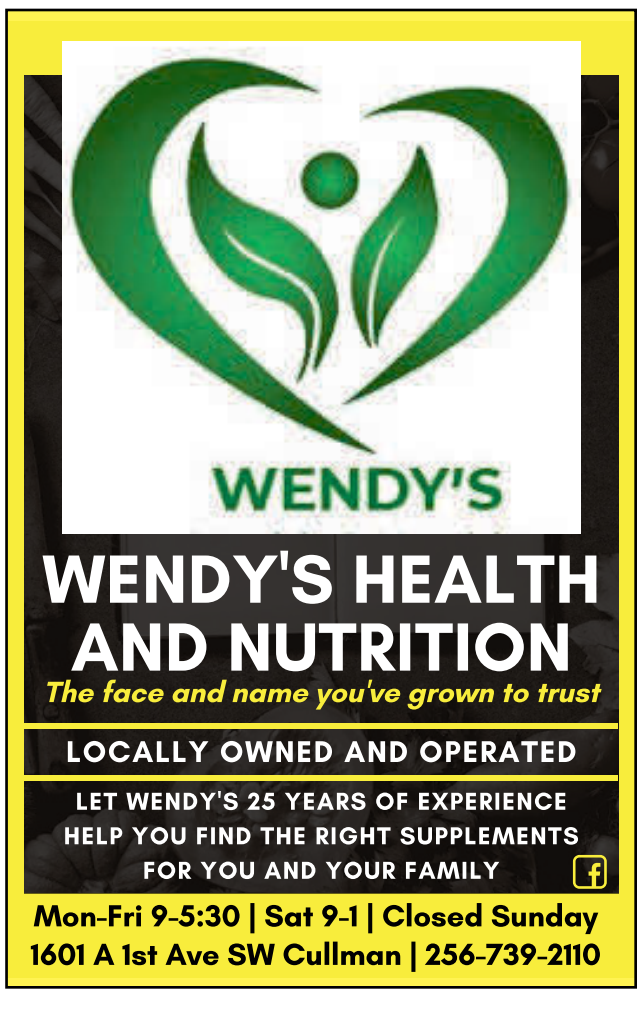
Three free throws by Rickard and a driving layup by Gunnar McBee pushed the Bronco lead to 17-5 early in the second period. Vinemont quickly got things going offensively behind Isiah Jones as he scored eight straight points to make it an 19-13 game and Ryan Stewart drilled a three from the left corner to cut it to 19-16 with a little over four minutes to go in the first half. A basket each by Rickard and Christian Couch gave the Broncos a 23-18 lead at the half.

Another Jones basket down low cut it to 23-20 early in the third period, but an and-one by Brown pushed the Holly Pond lead to 26-20. Jones converted on one of his own on the other end to make it a 27-23 game with a little over five minutes to go in the third period. Jaxon Holcombe knocked down a three from the top of the key and Isaac Moody hit both of his free throws to give the Eagles a 28-27 lead. The Broncos, though, countered with a run of their own as baskets each by Couch and Farr sandwiched around an and-one by Brown gave them a 34-28 lead. Holcombe, Chayce Sandlin, and Hill each hit a basket down low to cut the deficit to two at 36-34. Both teams traded baskets to end the third quarter and the Broncos would take a 38-36 lead into the final period.

A Holcombe free throw made it 40-37, then Jones hit four straight free throws, including a pair of technical free throws, and then added a short jumper to give the Eagles a 43-40 lead. Brown scored six straight points for the Broncos as that gave them a 46-45 lead. A basket by Levi Farr and a huge and-one by Brown gave Holly Pond a 51-48 lead. A Sandline basket down low cut it to 51-50, but Rickard hit a pair of free throws and drilled an enormous trey from the left wing to push the Holly Pond lead to 56-50 with 1:26 left in the game. Holcombe banked in a jumper to make it a 56-52 game, but free throws by Rickard, Olinger, and Diego Garcia helped keep the Eagles at arms' length after that as the Broncos ended up defeating Vinemont, 61-53.

Brown finished with 20 points and four steals for Holly Pond (3-0). Rickard added 13 points, nine rebounds, and four steals. Olinger ended up with 10 points and a pair of steals, while Couch and Farr each added six points. For Vinemont (1-1), Jones finished with 22 points and six rebounds. Holcombe added 10 points, six rebounds, and four steals, while Hill ended up with nine points and four rebounds.

Vinemont will travel to take on Fairview Friday night and Holly Pond will take a road trip to Bremen to take on Cold Springs that night as well.





Crawford trial: Day 4

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The murder trial of Cullman man Jason Crawford entered its fourth day Thursday. The defendant is charged with murder in the May 2, 2017, death of his wife, Tiffiney Joy Crawford.

Damon Cooper, a forensic scientist with the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences, was called to the stand after the defense made a motion to disallow Cooper's testimony, which Cullman County Circuit Judge Martha Williams overruled.

Cooper testified as the firearms examiner in the case and identified the weapon used in Tiffiney Crawford's death as a .38 Special Ruger LCR revolver. Cooper said the revolver was swabbed, and testing to determine stippling (unburned gunpowder that travels through the barrel of the gun) and soot measurements was performed to determine the range from which the weapon was fired.

Cooper said ranges from 1 inch to 12 inches were tested only on the gunshot to the victim's cheek. The gunshot to the victim's temple was not tested due to the victim's hair being a factor. Based on Cooper's investigation, he testified, the gunshot that hit the victim's cheek was fired from 2-10 inches away. He said the shot was not fired with the gun in contact with the victim's skin.

As evidence was presented to the witness, he was asked if the various sealed boxes and envelopes were in the same condition as when he originally turned them over. Some were not, per Cooper. His evidence is distinguished by a yellow barcode, and he said some of the items presented to him appeared to be repackaged and did not have his barcode.

Angela Fletcher, another forensic scientist from the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences, reported taking swabs from the gun's trigger, grip and barrel. While the DNA samples were "too limited" to be specifically identified, Fletcher testified, she was able to ascertain that the trigger and the grip both contained DNA from a male. She stated she "could not detect female DNA from the trigger." On cross examination, Fletcher stated that DNA can remain on a surface for several years.

Dr. Valerie Green, medical examiner for the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences, performed the victim's autopsy. She noted that the gunshot wound on the left cheek area had soot and gunpowder residue around it while the wound on the left temple did not have soot stippling around it. Green testified that the victim's hair would not have prevented stippling in that area and that no stippling was found on the left ear or edge of the hairline in the area of the temple gunshot wound. Stippling was noted to be scattered across the forehead area but was not as close together as the cheek area.

While reviewing the autopsy photos with the jury, Green noted abrasions on the backs of the middle and ring fingers of the victim's left hand which were not found to be stippling. She testified that, based on her findings and the stippling patterns, the shot fired to the victim's temple was from a distance greater than even 10 inches. She noted that the abrasions found on the victim's left hand could have been caused by the hand being raised as shots were fired. Green testified the cause of death to be gunshot wounds to the victim's head and the manner of death to be homicide.

On cross examination, the witness was asked if it was impossible that the victim died by suicide. She replied, "Not absolutely but unlikely." Green stated that the left temple wound was a fatal shot, but the cheek shot was not necessarily fatal.

The prosecution rested its case midday, and the jury was instructed to return at 12:50 p.m. for the trial to resume at 1 p.m. However, at 1 p.m., the public was not allowed into the courtroom where the prosecution, the defense, the defendant and judge were in discussion. The public was told there was a delay while waiting for a witness. At 1:55 p.m. the trial resumed with the first witness for the defense providing a video deposition.

James Lauridson, a forensic pathologist who works independently, reviewed the medical examiner's report and determined there was not enough evidence, in his opinion, to rule out suicide. He showed a model of a skull and noted where a bullet had "partially exited" the victim's skull on the right side. Lauridson stated that an individual is capable to shooting themselves in the head twice.

On cross examination, Lauridson agreed that no stippling was found on the temple. He acknowledged it was "unusual" for a victim of suicide to have two gunshot wounds in the head and agreed that neither gunshot wound was a contact wound. Lauridson said he could not remember if he had ever seen a gunshot wound to the head without the gun being in contact and that most intentional gunshot wounds to the head are contact wounds. Graphic details of blood splatter patterns from various videos seen by the witness were discussed, along with the cupholders full of blood in the victim's van.

Alabama Law Enforcement Agency SBI Investigator Joe Parrish was called back to the stand and testified that, in his 2017 interview with Licensed Professional Counselor Laura Doss, it was reported that one of the traits from the victim's Myers-Briggs Type Indicator personality inventory was described as "impulsive."

On cross examination, Parrish stated that in his interview with the defendant, Jason Crawford stated that, when he reentered the home that night after the couple argued outside, he never made it past the laundry room and did not make it to the baby gate when he claims the victim shot herself. Jason Crawford stated in the interview that the victim was right-handed, and they shot guns at targets around the home. Jason Crawford stated he never observed the victim shooting with her left hand, only her right.

The defense called the defendant's mother, Ronda Crawford, to the stand. She stated she arrived on scene where at least four Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) employees were, including Deputies Jed Thomas and Corey Freeman. Ronda Crawford acknowledged the van was released to her after having a conversation with CCSO Sheriff Matt Gentry and Deputies Thomas, Jared Allen and Freeman. She stated Gentry, along with several deputies, covered the van with a blue tarp and the van was cleaned the following day, May 3, 2017, by her husband, Chris Crawford, and Jason Crawford's ex-wife, Christina Thomas.

Chris Crawford was called to the stand next and stated he arrived after 10 p.m. to the scene and did not sleep that night after covering the van with Gentry and approximately four deputies. The witness stated he was given instructions by the CCSO, who recommended cleaning service ServPro, and cleaned the van the following morning on May 3, 2017. Chris Crawford testified that he found teeth belonging to the victim in the van's air conditioning vents, and that he also found her diary, which he read, and determined, it "sounded like she was troubled." The witness stated he and Christina Thomas finished cleaning the vehicle around noon and Deputy Freeman called him very soon afterward with news the van was evidence. He testified that Freeman came to retrieve the van and Chris Crawford told the deputy about the teeth he found and handed over the diary.

Logan Crawford, the then 14-year-old son of Jason Crawford, was called and testified that he could hear his father and stepmother talking outside from inside the family's mobile home the night of the shooting but couldn't hear what they were saying. He stated he heard the door shut and heard the baby gate open and close. Then, he said, he heard "a shot, a scream and another shot." When asked if he loves his father, he immediately replied, "Absolutely."

Christina Thomas, Jason's ex-wife and Logan's mother, was the last to take the stand for the day. She stated that, when she had an affair while married to the defendant, he wanted to work things out and did not want a divorce, but she opted for one as she was not in love with him. She testified that when she arrived at Jason and Tiffiney Crawford's home the morning of May 3, 2017, around 7, Jason Crawford "was crying a lot" with Logan Crawford and Chris Crawford in the living room with him. She said she went to get the family breakfast and groceries and returned to put away the groceries. The witness said she went outside when Chris Crawford was cleaning the van and she helped clean the van with him.

The trial will resume Friday morning.

Crawford trial: Day 5

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Warning: This article includes graphic language.

CULLMAN, Ala. — Defendant Jason Crawford, on trial for the murder of his wife Tiffiney Joy Crawford, took the stand Friday, Nov. 18 as the first witness of the day in Judge Martha Williams' courtroom. He stated that on May 2, 2017, the day of the victim's death, his suspicions about his wife's infidelity were confirmed as he searched her computer's history. He stated he was "pretty devastated."

At approximately 5:30-6 p.m. the defendant called the victim and Tiffiney denied the affair. He attempted to reach the victim's friend, Maggie Derrick, and she did not answer. Jason continued searching the computer, found more information, and called Tiffiney again at approximately 6-6:30 p.m. at which time she confirmed the affair. The defendant states he requested the victim to, "get home and let's talk about this." He reported asking his teenaged son to go next door to his parent's, Ronda and Chris Crawford, home "so he wouldn't see or hear anything." The door was locked so the teen returned home where he was told to stay in his room.

Crawford then attempted to call Kyle Sunday, the victim's lover, who did not answer. The defendant called Caroline Gamble, another of the victim's friends, who verified the affair. The defendant called the victim for a third and a fourth time asking her to come home. The victim returned home with the couple's three-year-old daughter and five-year-old son. The defendant took the children and put them to bed while not allowing the victim to enter the home due to her "betrayal of the family."

While outside, the defendant stated he was "berating" the victim stating, "I told her to take her fucking ring off" and called the victim "a whore and things of that nature." The defendant states he was not screaming nor yelling and the victim spoke very little and looked down while sobbing. The victim stated she needed her work clothes for her shift at Publix the following day which the defendant entered the home to retrieve. While laughing on the stand, the defendant stated he threw the victim's smock at her. He then brought out her pants and threw them at the deceased. The defense noted the laugh and asked why and if it was funny. The defendant replied, "No, but" and stopped. He acknowledged that he wanted the victim to feel pain like he was feeling.

After 5-10 more minutes of degrading the victim, while she was seated in the van, the defendant said he decided he was "ready to go in and collect my thoughts." He recalled just entering the home and being in the laundry room when he heard "a shot, a scream and a shot." Jason testified that he ran out to see what happened and went inside for his phone and called 911 and told his son to call his parents.

In the 911 call, the defendant reported his wife had been shot. He stated he received conflicting information from the 911 operator, being told to check for a pulse yet not touch the victim. The defendant stated that the victim's chest and stomach were still moving. Jason reported feeling "stress, anxiety and confusion" at the time.

The defendant stated his parents, and his sister were told that the victim was dead, and he was interviewed by Deputies Corey Freeman and Jared Aaron from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office at that time. Later, when the State Bureau of Investigation took over the case the defendant was formally interviewed by Joe Parrish, another investigator whose name he does not remember and Jeff Rotenberry, who the defendant said was "hateful and disrespectful" toward him, the defendant told while laughing again from the stand. He stated he walked out of the interview "when I finally got tired of him berating me." When asked if he killed Tiffiney Joy Crawford, the defendant replied, "No."

During cross examination, the defendant was asked if he considered the deceased a "whore" in the beginning of their relationship when she was still married to another man. Jason Crawford stated, "She was a whore the whole time." He acknowledged saying to the victim on the night of her death that she was to "get your shit and get out" and that he was mad.

The defendant stated that witness Caroline Gamble lied on the stand when she recalled him stating, "I can't go through this again" when he found out about the victim's affair. Rather, the defendant remembers saying, "I can't believe I'm going through this again." He confirmed that he did not tell any law enforcement officers on the scene the night of the death about his wife's infidelity, only about an argument.

On the redirect, the defendant was asked if he loved the deceased and why. He said yes and described her as "unique and outgoing." He stated he broke up with her twice while they were dating but "she wouldn't allow it." He said he felt, "mad and angry, also sad" on May 2, 2017

During his testimony, the prosecution objected several times and the defendant, before his defense council could speak, would respond why his answers should have been allowed. At one point, Judge Martha Williams looked at the defendant and said, "I'm not asking you" as he responded for his council.

Valerie Shields, a friend of the deceased and Mom Helping Moms (MHM) administrator, testified the Tiffiney was "amazing," had "so many friends" and was "easy to talk to." She said that the deceased was "joyful and positive." In March of 2017, Tiffiney told Shields about her infidelity and that she didn't want to hurt her husband. The deceased reported she was "unhappy in her marriage" and that her husband, the defendant was "lazy" and "not exciting." Shields recommended her friend seek counseling. When Tiffiney and her boyfriend broke up, Shields suggested she work on herself, divorce the defendant and go to counseling.

Shields testified the deceased was "depressed and struggling" and drinking heavily. Shields stated that the deceased started a job at Publix to save money in order to leave her husband and, after Tiffiney's first counseling appointment the day before her death, she was "nervous but excited."

Maggie Derrick, identified as Tiffiney's best friend, took the stand and said she "felt like she knew her (Tiffiney) all my life." In late April, Derrick reported the deceased was "pretty upset" after the breakup with her boyfriend and they talked of her leaving the defendant. On May 2, 2017, Tiffiney spoke to Derrick after Jason learned of the affair. Derrick testified that Tiffiney "seemed okay."

The state called James Curtis, a firearms safety instructor, as a rebuttal witness. Curtis reported the deceased taking his basic firearms safety course during the winter of 2016-2017. In the course, Curtis testified that only a two-hand grip shooting was taught, "always two-hand." In the approximately 50 rounds the deceased fired in the course, all shots were fired with a two-hand grip.

Stacy Ikard, a licensed professional counselor, was called by the defense and testified about the Myers Briggs personality assessment. She explained that suicidal ideation was an irregular thought process, and a suicidality assessment was only accurate in the moment the assessment was administered. It was a "snapshot of that moment."

Closing arguments were given and the jury began deliberation.

Wonderland (from Front)

the department's revenue has increased dramatically over the years, "The first year I was in the department we did a little over $15,000, last year we did $217,000."

There are seven park workers at Sportsman Lake who put up the decorations starting the third week in September.

For about a week, Davenport said they had help from workers from neighboring parks, but the seven did the majority of the work themselves.

Davenport said that some of the displays are 14 feet tall and may take five people to hoist them up.

"We can't thank the staff enough for what they do to get it done in that time," he said.

Guests can drive through the light display from 5-9 p.m. on open dates: Nov. 18-20, 25-27, 30 and Dec. 1-4, 7-11, 14-23, 26-30.

Admission is $10 cash per vehicle.

The wonderland also features the Christmas train, horse and carriage rides, snow machine, photo booth, hot chocolate and more.

Senior Night is Dec. 1 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Seniors 60 and older will be admitted free.

A bag of candy will be given to the first 300 seniors.

The last day for train rides is Dec. 23. The park will be closed Christmas Eve and Day. Dec. 26-30 will be drive-through only.

Sportsman Lake Park is located at 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman. Find out more at www.facebook.com/SportsmanLakePark.



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ODE TO FRIENDSGIVING

Let's not wait until
November's fourth
Thursday

To give thanks for, and
also with a friend.

Today, tomorrow,
Friendsgiving can
be any such day.

Be thankful for each
friendship and pray
they never end.

(Inspired by poet,
Charmaine J. Forde)

"It's Friendsgiving,
Friendsgiving, just
the perfect blend of
friends and giving;

When other
Thanksgivings are soon
forgot, Friendsgiving
will still be hot.

A yada dada dada—
hug hug hug."

Pardon me, Cole Porter, for slicing your delicious "Friendship" lyrics (see below) like a juicy turkey, but I was imagining Lucy and Ethel giving that ode to good friends. (You'll thank me for this: YouTube the season three episode of "I Love Lucy" titled "Lucy and Ethel Buy the Same Dress" where the great friends are one-upping each other in a duet of the Cole Porter classic. Then, also YouTube "Friendship" duetted by friends Judy Garland and Johnny Mercer, and for a trifecta, search for the song performed by Kermit the Frog with Robin the Frog. Following those friends singing "Friendship," you and I can bring it home with our version after a few glasses of holiday wine this Friendsgiving and before the tryptophan causes us and our audience to doze off.

(Here's where we sing)

"When other
Thanksgivings you wanna
forgit, Friendsgiving
will still be a hit."

A yada dada dada--
chomp chomp chomp."

"FRIENDSGIVING," according to merriam-webster.com, is "a blend of 'friend' and 'Thanksgiving,' and it refers to a large meal eaten with friends either on or near Thanksgiving...'Friendsgiving' seems to be a relatively new word."

(sing)

"When other Thanksgivings
get stiff and old,
Friendsgiving still has
laffs uncontrolled.

A yada dada dada—ha ha ha."

Merriam-Webster indicates the first time the word "Friendsgiving" was written was in 2007. Others believe the writers of the television show "Friends" launched the concept of "Friendsgiving" when the pals at the Central Perk coffee shop found themselves stuck in NYC for a Thanksgiving sans fam and their third home, the java joint, closed for the holiday. HOLY MILES STANDISH!!

S.U.N.S. FRIENDSGIVING, "The JOYrontologist" proposes, goes back to ye olde days of the "Peanuts" pilgrims in the 1973 holiday special, "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving." Remember these great lines shared among those friends:

"I can't cook a Thanksgiving dinner. All I can make is cold cereal and maybe toast."—Charlie Brown

"Thanksgiving is more than eating, Chuck. We should be thankful for being together."--Marcie

"Are we going to say a prayer? It's THANKS-giving, you know."—Peppermint Patty

"Well, one of the greatest traditions we have is the Thanksgiving Day football game. And the biggest, most important tradition of all is the kicking off of the football."—Lucy van Pelt

(here's where we sing)

"When other Thanksgivings
are turkey tough, friends
tell 'em to all get stuffed.

A yada dada dada—
chew chew chew."

"Values are changing, too," says Dr. Bella DePaulo, in "Why Friendships Matter," (Psychology Today, Jan-February 2021). "A study by Henri Santos and colleagues tracked the rise of individualism in 78 nations over a half-century, including the valuing of friends over the valuing of family. Their findings suggest that in 74% of the nations with relevant data, more people over time are valuing friends more highly, relative to how highly they value family."

S.U.N.S. (Smile-Making, Uniting, Neighboring, Spellbinding) is an acronym "The JOYrontologist" developed after 40 years researching and studying "joyous aging."

Keep these four, simple elements in mind as you gather this holiday.

S.U.N.S. FRIENDSGIVING
(Smile-Making)

Expressing gratitude is linked to resilience and optimism. Dr. Robert A. Emmons, psychology professor at the University of California (Davis) and founding editor of the "Journal of Positive Psychology" promotes "thankfulness as good medicine." Dr. Emmons' research indicates repeatedly that practicing thankfulness can help lower blood pressure and reduce stress levels.

There have been more than 270 major studies on gratitude in the past two decades according to the John Templeton Foundation which doled out $27 million to fund more 20 of those projects. Taking opportunities to count our blessings, according to their research, makes people calmer and happier, raises self-esteem, strengthens marriages, increases productivity, prompts greater generosity, and triggers better self-care—we eat healthier, exercise healthier and are less likely to have harmful addictions.

"It's really powerful to step ourselves in what we're grateful for," says Kristi Nelson, executive director of Gratefulness.com, a group committed to expressing thankfulness. Nelson says, "In a consumer culture, we're driven to see what we don't have, and social media is only making it worse. It can feel like we're all living in some kind of substandard world, that something should be different."

S.U.N.S FRIENDSGIVING
(Uniting)

We need to pause and think through the positive things we appreciate about those we are most deeply connected with, our friends and family, and what they add to our lives. Dr. Emmons advises, "Focus on what your partner is good at." Sharing some genuine thankfulness to those important to you may well inspire them to improve other aspects of your relationships.

Dr. Jeffrey Froh, a psychologist at Hofstra University, underscores how valuable it is to help children express thankfulness. Per Dr. Froh, "The way you couch it to kids is: Be on the hunt for the good. Kids who are grateful have better relationships growing up, increased happiness and life satisfaction, more emotional and social support, do better in school, are less envious and less materialistic."

S.U.N.S FRIENDSGIVING
(Neighboring)

People who pause to be thankful give an average of 20% more time and money to NEIGHBORING charity causes. "Friendsgiving" gatherings often connect through a cause all support whether that is pets or politics. Per Dr. Emmons, "The thread of life can unravel very quickly, so we need memories of how we've been supported and sustained by other people." Giving supports others living, and... caring is sharing.

MY THANKSGIVING "TURKEY TOSS" CONFESSION—I think it was the goofy ridiculousness of this charity event which appealed to me. Perhaps 10 years later, it is still cringe-inducing. The "Turkey Toss" involved me and some friends shot-putting real-but-THANK goodness-frozen turkeys across the parking lot of a shopping center in front of Belk and Books-A-Million. I didn't win but did get a trophy and a bountiful sleighfull of guilt. I've forgotten the NEIGHBORING cause it benefited, but I'm rawtha certain it wasn't preventing animal cruelty. Maybe it was a year when turkeys had been over-bred. Breaded?

S.U.N.S. FRIENDSGIVING
(Spellbinding)

"Action Absorbs Anxiety" is a good mantra for holiday gatherings. If you've invited a friend or friends who might be uncomfortable into this social setting, assign them some task which will allow them to get outside their own head and be "in the zone." Maybe before your "Friendsgiving," ask for help. Who can be bartenders? Who could help make a salad from the ingredients you've gathered? Who might enjoy making "Friendsgiving" place-cards or table decorations? Btw, Pinterest has a cornucopia of "Friendsgiving" décor ideas and recipes.

Spellbinding for me can be about prayer and meditation but it more regularly, probably reflects my "do-bee" priority, about doing something, taking some action. I found these refashioned "Thankfulness," actionable ideas in an article simply titled "Gratitude" from Washingtonian Magazine (December 2020—first holiday of the pandemic):

• **THANKFULNESS JOURNAL:** Weekly, write down five things for which you are thankful. Life coach, Sara Oliveri, suggest adding that good habit, including your reasons. She states, "That forces you to think deeply about the things you're grateful for."

• **THANKFULNESS TALK:** Some people also set up a time each week to talk with a close friends or partner to ask—"What was the highlight of your week?" This discussion quite naturally leads to a gratitude conversation.

• **THANKFULNESS MEDITATION:** Alice Hu, founder of the Washington, D.C. based wellness-focused Woo Woo Company, suggests sitting in silence while concentrating on one thing for which you are thankful. "Gratitude is a powerful tool that allows you to shift your energy," says Hu.

• **THANKFULNESS COUNTERFACTUALITY:** Todd Kashdan, a psychology professor at George Mason University, recommends not just thinking of your blessings but imagining your life without them. As annoying as some of our friends and family can be, often when we imagine they have died, we experience feelings of sorrow, not joy.

• **THANKFULNESS LETTER**—Has some friend in the past made a huge, positive difference in your life? Again, Dr. Kashdan, "Really flesh out why something was so meaningful. Recognize the sacrifice someone has made. Talk about the downstream benefits of someone doing something for you. Telling them this creates a poignant moment between two people."

• **THANKFULNESS VISIT**—You could take your "Thankfulness Letter" to an even deeper level by reading it to them. Dr. Kashdan adds: "Gratitude visits can be profound touchstones in a relationship."

S.U.N.S. FRIENDSGIVINGS began as mostly informal events, but I've been to those that have pumpkin-spiced cider in a cardboard cup and others that were as fancy-pants as any my dear mother excruciatingly conjured and choreographed. The ultimate formula, whatever the design, is simply: FRIENDS + GIVING = JOY.

JOY-GIVERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Nov. 19—Jodie Foster
Nov. 20—Dr. John
Nov. 21—Goldie Hawn
Nov. 22—Rodney Dangerfield
Nov. 23—Robin Roberts
Nov. 24—Dale Carnegie
Nov. 25—Amy Grant

FRIEND'S AWARDING-WINNING, CULLMAN-SEWN QUILT INSPIRES CULLMAN-GROWN FRIENDSGIVING FRITTATA

My good friend, Concetta Lavoy Kreps, is, my words, not hers--"The Nick Saban of Alabama Quilters." She is modest talking about her award-winning, eye-dazzling craft which is admired by in-the-know quilters across the USA. Truthfully, she's had a better season than Coach Saban this autumn. In October, Concetta won first place among more than 50, North Alabama-and-beyond, gorgeous quilts in the highly anticipated, 41st Annual Quilt Show hosted by the Decatur Public Library. (see photo) ROLL TIDE or WAR EAGLE or whatever quilting fans roar—"UNRAVEL MY QUILT and I'LL RIP YOUR SEAMS OUT!!" Or, how about this gentler, FRIENDSGIVING quilting quote:

"In the quilt of life, friends are the stitches that hold it together."

FRIENDSGIVING CULLMAN-GROWN FRITTATA INSPIRED BY CULLMAN-SEWN #1 QUILT
(Loaded Frittata recipe source: nytimes.com)

INGREDIENTS

- 8 large eggs (Foundry Farm, east Cullman County)
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- Kosher salt and black pepper to taste (with each add-in)
- 1/2 cup crumbled, cooked bacon (Brickyard Meats, Cullman)
- 1 cup diced onion (Five Oak Farm, Holly Pond)
- 2 cups diced bell peppers (J. Calvert Farms, Cold Springs)
- 1 cup chopped turnip greens (William Burks Farm, Fairview)
- 4 ounces fresh goat cheese (Humble Hearts, Vinemont)
- 4 tablespoons fresh herbs (choose parsley, oregano, tarragon or chives) from (East Elementary Outdoor Classroom supported by the North Alabama Agriplex)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pre-heat oven to 350F degrees first so it's up to temperature when you're ready to transfer your skillet from the stovetop.

2. Use a skillet with an oven-safe base and handles. Some people prefer the consistent heat of cast iron, while others prefer the cooking and clean-up ease of non-stick. A 10-12" skillet is the right size for a 6-8 egg frittata.

3. Pre-cook ingredients first. You want to sauté' most of the add-ins (with a few exceptions like fresh herbs and tender greens such as spinach) before the eggs are added. Raw vegetables like onions and zucchini (which are mostly water) will leach liquid into the mixtures, and meats like sausage and bacon are always better browned. Fully cook ingredients like potatoes.

4. Add milk to your egg base. Whisk whole milk.

5. Add the egg mixture to the skillet once the add-ins are cooked. Use a spatula to combine everything, cook the mixture for a couple of minutes and then transfer to hot oven.

6. Keep an eye on the frittata; cooking times can vary depending on add-ins. In a 350-degree oven, a 6-egg frittata will take 8-20 minutes. Remove the frittata when it's just set. A finished frittata should be custardy, fluffy, just set and still pale in color—not browned and spongy.

"The JOYrontologist" recommends these sparkling wines to pair with "The Cullman-Grown Friendsgiving Frittata:" 2014 RECAREDO TERRERS BRUT NATURE which is created with organically farmed grapes in Spain. ($40, so get a friend not crushed in the trampling economy to bring this.) 2020 RAVENTOS I BLANC BLANC DE BLANC is crisp, vibrant and also comes from an estate which has been practicing biodynamic farming since 2001. ($20, so this is what I will be bringing to this year's Friendsgiving.)

1,070 JOY-GIVING THINGS FROM MY FIRST 70 YEARS
(continued)

956. The Friendsgiving country anthem "Friends in Low Places" by Garth Brooks

957. The friendship of Helen Keller and Mark Twain which I discovered reading their letters

958. The friendship of Lucille Ball and Carol Burnett proving the connection of laughter

959. The Friendsgiving theme song of "The Golden Girls" sit-com, "Thank You for Being a Friend"

960. The friendship of Napoleon Dynamite and Pablo Sanchez winning a school election

961. The friendship of Timon and Pumbaa laughing together in "The Lion King"

962. The friendship of Hermione Granger, Ronald

Weasley and Harry Potter imagined by J. K. Rowling

963. The friendship of Woody and Buzz Lightyear overcoming their differences

964. The friendship of porn king, Larry Flynt, and conservative religious minister, Jerry Falwell

965. The friendship of Bill and Ted having excellent adventures

966. "Friendsgiving" at Ohio State University with 650 lbs. of turkey and 30 gallons of gravy

967. The friendship of Tolkien's Frodo Baggins and Samwise Gamgee teaching us the value of loyalty

968. The friendship of American innovators Henry Ford and Thomas Edison, "thinking up"

969. The friendship of "Calvin and Hobbes" comics by Bill Waterson

970. The "Friendsgiving" of Squanto and the Pilgrims in 1621

"FRIENDSHIP"
lyrics and music
by Cole Porter

"If you're ever in a jam, here I am.

If you're ever in a mess, S.O.S.

If you ever feel so happy you land in jail, I'm your bail.

It's friendship, friendship

Just a perfect blendship

When other friendships have been forgot

Ours will still be hot.

A-lottle-dottle-dottle-dig-dig-dig.

If you're ever down a well, ring my bell

And if you're ever up a tree, just phone to me.

A-yes-sir-ee

If you ever lose our teeth and you're out to dine,

Borrow mine

It's friendship, friendship

Just a perfect blendship

When other friendships have been forgate,

Gate?

Ours will still be great.....!"

(now YouTube for more and perform at your Friendsgiving)

HAPPY FRIENDS + GIVING AND THANKSGIVING WEEK!

Read all the installments in this series at www.cullman-tribune.com/tag/odes-to-joy-2022.

Cullman quilter wins first place at 41st annual quilt show in Decatur



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The quilt titled "New York Beauty" sewn by Cullman quilter, Concetta Lavoy Kreps, was selected for the top award as judged by viewers at the Decatur Public Library in October 2022.

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Governor Ivey makes first major staff appointment ahead of second term

Gina Maiola
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Governor Kay Ivey on Thursday announced she is appointing Drew Harrell to serve as director of legislative affairs. The appointment of Harrell comes shortly after Alabamians overwhelmingly re-elected Governor Ivey to a second term. The governor's current director of legislative affairs, William Filmore, has been tapped by his alma mater Troy University to lead their governmental affairs team.

"Alabama has some major items to tackle, which will require a bold legislative agenda from my Administration over the next four years, and Drew is the right man to help me accomplish our goals. I am proud to have Drew join our team as we work to ensure Alabama's best days are yet to come," said Governor Ivey.

"Drew cares deeply for our state, is an incredibly hard worker and a great family man. We will certainly miss having William, but sure are proud of him as he brings his skills to his alma mater, and we are thrilled to be adding Drew to the Ivey Administration."

Harrell comes to the post from the Business Council of Alabama (BCA), where he is the vice president of governmental affairs. He also serves as the executive director of the organization's political affiliate, ProgressPAC. Throughout his time at BCA, Harrell has held a variety of responsibilities and was a key figure in advancing good policy for the state of Alabama, including the Rebuild Alabama Act, which Governor Ivey championed, in 2018.

"I am deeply honored to be joining Governor Ivey's Administration and thankful to her for the opportunity to serve as director of legislative affairs," said Harrell. "I am excited about helping Governor Ivey advance policies that will move Alabama ahead. I am grateful for the years I have spent at BCA which have more than prepared me for this new challenge."

In addition to his expertise in both the policy and political arenas, Harrell is a former athlete. Before earning his Master of Business Administration from Auburn University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Huntington College, he lettered in both baseball and football for the Hawks. Today, he serves as vice president of Huntington College's National Alumni Board of Directors.

Outgoing Director of Legislative Affairs William Filmore will continue serving in the Ivey Administration through the end of November.

Filmore remarked, "Working for Governor Kay Ivey has been the honor of a lifetime. She is a proven leader who works as hard as anyone in Montgomery. Governor Ivey personally cares about Alabama's citizens and our future, which is why – through her strong relationship with the Legislature – she has succeeded in improving our infrastructure, education, mental health care, economic development and broadband, among many other accomplishments. I am confident our state will continue to prosper, and more progress will be made through the leadership of Governor Ivey and her team in the next four years."

Harrell will join Parker Harris and Michele Brown in the Legislative Affairs Office beginning December 1. Governor Ivey will also be filling the senate liaison role, which was made vacant following Brooks McClendon's promotion to deputy chief of staff.



CONTRIBUTED

Drew Harrell

CCBOE (from Front)

Sara Gladney
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) recognized several faculty members, students and family members during their meeting on Thursday, Nov. 17.

They included the E5 Exceptional awards:

• Randy Burks, a Holly Pond parent who Superintendent Shane Barnette recognized for hosting a weekly radio show, Holly Pond Broncos Around the Pond, which features positive news from the school.

• Brian Sharp, a Hanceville parent who Dr. Barnette called a "de facto employee" for his efforts volunteering around the school. He has fixed chain link fences, built the girls' softball team a locker room, hung senior banners, built a walkway to the new mobile unit, cleaned the entire stadium with his family after five home football games and many more jobs.

• Sara Allen, Fairview Middle School teacher, who ensures her students master science and life skills. "She makes each student feel cared for. Her lessons are engaging and allow students to think outside the box. She teaches students how to communicate with others and how to make others feel welcome," said Barnette. She creates intervention resources for students to master science skills and posts videos of labs online for students who are absent.

Shannon Bridges, Vinemont High School teacher, was also recognized for attending the Society for Science High School Research Teachers Conference bringing research teachers together to share best practices and learn more about The Society for Science. 200 teachers were picked across the country to attend with only three coming from Alabama. They discussed ways to motivate students to find their passion in science fields.

Holly Pond Future Farmers of America (FFA) students were recognized for their accomplishments at the FFA Steer Event at the North Alabama State Fair.

• Rex Harrison- Champion of the AOB Continental Heifer competition, won 4th Overall Breeding Heifer, 3rd place Senior Premier Exhibitor

• Evan Roden- Champion Maine-Anjou Heifer, 5th Overall Breeding Heifer, 5th Overall Senior Showmanship; Ewe- Reserve Champion, Senior Showman 4th Overall Senior Supreme Competitor, Reserve Champion Commerical Ewe, Grand Champion Purebred Ewe, and Middle Weight Reserve Champion Market Lamb and elected as Vice President of the Alabama Junior Lamb Board

• Ethan Tapscott – Class Winner Shorthorn Division, Reserve Supreme Senior Competitor

• Ty Harrison- Class Winner AOB Division

• Mattie Wood- Grand Champion Market Goat, 3rd in Senior Showmanship and 3rd Supreme Competitor

The following monetary requests were approved:

• Request from Fairview High School to pay Tracy Means $2,500 for assisting with all volleyball programs, paid by Fairview High School Volleyball Boosters

• Request from Vinemont High School (VHS) to pay Roy Todd Johnson $1,500 for 2022-2023 Athletic Director duties associated with winter/spring sports, paid by local school funds

• Request from VHS to pay the following coaches for extra work with the varsity football program during the 2022 summer season, paid by Vinemont High School Football
  • Anthony Pace- $500
  • David Stokes- $750
  • Phillip Stephen Robinson- $750
  • Michael Williams- $300
  • Robert Erik Runge- $500

• Request from VHSl to pay Crystal Mayo $900 for working the volleyball concession stand, paid by Vinemont Volleyball funds.

• Request from West Point Middle School to pay Joshua Davis $1,200 for 2022-2023 Athletic Director extra duties.

• Request from West Point Middle to pay the following coaches for extra duties for the 2022-2023 season, paid by local school funds
  • Tyler Morgan- $500
  • Paul Quattlebaum - $500
  • William Tidwell- $1,000.

• 2022-2023 Afterhours Program and Personnel (personnel paid by local school funds)
  • Welti Elementary ($22 per hour)
  • Stefanie Bagwell and Averie Harris (sub).

• Request from the Child Nutrition Program for Melanie Lee (Vinemont) and Diana Sims (West Point Middle) to work the At-Risk program as needed per hourly rate of pay, paid by CNP CACFP funds.

In other business, the board approved the following:

• Four out of state field trip requests
  • Good Hope High School Cheerleaders will travel to Jackson, MS for the UCA Cheer Competition for Nationals on Dec. 3
  • Holly Pond High Cheerleaders will travel to Gatlinburg, TN for the UCA Cheer Competition for Nationals on Dec. 3 and 4
  • Good Hope High Cheerleaders will travel to Orlando, FL for Nationals Competition on Feb. 10
  • Fairview High Varsity Boys Basketball team will travel to Pigeon Forge, TN for a Basketball Tournament on Dec. 27.

• A new checking account for Fairview Middle School

• Request from the Cullman County Education Support Professionals for two days leave for their elected delegates to attend the 2022 AEA Delegate Assembly in Montgomery on Dec. 1-3 and ½ day substitutes on Thursday to be paid by the general fund.

• The organization of the Commission. November is the delegated time for election of officers of the Cullman County Commission on Education. The board accepted nominations for the 2022-2023 Board President and Vice President. Elected were Kenny Brockman as Board President and Gene Sullins as Vice President. The swearing in ceremony will be in January.

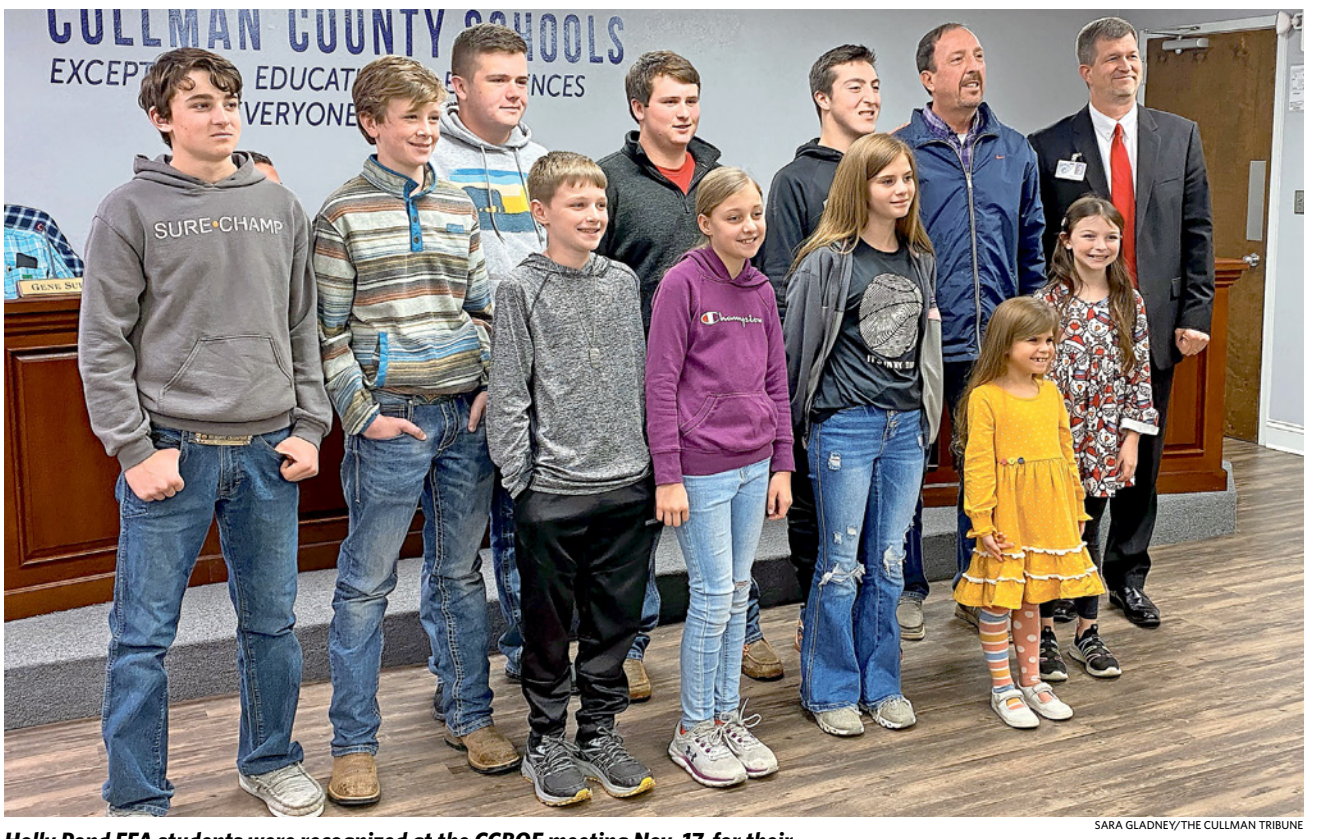
Superintendent Barnette reported the following:

• On Friday, Nov. 18, the 2nd 9 weeks progress reports go home.

• Nov. 21st- 25th is Thanksgiving Break. 12-month employees will work Monday and Tuesday.

The personnel report for CCBOE was voted on and will be released at a later date.

The next board meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 15 at the Central Office with the work session beginning at 3:30 p.m. and regular meeting following.



SARA GLADNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Holly Pond FFA students were recognized at the CCBOE meeting Nov. 17, for their accomplishments at the FFA Steer Event at the North Alabama State Fair





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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
GREGORY WILLIAM STORY * CASE NO PC 2022-007
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
MOTION FOR ADMINISTRATRIX'S DEED AND PETITION OF ADMINISTRATRIX FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

TO: BROOKE WHITE, BLAKE STORY AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The Motion for Administratrix's Deed and Petition of Administratrix for Final Settlement, for the estate if Gregory William Story, Deceased, has been set for hearing on the **3rd day of January, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.**

All persons of interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Done this the 3rd day of November, 2022.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JOHN L. BISHOP * CASE NO PC-2022-274
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted to DORIS J. BISHOP, as Personal Representative of the Estate of JOHN L. BISHOP, Deceased, on the 9th day of November, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Doris J. Bishop
Personal Representative

T. Deven Moore
The Moore Firm, P.C.
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Montrose, Alabama 36559

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC 2022-387

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SALLY SUE HELRING, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Patricia Van Wert on the 16th day of November, 2022 by the Hon. 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.

Patricia Van Wert
Personal Representative

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
PHYLLIS RUTH ENTREKIN, * CASE NO.: PC2022-380
*
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to ELLEN ENTREKIN CURTIS, as Administrator of the Estate of PHYLLIS RUTH ENTREKIN, deceased, on the 9th day of November, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Ellen Entrekin Curtis
Administrator

Annette Irons-Parker
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
GAIL A. THOMPSON, * CASE NO PC 2022-272
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: DREW BAGWELL, BROOKE BAGWELL AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTEREST PARTIES

The Petition for Probate of Will for the Estate of Gail A. Thompson, Deceased, filed by Tracy William Thompson, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Richard L. Collins, has been scheduled for the **5th day of January, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 3rd day of November, 2022.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of

BRENDA ANN WIX, CASE NO. PC 2022-379

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Sabrina Currington, as Administratrix of the Estate of Brenda Ann Wix, deceased, on the 2nd day of November, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and 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.

Sabrina Currington

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of

NICHOLAS ANDREW CLAYTON, CASE NO. PC 2022-377

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Rebecca K. Clayton, as Administratrix of the Estate of Nicholas Andrew Clayton, deceased, on the 9th day of November, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and 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.

Rebecca K. Clayton

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Attorney for Administratrix

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of

DALTON ANGEL RAYMOND, CASE NO. PC 2022-383

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Steven C. Smith, as Administrator of the Estate of Dalton Angel Raymond, deceased, on the 9th day of November, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and 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.

Mia Raymond
Petitioner

Shay Persall
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF K.K.F.
A minor child. CASE NO.: AD2022-055
D.O.B. 08/27/2021

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER OF A CHILD K.K.F. BORN AUGUST 27, 2021, TO SHAYLA MARIE FORD

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Lance Walker and Jessica Walker, 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 26th DAY OF October, 2022.

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

R. Champ Crocker
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF K.R.F.
A minor child. CASE NO.: AD2022-054
D.O.B. 02/05/2020

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER OF A CHILD K.R.F. BORN FEBRUARY 5, 2020, TO SHAYLA MARIE FORD

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Lance Walker and Jessica Walker, 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 26th DAY OF October, 2022.

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

R. Champ Crocker
Attorney for Petitioners
207 Second Ave SE
Cullman, AL 35055

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF)
)
AARON DALE SPRAGG,) CASE NO.: PC-2022-365
An alleged incapacitated person.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP

TO: MARY LOU SPRAGG
DARRIN SPRAGG
DARLA HARPER
GREG SPRAGG
JERRY CAMPBELL
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a *Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship* have been filed by Mark D. Spragg and Jeanie Fowler Spragg, Petitioners, by and through Attorney, James Park Neill. A hearing on said *Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship* has been **SET FOR THE 12TH day of DECEMBER, 2022, AT 10:00 A.M.,** Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 9th day of November, 2022.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

James Park Neill
Attorney for Petitioners
P.O. Box 2308
Jasper, AL 35502

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
ALICE ANN KENNEDY * CASE NO PC 2022-323
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to **Roland Carroll Barger** as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Alice Ann Kennedy,** deceased, on the 3rd day of November, 2022, 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.

Roland Carroll Barger
Personal Representative

Jerry L. Kilgo
Attorney for Personal Representative
105 1st Avenue NE, Ste. G
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
*
* CASE NO. PC 2022-332

IN RE: THE CONSERVATORSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP OF HUE E. SMITH

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: ***David Kelso***
Daniel Kelso
Tamy Kelso, and
Any unknown heirs of Hue E. Smith

Please take notice that a Motion For Permanent Guardianship and Conservatorship in the above styled matter has been filed in said Court by Rebecca Smith Roden, Petitioner, and that the 20th day of December, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. has been set for a hearing on the same at the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this matter, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days hereof with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below and with the Clerk of said Probate Court.

DONE this the 3rd day of November, 2022.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

S. Wayne Fuller
Attorney for Petitioner
FULLER, WILLINGHAM & CARTER, LLC
413 1st Avenue SW
Cullman AL 35055

Commission (from Front)

Amy Leonard
amy@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission grew by two on Tuesday, Nov. 16 as Kelly Duke and Corey Freeman joined the standing commission members, Garry Marchman and Kerry Watson, along with Chairman Jeff Clemons. The new commission recognized Miss Cullman County Fair Outstanding Teen Heidi Armstrong and Miss Cullman County Fair Alexis Sartin.

In other business, the commission approved the following:

- Change speed limit to 25 mph on County Road 1121
- Set the dates and times for Commission Meetings
- Add Commissioner Kelly Duke and Commissioner Corey Freeman to all County bank accounts
- Consider authorizing payment to the City of Hanceville for Mud Creek Cleanup in the amount of $20,000 for FY 2022
- Approve insurance agreement with Byars Wright Insurance for Property and Casualty insurance for FY 2023, effective Dec. 1, 2022, with a premium of $512,159
- Approve annual payment to Harris Smart Fusion in the amount of $19,404.60 for financial software
- Ratify renewal of ADEM Permit ALG890252 for Co. Rd. 122 Borrow pit site
- Consider amended Samba Safety contract to include hazmat certification class
- Consider allowing the library to keep half the proceeds from the Bookmobile sale
- Consider extending the contract with the Cullman County Co-op for a two-year lease of the Bates building
- Authorize Chairman to appoint Matt Smith to the Community Action of North Alabama for a 5-year term to expire Nov. 2027
- Authorize purchase for upgraded door access control system from ADS in the amount of $27,839.43
- Authorize Coroner to sign Memorandum of Understanding between the Alabama Department of Public Health and Cullman County Commission for Mortuary Cooler
- Authorize Coroner to apply for the National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI) grant in the amount of $20,000.
- Authorize EMA Director Tim Sartin to apply for the 2023 Emergency Management Performance grant (EMPG)
- Enter lease agreement with Enterprise for one 2022 Dodge Ram 1500 Classic in the amount of
- $43,696 for the Appraisal and Mapping Department and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork
- Amend Item S from last month to remove the 2016 Ford F-250 (Vin # 1FTBF-2B60GEB 17224) from the surplus list and place it back in service
- Proposed plat Fly South Campground Phase 1, a major RV subdivision containing 42 lots located off County Road 1196
- Award Bid #1416: Traffic Signs to Traffic Signs, Inc and Vulcan Inc based upon price, availability, and vicinity
- Award Bid # 1714: Traffic Striping to J.C. Cheek Contractors, Inc.
- Award Bid # 1418: Corrugated Plastic Pipe to Bear Concrete Products, Inc, ADCO Pipe & Supply, LLC, and White Cap Construction Supply based upon price, availability, and vicinity
- Bid # 1420: New Air Control 1 /, Ton & 5 Ton split System Unit

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 20 with the work session beginning at 4 p.m. and regular meeting at 6 p.m. at the Cullman County Courthouse in the Commission Meeting Room.

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LEGALS

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JUANITA IRENE PAJAO * CASE NO PC 2022-373
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to **Krystal Waid and Alexander Delarosa Pajao** as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of **Juanita Irene Pajao,** deceased, on the 17th day of November, 2022, 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.

Krystal Waid and
Alexander Delarosa Pajao
Co-Personal Representatives

Kelly M. Hayes
Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives
One Towne Square, Suite 1835
Southfield, MI 48076

TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC 2022-378

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF YNETTA HUDSON, DECEASED

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that a verified Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by Buddy Roger Hudson on October 27, 2022.

Thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Dated this the 15th day of November, 2022.

Hugh C. Harris
Special Judge of Probate

TO: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice one time in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

Hugh C. Harris, Special Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for Petitioner
Smith & Smith, LLP
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0398
(256) 734-4721

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 17-18

Carlos Lee Whitten, 68
Carlos Lee Whitten, age 68 of Bear Creek, Alabama, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, at his residence. Carlos was born on April 3, 1954, in Haleyville, Alabama. A graveside service will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022, at noon at New Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery (Wiley Branch Community). Brother Chris Sherrill will officiate. Carlos is survived by his wife of 50 years, Patsy Whitten; children, Carlos Shane Whitten and Stephen (Misty) Whitten; grandchildren, Blake Whitten, Hunter (Rachel) Whitten, Trevor (Amy) Whitten and Trenton Whitten; great grandchild, Jackson Mize; and siblings, Glenda Little, Peggy Price, Mary Burleson, Ellen Gravitt, Carrie Weeks and Pearlene Barnett. He was preceded in death by his parents, Buddy and Effie Whitten; and siblings, George Whitten, Mack Arthur Whitten, Charles Whitten, Gail Whitten, Buddy Whitten, Sue Ely and Shirley Martin.

Dorothy Wallace, 90
Dorothy Wallace, 90 of Double Springs, passed away Nov. 16, 2022, at her residence. She was born July 7, 1932, in Double Springs, Alabama. She was an active member of First Baptist Church in Double Springs. She loved serving on various committees - fellowship and working in the nursery. Dorothy loved her family, church family and her community. A visitation will be held Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, from 5-8 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Double Springs, where the service will be held Friday, Nov. 18, 2022, at 11 a.m. Brother George Whitten will officiate. Burial will follow in Winston Memorial Cemetery in Haleyville. Dorothy is survived by her daughter, Sheila Wallace; sister, Bobbie Garrett; brothers, George Lester and his wife Jannie and Jerry Lester and his wife Sandra; sisters-in-law, Vern Watts, and Becky Lolley; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilton T. Wallace; parents, Ralph and Myrtle Lester; brother, Junior Lester; nephew, Jeff Lester; and brother-in-law, Charles Garrett.

A. Dan Gillon, 67
Funeral Service for A. Dan Gillon, age 67, of Vinemont, will be at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022, at Northside Baptist Church; interment in Enon Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Gillon passed away Friday, Nov. 18, 2022, at Huntsville Hospital. He was born Jan. 12, 1955, to Alvin Gillon and Ollie Mae Gillon. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Deborah Gillon. Survivors include his daughters, DeLisa (David) Whittaker and DeAndrea (Michael) Thompson; son, Dustin (Jessica) Gillon; grandchildren, Makayla Whittaker, Marlee Vinci, Asher Thompson, Broden Thompson, Emery Thompson, Dalton Gillon, Tanner Gillon and Mason Gillon; and sister, Rose Campbell. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Northside Baptist Church.

Diane Hill, 71
Diane Hill, age 71, of Warrior, passed away Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, at Princeton Baptist Medical Center in Birmingham. She was born in Birmingham, Alabama on Aug. 13, 1951, to G.W. and Virginia Jones. Diane was a RN at Carraway Hospital until they closed and went on to U.A.B. Hospital where she worked in the Neonatal Unit until retirement in 2012. She was a member of Arley First Baptist Church; member of the Eastern Star; loved to travel out west and visit Yellow Stone National Park; was very talented with arts and crafts; loved to fish with her husband for 30+ years in tournaments. Diane was preceded in death by her parents. She made many loving memories with her husband of 54 years, Jim Hill, Sr.; her sons, Jimmy (Geralyn) Hill, Jr. and Jeff (Diana) Hill; grandchildren, Samantha (Wesley) Millican, Zach Hill, Lane (Kelsey) Hill and Shane "Cole" Hill; great grandchildren, Sonny Millican, Waylon Millican and Rett Dallas Hill; brother, George Jones, sisters, Pam (George) Fitzgerald and Renea Jones; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Diane will be held Monday, Nov. 21, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Johnny Allred officiating. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until the time of service Monday at the funeral home.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

They are Alabama – from Fort Payne

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



I grew up in the same part of Alabama as them. They were slightly older than me and lived in the county-seat town, next door to my home town. I didn't know them then, but many of us kick-start musicians in Northeast Alabama dreamed of playing on the big stage and hearing our songs on the radio. Most never did. Can you imagine 3 cousins who grew up in the small sock-mill town of Fort Payne, Alabama, becoming one of the biggest bands in country music? Well, you don't have to imagine it, because that is exactly what Jeff Cook, Randy Owen, and Teddy Gentry did. They sold more than 75 million records and charted more than 41 number one hits. Between 1982 and 1984, they won CMA's Entertainer of the Year award 3 years in a row. From 1982 to 1986, they won ACM's Entertainer of Year 5 times. At the end of that decade, they were named Artist of the Decade. Some have referred to the band Alabama as the first super-group of country music. In 2005 they were inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Randy and Teddy grew up on farms on Lookout Mountain, just above Fort Payne. Although much has changed for them since those days, they both still have farms on Lookout Mountain today... just ever so slightly larger than the ones they grew up on!

Jeff grew up in town. Those 3 founding band members, along with drummer Mark Herndon, changed the landscape of country music by combining their rock-and-roll sound with country harmonies.

They became the most successful band in country music history. Prior to the band skyrocketing to stardom, Fort Payne had been known for producing more socks than anywhere. The town was called the Sock-Capital-of-the-World. Since the early 80s,

Fort Payne has been known as the hometown of the band Alabama. It had become my hometown during the same time as their breakthrough in the music world. I still remember attending the first June Jam, a couple of miles from our house.

Before they became known as Alabama, they called themselves Young Country and then Wild Country. I remember hearing them play rock-and-roll as Wild Country.

They played regularly at an amusement park on Lookout Mountain called Canyonland. Later, they began writing their own songs. They had a unique blend of that classic rock sound but mixed with a country sound. They were unusual in that they each played their own instruments while singing 3-part harmony. They first learned to sing harmony, especially Randy and his family, singing gospel music.

Recently, they recorded 2 albums of gospel music. As young adults and struggling band members who lived together, they honed their singing skills by lying awake at night and singing harmony. They had several drummers through the years, but the addition of rock-drummer Mark Herndon gave them their signature beat.

While their harmonies were amazing, it was Jeff Cook's playing that added much of the spice to their sound.

What instrument did he play? Randy Owen once answered, "Anything he wants." He was a great lead-guitar player, and he was perhaps the first country musician to play the electric double-neck guitar. Let's not forget, as they sang, "If you want to play in Texas, you gotta have a fiddle in the band." Jeff was the fiddle in the band. Ten years ago, Jeff was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. For a decade, he bravely battled his terrible disease.

Jeff Cook died last week, at the age of 73. Thank you, Jeff, as well as all the members of the band Alabama, for all that great music.

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

HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1904, 1934, 1954

From the files of 1904

Fresh Michigan celery at Mages every Saturday. – Adv.

To regulate the price of cotton, producers are going to hold one fifth of their crop and demand 15 cents a pound. They also threatened to reduce acreage next year.

The Ladies Aid Society, of the First Baptist Church, will sponsor a Church Fair, in the building next door to the Democrat office, on Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m.

The mother of J.A. Steele, who came from Sweden about a year ago, died at the Steele home, at Vinemont and was buried Sunday at Flint Creek.

Music by the Alvis Brothers entertained a lively crowd at John Rehberg's on Wednesday night.

Fred J. Buchmann has bought the old Wine Cellar block and will utilize it for a depository for strawberry crates.

George Williams is ginning cotton every day at Trimble.

Professors Homer F. Morris and Taylor Morris will sing at Baileyton on Christmas Day.

From the files of 1934

A water tank belonging to the L and N Railroad, located at Phelan, was destroyed by fire last Tuesday.

John Schmitt's Market, in Hanceville, was damaged by fire on Monday when a gasoline heater exploded.

94 people are in the cast of the minstrel to be presented by Saint Bernard College on December 19th.

Some bagging stored on the third story of Peinhardt's Store caught fire on Monday but was extinguished before much damage was done.

From the files of 1954

Charles Deppe, 86, died at the Cullman Hospital at one o'clock on Wednesday morning, December 15th after several years illness, following a stroke. Mr. Deppe was born on March 11, 1868, in Portsmouth, Ohio and came to Cullman when a young man and resided here with his uncle, the late Adam Dreher. In 1902, he was married to Jenney Finneran of New Port, Kentucky.

She died in 1934. Until his retirement a few years ago, Mr. Deppe had been employed at Stiefelmeyer's for 54 years. He had been a member of Saint John's Evangelical and Reformed Church since coming to Cullman.

Surviving are one daughter, Miss Margaret Deppe and a cousin, Mrs. C.A Stiefelmeyer.

Funeral services were held at the residence this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Reverend F.J. Mehrtens officiating and Moss Service directing interment in the City Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Graf Hart, Joe Jones, Emil Loegler, Doctor J.C. Frutiger, Bill Norton and Ralph Aldredge.

POET'S CORNER

The Eve of Thanksgiving | By: Randy C. Hale

I will remember one November,
a soft weather day, when the sun
struck the fallen leaves that laid.

The colored quilt began to stir
the wind, a gift kaleidoscope,
as grandkids played, had fun
upon God's earthen stage.

Mr. Groundhog's by the creek,
stops to take a little drink,
then ambles on his merry way.

Mrs. Squirrel comes down a tree,
with tufts of acorns in her cheeks,
as if to say, No time! No time! For play,
Tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day.



CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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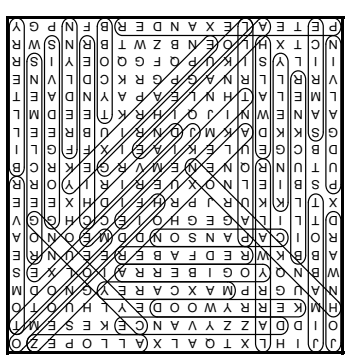
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CATA's Coggins earns OSHA 10 safety certification



MIKE BURKETT

Congratulations to Nathan Coggins, a junior from West Point High School, who recently earned his OSHA 10 safety certification in the Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) Carpentry Program. He is the first current CATA student to receive the certification and has excelled in the Carpentry Program over the past two years. He was on the SkillsUSA state championship team last year that also competed in the national championship in Atlanta last summer. CATA Building Construction Instructor Mike Burkett, also pictured, said Coggins is "a great student who exhibits great leadership and we are very proud of him."

ACES: Factors that affect pecan tree production

Lloyd Doug Chapman
ACES

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. – Why aren't my pecan trees bearing anymore? This is a common question many people ask during the fall, especially if they have older trees in their yard or landscape. The following information outlines some common factors that can affect a pecan tree's production.

Bearing in alternate years

Pecan trees–like most other nut or fruit producing trees–have a natural tendency to bear in alternate years. In nature this is called masting, which is a way for trees to overwhelm the birds and animals that eat their fruit or nuts.

This is needed so that some of the seeds will be left to produce seedlings so the species can survive. Scientists have wrestled with this problem for years, and while some remedies have been developed, it is still a problem for commercial pecan farmers. This is one reason that most orchards contain more than one variety.

Diseases and insects

Pecans are susceptible to a range of diseases. The biggest limiting factor for pecan producers in the Southeast is a disease called pecan scab. This disease attacks the foliage, nut shucks, and even young stem tissue.

Most older varieties are susceptible to scab including popular varieties such as Stuart and Mahan.

Over time, a resistant variety may become susceptible to pecan scab because the fungus changes over time. Stuart was once resistant to pecan scab but began to show symptoms in the 1960s. A lot of people may remember picking up bucket after bucket of these pecans and now don't understand why they can't still do that. Pecan scab is the one most likely reason.

Insects also affect pecan yields. Pecan phylloxera has been a serious problem in many parts of Alabama for a long time. Pecan weevils also attack pecans. Beginning in late summer, pecan weevils emerge from the soil and crawl or fly into the tree and begin feeding on the developing nuts.

When a weevil pierces a nut shuck to feed, the nut aborts in a day or two. Pecan weevils lay eggs in the nuts, and the larvae eat all the inside of the nut and chew a neat, round hole in the shell to escape and fall to the ground.

The weevils then remain in the soil for two to three years. This is a good example of a pest adapting to the alternate bearing habit.

Control options

The only way to control insects and diseases is to spray the entire tree. Few homeowners have the necessary equipment to spray mature trees. Also, unfortunately, there are few homeowner options for controlling insects. So, what can you do?

The best advice is to plant pecan-scab-resistant varieties and fertilize, lime, and water your trees. Scab resistant varieties include Elliott, Avalon, Kanza, Lakota, Gafford and Amling. A nursery list is available at your county's Extension office.

Soil

Soil fertility and moisture are always factors that affect bearing in pecans. If you have not taken a soil sample for testing, do so and apply the recommended rates of lime and fertilizer.

For more information on soil testing, read the Alabama Extension publications Home Soil Testing: Taking a Sample and Home Soil Testing: Using The Soil Test Report available at www.aces.edu.

Your county's Extension office can provide the soil sample boxes and can help interpret your soil test results if needed.

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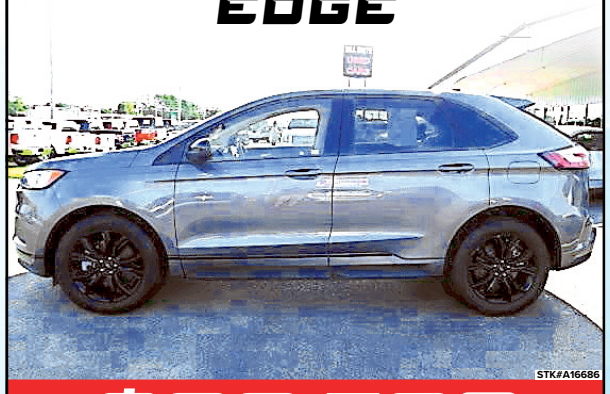
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