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Lights on 436

'You're bringing something to somebody to put a smile on their face'

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Ronnie Allred has created a spectacular Christmas light show, Lights on 436, in his own front yard and invites everyone to see it free of charge. Allred has 5,200 LED pixels lining his house and has several props, including "talking" Christmas trees, so he can sync the lights to music. Some of the songs are Christmas classics like "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" and "Carol of the Bells." The show also features some short Christmas monologs about the reason for the season and some humorous interjections in between. The entire show runs about 30 minutes.

Allred explained how he got started. Last Christmas, while in the Trussville area looking at Christmas lights, he said, he saw a musical light show that piqued his interest. After some research, he found the Face-» PAGE 12



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Ronnie Allred's home lit up for his Christmas Light show at 5070 County Road 436 in Cullman County.

Christmas at Hallmark Farms returns for 2nd year



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Warrior City Councilman John Tanks, left, poses for a photo with Mrs. Claus and Santa (Terrie and Raymond Tyler) under the Hallmark Farms Christmas tree Thursday, Dec. 1.

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WARRIOR, Ala. — The City of Warrior hosted Christmas at Hallmark Farms this week for the second year. Guests were welcome to walk the iconic 565-acre property, take pictures with Santa and enjoy refreshments.

At the center of the property is the historic Hallmark Mansion, developed by Ted and Mary Hallmark. This year, every room in the mansion was lit so that visitors could see into the house through the windows. No one was allowed to enter since the mansion does not have a sprinkler system.

Guests also walked down to the pond to see the lighting of the farm's famous floating Christmas tree.

The Warrior Police Department (WPD) assisted in the preparation of the event. The WPD's Elizabeth Taylor coordinates many of the city's large events. She said the event was not quite as big this year, due to the original date being rained out. She said around 1,250 people attended.

"People are so infatuated and enamored with this property, and our hope is to be able to share it with people more," said Taylor. "Next year, I want to decorate the inside of the house, make it beautiful and Christmassy, and » PAGE 2

Culpepper: 'I am blessed'

"I am blessed to have been chief in a great community, and to have had great mentors, bosses and co-workers over the years. It's made my job easy," shared longtime Cullman Police Chief Kenny Culpepper, who served his last day in the department on Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2022. A member of the Cullman Police Department since 1978, Culpepper succeeded Bill Mangum as police chief in 1988. David Nassetta has been named interim police chief until the Cullman City Council announces the new chief at its meeting scheduled for Monday, Dec. 5.



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Christmas in Cullman

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 1-2

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 1-2, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Nov. 28

- trespassing, attempting to elude law enforcement officer; Hwy 157
- violation of protection order; Co. Rd. 832
- violation of protection order; Co. Rd. 1352
- unlawful possession of dangerous drugs, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 222
- domestic violence; Tillman Rd.
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Wesley Ave. S
- theft of property, criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 1299
- harassment; Co. Rd. 1117
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 1554
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 866
- harassment; Co. Rd. 1332
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 1492

Nov. 29

- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1242
- trespassing; Co. Rd. 843
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1400
- trespassing; Co. Rd. 700
- criminal mischief; Schwaiger Rd.
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; Hwy 91
- unlawful possession of dangerous drugs, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of concealed weapon without permit; Hwy 69 S
- harassment; Co. Rd. 437
- attempting to elude law enforcement officer; Hwy 91
- harassment; Freeman Rd.

Nov. 30

- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; Hwy 91
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 160
- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; I65 NB MM 300
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1829
- permitting dogs to run at large; Co. Rd. 1485
- burglary; Co. Rd. 1515
- assault; Co. Rd. 1829
- domestic violence; Hwy 278 W
- domestic violence; Welcome Rd.
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 437

ARRESTS

Nov. 28

Allen, Brittany R; 27
- larceny/theft

Brown, William A; 24
- FTA-possession of marijuana

Curvin, Randal A; 46
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA-operating vehicle without insurance

Hobbs, Justin M; 41
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree-harassing communications
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Salter, Kayla N; 29
- larceny/theft

Scott, Bradley R; 48
- violation of domestic violence protection order

Tucker, Jenna A; 30
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

Nov. 29

Cable, Stacy R; 39
- FTA-public intoxication

Childers, Matthew E; 23
- attempting to elude law enforcement officer
- criminal trespassing

Clark, William B; 66
- FTA-assault-domestic-harassment-family

Flanigan, George L; 45
- FTA-illegal possession of prescription drugs

Flores, Sheena M; 37
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia

Gregory, Jesse D; 28
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

Netherton, Brandon H; 44
- FTA-negotiating worthless instrument

Nickens, Shannon D; 36
- robbery-business-gun

Overton, Joseph R; 31
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

Phillips, Christopher C; 46
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of concealed weapon without permit

Sloan, Savanna N; 28
- FTA-assault-child abuse-simple-family

Smith, Steven D; 56
- FTA-driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Steele, Jonathan E; 33
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Tubbs, William A; 42
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Valka, Rene H; 79
- criminal trespassing

Nov. 30

Anthony, Cory D; 30
- FTA-negotiating worthless instrument

Arnold, Trent K; 35
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Curtis, Jason L; 53
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Feres, Raechel M; 52
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Glover, Michael A; 43
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Lackey, Christopher G; 44
- FTA-negotiating worthless instrument

Malcom, Jerald E; 39
- Probation violation-possession of dangerous drugs
- Probation violation-selling/distributing dangerous drugs

Smith, Rachel M; 39
- FTA-leaving the scene of accident

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 30
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Cullman Park and Rec; Lee Ave. SW; catalytic converter; $300
- theft of lost property-1st degree; jewelry; $9,500
- criminal trespassing-3rd degree, theft of property-4th degree; WalMart; Olive St. SW; miscellaneous; $97

Dec. 1
- theft of property-4th degree, Plumb One, Inc; tools
- theft of property-2nd degree; WalMart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $1,537

ARRESTS

Nov. 30

Brady, Brianna D; 28
- FTA-disorderly conduct

Dodd, Dennis J; 51
- criminal trespassing-3rd degree

Overton, Joseph R; 31
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia

Pace, Hunter L; 24
- theft of property-4th degree
- criminal trespassing-3rd degree

Price, Tonya R; 62
- theft of property-4th degree

Dec. 1

Duke, Alex M; 20
- public intoxication
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substances
- unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Verhine, Robert E; 44
- FTA-driving under the influence

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Hallmark Farms (from Front)

do a Hallmark Christmas home tour."

The City of Warrior and WPD have been working to return the property to its former glory. The tree and barn used to be lit up every year. After Ted and Mary Hallmark passed away in 2013 and 2014 respectively, the property sat idle until the Hallmark Farms Cooperative bought it in 2018. Last year was the first in several years that the tree was lit. This year the barn and cross were lit as well.

"I remember as a child coming up and down the interstate this time of year and seeing all of this, and being so amazed," said Taylor.

The farm is one of Warrior's greatest attractions and will soon generate more revenue. Mayor Johnny Ragland said, "We've got a steakhouse that's committed, going on the other side of the interstate. We're working on a big project, if it comes through, a $250 million project."

Hallmark Farms Cooperative is honoring the Hallmark family by preserving the house and providing economic growth for the surrounding community through redevelopment of most of the site for retail, restaurant, light industrial and office space. The Cooperative's master plan for development can be found at www.hallmarkfarm.org.

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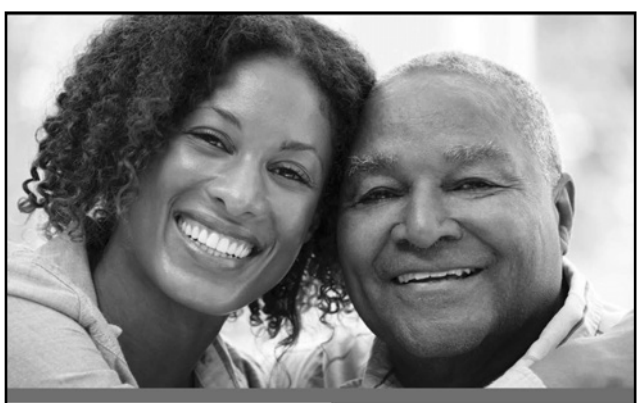
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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 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.
• Sunday, Dec. 4 - 8 a.m. Prayer - Join Kevin and Pastor Bobby Sunday to pray for our church, nation, for those who need healing, salvation and deliverance.
• Sunday, Dec. 4 - 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. 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.

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.

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: Dec. 3-4, 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.

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:
• Dec. 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 Dec. 9,10,16,17,23 – $10
• Kids' rides Dec. 9,10,16,17,23 – $5

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

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 Community Band Christmas Concert
Monday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Cullman High School auditorium. Free.

Cullman Women Sing Concert
Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. at Seventh Street Baptist Church in Cullman. The concert is free. We will be presenting Christmas music.

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.

Senior Movie Day- "Miracle on 34th Street"
Friday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Northbrook Baptist Church. Free popcorn, drinks, coffee and cookies. For seniors ages 55 and older.

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 Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park
Saturday, Dec. 10. The parade begins at 2 p.m. at Good Hope High School and ends at Good Hope Municipal Park for Christmas in the Park from 3-5 p.m. with food, activities and Santa.

Fairview Lions Club Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec. 10, at 4:30 p.m. at Randall Shedd Park in Fairview. The parade will start lining up at 3:45-4 p.m. at the turnaround by the school and start at 4:30 and will end at the park. Anyone is welcome to participate. We will have a lighting of the tree with carols being sung, the reading of the Christmas story, free hot chocolate and cookies. Bring the kids because Santa will be there! For more info, call Kita at 256-358-8805 or William at 256-385-5596

Inaugural Supper with Santa
Saturday, Dec. 10, from 5-6:15 p.m. at Frio's Gourmet Pops. Enjoy pancakes, patty sausage and a picture with Santa. A Christmas donation will be made to Curt's Closet. Limited tickets. Email cullman@friospops.com to RVSP.

Santa a Jack's in Dodge City
Monday, Dec. 12, from 5-7 p.m. The restaurant is located at 325 Alabama Highway 69 S, Hanceville, Alabama 35077. Jack's will host Santa for a special evening of holiday cheer and hand-made Southern food. Families are invited to a free visit with Santa for pictures while enjoying Jack's Southern homestyle menu among festive decor and a warm fire.

Free Christmas Meal for Seniors
Thursday, Dec. 22, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Hanceville Civic Center. There is no charge for the meal, but the City of Hanceville is limiting it to 250 people. So please RSVP at 256-352-9830 ext. 123. Senior Outreach will be providing entertainment, and we will have guest speakers and door prizes! The event starts at 10:30 and food will be served at 11:30. To donate money or door prizes, please contact the number above! Thank you to everyone involved in the planning, donations, preparation of food and spreading the word about this lunch for seniors. We want to make sure nobody goes without a Christmas meal.

Weight Loss Support Group
Thursday, Dec. 22, 6-7 p.m. in the Cullman Regional COE Conference Room – Professional Office Building 1, 1948 Alabama Highway 157. 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.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

December 1, 2022 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

ADPH COVID-19 dashboard changes
As of May 19, 2022, the Overall Levels of Community Transmission was removed from the Data and Surveillance Dashboard. We have added two tabs: Community Levels for the public and Community Transmission Levels for healthcare facility use only to the Dashboard Hub: arcg.is/0brSGj.

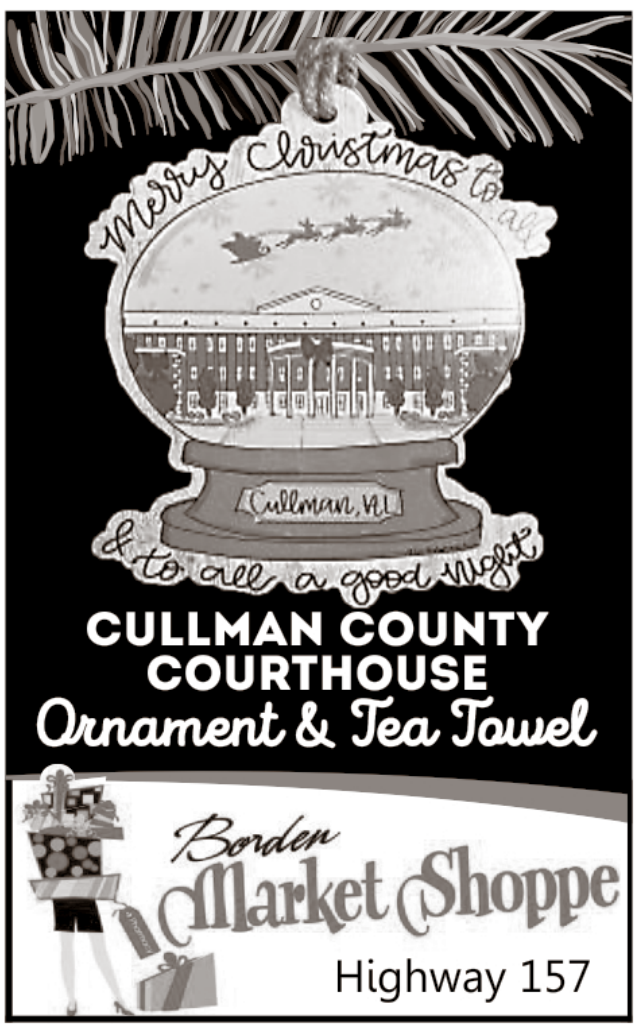
Case details* (Updated Thursdays)
• Positivity in tests in Alabama: 9.8%
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,822
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 538,459
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 622,618
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,189
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,558
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 3,896
• Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 7%
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,567
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 9,754
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2022): 12,467
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 188
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2022): 70
• Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 428
• Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 30
• Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 23,688
• Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 2,331

Vaccine details (updated Thursdays)
• Doses delivered to Alabama: 10,910,595
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 5,467,565
• Doses administered: 6,632,557
• Additional doses administered: 979,382
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,946,781
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,442,273
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 5,443,030

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

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PREP BASKETBALL

Raiders race past Broncos 59-42, Lady Raiders handle Holly Pond 51-16

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Good Hope Raiders and Lady Raiders were both back home to host a pair of varsity matchups against Holly Pond and both teams were able to collect impressive wins over the visiting Broncos. The Lady Raiders got things started with a 51-16 win over the Lady Broncos and in the boys' game, Good Hope put together a great effort defensively to defeat Holly Pond 59-42.

Good Hope 51 – Holly Pond 16 (Varsity Girls)

A three-pointer by Ivey Maddox and a quick basket by Bailey Tetro gave Good Hope a 5-0 start over the Lady Broncos but Alana Phillips scored inside to get Holly Pond on the board and make it a 5-2 game. The Lady Raiders maintained a 6-4 lead midway through the first quarter and a three-pointer from Heather Tetro stretched the lead to 9-4 with two minutes remaining in the period. An Ellie Burks basket made it a 9-6 game late in the first but a 6-0 run by Good Hope made it a 15-6 game going into the second.

Kamryn Tankersley scored to trim the lead to 15-8 early in the second quarter but the Lady Raiders responded. A basket from Jolee McHan, along with three-pointers by Maddox and Lexi Collins, put Good Hope in front 23-8 with about four minutes to play in the first half and Bailey Tetro buried a three in the final moments of the period to give the Lady Raiders a 28-10 advantage at the break.

Good Hope began to pull away in the third quarter. A pair of Charly Johnson free throws extended the lead to 34-10 early in the third and a three-pointer by Bailey Tetro made it 37-10. Baskets by Rudi Derrick and Heather Tetro added to the lead as the quarter went on and Bailey Tetro knocked down another three just before the end of the period to put the Lady Raiders in front 46-13 going into the final frame. Good Hope outscored Holly Pond 18-3 in the third.

Another steal by Bailey Tetro led to an easy basket for Heather Tetro early in the fourth and Collins drained her second three-pointer of the night to make it a 51-13 game with two minutes to play. Maycie Black scored inside, and Burks split a pair of free throws to get the Lady Broncos back on the board, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Raider lead and Good Hope went on to win it over Holly Pond 51-16.

Bailey Tetro led the way for the Lady Raiders with 20 points in the win. Maddox added eight, Heather Tetro finished with seven and Collins posted six. Tankersley and Phillips each finished with four points for Holly Pond.

Good Hope 59 – Holly Pond 42 (Varsity Boys)

Points were tough to come by in the opening minutes of this one. Blake Rickard and Colton Lindsey exchanged baskets to keep things tied at 2 midway through the first until K'mal Bell drilled a three-pointer to give the Raiders a 5-2 lead. Lindsey followed with a three of his own to make it an 8-2 game later in the opening period and Jacob Haynes knocked down a three to extend the lead to 11-3. Kollin Brown buried a three for Holly Pond to stop the run and trim the lead to 11-6 going into the second quarter.

Christian Couch scored inside to cut the lead to 11-8 but Bell answered with another trey on the other end to keep the Raiders in front 14-8. Sawyer Olinger knocked down a jumper to make it a 4-point game but that's when six straight points from Tyler Cone gave Good Hope 20-10 lead with five minutes remaining in the half. Couch and Dakota Overton exchanged baskets to make it a 22-12 game and following a nice basket by Bell, Rickard scored for the Broncos on the other end to hold the lead to 10. Back to back buckets by Cone put the Raiders in front 30-16 with one minute to play in the period and Haynes and Bell combined to net three free throws in the final minute to give Good Hope a 33-16 lead at the halftime break.

A three-pointer by Brown cut the Raider lead to 37-19 early in the third quarter and Rickard scored inside to make it 37-21. After five straight points from Bell made it a 42-21 game, Rickard split a pair of free throws and Olinger drilled a three to trim the lead down to 42-25 with two minutes remaining in the third. However, Weston Hancock scored the next five points for Good Hope and Haynes added a basket in the final moments of the period to put the Raiders back in front 49-29 going into the fourth quarter.

Good Hope's defense continued to make things difficult for the Broncos, but Rickard was able to hit a three with around three minutes left to play to make it a 53-34 game. Bell and Haynes each netted a pair of free throws to keep the Raiders ahead 57-36 late in the fourth and Holly Pond continued to battle but the Broncos couldn't climb all the way back and Good Hope held on to win it 59-42.

Bell led the Raiders with 18 points in the win, followed by Cone with 14. Haynes added nine and Hancock and Lindsey each finished with seven. Brown led Holly Pond with 13 points in the loss. Rickard posted 11 and Couch and Olinger each finished with six.

Good Hope will be on the road Friday night for a pair of matchups at New Hope and Holly Pond will be back home Tuesday night to take on Cold Springs.



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Good Hope's K'mal Bell led all scorers with 18 points in the Raiders' 59-42 win over Holly Pond Thursday night.



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Good Hope's Bailey Tetro (53) posted led the Lady Raiders with 20 points in their 51-16 win over Holly Pond Thursday night.

'Give it your all and never give up': West Point's Liberty and Laklin Shadix excited for basketball season

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WEST POINT, Ala. — Last year, the West Point Lady Warriors had another great basketball season, finishing runner-up in the area and clinching another spot in Sub-Regionals. That season was the first one on varsity for junior Liberty Shadix and eighth grader Laklin Shadix. They learned a lot from that experience and from playing for Coach John Welborn. Now they're excited to build on that experience this season.

"Being on the varsity team was a lot different than being on JV. It was different because last year was my first season on varsity and I grew a lot. I was used to being a point guard. Coach John Welborn put me down in the post. I learned a lot of post moves," Liberty said.

"He definitely pushes us a lot. He expects a lot out of us, and he always think we should do better than we have been. I learned that we have to be in shape. He's been teaching me a lot of things down low, and he's been having me go through some dribbling drills."

"It was good. It was really different because I was a 13-year-old playing against 18-year-olds. I learned how to have a good attitude, no matter what we're doing," Laklin said. "We had to move a lot of JV players up to varsity because we lost three seniors last year. We had to build up and we started playing well. I like coach Welborn because he pushes us to do better every game and at practices, he teaches us some new stuff and, on our drills, it's not the same drill over and over again. It's different drills to help us with different stuff. I had to get in rhythm at shooting and dribbling because he wants me to be able to take the ball down the court and shoot and get in the post sometimes."

They played with three great seniors in Ryleigh Jones, Summer Mendoza, and Braelee Quinn last year and they learned a lot from them as well.

They made a lot of progress during the summer play-day games and they have set some goals for themselves and the team.

"They always gave it their all and they always went after it. They taught me to always laugh and make a good moment," Liberty said.

"You shouldn't expect one person to do it all because we all have to work together as a team. I need to get better at dribbling and shooting the ball more.

"We need to work as a team more instead of doing individual things. We have a lot of good shooters, and we have some height on our team.

"We'll be good to watch because we have a lot of chemistry on this team, and this is going to be a building year this season. We're all going to be together on the team more and we're going to building up as we go."

"They were always confident and always tried to pump us up before the game. They were really good at teaching us new plays. They taught us positivity and communication," Laklin said.

"I learned a pretty good bit about the girls and how they played. When we get back and start playing, I'll be able to know where they'll be, so I'll know if I'm able to pass it to them at low post. I would like to be able to handle the ball better and shoot better.

"My team goal is to have a better attitude. We'll be special to watch this year because we're really young and I think we have good potential this year."

They watched their oldest sister, Lexi, achieve a lot on the volleyball and basketball court during her years at West Point and they took away so much from watching her play. She gave them some advice to keep in mind while competing as well.

"She always had a good attitude and helped bring everyone up, so I feel like that part in her is in us too," Laklin said. "She told us to play defense and offense will come. I really loved watching her from the stands. I want to beat her records (laughs). I learned how to have a positive attitude because it makes a big difference."

"She would always say give it your all and never give up." Liberty said.



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West Point's Liberty (left) and Laklin (right) Shadix.

CCSO shares Christmas safety tips

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) shared several safety tips for residents to remember this holiday season.

AROUND THE HOME

• Keep your doors and windows locked at all times.

• If you are leaving for an extended period of time, have neighbors or family members check on your residence and pick up your mail.

• Leave a radio or television on to give the appearance that someone is home.

• Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.

• Be aware that criminals sometime pose as couriers delivering packages or gifts.

• Never open the door if you are uncertain about who they are and do not hesitate to call law enforcement if issues arise.

• Be skeptical of door-to-door solicitors. Criminals will take advantage of people's generosity during the holiday season.

WHILE DRIVING/ SHOPPING

• Keep your doors and windows locked, whether you are inside or out of your vehicle.

• If you must shop at night, remember where you park, and park in a well-lit area.

• Pay attention to vehicles you park next to; avoid vans, camper shells or vehicles with dark-tinted windows if possible.

• Park as close as possible to your destination, especially at night or if you are alone.

• Never leave your vehicle running while unoccupied (or with children inside).

• Do not leave valuables in plain sight.

• Have your keys readily available as you approach your car.

• Always be aware of your surroundings, especially as you are approaching your vehicle.

• Do not approach your vehicle if there are suspicious people loitering around the area.

• Ask security or store personnel to escort you to your vehicle if you are apprehensive.

For questions or to report an incident, contact your local law enforcement agency.

• Cullman County Sheriff's Office: 256-734-0342

• Cullman Police Department: 256-734-1434

• Hanceville Police Department: 256-352-9811

• Emergencies: 911

Capitol Christmas tree lit

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama's annual Capitol Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony took place Friday evening.

Arriving at the Alabama State Capitol, accompanied by a blue siren escort from the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA), an Eastern Red Cedar, donated by the Allen family of Fitzpatrick, Alabama, was harvested and delivered to the front steps by the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) Monday afternoon.

As trees in years past have measured in at approximately 35 feet high, this year's cedar boasts a towering height of 40 feet, earning it the recognition of being the largest displayed Christmas tree during the Ivey Administration.

Each year, upon the tree's arrival, a team of ALDOT workers lock, even and center cut the tree before it is hoisted into its stand.

Throughout the week, ALDOT workers garnished the Bullock County evergreen with 38,000 lights, 67 stars representing Alabama's 67 counties and handmade ornaments from the Garden Club of Alabama. Each handcrafted decoration reflects the theme of "Every Light a Prayer for Peace."

Not only is this embellished Eastern Red Cedar defined as an outlier due to its height, but also because of its display of a luminous change that debuted during the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday.

Friday's festivities included the 151st Army National Guard Band playing various musical selections. Gov. Kay Ivey, Montgomery First Baptist Church Senior Minister Rev. Mark Bethea and Commander and President of Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base Lieutenant General Andrea Tullos, among others, delivered remarks. The governor gave the countdown before she flipped the switch to light the official state Christmas tree.

"Growing up, Christmas was about coming together with your loved ones to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This time of year serves as a great reminder of the spirit of hope, joy, love and thankfulness that we should all exhibit in our day-to-day lives," said Ivey.

"With our freedoms protected by our service men and women and veterans, our safety provided to us by law enforcement and our days kept moving by our everyday heroes, like teachers and nurses, we truly have plenty to be thankful for this season."



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52 ODES TO JOY: S.U.N.S. LIFELONG LEARNING

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"WOOK! WOOK!", a double exclamation, were my first words.

I was mimicking my hyper-observant, deeply curious mother as she pointed out discoveries -"LOOK! LOOK!" - which she found interesting and thought might engage my sponge of a brain. Whether by genetics or pedagogy, her legacy to me was what inventor Buckminster Fuller called "the gift of perpetual curiosity."

"If curiosity killed the cat, it was satisfaction that brought it back," winks writer, Holly Black.

Youthfulness is a satisfying combination of energy and curiosity. Forget you're aging; c'mon get curious. You could load up with buckets of "duckface" Botox and look as wrinkle free as a Kardashian's behind; however, without living in constant wonderment, you are already old, tired, dull and possibly dead.

S.U.N.S. LIFELONG LEARNING incorporates the four basic elements of the S.U.N.S. (Smile-Making, Uniting, Neighboring, Spellbinding) acronym we associate with "joyous aging." Questions to ignite your curiosity are: What things, thoughts and experiences do I find SMILE-MAKING? Who do I want to know better and what might I explore with them to connect more deeply for greater UNITING? It's in our nature to want to make a positive difference in the world; how might others best benefit from my skills, knowledge and passions in positive, NEIGHBORING ways? What do I want to study intensely, fully, captivatingly and what would find SPELLBINDING?

S.U.N.S. LIFELONG LEARNING has bright, ever-blazing "stars." One I am pleased to call a friend is Jay Jones. He is based in Auburn, Alabama, and associated with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). I first knew Jay when he was teaching the history of a religion. Over the years of our friendship, I have enjoyed his guitar plucking, folk singing, stage acting, gerontology counseling, bourbon wisdom and enough bull shot between us, we could fill Jordan-Hare Stadium.

We got together for a bit of Friendsgiving last week and Jay entertained my questions related to S.U.N.S. LIFELONG LEARNING. Days after our exploration for this article and a stadium filled with his insights, Professor Jones communicated, "You gotta get these two in," so I'm beginning with them:

A favorite poet of his, Anne Sexton, wrote this about learning: "Watch out for intellect because it knows nothing and leaves you hanging upside down, mouthing knowledge as your heart falls out of your mouth."

"The JOYrontologist" RECOMMENDS this classic navel-gazer (omphaloskepsis in Ancient Greece) for holiday giving since Jay Jones said it is his all-time favorite: "THE BOOK OF JOY: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World" by Dalai Lama and Bishop Desmond Tutu.

Now, the interview:

What is your personal motto? "Look for reasons to make things happen!"

What learning experiences do you find SMILE-MAKING? "Three things make me smile: children, music and being at the Altar with Clergy. Likely the most seminal experience of my life was as a camp counselor for the first RR Brown Camp for inner city children at Camp McDowell in Arkansas. We had 70 children, all of whom had to pass the swimming test. Each would jump in and sink to the bottom or fight the water to stay afloat. I don't think one passed. When they returned home, each had Red Cross Beginner's Swimming Cards and incredible grins. That makes me smile still!"

What living "seeker of learning" do you most admire? "Bart Ehrman. While his path was academic, mine has been following much the same trajectory but without academic framing. I simply read everything he wrote. That was my springboard to other authors like Marcus Borg and N.T. Wright."

What subjects have you found the most compelling to study in your life? "Religions and the layman's understanding of medicine."

What are three books you suggest everyone study? "Like Stephen Prothero, author of 'Religious Literacy,' I find most 'believers' know little about that which they believe or other religions. I absolutely encourage the study of the Bible, its history and development. It is surprising how rich and vibrant the color of the palette becomes when one understands why there are duplicate stories in the Hebrew Bible. And, why all the directives don't line up. That is refreshing. Thinking is required.

"Bart Erhman's works are highly recommended. I read the first one, 'Misquoting Jesus,' and could not wait for his subsequent books to come out. I originally thought he was debunking religions but found him adding significant depth and understanding and ultimately, meaning. The New Testament came alive for me.

"N.T. Wright has a book, 'Paul: A Biography.' Much of the Christian belief is Paulinian Doctrine. Here is a man who never met Jesus, argues with the apostles but provides the bulk of our understanding of who He was and therefore what we believe."

LIFELONG LEARNING standouts from your home state of Arkansas include John Grisham, Alice Walton and Helen Gurley Brown. Who is another you would want readers to know about? "A name that most people would not know, Harper

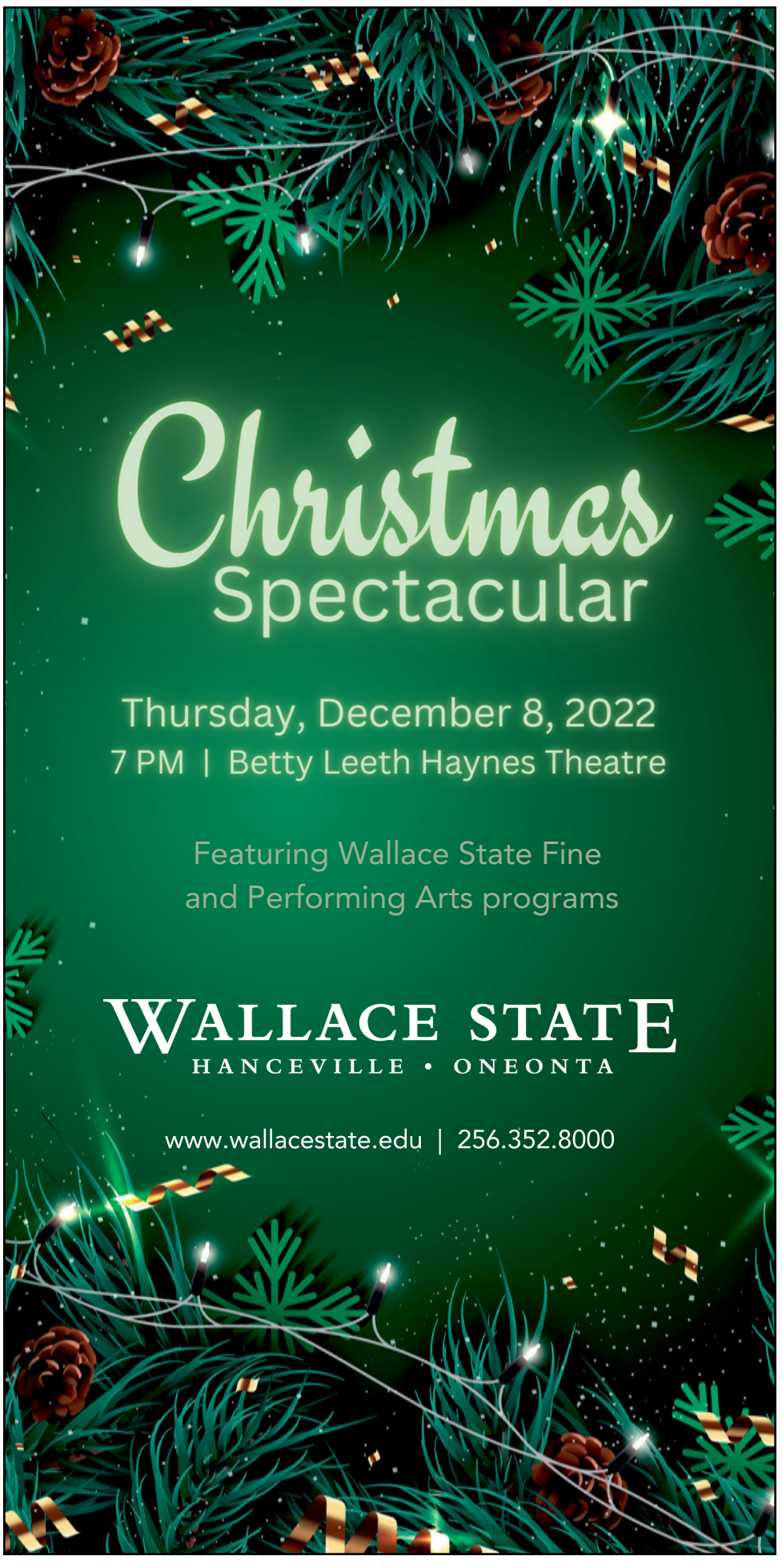
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W. Boyd Jr. His enthusiasm and encouragement created a spark that finally ignited my desire to learn. As a former dean at Northwestern, Stanford, University Arkansas and finally UALR, his command of the discipline of marketing was unchallenged. His nurturing style encouraged me to dig deeper for a better understanding."

Where is a great place for someone who values LIFELONG LEARNING to live? "I am in a place (Auburn, Alabama) where learning opportunities are highly encouraged and available...a community with an open mind which fosters learning at all ages and provides those opportunities. With the internet, even a closed-minded community has some opportunities, but they are more difficult to come by. A mind is like a parachute some say. They work best open!"

LIFELONG LEARNING and OLLI. I know you are an OLLI fan. What impresses you most about this program? "Mostly that it is organized and coordinated by education professionals. The staff pays attention to the details, so you feel like you have support staff. And it can be found at most universities in the U.S."

What is a regret you have related to LIFELONG LEARNING? "I'm not old enough to have a regret yet!"

S.U.N.S. LIFELONG LEARNING encourages you to "grow until you can't." There's no need to put a lot of unnecessary pressure on yourself to learn something new. Learn like kids do best, in low-pressure environments that allow for a lot of trial and error. Pick something that is already SMILE MAKING for you and expand on it; take it to another level. Enjoy UNITING with a study buddy or buddies. Learn new ways to serve others through NEIGHBORING. (Holiday hint: Come join us birders across America for the Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count.) Each of us has natural talents and those become better with practice which allows you to get out of the everyday rut and is SPELLBINDING.

S.U.N.S. LIFELONG LEARNING ODES FROM OTHERS

"I think at a child's birth, if a mother could ask a fairy godmother to endow it with the most useful gift, that gift would be curiosity."—Eleanor Roosevelt

"Don't go through life, grow through life."—Eric Butterworth

"The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be kindled."—Plutarch

"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existence. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of their mystery each day."—Albert Einstein

"Study hard what interests you the most in the most undisciplined, irreverent and original manner possible."—Richard Feynmann

"It is simply this: Do not tire, never lose interest, never grow indifferent—lose your invaluable curiosity and you let yourself die."—Tove Jansson

"A person without curiosity may as well be dead."—Judy Blume

"We keep moving forward, opening new doors and doing new things, because we're curious, and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths."—Walt Disney

LIFELONG LEARNING LAFFS

America believes in education: The average college professor earns more money in a year than a professional athlete earns in an entire—day.

The Department of Education is canceling $150 million in student loans. Those are four lucky people.

Alabama was ranked as one of the "Best States for Education." We made it into the top 50.

JOY-GIVERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Dec. 3—Amanda Seyfried
Dec. 4—Jay-Z
Dec. 5—Walt Disney
Dec. 6—Steven Wright
Dec. 7—Louis Prima
Dec. 8—James Thurber
Dec. 9—Emmett Kelly

VIRGINIA HAM-WRAPPED UTAH DATES HOLIDAY APPETIZER

(Source: RachelRayShow.com)

Each week, "The JOYrontologist" shares a recipe which salutes a healthy food produced in America. This week we use both lean, Virginia ham and Utah dates. The delicious and nutritious collection is called, "The S.U.N.S. Longevity Cookbook" and highlights vitamin B-3 (niacin) which many gerontologists believe holds the promise of a long, healthy, joyful life.

INGREDIENTS
- 30 dates, pitted
- 15 thinly sliced pieces Virginia ham, halved lengthwise
- 2-3 tsp. jalapeno-infused oil

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place a pitted date at the end of each piece of ham and roll it up. Repeat until all the dates are rolled in ham.

2. Arrange the ham-wrapped dates on a cookie sheet, seam-side down. Bake in 350F oven until the ham is crispy and the dates are warm and gooey in the center, about 12-15 minutes.

3. Remove from the oven, arrange on a plate and drizzle with the infused oil.

"The JOYrontologist" RECOMMENDS pairing the sweet nuttiness of this appetizer with a full-bodied Friulano from the Collio region in northeast Italy. A good vintage, remember some wines like some people are—BETTER WITH AGE—is Gradis'ciutta 2021 Friulano which has delicate aromas of Alpine herbs and peaches.

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

(continued)

991. "School days, school days, good old, golden rule days"

992. Sidney Poitier as schoolteacher, Mark Thackery, in "To Sir, With Love"

993. "To Sir, With Love" sung by Lulu

994. "My Old School," by Steely Dan

995. "Fe-fe, fi-fi, fo-fo, fun; I smell smoke in the auditorium," sung by The Coasters

996. Dusting blackboard erasers on the playground

997. The smell of a new book satchel and the big box of Crayola Crayons

998. Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry

999. "Old School" starring Will Ferrell as Frank

1,000. "The School of Rock"

1,001. Singing the alma mater

HAPPY NEW MONTH AND LIFELONG LEARNING!

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

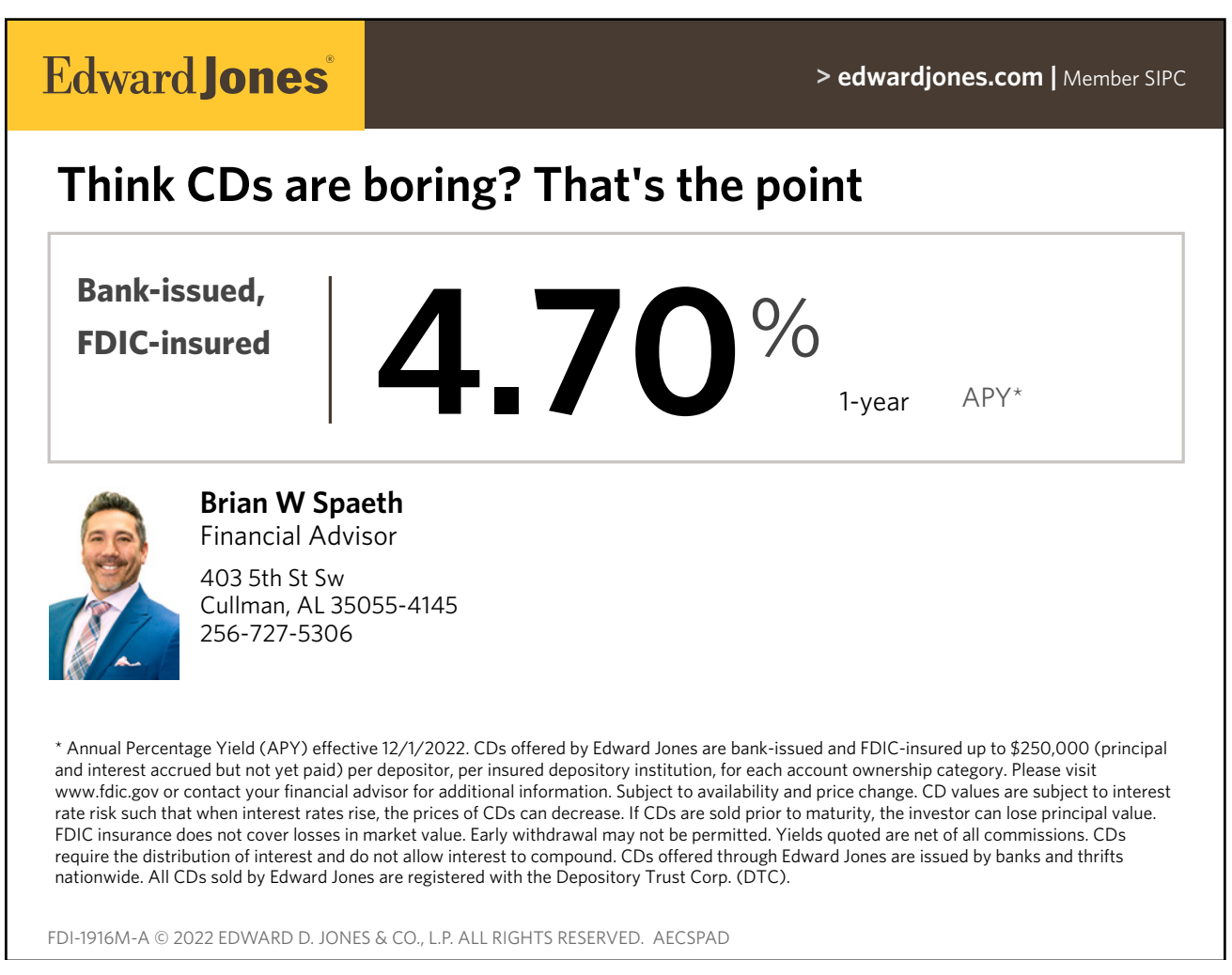














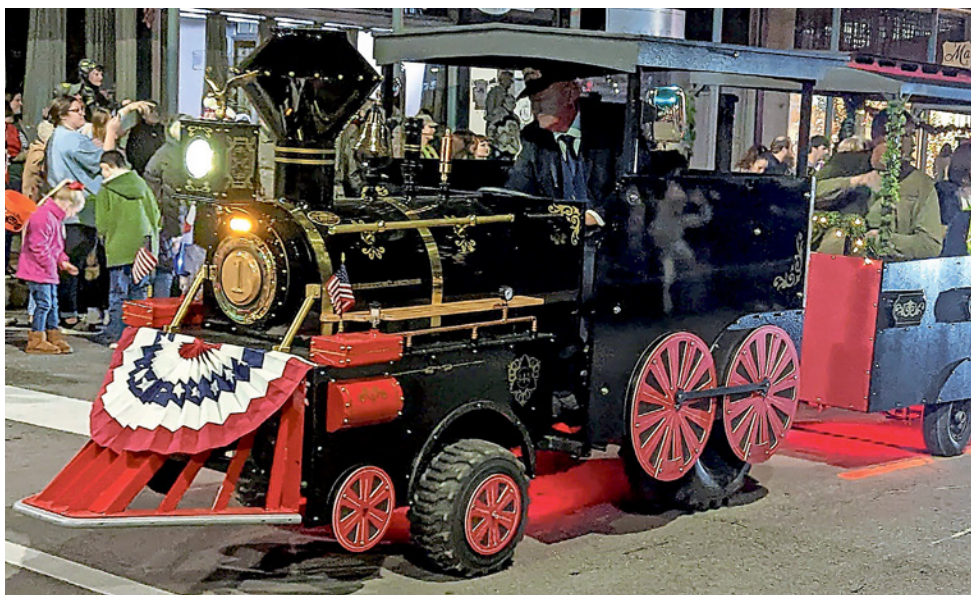
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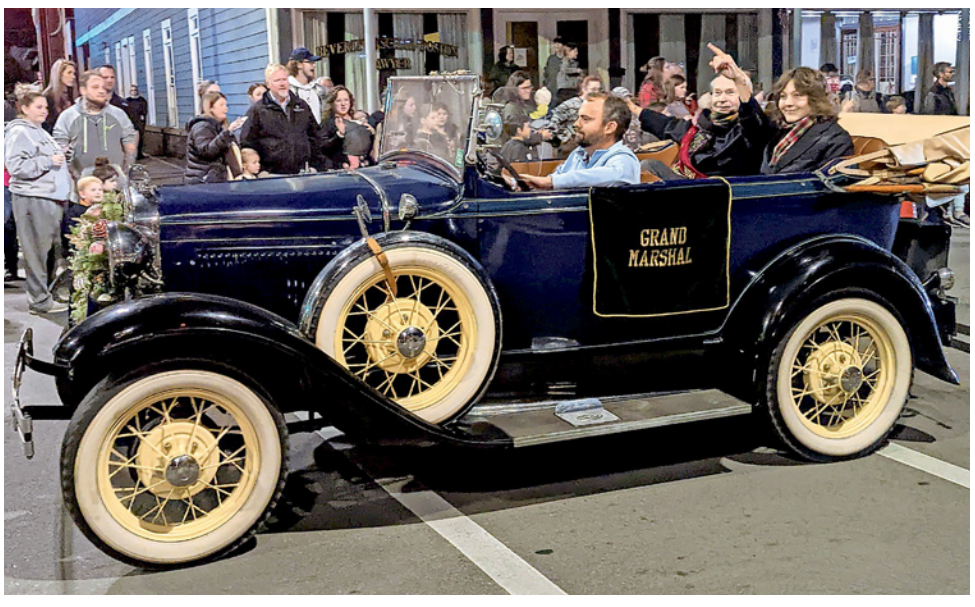
Christmas in Cullman

Throngs of Christmas lovers lined many blocks along First Avenue in downtown Cullman for the city's annual Christmas parade Friday night. The inaugural grand marshal, Perry Warren, and everyone's favorite Santa Claus were in attendance.

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Autism Spectrum Disorder Identification Cards issued at county health departments

ADPH
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Imagine you hear loud sirens, see bright lights, and are stopped by a law enforcement officer while driving alone. Imagine that you are on the autism spectrum and are increasingly overwhelmed with sensory overload well before the officer or a first responder reaches the vehicle. Fortunately, tense situations such as this one can be de-escalated in many situations if the individual has an Autism Spectrum Disorder Identification Card and keeps it handy.

Alabama created and implemented the first state-recognized Autism Identification Card in the United States, and county health departments issue them.

Alabamians who have a diagnosis that falls within the autism disorder spectrum may apply for an identification card that can assist in their interactions with first responders and law enforcement officers during potentially stressful situations.

Wording on the card explains that the individual falls within the autism spectrum and may have difficulty communicating or understanding directions.

The card further states that the person may become agitated if touched because of his or her medical condition.

Before a card is issued, a health care provider (such as a psychologist, pediatrician or family practice doctor) must verify that the person is on the autism spectrum.

The cards also contain the contact information for someone who can confirm the cardholder's diagnosis and give information that may help calm the individual. The Autism Spectrum Disorder Card Registration Form (www.alabamapublichealth.gov/disability/assets/autismspecdiscardregform.pdf) may be downloaded, printed and brought to any county health department.

Adult drivers should come in person and bring their government issued driver's license when applying.

For children and adult family members, parents/caretakers can take their child or adult family member and a government-issued form of identification to apply.

The adult, child or adult family member diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder must be present to receive the billfold-sized card. Health department employees issue the card upon receipt of a completed application and payment of $10.

ACES: Pest proof your home to keep critters away this winter

Staff Reports
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AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — Winter can bring a seemingly sudden invasion of indoor pests when the weather turns cold. Dealing with these critters can be challenging, however they can be stopped at the door with the right preparation. An Alabama Cooperative Extension System entomologist has tips to mitigate winter's seasonal pests.

Pests in the home

When winter weather arrives, some pests hibernate while others look for warm, protected spaces with plenty of food and water to survive for several months. According to Alabama Extension Entomologist Xing Ping Hu, the most common places are under rocks and fallen logs, in woodpiles, tree holes, leaf litter, beneath tree bark and deep soil.

However, most people see these pests when they come into their homes. Hu said this is typically an accident.

"Unfortunately, some of them may wander into or invade homes accidentally," Hu said. "Ironically, indoor conditions in living spaces, especially low humidity, are not the preferred choice for most species, so many will die of dehydration."

Many of these creatures can be found flying and buzzing around before locating preferred spaces such as wall voids, attics, crawlspaces, basements, garages, shelters, corners, under patios and many other places.

Common pests to look for

There are several common pests that can be found in homes in the Southeast.

- **Stink bugs** – Stink bugs include the brown marmorated stink bugs, Kudzu bugs and others. All of these pests emit a foul pungent odor when they feel threatened.

- **Ladybugs** – Ladybugs like to congregate in big groups on the sunny side and upper corners of homes. These pests are generally harmless but can emit a yellow, foul-smelling liquid when disturbed.

- **Cockroaches** – Cockroaches can contaminate food sources and spread diseases, and their allergens trigger allergies and exacerbate asthma symptoms.

- **Spiders** – Spiders are common in the home yearround, but many species tend to breed in the fall. This means homeowners may see a population boom in the winter, particularly brown recluse spiders.

- **Flies** – Flies are often found in the home—especially cluster flies. These pests don't bite or sting but can be very annoying and make homeowners feel like the home is filthy when they aggregate in large numbers in basements around water heaters.

- **Ants** – Ants do not hibernate, which makes them opportunistic food seekers. Ants stay inactive when it is cold and resume foraging when it becomes warm.

- **Centipedes** – These pests look creepy, and all species can bite but not all are life-threatening.

- **Boxelder bugs**

- **Beetles**

Pests can be found anywhere, but some are more common based on their geographical region in the United States. Cockroaches and bedbugs are more common in urban areas because their diet revolves around humans and what is kept in the home.

Hu said stink bugs and lay beetles are more problematic in rural areas because they live and feed on agricultural crops and fruit trees. However, pests can be found anywhere. Urbanization has lessened the differences between urban and rural areas. Pests seek out food, water and shelter. Anywhere they can find these resources is where people will find them.



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Pest proofing your home

Hu said there are several practices that can prevent pests from entering the home.

"The best time to begin pest proofing homes is when the first cold front hits," Hu said. "Although, doing these things at any time can help make a difference."

- Move wood piles, debris, garbage cans and household items away from the foundation and exterior wall of the home. Moving them 20 feet away is ideal.

- Keep trees, shrubs and potted plants away from the home. Trim back limbs overhanging the roof as well. This will also help spring pest populations.

- Keep storage items organized in airtight storage bins or containers.

- Use a vacuum to physically remove pests.

- Check anything brought into the home for hitchhikers.

- Keep counters and floors clean and free of crumbs.

- Seal the home with door sweeps and new weather stripping. Fix water leaks, as well.

- Traps and insect monitors can be helpful and easily purchased.

- Chemicals are the last step, and people should only use outdoor applications.

More information

There are many home pest resources available under The Home section of the Alabama Extension website, www.aces.edu. There, you can read more about pests that may plague your home and how to control them.

Christmas joy for seniors

Area seniors were welcomed to the 20th Annual Sportsman Lake Park Winter Wonderland Thursday, Dec. 1, to enjoy the Christmas lights on Senior Night. The Cullman County Commission on Aging handed out candy to guests and thanked Cullman County Parks and Recreation for its partnership in celebrating the community's seniors.

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Cards (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Several nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Cullman County are accepting Christmas cards for seniors to help brighten up their holiday season. Special messages or pictures drawn by children are greatly appreciated. Some facilities have cut-off dates for receiving cards and others will accept them for as long as they are sent in. Cards can be dropped off or mailed to any of the following facilities:

• Cullman Health and Rehab houses up to 95 seniors and is accepting cards through Dec. 16 at 1607 Main Ave. NE, Cullman, AL 35055.

• Monarch Place houses 54 seniors and is accepting cards at their facility through Dec. 22 at 105 Michelle St. NW, Hanceville, AL 35077.

• Hanceville Nursing and Rehab houses up to 208 seniors and is located at 420 Main St. NE, Hanceville, AL 35077.

• Hanceville City Hall will also be accepting cards to be delivered to Monarch Place and Hanceville Nursing and Rehab residents through Dec. 9. Hanceville City Hall is located at 112 Main St. SE, Hanceville, AL 35077.

• The Folsom Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare houses around 85 seniors and is located at 401 Arnold St. NE, Cullman, AL 35055.

• Westminster Assisted Living houses around 40 seniors and is located at 1020 Olive St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

• Woodland Haus houses around 40 seniors and is located at 1900 Olive St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

• The Neighborhood at Cullman houses 40 seniors and is located at 2021 Dahlke Dr., Cullman, AL 35058.

Medicare Open Enrollment ends Dec. 7

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Time is running out for Medicare Open Enrollment. Consumers must enroll by Dec. 7 for coverage beginning Jan. 1, 2023. Open enrollment is the opportunity for participants to compare health and prescription drug plans, or add extra benefits. The Alabama Department of Senior Services (ADSS) and the Alabama State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) are ready to assist citizens with the open enrollment process.

"All eligible participants should take this opportunity to ensure they have the right Medicare plan for their individual needs," said ADSS Commissioner Jean Brown.

"Medicare Open Enrollment is coming to an end, and I encourage all participants to review their plans before the deadline."

During the annual enrollment period participants may:

• Drop a Medicare Advantage Plan

• Cancel an existing Part D plan

• Enroll in a Part D plan

• Change from one Medicare Advantage plan to a different one

• Change from Medicare to a Medicare Advantage plan

• Change from one Part D prescription drug plan to another

There is a change in Medicare coverage for Part D insulin costs beginning Jan. 1, 2023.

Plans cannot charge more than $35 for a one-month supply of each Medicare Part D-covered insulin, and there is no deductible for insulin.

Brown said ADSS and SHIP are ready to help answer questions about open enrollment.

"Through Alabama SHIP, certified counselors and volunteers are committed to helping Medicare beneficiaries make informed choices regarding health benefits at no charge to Medicare recipients," Brown said.

"Counselors and volunteers are not affiliated with an insurance company and will not attempt to sell insurance to Medicare beneficiaries."

In 2021, there were more than 1 million Medicare beneficiaries in Alabama enrolled in both Medicare Part A and Part B. There were 218,784 individuals enrolled under age 65, many of whom required assistance and counseling regarding their benefits and plans. Alabama SHIP educated or counseled over 48,000 Alabama Medicare recipients in 2021, Brown said.

Local SHIP counselors can be reached at 1-800-243-5463 or on the ADSS website at AlabamaAgeLine.gov/helpservices/.

Antibiotics (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Alabama State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris recently released information about the importance of taking antibiotics only when appropriate, due to concerns about increased antibiotic resistance from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

While antibiotics are useful in killing germs, their use cause antibiotic resistance to develop. This occurs when germs mutate to withstand the antibiotic. The germs, including bacteria and fungi, are not killed by the medication and continue to increase.

The CDC considers antibiotic resistance and antibiotic-resistant infections to be one of the most critical threats to public health in the United States and worldwide. Almost 3 million infections occur in the country yearly with more than 35,000 deaths attributed to antibiotic resistance.

The resistance does not imply that the body is resistant to the medication, rather the germs that live in the body are not killed by the medication as intended.

Once antibiotic resistance is developed by the bacteria, the medication cannot kill them and the germs multiply.

The infections that are resistant to antibiotics are difficult, if not impossible, to treat.

The germs circulate through hospitals, nursing homes, food supplies, communities, soil and water.

Below is information provided by the CDC:

• Antibiotics can save lives. When a patient needs antibiotics, the benefits outweigh the risks of side effects and antibiotic resistance.

• Antibiotics do NOT treat viruses, like those that cause colds, flu or COVID-19.

• Antibiotics are only needed for treating certain infections caused by bacteria, but even some bacterial infections get better without antibiotics. Antibiotics are not needed for many sinus infections and some ear infections. Antifungal drugs treat fungal infections.

• An antibiotic will not make you feel better if you have a virus. Respiratory viruses usually go away in a week or two without treatment. Ask your health care professional about the best way to feel better while your body fights off the virus.

• When antibiotics are not needed, they won't help you, and the side effects could still cause harm. Side effects range from minor to very severe health problems. When you need antibiotics for a bacterial infection, the benefits usually outweigh the risk of side effects.

• Taking antibiotics can contribute to the development of antibiotic resistance. Antibiotic resistance occurs when germs like bacteria and fungi develop the ability to defeat the drugs designed to kill them. If antibiotics lose their effectiveness, then we lose the ability to treat infections, like those that lead to sepsis.

• If you need antibiotics, take them exactly as prescribed. Talk with your health care professional if you have any questions about your antibiotics.

• Talk with your health care professional if you develop any side effects, especially severe diarrhea, since that could be a Clostridioides difficile (C. difficile or C. diff) infection, which needs to be treated immediately.

• Do your best to stay healthy and keep others healthy by cleaning hands by washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, staying home when sick and getting recommended vaccines, such as the flu vaccine.

• Antibiotics aren't always the answer. Everyone can help improve antibiotic prescribing and use. Improving the way health care professionals prescribe antibiotics, and the way we take antibiotics, helps keep us healthy now, helps fight antibiotic resistance and ensures that these life-saving antibiotics will be available for future generations.

• Keep in mind that when antibiotics are not necessary, they will not help, and their side effects could still cause harm. Ask your health care provider about other options. Taking antibiotics only when needed can protect you and your family from antibiotic resistance.

Obituary Announcements: Dec. 1-2

Gary Ray Marsh, 64
A Graveside service for Gary Ray Marsh, 64, of Cullman will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022, at First Baptist Fairview Cemetery. Dr. David Chambers will officiate the service. The visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022, at Cullman Funeral Home. Mr. Marsh was born Nov. 2, 1958, to Thomas Willie, Sr. and Edith Wynell Butler Marsh. He passed away Nov. 30, 2022, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was a member of First Baptist Fairview. He was a great husband, dad, who cared about his family and loved everyone. Mr. Marsh was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Willie, Sr. and Edith Wynell Butler Marsh. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Judy Marsh; sons, Joshua (Denise) Marsh, Robert Marsh; brother, Thomas (Joan) Marsh, Jr.; sister, Mary Wynell (Robin) Howard; grandchildren, Lizzy Seidel, Joshua Marsh, Jr., Hayden Seidel, Brandin Marsh, Carson Marsh; great grandchild, Izy Bea Heard-Marsh; and a host of family and friends. The pallbearers will be Michael Howard, Mitchell Howard, Matthew Howard, Josh Marsh, Jr., Brandin Marsh, Neal Pierce; Carson Marsh will serve as an honorary pallbearer.

Bradley Jay Nease, 57
Bradley Jay Nease, of Baileyton, Alabama, passed away Nov. 29, 2022, at the age of 57. Mr. Nease was born in Phoenix, Arizona, on Aug. 5, 1965, to Vernon Leroy Nease and Viola Mouse. B.J. was a diesel technician and he loved to work on cars and engines. He was passionate about NASCAR and enjoyed attending the race in Talladega. B.J. also enjoyed camping, eating at Rosie's Mexican Cantina, and was an Oklahoma Sooners fan. And while his family believes his little dogs were possibly more important than they were, Mr. Nease's love for his family was evident. He loved his wife, Kelly, dearly and absolutely adored his children and grandchildren. B.J. was an amazing man and he will be missed greatly. Mr. Nease is preceded in death by his father. He is survived by his wife, Kelly Goodwin Nease; mother, Via Hill; sons, Bradley Nease (Ashley), Danny Nease (Leighanne); daughters, Nichole Miller (P.J.), Kelsey Ramsey (Aaron); sisters, Pam Bohannan (Brad), Debbie Howell (Tommy); and grandchildren, Brody, Aubrey, Olivia, Kaitlin, Ezra and Eden. Friends are invited to visit with the family, at the funeral home, Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. A graveside service will be held at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022, in Baileyton Cemetery.

Wayne Wesley Floyd, Jr., 54
Wayne Wesley Floyd, Jr., age 54, of Cullman, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2022, at his residence. He was born Feb. 2, 1968, in Georgia to Wayne Wesley Floyd, Sr. and Sherrell J. Floyd. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his son, Zach (Krista) Floyd; grandchildren, Kyleigh Floyd, Eli Floyd, Amelia Floyd, and Sawyer Floyd; sisters, Tracey Floyd Williams and Shawn Floyd; brother, Scott Floyd; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

James "Jimmy" Pace, 65
James "Jimmy" Pace, age 65 of Hayden, passed away Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022, at his home. He was born June 1, 1957, in Athens, Georgia to George Barney Pace and Mildred Inez Bentley Pace. Jimmy served in the United States Army and enjoyed being outdoors. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Mildred Pace. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 23 years, Jennifer "Jenny" Myrick Pace; son, James "Little Jimmy" Shelnutt; siblings, Jerry Pace, John Pace and Kathy Turgeon; many nieces, nephews, in laws and friends. The family will have a private memorial service at a later date and time.

James Burl Chappell, 85
Graveside service for James Burl Chappell, 85, of Cullman will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, at Valley Springs Baptist Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Cullman Funeral Home from 10-11 a.m. Saturday. Mr. Chappell passed away Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2022, at CRMC. He was born Aug. 26, 1937, to Felix and Edna Russell Chappell. He was a loving husband and father. He worked for 43 years at Cullman Products. He was a Baptist deacon for 53 years and was a member of Beech Grove Baptist Church. He was a veteran and served his country in the United States Navy. Mr. Chappell was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers and sisters. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Ima Gean Chappell; son, Tony (Bridgette) Chappell; brother, Delma (Wenona) Chappell; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Rachel and Ray Bridgmon; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Paula Kay Harris, 61
Paula Kay Harris, age 61 of Phil Campbell, Alabama, passed away Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022, at her residence. Paula was born March 27, 1961, in Cullman, Alabama. No services will be held at this time. Paula is survived by her mother, Carolyn Faye Hodge; daughter, Lamanda (Joseph) Winstead; son, Kaleb Harris; sister, Lamanda Harris; granddaughters, Hailey Winstead (Preston) and Serinity Winstead; grandson, Keith Harris; stepchildren, Heath Pierce, Justin Pierce, and Stacey Pierce; special cousin, Sharon Harris; nieces, Allison, Faith Ann, Crystal and Abby; nephews, Cory, Kolby, and Jason; and a host of great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, A.C. Cockern and Mosel Fredrick Cockern, and Elick Harris and Willie May Maze Harris; brother, Michael Harris; father, Euclid "Romeo" Harris; special uncle, Dwight Cochran; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Gerald "Cotton" Lee Haynes, 79
Funeral Service for Gerald "Cotton" Lee Haynes, age 79, of Vinemont, will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Eugene Loyd officiating, interment in Flint Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Mr. Haynes went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022, at his residence surrounded by his family as he peacefully entered Heaven's gates. He was born Aug. 21, 1943, in Cullman, Alabama, to Earl and Alice Haynes. Gerald was an icon in the town of Vinemont and was known for his love of sports. He was a great athlete in younger years playing both basketball and baseball. He channeled his love for baseball by spending years officiating baseball and softball games in North Alabama. He had a love for Alabama football that he could talk about for hours on end, and he could be seen at almost every game. Gerald made countless friends around the United States quail hunting and training dogs. The most important thing that Gerald will be remembered by is his love for his wife of 58 years, Joyce, his children, grandchildren, family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; son-in-law, Steve Mays; and granddaughter, Skylar Ann Mays. Survivors include his wife, Betty Joyce Brannon Haynes; children, Regena Haynes Mays, Greg Haynes and Lindsay Haynes (Tommy) Robinson; grandchildren, Allison (Brandon) Parker, Lauren (Eric) Smith, James (Anna) Nunn V, Hayden Robinson, Peyton Mays, Parker Mays, Reagan Robinson and Grayson Robinson; great-grandchildren, Keaton, Cotton, Raycelyn and Asa Coffee, Brooks, Bryce and Davie Parker and Finley and Norie Kate Smith; sister, Sheila (Eugene) Loyd; and a host of nephews, family, and friends. Pallbearers are James Nunn V, Hayden Robinson, Peyton Mays, Parker Mays, Chris Loyd, and Trent Loyd. Honorary pallbearers are Keaton Coffee, Cotton Coffee, Asa Coffee and Grayson Robinson.

Thomas Ray Baker, 29
Memorial service arrangements for Thomas Ray Baker, 29, of Cullman are incomplete at this time and will be announced at a later date. Mr. Baker passed away Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022, at his residence. He was born Nov. 18, 1993, to Larry Lee and Regina Dobbins Baker. He was preceded in death by his father, Larry Lee Baker; grandparents, Gleen L. Baker and Ray and Myrl Dobbins. Survivors include his wife, Kendall Elam Baker; daughters, Riddle and Kenadi; mother, Regina Dobbins Baker; grandmother, Doris Fay Baker; mother-in-law, Lori (David) Bates; father-in-law, Kevin (April) Elam; grandparents, Buck and Sherrie Simmons, James and Donna Burns; brothers, Justin Baker, Steven Baker; brother-in-law, Kyle (Kelsi) Elam; aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

How to play pickleball when you're old and cold

Bill King
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This the season to be jolly...and to put on a few-extra pounds. Since 1986, my favorite mode of exercise has been racquetball. Most weeks, I have played 2-or3 times. Another exercise I do regularly is deep-elbow bends at the dinner table... breakfast table...lunch table... etc. I have come to realize that deep-elbow bends do not contribute to weight loss! They may bulk up your arms if your fork is heavy enough, but they will also bulk up your midsection...or should I say fluff up your midsection? Because I'm Baptist, and we Baptist enjoy doing elbow-bends regularly, I have to do some kind of exercise regularly.

Recently, I have discovered a new kind. I have fallen in love with pickleball. With that mound of food I consumed at Thanksgiving, and all that food I most likely will eat during Christmas, I desperately need to play both. Lately, I've been on the pickleball courts more than the racquetball courts.

I guess, because I can't remember the last time I celebrated a sixteenth birthday, playing something every day of the week except Sunday has begun to hurt. Now I'm faced with a choice. I can either stop eating or keep playing every day and live with the pain.

By the way, that menthol aroma you smell is my new cologne. I only rub it on what hurts. That would be my knees, ankles, right shoulder, and right wrist, both big toes, and my ears!

My hair would probably hurt too, but there's not enough of it left. A few weeks ago, I visited an orthopedic specialist for the first time ever.

I doubt it will be the last. When I asked him what was causing my knee pain, he replied, "Too much birthday cake!"

I've decided to back off on racquetball some and keep on with pickleball. It is so much fun that's it hard to believe it is exercise.

There are, however, a couple of problems with playing pickleball with my group of dinkers. For one thing, the ladies often bring cookies, cakes, and other weight-producing goodies. I don't have a problem with that, but there's those elbow bends again!

Another problem with pickleball is that we play outside. While I do love the great outdoors, it does get cold out there this time of year. I'm not completely sure why anyone would leave a nice, warm and cozy, indoor racquetball court to go outside in the freezing weather to play. It has to be the cookies! In my older years, my body's thermostat has messed up, and I have become more-cold natured.

When I go out to play pickleball in freezing weather, I'm so bundled up I can hardly move. I'm like Ralphie's little brother on A Christmas Story who said, "I can't put my arms down!" All those clothes, plus a big wrap-around knee brace, makes me look like either the Michelin Man, or the Abominable Snow Man!

To add insult to injury, my braces cause my skin to break out in a rash. What a dilemma! It's kind of like pick your own poison...I can either hurt or itch. If I wrap my braces outside my pants, it prevents the rash, but I can't keep my knee brace in place. The other day it slid down all the way to my ankle, but it felt so good I just left it there!

I may market my new found discovery. I could call it the slidable knee- and-ankle brace. One brace that helps both joints...a little at a time on each one. I'm really in a "pickle" as to what to do!

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1955

From the files of 1955

Fred Harbison won the Grand Championship at the Beef Show with a shorthorn steer. Mary Wood won Reserve Champion with a Hereford steer.

Don Morgan, nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Morgan, won the Cub Scout Soap Box Derby, last Sunday afternoon here. Don is in Mrs. Ruth Edward's fourth grade room in East Elementary School.

Six year old Douglas Romine is recovering nicely in a New Orleans hospital after undergoing plastic surgery, last Thursday morning. Plans are for him to leave the hospital, on April 29th. However, he will have to go to his physician for treatment, every other day, for some time.

Douglas was seriously burned at his home in Saudi Arabia two years ago.

Mrs. Romine last month brought Douglas from Arabia to the states for the operation.

Also coming with them were the Romine's other children, Sharon and Michael, who are staying here in Cullman with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Romine. Sharon has entered the East Elementary School, where Miss Frances McPherson is her teacher.

This is her first experience of attending school in the states and she likes it very much.

Miss Pearl Raney, sister of the late Mrs. J.T. Winn, of Cullman, died in a Jasper Hospital, Sunday p.m. Funeral services were held in Athens, at 3:00 p.m., on Monday.

Reverend G.M. Bynum was the officiating minister, with Stanfield of Jasper directing interment.

Survivors include: a sister, Mrs. J.M. Maples, of Florence and several nieces and nephews.

Relatives from Cullman attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Entrekin, Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Ellard.

Two mystery farms were identified this week. The farm published in the April 7th issue of the Tribune, was that of Dwight Tilley, of Route Four, Cullman and the April 14th farm was that of Eldridge Harris, of Route Two, Hanceville.

The first persons to identify the Tilley farm were Kermit Wix, Mrs. O.M. Earl and H.J. Tilley.

The previous owner of this forty acre farm was H.K. Tilley, who had owned it for some forty years, having inherited it from his father, who in turn had owned a five-hundred acre tract.

The farm was just put under plow seven years ago, when the Dwight Tilleys came into possession of it. They do tractor farming and grow sweet potatoes and plants as well as vegetables for trucking. Their favorite livestock is hogs.

The Tilleys were married on December 22nd, 1948 and have two children, Dennis, five and Donna, three. They are members of the Bethsadia Baptist Church and Farm Bureau. His hobby is livestock, particularly hogs and her hobbies are music and flowers.

One of the greatest honors ever received by Mr. Tilley was in 1948, when he received his American Farmer's Degree, in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Harris farm is better known as the W.B. Scott place and it was thus that the first ones, Stella White and Eloise Madison, identified it. The Harrises have very recently bought this farm.

Mrs. Harris is the former Lacie Lynn. They were married in 1946 and have two children, Carolyn, eight and Lynn, four. They are members of Beech Grove Baptist Church.

POET'S CORNER

Psalms 117 KJV

O praise the Lord, all ye nations:

praise him, all ye people.

For his merciful kindness is great

toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.

Praise ye the Lord.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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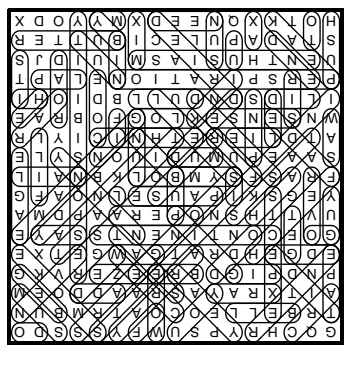
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WVTM

Jerry Tracey's Day of Giving raises $55K+ for Children's of Alabama

Staff Reports
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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – WVTM 13 viewers and employees raised more than $55,000 during Thursday's Jerry Tracey's Day of Giving Telethon benefiting Children's of Alabama.

After hundreds of pledges, the total amount ended up at $55,109.

In October, Jerry Tracey announced his retirement from WVTM after 35 years as chief meteorologist at the station. Tracey was a co-host for the Children's Miracle Network telethons from 1989 until they ended in 2006. The telethons aimed at increasing awareness and funds for Children's of Alabama and other Children's Miracle Network hospitals across the country.

In honor of his 35-year career of giving back to central Alabama, WVTM 13 teamed up with Children's of Alabama for Thursday's event.

If you missed giving on the telethon and wish to donate to Children's of Alabama you can do so at https://secure.childrensal.org/site/Donation2.

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book group "Official xLights Support Group," a community of those all over the country who develop Christmas light shows, that helped him get started.

This year, starting in August, he began the process of learning how to put on his own show. A contact from Louisiana made him a control box that controls the light sequences. He uses software called xLights, a free program, to schedule each of the songs in the show. Allred also has an F.M. transmitter that only transmits a short distance but allows visitors to tune in to 100.1 to hear the synched Christmas music in their cars.

Allred said that the entire process was easier than he expected and that the community of people who put on their own light shows was incredibly helpful. "People do it because they love it," he said. Many donated their time to help him learn.

His main drive for starting the light show was to create something his kids and grandchildren could enjoy for years to come.

He spoke about the "Simcoe Lights" display at the Swindle family property along Alabama Highway 69 that everyone in Cullman County of a certain age grew up enjoying, saying, "I remember going to that all the time and just going down Highway 69 and seeing the lights hanging 50-60 feet in a tree and, as a kid, you think, 'How did that happen?'"

He wanted to create a similar sense of wonder for others. On Nov. 12, Allred held a "flip the switch" night for his family and friends to experience the light show first. He said that since they enjoyed it so much, he hoped others would as well. The show has been running since Nov. 13. Showtimes are Sunday-Thursday, 5:30-9 p.m. and Friday-Saturday, 5:30-11 p.m.

"It's kids and adults. You see adults just in awe," said Allred. "I feel like I've been blessed by God. I think I've found something I really, really love." He plans to add more to the show each year. Some who have visited the show have told him that he should charge admission, but, he said, "You're bringing something to somebody to put a smile on their face. It's paid for, so it's not a big deal for me."

Lights on 436 will be open until Jan 2 at 5070 County Road 436 in Cullman County.

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