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'A vision for where students need to be'

ARC and ADECA tour CATA

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VINEMONT, Ala. — Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Federal Co-Chair Gayle Manchin, Alabama Department of Economic Development and Community Affairs (ADECA) Director Kenneth Boswell, Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer and others toured the Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) with Principal Dr. Susan Patrick and Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette Wednesday to observe how its grant money is being utilized while also gauging the school's future needs.

Manchin sat down with The Tribune and to share why the visit was important.

"Because my background is in education, I get pretty excited about having the opportunity to visit facilities that are really on the cutting edge of doing great things for our students," she » PAGE 8



AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Appalachian Regional Commission Federal Co-Chair Gayle Manchin toured the Cullman Area Technology Academy on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Santa and Mrs. Claus bring Christmas to Cullman Co. CDC









AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Students at the Cullman County Child Development Center enjoyed special visitors Friday, Dec. 9.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Christmas and Santa Claus came early at the Cullman County Child Development Center Friday, thanks to Wal-Mart Distribution Center #6006. Santa and Mrs. Claus visited students in their classrooms with gifts from their Christmas lists donated by the Cullman Wal-Mart Distribution Center and the Wal-Mart Heart program.

The gleeful joy from the young students and bright smiles filled the school as the Clauses made their rounds distributing toys. Gifts from the North Pole ranged from remote-controlled cars to dolls and Paw Patrol playsets. Several students opted for one big present like a bicycle instead of several smaller ones.

Principal Chris Chambers expressed his thanks to Wal-Mart associates for the gracious gifts, saying, "I really appreciate y'all. Y'all are helping us to make a difference."

Wal-Mart Distribution routinely gives back to the community in Cullman through efforts with the United Way of Cullman County, the school systems and more.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 8-9

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 8-9, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Dec. 5
- trespassing; Co. Rd. 264
- theft of property, harassment; Co. Rd. 747
- theft of property; Hwy 278 W
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 850
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 781
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 1635

Dec. 6
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 616
- burglary; Co. Rd. 1555
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 1282
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 866
- harassment; Co. Rd. 109
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 1141

Dec. 7
- receiving stolen property; Co. Rd. 109
- selling/distributing drugs, unlawful possession of marijuana; Hwy 69 S
- harassment; Co. Rd. 956
- attempting to elude law enforcement; Co. Rd. 307
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 1237
- harassment; Co. Rd. 939
- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 1422
- unlawful possession of controlled substances; Co. Rd. 109

ARRESTS

Dec. 5

Fanning, Nathan D; 38
- FTA-public intoxication

Lawrence, Raymond D; 33
- possession of dangerous drugs

Dec. 6

Kimbril, Nathan D; 36
- FTA-driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Roach, William L; 46
- FTA-driving under the influence of alcohol

Speakman, James R; 27
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA-passing forged instrument
- FTA-public intoxication

Taylor, Randy E; 56
- Probation violation-possession of dangerous drugs

Dec. 7

Beasley, Anthony R; 51
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA-selling/distributing dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA-possessing forged instrument

Burns, Steven C; 37
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

Chandler, Joseph R; 41
- public intoxication

Childers, Matthew E; 24
- Probation violation-buying/receiving stolen property

Collins, Joshua T; 32
- Violation of release order-possession of drug paraphernalia
- Violation of release order-possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA-expired tag
- Violation of release order-larceny/theft

Crawford, Devon R; 19
- possession of marijuana
- selling/distributing methamphetamines

Hall, Justin T; 33
- attempting to elude law enforcement
- alias writ of arrest

Horton, David L; 62
- FTA-burglary-residence
- FTA-unlawful breaking and entering vehicle
- possession of methamphetamines
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- larceny/theft
- FTA-using false identity to avoid arrest/hinder prosecution
- FTA-robbery-business
- FTA-identify theft

McCarty, Braxton A; 19
- buying/receiving stolen property

Perkins, Anthony J; 30
- FTA-criminal mischief
- FTA-larceny/theft

Pickens, Jordan D; 19
- possession of marijuana

Roberson, David R; 40
- GJ-ignition interlock misdemeanor
- GJ-driving under the influence of alcohol

Sadler, Justin D; 33
- FTA-driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Simmons, Tevoris M; 37
- FTA-forgery-checks
- FTA-possessing forged instrument

Watson, Dang S; 48
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-2nd offense (3 counts)
- FTA-possession of marijuana (3 counts)
- FTA-promoting prison contraband (drugs)
- promoting prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA-operating vehicle with expired tag
- FTA-driving while license suspended
- FTA-lane change without proper signal
- FTA-operating vehicle without insurance

White, Phillip J; 62
- Probation violation-possession with intent to distribute controlled substances

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Dec. 2
- leaving the scene of accident; 2nd Ave SW; damage to 2017 Mazda; $300
- leaving the scene of accident; 3rd St SE and Convent Rd NE; damage to 2015 Chevy Silverado

Dec. 7
- theft of property-4th degree; WalMart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $221

Dec. 8
- theft of property-4th degree; Jewelers Cut and Pawn; 2nd Ave SW; wrench
- theft of property-4th degree; WalMart; Olive St SW; general merchandise; $112

ARRESTS

Dec. 7

Lay, Rachel L; 31
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substances
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Mannery, Joshua I; 43
- FTA-unauthorized use of vehicle

Dec. 8

Lambert, Michael L; 41
- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA-failure to register
- FTA-driving while suspended
- FTA-insurance violation

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Wreck (from Front)

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VINEMONT, Ala. — A Falkville woman died following a two-vehicle wreck that occurred along U.S. Highway 31 in Cullman County Wednesday.

Alabama State Troopers said Marquetta D. Vinson, 41, died at UAB Hospital.

The wreck happened near County Road 1282 north of Hurricane Creek Park.

Troopers said Vinson was driving a 2007 Ford Fusion and was critically injured when her vehicle was struck by a 2014 Ford Fusion driven by Gregory S. Ross of Cullman.

Vinson and Ross were both transported to UAB Hospital for treatment, but Vinson succumbed to her injuries.

No further information is available as Troopers continue to investigate.

ULA (from Front)

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DECATUR, Ala. — United Launch Alliance (ULA), along with partner Beyond Gravity, has begun construction on the $300 million expansion of its Decatur facility announced back in August 2022. AL.com reported that ground was broken on the project in October and building permits issued this week. Upon completion, the 500,000-square-foot expansion is expected to create 250 jobs.

The expansion was necessary after ULA's deal with Amazon, one of the largest deals in aerospace engineering in history, to build 38 rockets to put internet-delivering satellites in orbit. Beyond Gravity is already the largest rocket parts supplier in Europe and is already operating in Alabama.

At the groundbreaking in October, ULA President and Chief Executive Officer Tory Bruno said the expansion will support "the biggest commercial contract ever awarded in history that will bring a constellation of satellites providing broadband across the planet."

Expected to be completed by April 2026, the expansion will add to the 2 million-square-foot ULA Decatur facility already in operation.

The order of 38 rockets "is the largest commercial order that's ever been awarded, so we're excited about that," said ULA Chief Operating Officer John Elbon.

Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer is optimistic about what the expansion could mean for Cullman and its potential partnerships, stating, "Anytime a new company comes in or a company expands in our region it creates to opportunity for our industries to supply parts or our workers to have options."

With a total expansion investment totaling over $300 million, ULA will double its launching capabilities.

The first launch of the new order is expected in 2024.

"The launch rate is being increased significantly around the world," said Elbon.

"Space is just taking over like crazy."

Hanceville (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville Fire Department recently earned Advanced Life Support certification from the Office of Emergency Medical Services at the Alabama Department of Public Health. The certification allows department members to perform the same life-saving measures as paramedics. Residents in medical distress will no longer have to wait for an ambulance to arrive before advanced life support begins.

"We appreciate the council for what they've done over a lot of years approving budgets and things that have brought us to this point," shared Hanceville Assistant Fire Chief Bart Absher.

"This has been about five to six years in the works. We are now able to supply the exact same care as the ambulance services.

"We just don't transport. For anybody in our service area, we can go ahead and start IVs, start doing advanced airways, treat pain and cardiac cases.

"We can get that started before the ambulance even arrives.

"We already have the supplies and have had several calls where we've already used them. It's a privilege to be able to do this for Hanceville."

The department was busy last month with two live fire extinguisher classes for Wallace State Community College students and three days at the school's Let's Pretend Hospital, where members met over 1,000 students.

Additionally, the HFD fielded a total of 100 calls with 10 lift assists, nine motor vehicle accidents and 75 medical calls with 48 patients requiring additional medical care.

The department has handled 1,312 calls so far this year.

Hanceville seniors are encouraged to join the council at the Senior Christmas Luncheon Thursday, Dec. 22, at the Hanceville Civic Center.

The doors will open at 10:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:30. Only 100 of 225 available seats have been reserved so far.

Reservations can be made by calling Hanceville City Hall at 256-352-9830. Chicken and dressing, collard greens, potatoes and more are on the menu.

The council set a public hearing for the new Dollar General located on Arkadelphia Road, after considering the recommendations of the Alcohol Review Committee.

The hearing will be held Dec. 22 at 5:30 p.m. The council voted to allow the city's participation in the Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday Feb. 24-26, 2023.

The Hanceville Planning Commission's recommendations for Tiny House Neighborhood stipulations were passed on to City Attorney Dan Willingham to review.

Willingham will provide the council with his recommendations at a later date. The City will surplus three side-by-side four wheelers.

Hanceville City Hall will be closed Dec. 23 and 26 for the Christmas holiday.

The next council meeting will be held Dec. 22, with a work session at 5 p.m. and meeting at 5:30.

Surplus (from Front)

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — After budgeting $7.7 billion in tax revenue, the State earned $10.4 billion, creating a $2.7 billion surplus for fiscal year 2022, which lawmakers will have to decide how to spend during the next legislative session, according to the Alabama Association of School Boards.

While the funds must be used for education, many options are available and legislators are reviewing the various needs in the state.

"This is a significant surplus, and we should spend it in areas that will not create issues down the road. With that being said, I think fully funding counselors, assistant principals and transportation for every school is very much needed especially here in Cullman County," said Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette.

"Most people do not know that the (Alabama) State Department of Education doesn't fund a full-time counselor at most of our schools, and they only fund a portion of what it takes to provide transportation to our students."

Barnette continued, "With inflation, the cost of purchasing a school bus has risen over $20,000 over the past two years to about $105,000, and the State currently allocates approximately $82,000. With us running 109 buses this difference adds up quickly. Outside of these things, I would like to see the state department use some of these funds for additional upgrades to our facilities and additional safety measures."

"This provides the state of Alabama tremendous opportunity to continue to increase their investment in public education," shared Alabama Association of School Boards Executive Director Sally Smith.

"There's some unmet needs in our schools, so we're urging caution as the Legislature goes forward at looking for usage for these funds."

Current teachers and school administrators feel the funds are needed in the classrooms, whether it be technology upgrades, school building repairs or directly in the classrooms themselves.

Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said he thinks the money would be best spent to "sustain math coaches, mental health specialists and intervention teachers."

He continued, "Fund assistant principals in every building and fund more counselors. Other one-time investments would include capital money to improve infrastructure, safety, standalone STEM labs, technology and fully fund transportation."

"It's time we put hands and feet back into the classroom because those are actually the people working with the children every day," agreed Central Alabama American Federation of Teachers President Erika Hughes.

Jim Kirkland, chief school finance officer of Trussville City Schools, said, "This could give us the ability to receive extra funds to provide services that some our services may need that we're struggling with right now. Just making our facilities the best. Whether it's technology, security, anything to make our schools better."

Lin Howell feels the money would be better spent on those who are retired from school systems instead of other interests. The Jefferson County School System retiree stated, "The retirees should get a one-time cost of living adjustment because I'm retired and what I'm making retired I'm still having to supplement it with another job."

Smith said avenues being explored include school nurse resources and improved school technology. She said the Alabama Association of School Boards is conferring with school boards across the state to gather their specific needs. While her department can provide suggestions, it will be up to legislators to decide how the surplus will be spent.

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 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! Pickup 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. 11 - Southern Gospel Singing 5 p.m. Everyone invited!

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. 10-11, 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. 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. 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.

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.
• Saturday, Dec. 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.

St. Bernard Prep Middle School Presents "The First Christmas"
Saturday, Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. in the Abbey Byre. Tickets are $5 each at the door. Limited seating. Contact Mrs. Dickerson at the school to purchase tickets in advance at 256-739-6682. This musical is about the first nativity.

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.

Holly Pond Homemakers Club Christmas Celebration
Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 11:30 a.m. at the Holly Pond Event Center. Bring a covered dish and gift of food (snacks, ~ $10).

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

Dec. 9, 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: 9.9%
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,822
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 538,459
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 628,373
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,189
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,558
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 3,926
• Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 7.9%
• 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): 12,569
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 188
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2022): 71
• Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 541
• Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 43
• Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 33,168
• Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 3,295

Vaccine details (updated Thursdays)
• Doses delivered to Alabama: 10,910,595
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 5,467,565
• Doses administered: 6,646,518
• Additional doses administered: 981,614
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,948,318
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,443,678
• 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/.

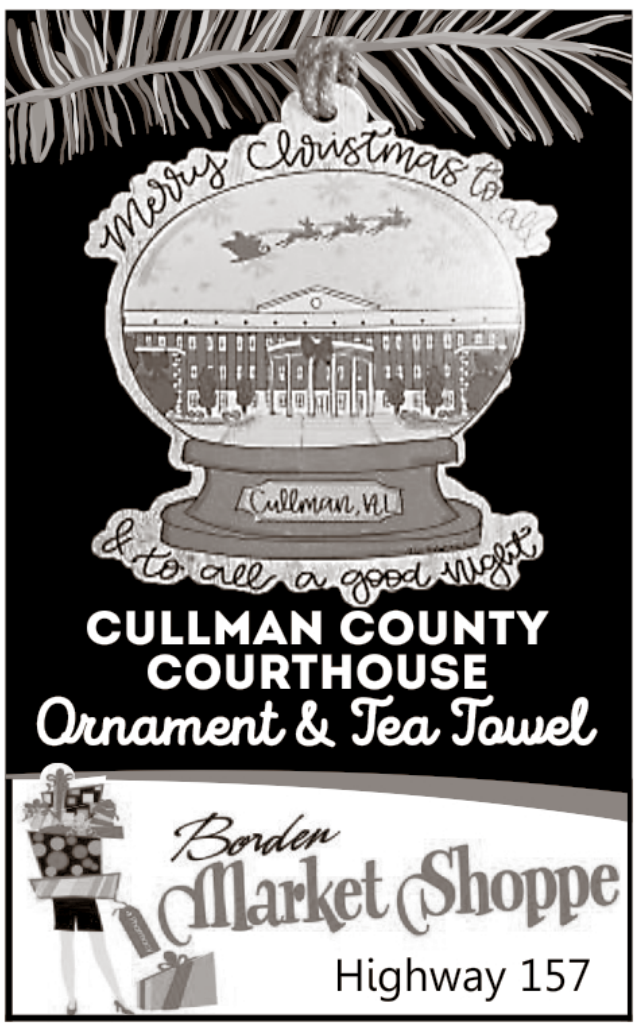
Caution (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Police Department (CPD) is urging motorists to use caution on the roads at all times and especially during rainy, foggy conditions due to reduced visibility and slick roadways.

An early morning crash on Thursday, Dec. 8, at Cherokee Avenue and 24th Street Southwest ended with a vehicle partially under a tractor trailer.

Fortunately, according to Officer Jeff Mize, the driver of the vehicle suffered only minor injuries and was treated at a local hospital.



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52 ODES TO JOY: S.U.N.S. BY DESIGN

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"Home is a vessel for your joys." That one-liner felt original to me this year and crystallized decades of pondering design. Friends were building new containers for living, and I had been exploring whether I'd find designing a new vessel to be joy-giving, or possibly re-design my current one for greater joy.

"Design is about making people happy, either functionally, aesthetically or emotionally," says designer Robin Siegerman. That has been my experience through years of product design and as a graphics/art/music/theater/fragrance designer.

S.U.N.S BY DESIGN takes the four, basic elements of the S.U.N.S. (Smile-Making, Uniting, Neighboring, Spellbinding) acronym for "joyous aging," and applies it to choices, much related to home design, and makes suggestions you might choose to elevate your own joy.

101 JOY-GIVING DESIGN IDEAS THAT WON'T BREAK YOUR BANK ACCOUNT

1. ADD DIMMERS to every light switch and lamp, then use them daily.

2. MUSICAL and SOUND AMBIENT VARIETY are FREE at YourClassical.org. If chamber music and opera are a bit too la-dee-dah for you there are lots of public radio stations featuring genres as diverse as New Orleans blues and country Americana to add FREE, immediate joy.

3. SURPRISE IS THE ZEST "I always put in one controversial item, it makes people talk" advised design legend, Dorothy Draper. Remember Holly Golightly's bathtub sofa?

4. CREATE A FRIENDS and FAMILY GALLERY WALL Gather random photos from around your house and showcase these important people in a new way. (UNITING)

5. CELEBRATE YOUR "PARTICULAR PASSION" whether it's sports, fashion, flowers, whatever—find a book with lots of photographs of that subject, remove the photograph pages (it's your book, no need to ask permission) and frame photos in inexpensive frames. (SPELLBINDING)

6. BUY A CITRUS-SCENTED or UPLIFTING HERB-SCENTED CANDLE The sense of smell is most closely connected to the area of the brain that manages emotion and joy.

7. MAKE TEATIME a REGULAR PLEASURE Green jasmine tea, anyone?

8. ADD THROW PILLOWS that give you TACTILE and VISUAL JOY Toss those that are sensory downers.

9. DISPLAY A COFFEE TABLE BOOK that celebrates a "particular passion" for you or your household.

10. LEAVE OUT A BASKET or BOWL of FAMILY/FRIEND SNAPSHOTS "Conversation starters" for days, then change them monthly for more FREE joy. Print out photos on your smartphone, four to a page, for this.

11. TRY MRS. MEYER'S HOUSE-CLEANING PRODUCTS for GREAT FRAGRANCE I'm not getting paid as an "Influencer" for this, I simply have found this company makes house maintenance a bit more joyous.

12. CHOOSE A ROUND OR OVAL DINING TABLE for better communication. Have lower objects at the center of the table when folks are seated. But, have a tall object (vase) during other times.

13. CONSIDER HAVING JUST ONE TYPE OF GLASSWARE I did this five years ago to simplify and do not miss the dust-collecting stemware. CHEER the new year with a tumbler of some tipple.

14. MASK SLEEP-DISTURBING SOUNDS using a safe, space heater with just the "fan" on.

15. PUT A "GRATITUDE JOURNAL" next to a chair or bedside and discipline yourself to update it daily/often.

16. SPREAD SOME JOY WITH "LAUGHING COW" CHEESE This year, a friend even upped that joy for me with a gift of "smiling" spreaders.

17. STUDY GREAT ARTISTS WHO GIVE YOU JOY Mine have long been Henri Matisse and Raoul Dufy but art is personal, the point is to look at SMILE-MAKING things.

18. PAINT A PAPER LAMPSHADE AN EXACT COLOR YOU LOVE.

19. GET A TASK LAMP for BETTER READING LIGHT "Every room should be a combination of invest, save, and splurge...and more lamps than you think you need."—Patrick J. Hamilton

20. EAT A HEALTHY PORTION OF YOUR FAVORITE COMFORT FOOD REGULARLY.

21. DESIGN A "PLANTRY" to have more "PLANT-BASED" FOOD STORAGE.

22. PAINT YOUR CEILINGS Consider sky blues, sunshine yellows, sunset pinks, faux silver/gold leaf (House Beautiful Magazine, February/March 2021 features a joy-saturated room designed by Kesha Franklin with a ceiling painted "egg yolk yellow.")

23. WRAP SOME FAVORITE, HARDBACK BOOKS in artful papers Hobby Lobby has tons of variety.

24. ADD ARCHITECTURE WITH WALL BRACKETS, MOLDINGS, CHAIR RAILS.

25. TRY DIFFERENT CABINET KNOBS Even a not-very-handy fellow like me can enjoy "Tool Time" with this.

26. FIND JOY DESIGN INSPIRATION at The Goodtime Hotel in Miami co-owned by Pharrell Williams and designed by Ken Fulk. www.thegoodtimehotel.com

27. JUGGLE SOME ORANGE in your color mix if you're looking for upbeat happiness, and add some greens for calming contentment—both add joy.

28. FEEL THE JOY OF VELVET This could be on the bench at the end of your bed where you are booting up for the day.

29. BLUR THE INDOOR and OUTDOOR for natural joys.

30. CORRAL SOME CHAOS and CLUTTER with a big tray instead of all those random objects on your coffee table.

31. DOUBLE THE SUNLIGHT WITH A MIRROR across from a window.

32. INSTANT SPA BATH with a garden seat next to your tub to hold a novel and a wine glass.

33. ADD LIFE WITH A REAL HOUSEPLANT.

34. CREATE A COFFEE/TEA NICHE with sweeteners, infusions and invitations for spooning.

35. LIGHTEN UP Replace wood tabletop with glass. Get something Lucite.

36. LESSEN BEDROOM BOREDOM Slip cover your headboard.

37. ADD A SKYLIGHT TO A DARK SPACE A professional can do this in one day.

38. DEEP CLEAN EVERYTHING YOURSELF, HIRE SOMEONE or BARTER.

39. CONSIDER HIGH-GLOSS VINYL WALLPAPER.

40. LACQUER PAINT A POWDER ROOM My mother did this in a fuchsia and it was a hit at every party.

41. SPARK JOY THE WILLIAM MORRIS WAY by purging with his dictum- "Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful or believe to be beautiful," then donate the rest to a NEIGHBORING cause.

42. DEFINE ZONES WITH AREA RUGS and reduce awkwardness.

43. TURN AN UNUSED CLOSET INTO YOUR "PARTICULAR PASSION" SPACE Crafting? Gift wrapping? Journaling? Scrapbooking? (SPELLBINDING)

44. IMPROVE SHOWER FLOW with an inexpensive, easy-to-install showerhead $50-75.

45. GILD A LILY? MAYBE NOT, BUT MAYBE A LAMPBASE or a footstool or...

46. WELCOME WITH JOYFUL HOUSE NUMBERS and/or MAILBOX.

47. MIRROR AN ENTIRE ROOM for Miles Redd "glam" "Life in the 21st century means taking the best of history and making it work for you."—designer, Miles Redd

48. FRAME THE GREAT OUTDOORS with BLACK WINDOW FRAMES INSIDE This seems counter-intuitive, but it draws your eye to the view beyond.

49. SHEERS FOR DAYTIME/BLACKOUT SHADES FOR SLEEPY TIME.

50. CHOOSE SMALLER DINNER PLATES and savor the joy of becoming a slimmer member of "The Clean Plate Club."

51. CALM NOISE WITH DYI PEEL-AND-STICK CARPET TILES.

52. ADD OUT-SIZED KNOCKERS FOR EXTERIOR DOORS Google images of designer Miles Redd's giant, silver-toned one at his NYC joy-nest.

53. "YOU'RE THE REASON OUR FAMILY HEIRLOOMS ARE UGLY" Well, no longer after you paint his hideous hall tree or her ungodly umbrella stand a glossy, groovy color.

54. PUT A FRAMED PHOTO OF A FAVORITE JOY-GIVER IN A CABINET YOU OPEN OCCASIONALLY A signed photo of comedian Milton Berle is in my liquor cabinet.

55. SOMETHING ZEBRA? Few things could give your guests more joy than the zebra-patterned booths at the El Morocco. How about a zebra wastebasket or a dressing room pouf or a picture frame?

56. A SMALL VASE of FRESH FLOWERS in the guest room? How about next to your own bed?

57. REMOVE A BOOKCASE SHELF AND SHOWCASE A PAINTING with a battery-powered portrait lamp.

58. LEAVE A PHOTOGRAPHY BOOK OPEN to display an engaging image. Turn the page, often.

59. WASH YOUR CHILD'S DULL HAIR IN FLAT CHAMPAGNE I swear I'm joking, it's just all these suggestions got to sounding veddy Dorothy Draper "WHY DON'T YOU..."

60. CREATE A DAVID HICKS-ian TABLESCAPE with stuff you already own Google Images of King Charles III's designing kinsman and his work.

61. PAINT A PIN-STRIPE or ADD A BAND OF TAPE/RIBBON near the ceiling to lift the eye.

62. USE YOUR BEST FLATWARE EVERY DAY Even your buck-toothed nephew is not going to wear it out.

63. YOU DON'T HAVE TO DISPLAY EVERYTHING YOU OWN all at one time. I learned this from fellow Southerner, and one of America's greatest designers of all time, Albert Hadley

64. NO! MORE! UNMATCHED HANGERS! EVER!! Buy a set of wooden ones at The Container Store.

65. BLACK CANDLESTICKS ARE ELEGANT JOY, NOT "ADDAMS FAMILY" MORIBUND Taper on.

66. INSTANT "INFINITY MIRRORS" are yours by hanging two large ones across from each other

67. REPLACE REPRODUCTION ART WITH REAL, perhaps antiqued, MIRROR cut to fit the nice frame.

68. VERTICAL-STRIPED WALLPAPER and CURTAINS LIFT THE EYE also curtain rods near the ceiling.

69. PUT A JULEP CUP of SAME COLOR (bright yellow, red, Tiffany Blue) PENCILS on your desk.

70. HANG A BIG MIRROR IN YOUR OUTDOOR ROOM.

71. CREATE "UNITING" STATIONS for yourself with a few others—maybe have two "conversation areas" in your living room, and a game table, and a lunch/tea table for two—the best interior design is living with people you love.

72. DESIGN A DIGITIZED "TROPHY" SCROLL of all the blue ribbons, certificates, winner's photos, reflecting all the moments of NEIGHBORING and add to it with new community contributions—then you could purge the award objects into storage or dumpsters.

73. HOME IS YOUR PERSONALITY WRIT LARGE Does your place reflect what you value most? For example, I value "creating stuff" and "being let alone to do it," so my place is designed for those. "Be original and your house will speak for itself."—designer, Brett Schwebke

74. ALIGN YOUR HOME WITH YOUR DREAMS and INTENTIONS If you have a dream trip destination, highlight a map or object now that reinforces your plan for action. "I don't design things, I design dreams."—Ralph Lauren

75. TAKE OFF YOUR SHOES IN YOUR HOME This is something I learned from the Japanese, don't bring your work energy into your sanctuary.

76. MAKE YOUR BATHROOM YOUR JOYOUS SELF-CARE ROOM Think spa contentment, pleasure and happiness; gentle music, calming candle, pumice stone, good towels.

77. CONCIOUSLY ADD RITUAL JOY that is personal to you. I have a morning ritual of immediately opening window shades when I get up as I think to spread a smile across my face. (Our brains can't distinguish between forced grins and spontaneous ones.)

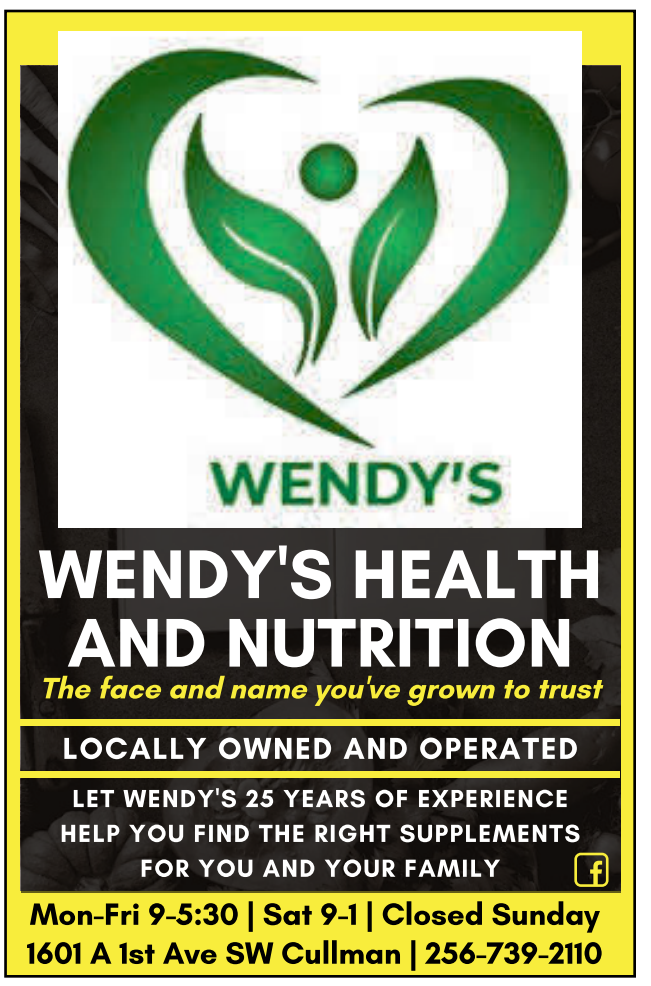
78. ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) FOR YOU? A major design and re-zoning trend involves adding small, well-designed housing units to existing residential property. "The JOYrontologist" RECOMMENDS those 50+ consider this idea to smart-size and find joy UNITING geographically closer.

79. COST-SAVING PROFESSIONAL INTERIOR DESIGN ONLINE With bespoke room designs from $199, www.decorist.com begins with an interactive style quiz, photos of your space, and your list of furniture you want to keep. Also, check out www.homepolish.com and www.laurelandwolf.com.

80. JOYFUL DECORATIVE ACCESSORIES sources for things everyone in your neighborhood doesn't already have: www.furbishstudio.com, www.johnderian.com, www.kellywearstler.com, and this charming, celeb designer/potter I got to know in Atlanta—www.jonathanadler.com, "A chic home makes you happy and a happy home makes you chic!"—Jonathan Adler

81. THINK UP for VERTICAL STORAGE OPTIONS Often there is under-utilized space between the tops of furniture and a room's ceiling. Take cabinets and bookcases to the roof.

82. "VISUAL FLOW" BRINGS CONTENTED





CALM Consider consistent paint color choices, harmony in patterns and the same flooring room-to-room.

83. SPLURGE A BIT ON ONE JOY-GIVING THING YOU REALLY WANT "Buy the best and you only cry once."—designer, Miles Redd

84. PAINT SOMETHING HIGH GLOSS, CHINESE RED Interior doors?

85. SET THE FURNITURE and CARPET ON AN ANGLE This no-cost idea from designer, Vincente Wolf, immediately changed the perspective of my home office.

86. EASILY PLOP IN A BATTERY-OPERATED LIGHT TO YOUR CLOSET Such lights are inexpensive and you'll be able to see to "shop your closet."

87. TENT A ROOM WITH CHEAP, PAINTER'S DROP CLOTH and good luck finding good, cheap painters.

88. ADD SPARKLY JOY and LIGHT WITH MIRRORS CUT TO INSET IN DOOR PANELS.

89. "TAKE A NAP. WHEN YOU WAKE UP, EVERYTHING WILL SEEM MUCH NICER."—Advice worth sleeping on from A-List designer, Alexa Hampton

90. PROGRAM YOUR FLAT-SCREEN TV with a joyful painting when it's blank. Think contemporary art in a traditional space and something from the 19th century in a mod room.

91. BUY A CHERRY RED BLENDER for what Jimmy Buffett calls those "frozen concoctions that help us hang on."

92. WOW WITH A "WUNDERKAMMER" MADE FROM YOUR MOM'S CHINA CABINET Create a "cabinet of curiosities" from nature such as bird nests, rock crystal, feathers, fossils, shells, things to ignite youthful curiosity. Your guests will find this infinitely more interesting than seeing a full set of mass-produced china.

93. COLORIZE B&W PHOTOS or "UP-CHIC" COLOR PHOTOS to B&W, whichever cranks your joy tractor.

94. PULL A SEAT UP TO A WINDOW WITH A GOOD VIEW Yep, that's a blinding dose of the obvious but start noticing how many people put a chair in a dark corner and then have to walk across a room to enjoy some joyful daylight. Create a "window seat."

95. PUT SOMETHING OR SOMEONE ON A PEDESTAL Whatever or whoever it is will look more important and possibly feel it.

96. UPHOLSTER A DOOR or SEATS IN PATENT LEATHER Sheen is a mighty joy-giving thing.

97. ENJOY THE SMELL OF FRESH POPCORN more often. It's rather low-cal and improves every screen-watching experience.

98. YouTube BACH, BEYONCE, BEATLES Create a music library of JOY.

99. PARK A FUN BICYCLE ON YOUR PORCH and ride it once a week while you're still able.

100. BUY A BOUQUET OF CASABLANCA or RUBRIM LILIES at least once a year, even if you have to scrimp for this fragrant, botanical joy. One pungent bloom can gild a room.

101. IT'S TIME FOR THE RETURN OF CUCKOO CLOCKS "The Prince of Chintz" designer, Mario Buatta, had one with a chimpanzee that popped out each hour to add a moment of joy. (Dear Santa, I'm wishing for a huge, carved, German cuckoo clock at Taylor's Fine Timepieces in Cullman, AL. It's about $35,000, but it would really bring me great Christmas joy this holiday and I've been pretty good this year. Love, Benjy)

S.U.N.S. BY DESIGN creates a vessel for you to live amongst your personal joys and add new happiness and contentment. As legendary designer, Elsie de Wolfe, reminds us, "You will express yourself in your house, whether you want to or not."

S.U.N.S. BY DESIGN LAFFS

What kind of doctor also specializes in interior design? A roomatologist.

My house never gets completely decorated. There's always room for improvement.

The hardest day of my student life was when our interior design class went "glamping." It was pretty in tents.

JOY-GIVERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

- Dec. 10—Emily Dickinson
- Dec. 11—Rita Moreno
- Dec. 12—Frank Sinatra
- Dec. 13—Taylor Swift
- Dec. 14—Spike Jones and His City Slickers
- Dec. 15—Tim Conroy
- Dec. 16—Ludwig van Beethoven

MARTHA STEWART EASY, HOLIDAY TIRAMISU—WASHINGTON STATE COFFEE

(Source: MarthaStewart.com)
Each week, "The JOYrontologist" shares a recipe which salutes a healthy food produced in America. 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 for a long, healthy, joyful life.

INGREDIENTS
- 1 1/2 cups strong coffee (Starbucks Americano), room temperature
- 3 large eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup sweet Marsala
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 8 oz. Mascarpone
- 1 7-ounce package ladyfingers (about 24)
- Unsweetened cocoa powder, for sprinkling

INSTRUCTIONS
1. Pour coffee into a pie dish.

2. Combine eggs, sugar and Marsala in a large metal bowl set on top of (but not in) a pot of simmering water. Beat with a hand mixer or whisk until mixture doubles in volume and reaches 160F on a thermometer, 7-10 minutes.

3. Remove bowl from heat and let cool slightly.

4. Meanwhile, in another bowl, whisk cream to form peaks. Gently whisk mascarpone into egg mixture, then fold in whipped cream.

5. Working one at a time, dip half of ladyfinger in coffee, about 1 second per side, and arrange in the bottom of a 9x9-inch baking dish; fit them snugly side by side to line dish. Evenly spread half of mascarpone mixture over ladyfingers. Dip remaining half of ladyfingers in coffee and repeat layering with cookies and mascarpone mixture.

6. Sift a layer of cocoa over the top so it infuses cream. Wrap dish in plastic and refrigerate at least 9 hours and up to 1 day. To serve, sift another layer of cocoa over top and cut into squares.

"The JOYrontologist" RECOMMENDS pairing the many notes of coffee, ladyfingers and mascarpone of Italian tiramisu with a German Riesling. If you like things super-sweet you could also serve tiramisu with a sweet dessert wine. However, I'd like a bit of contrast and vote for (1996 vintage) Nackenheimer Rothenberg Riesling Spatlese, Gunderloch ($24-ish), which has honeyed apricot notes and a mist of minerals.

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

1,002. The designs of furniture in the "period rooms" at The Metropolitan Museum of Art (NYC)

1,003. The design of my first car, a navy blue Plymouth Barracuda

1,004. The design of the "inside out" Pompidou Center (Paris)

1,005. The design of marzipan cookies

1,006. The design of Tiffany "Drabware"

1,007. The design of the gardens and Orangerie at Versailles (France)

1,008. The design of Nudie's western wear

1,009. The design of bird nests across the world

1,010. The design of 19th century lap desks

1,011. The design of "The Seven Signs of Southernness" wood blocks

1,012. The design of fragrance compositions by "nose" Phillipe Lorson

1,013. The designs by Palladio which influenced Thomas Jefferson at Monticello

1,014. The design of Russian stacking dolls

1,015. The design of my white Saab convertible

1,016. The design of double-ring belts by David Briscoe

HAVE A DESIGN-IT-YOURSELF, JOYFUL WEEK!

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‘Be the best version of myself’: Jaden Winfrey recaps her time as a Bearcat

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CULLMAN, Ala. — In this interview, I talked former Cullman basketball standout Jaden Winfrey. Winfrey is now playing for the Wallace State Lions but she had so many great memories to recall that she made both on and off the court during her time at Cullman.

“My favorite sports memories were winning area my sophomore year and getting to cut the net down, the game jam sessions before the game started, getting my 1,000th point my senior year, pouring water on coach Josh Hembree after big games, and senior night. I had an amazing time during my four years at Cullman,” Winfrey said. “My favorite high school memories were spirit week, when we got to dress up every day, football games every Friday, Key Club, and prom.”

Winfrey feels blessed to have played for Coach Hembree during her high school career and she tried to learn as much as she could from him.

“He was the best coach I’ve had so far in my career. He genuinely loved all of the girls on the team and wanted the best for us. He taught me so many things in and out of basketball. He made me a better person and pushed me to be the best version of myself. I wouldn’t be the player I am without him pushing me to be the best,” Winfrey said.

“He taught me everything about basketball and more. I learned to never give up and push myself to accomplish my goals.”

Winfrey learned so much during her time at Cullman and talked about how special it is to go there.

“Cullman taught me many things. I learned how to socialize and make friends, as well as all of the school stuff. I learned that school and grades are very important aside from basketball,” she said.

“Cullman is a great environment. It has the best students and teachers. I’ve made all my friendships from Cullman, and I wouldn’t trade it for anything. All the teachers make a big effort to teach the students. All of the athletic games and special activities made the experience a lot better.”

Winfrey will deeply miss being at Cullman this year and she will also miss being a leader to the younger players.

“I’ll miss the friendships I made on and off the court at Cullman. I started my freshman year in college, and I already miss Cullman because of all the memories I made there,” she said.

“Being a leader was very important to me and I tried to make basketball comfortable and fun for the younger players. I feel like me and the other seniors taught them the correct way to be a leader for when they are leaders to the younger players. We taught and helped them learn the drills and how practice went, etc.”

Winfrey gave some advice to the students that just started high school this fall.

“Stay focused on school; it’s the most important thing of high school. Be social but keep your circle small and find out who your true friends are. Get in sports or clubs; they’ll help you get prepared for college. Go ahead and start taking the ACT. It’s very important for college and your major.”



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Cullman’s Jaden Winfrey

‘Rise to the challenge’: Holly Pond’s Bai Widner prepared for senior season

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — The Holly Pond Lady Broncos finished 12-17 last season and finished as runner ups in Class 3A, Area 13. They added yet another trip to Sub-Regionals to their resume and senior Bai Widner talked about what all she learned during that season and the positives that she took away from the experience.

“We had some good times last year, but I learned that to be a team, you have to truly love one another and respect each other enough to communicate on and off the floor. You have to show each other the love and commitment to what you’re doing, and you have to rise to the challenge,” Widner said. “Our bench was hyped. We were loud towards the end of the season and really stepped up to show we cared. I can say our enthusiasm will continue from last season.”

Widner played for head coach Andrew Kelley for three years and learned some things from him. She also talked about new head coach Mary Lauren Hartline and assistant coach Molly McKelvy and what she’s taken away from them so far.

“Coach Kelley was hard and he pushed you to the best of your ability. I learned that no matter what the situation is, I need to always keep pushing through, even if things aren’t going my way,” Widner said.

“Coach Hartline and coach McKelvy are absolutely amazing. They push you because they know you can always give more. Coach Hartline always expects excellence no matter what. She knows our full potential, but she also understands we have bad days. They are always there for us, whether it is in or out of basketball. They mentor us to be great not only in our sport, but also in life. They tell us they are not only here to help with basketball, but they are getting us ready for life and to help us mentally push through any struggles we are faced with. Coach McKelvy is so positive and uplifting to us all. She tries her best to help us with anything. They are truly great coaches, and they know the game well.”

Widner has learned so much from the upperclassmen before her and that has helped her become the leader that she is today. The younger players have soaked up as much as they can from her so far.

“I learned to always stay positive and be uplifting, even if they are having a bad day. If you’re having a bad day, you have to remember to stay positive because someone is watching you and your actions speak louder than words. Talking to the underclassmen has helped them gain courage, at least it did for me. It showed me that someone believed in me and that made it easier to adjust to being the smaller kid on the team,” she said.

“I try to teach the younger players to stay positive and I’ve also taught them that no matter what, you can’t get down on yourself. You just have to move on to the next play.”

Widner worked on some things during the summer and has set some goals for herself and the team this season. She also talked about what will make this team special to watch this year.

“I mainly focused on shooting and ball handling. I asked my coach what I needed to work on to help benefit my team and she told me those things, so I have tried to get the best at that and work on my mindset mostly,” she said.

“My individual goal is to help the team in any way. I strive to be the loudest on the team and uplift everyone. My team goals are that we make it to our final destination, which is the state championship game. We are preparing for it and have been all summer. I pray that we step up to any challenges that are thrown at us and take them on headfirst. What will make us special to watch this season will be our strive and our willingness to do whatever it takes to win.”



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Holly Pond’s Bai Widner

Will Anderson Jr. wins Bednarik Award, named 1st Team All-American

Josh Maxson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama football’s Will Anderson Jr. was selected as the 2022 winner of the Bednarik Award, the Maxwell Football Club announced Thursday evening on the ESPN College Football Awards Show. Anderson Jr. was also tabbed as a first team All-American by the Walter Camp Football Foundation following the event.

The junior linebacker was one of three finalists for the Bednarik and beat out Cincinnati’s Ivan Pace Jr. and Tuli Tuipulotu of USC for this year’s honors. Anderson Jr. is now the third recipient of the Bednarik Award in Alabama history, joining Minkah Fitzpatrick (2017) and Jonathan Allen (2016).

The Bednarik Award is presented annually to the top defensive player in college football as chosen by the Maxwell Football Club.

Also announced on Thursday night was the first of five All-America teams, with the Walter Camp Football Foundation selecting Anderson Jr. as a first-team honoree on their annual list. He was also a first teamer by the WCFF last season on his way to unanimous All-America honors.

Bednarik Award Winner | First Team All-American
Will Anderson Jr., Linebacker

- Adds the Bednarik to his already impressive haul of awards after being named the Nagurski Trophy winner on Monday and the Lombardi Award recipient yesterday evening
- The Tide’s first player to earn first team All-America honors in consecutive seasons since Alex Leatherwood (2019-20)
- Also tabbed as the SEC Defensive Player of the Year by the Associated Press and the league coaches
- Recorded 51 tackles, including 17 for loss (-72 yards) and 10 sacks (-54 yards), during his junior season
- Enters bowl season ranked sixth nationally in sacks and seventh in tackles for loss while leading the SEC in both categories

Get all the latest information on the team by following @AlabamaFTBL on Twitter and Facebook and AlabamaFBL on Instagram. General athletic news can also be found at UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and AlabamaAthletics on Facebook.



UA ATHLETICS
Alabama’s Will Anderson Jr. (31)

Cullman student Mya Agnello's designs featured in UA Senior Showcase

Stephanie Pettis
Contributor

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — The University of Alabama College of Human Environmental Sciences hosted the Fashion for Life runway show at the Bama Theatre Nov. 20. The show featured 11 senior apparel design students' collections that represented their personal design philosophies and target markets.

Seniors whose work was featured during the showcase included:

- Mya Agnello, Cullman
- Aidan Clark, Montgomery
- Hannah Dodson, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
- Grace Federico, Cockeysville, Maryland
- Anaya McCullum, Montgomery
- Jayda Mullins, Hoover
- Janiah Pickett, Birmingham
- Piper Pochkowski, Austin, Texas
- Caitlin Prario, Cohasset, Massachusetts
- Jakobe Reed, Adamsville
- Morgan Whicker, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Fashion for Life is the culmination of a capstone experience that students start preparing for before their senior year. After researching, planning and buying fabrics over the summer, students begin constructing garments for their collection when school starts in the fall. Students are able to apply all of the technical and creative skillsets they have learned in the apparel design program into this course.

All proceeds from the event's ticket sales were donated to the United Way of West Alabama. In addition, money raised from sales was matched by Estee Lauder Companies.

The University of Alabama, part of The University of Alabama System, is the state's flagship university. UA shapes a better world through its teaching, research and service. With a global reputation for excellence, UA provides an inclusive, forward-thinking environment and nearly 200 degree programs on a beautiful, student-centered campus. A leader in cutting-edge research, UA advances discovery, creative inquiry and knowledge through more than 30 research centers. As the state's largest higher education institution, UA drives economic growth in Alabama and beyond.



UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Design by Cullman's Mya Agnello

Put in a token, get a book!

West Elementary adds book vending machine

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — West Elementary School is making it more fun than ever for students to get their hands on a good book, with the recent addition of Inchy's Bookworm Vending Machine — a literal vending machine that allows students to pop in a special token and walk away with a brand new book to take home.

Sixth-grade reading teacher Kristy White said the vending machine has incentivized reading and gotten students excited about cracking open a book, with students earning a "magic token" for the machine by showcasing outstanding character, personal achievements like test scores or exceptional performance in physical education.

"The idea came together as a way to help the number of children in our school who do not own a book or have them available at home. Recent research has shown that children not reading proficiently by the end of third grade are four times more likely than proficient readers to leave high school without a diploma," White explained. "Our vision and dream are to direct all students toward literacy. We felt this would be a fun and creative way to do that, all while encouraging positive growth for the whole child."

The school was able to purchase the book vending machine thanks to generous community support from the West Elementary School community. The machine remains stocked with new books thanks to grants awarded through the Operation Round-Up program offered by the Cullman Electric Cooperative and Cullman Power Board.

"It really is a full-circle project made possible by the incredible citizens of Cullman that are dedicated to increasing literacy in Cullman," White added. "This has been a great addition to our school. I love hearing the conversations about the books in the machine and I have students that make suggestions about books to put in it. We are very proud that we could provide this for our students."

Second-grade teacher Mary Beth Cleveland said her students can't wait to earn a token for the machine. "My kids think the book vending machine looks so cool. The first student from my class to use the machine was so excited to go first and see how it works."

Sixth grader Lucy Williamson was the first student to try out the vending machine, noting she's already seeing it create excitement and interest among her fellow students. "I liked seeing the book drop to the bottom of the vending machine as if it were a bottle of soda," she said.



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

A student at West Elementary School tests out the new book vending machine on campus.

US Poultry Foundation donates $7K to Wallace State

Wallace State
Contributor

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College recently accepted a $7,000 donation for its Industry Education Recruitment Funding Program from the U.S. Poultry Foundation. The gift is meant to aid in recruitment and retention of students in the Poultry Science program at Wallace State and was given in part by Peco Foods.

The Foundation was founded to provide funds to train and educate students for the advancement of the poultry industry.

Wallace State's Poultry Science 2+2 option allows students to take two years of courses at WSCC before transferring to Auburn University to complete a bachelor's degree in poultry science, with options to focus on production, processing and products, pre-veterinarian or food science.

Registration for spring 2023 is currently underway, with classes starting Jan. 9.



WALLACE STATE

Pictured from left are Wallace State students Braxton Marshall of Cullman, Vickie Westbrook of Bankston, Nancy North of Hayden, Biology and Poultry Science instructor Dr. Melanie Glasscock, WSCC President Dr. Vicki Karolewics and Agriculture/Horticulture Production instructor Jason Bynum.

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ALEA awarded $1.5M for Troopers, training

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Gov. Kay Ivey recently awarded grants totaling about $1.73 million to help keep Alabama highways safe and ensure that motorists who break state traffic laws are held accountable. The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) was awarded $1.54 million, while the Office of Prosecution Services received $187,179.

ALEA will use its funds to ensure that an adequate number of state troopers are patrolling the state's highways during peak traffic periods and special enforcement campaigns.

The Office of Prosecution Services will use its grant to provide additional education, legal research, resources and training for district attorneys and their staffs on traffic safety-related issues.

"Laws pertaining to speeding and impaired driving are meant to reduce crashes, prevent injuries and save lives.

"Alabama intends to enforce those laws," Ivey said.

"I commend our state law enforcement officers for the jobs they do, and I urge drivers to obey those laws and drive defensively."

ALEA will use funds to pay overtime to state troopers during enforcement campaigns and to monitor areas where crashes involving speeding and impaired driving are most likely to occur. Funds will also be used to train officers to recognize an impaired driver as opposed to one who has a medical condition.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) is administering the grants.

Funds were provided to the state from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"ADECA joins Gov. Ivey in encouraging drivers to make good decisions before and after getting behind the steering wheel," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said.

"Our agency is pleased to be a part of this traffic safety enforcement program."

GOP speaker nominee announces choices for committee chairs

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Rep. Nathaniel Ledbetter, R-Rainsville, the Republican Caucus nominee for speaker of the Alabama House, on Wednesday announced that if he is elected to lead the body during an organizational session in January, he intends to appoint Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview to chair the Transportation, Utilities and Infrastructure Committee; Rep. Jim Carns, R-Vestavia Hills as chair of the Commerce and Small Business Committee; Rep. Margie Wilcox, R-Mobile as chair of the Boards, Agencies and Commissions Committee; State Rep. Danny Crawford, R-Athens as chair of the Agriculture and Forestry Committee; and Rep. Reed Ingram, R-Montgomery as chair of the County and Municipal Government Committee.

Because Republicans hold a 77-member supermajority in the Alabama House, Ledbetter's selection as the GOP speaker nominee is considered by many to be tantamount to election.

"From rural to urban areas, from employers to employees, and from tradesmen to consumers, the collective decisions made by these committees affect every Alabamian in some manner," Ledbetter said. "All of these individuals have my full faith and confidence, and I am certain they will always work on behalf of the citizens each of us seek to serve ."

Prior to his election to the Alabama House in 2013, Shedd served as chairman of the Cullman County Commission and as mayor of Fairview, Alabama. He was also employed as the director of the Cullman County Commission on Aging and has been a strong advocate for senior citizens and their needs as a member of the House.

Shedd previously chaired the House Urban and Rural Development Committee and was vice chair of the House Children and Senior Advocacy Committee.

Carns, a businessman with experience in manufacturing, chaired the House Commerce and Small Committee in the previous quadrennium and will retain that assignment under Ledbetter.

He served in the Alabama House from 1990 to 2006 and returned to the body following a special legislative election in 2011. Carns also held a seat on the Jefferson County Commission from 2006 to 2010.

Elected to the Alabama House in a special election in 2014, Wilcox, whose committee will be responsible for overseeing, reviewing, and renewing roughly 100 occupational licensure boards and other agencies across Alabama, is a businesswoman who has been involved in the Mobile area transportation industry for many years.

She previously served as vice chair of the House County and Municipal Government Committee and also held a seat on the Boards, Agencies and Commissions Committee that she will soon lead. Wilcox currently chairs the Legislature's Joint Transportation Committee and the Joint License Plate Oversight Committee.

Crawford chaired the House Agriculture and Forestry Committee in the previous quadrennium and will also keep his assignment.

Elected to the Alabama House in a 2016 special election, Crawford previously served on the Athens City Council from 1993 to 2005. He was employed with the Farm Service Agency for 33 years and was appointed state director by President George W. Bush in 2001.

Ingram, who was elected to the Alabama House in 2014, was originally appointed chairman of the County and Municipal Government Committee in 2018 and will continue to hold that post in the current quadrennium.

He previously served as vice chair of the committee, as well.

The owner and operator of a popular restaurant, farmers' market, and entertainment venue in Montgomery, Ingram served as a member of the Montgomery County Commission from 2004 to 2014.

Vision (from Front)

began.

"We're here to see projects where the ARC has been a partner. When I say a partner, we didn't just come in and hand this school money," Manchin continued. "They create the plan, what they want to do, how they're going to do it and how much it will cost. They get local partners to support that and then they take it to the State. The governor's office also supports the plan and puts money into it and then it comes to ARC. We're the third leg of the stool that usually gives that project the ability to move forward with the money that we put in."

CATA's enrollment increased by 200 students up to 630 this year. The addition of the lineman program and fiber optics have given students the opportunity to earn six figures within two to three years of high school graduation, according to Barnette. Cybersecurity and teaching programs are upcoming.

Mike Gay, CATA engineering instructor, proudly displayed his students' contribution to the Baron Critical Weather Institute. The company reached a dead end with a project and was faced with scrapping the project altogether before CATA's involvement. Its weather stations suffered from leakage and delamination, which CATA students designed a solution for and printed for the company.

As the result, all of the plastic parts for the weather stations equipped with traffic cameras are produced by CATA.

The current project calls for approximately 1,000 stations, 10-12 per county by project's end.

Said Manchin, "(We took) the opportunity to come and see where money has been invested, and what you see is this pride and ownership and empowerment. They're doing it. It's their plan. It's just amazing to see some of the great things that are going on."

Formed in 1965, ARC is a federal government agency serving 423 counties across Appalachia.

In Alabama, while working with ADECA, ARC has invested $9.9 million in projects in fiscal year 2022 while also creating over 400 employment opportunities.

Over 3,000 students and workers have received training and education this year.

"The mission is to bring the Appalachian region into parity with the rest of the country," Manchin explained.

"What (President John F.) Kennedy saw when he came to West Virginia was an area of high poverty with no highways, isolation, this rural area.

"We were nowhere in parity with what was going on in the rest of the country. The first mission was to build a highway system and from there it was whatever we needed to do.

"We have had people to question why the job isn't done by now. Well, your challenges change. Now it's about broadband. It's still about fresh drinking water for some areas. It's also about workforce and economic development, training and the ability for ARC to partner with school systems which truly have a vision for where students need to be, not today, but five years from now, 10 years from now."

ARC has invested $4.5 billion over the past 57 years which has brought in an additional $10 million in matching funds for the betterment of citizens in the Appalachian region.



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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF T.M.D.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 06/30/2005

CASE NO.: AD2022-095

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: SAVANNAH BROOKE DROXLER, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD, T.M.D. DATE OF BIRTH 06/30/2005

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Christopher Michael Haney, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said 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 8th DAY OF December, 2022.

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

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Petitioner
407 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: K.G.L **CASE NUMBER: AD2022-083**

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR STEP-PARENT ADOPTION

TO: MICHAEL TURNER, ALLEGED FATHER AND ANY OTHER UNKNOWN FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD K.G.L., BORN AUGUST 21, 2019 TO AMBERLEY NOEL LANEY

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Matthew Tristan Shafer, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 200 2nd Avenue S.W., Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE this 8th day of December, 2022.

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: HILLARD A.C. WILLIAMS, DECEASED. **CASE NUMBER: PC2022-400**

Letters Testamentary of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 8th day of December 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 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.

Andrea Williams Regas
ANDREA WILLIAMS REGAS

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Please publish the above notice Three (3) successive weeks in The Cullman Tribune.

Tammy Brown
Honorable Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF, DANNY KAY DYER, DECEASED. **CASE NO. PC2021-375**

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PETITION OF SELF-PROVING WILL AND ISSUANCE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

TO: PATRICK DYER LISTZ, PATRICIA FERRIS AND ANY OTHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN RELATIVES OF DANNY KAY DYER.

Please take Notice that the Probate Court of Cullman County shall hold a hearing on the above matter on the **19th** day of **January, 2023** at **10:00 am** in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, for the Petition of Self-Proving Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary filed in said Court by Pamela Serena Crawford. That any objection to the Petition of Self-Proving Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary should be made known in writing and filed with this Court before the day and time of said hearing.

Done this 8th day of December, 2022.

To the Publisher of **The Cullman Tribune:**

Please publish the above notice once a week for three (3) successive 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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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
TIMOTHY WESLEY MAYER,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC 2022-280

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to TIMOTHY MAYER, as Personal Representative of the Estate of TIMOTHY WESLEY MAYER, deceased, on the 2nd day of December, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

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

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

Festive finger foods

Holiday parties are a great time to spread out festive finger foods that will impress your guests as they mingle.

Appetizers are easy to adapt to any size party and allow you as the host to accommodate many different types of diets.

Vegetarian appetizers
Whether your guests are die-hard vegetarians or just wanting to limit the meat in their diet, there are plenty of festive vegetarian options for finger foods:

• Cranberry brie tarts. Use frozen pre-made mini pastry cups and add a small square of brie topped off with cranberry sauce. Heat and serve.

• Parsnip pig-in-the-blankets. A variation on the hot dog or sausage options, this uses a finger of parsnips wrapped up in crescent roll dough.

• Gorgonzola polenta bites. Cut a tube of polenta into slices and heat in a skillet. Then top it with gorgonzola cheese and your choice of marmalade or preserves and dried currants or dried cranberries.

Meat appetizers
Gift the meat-lovers among your guests with any of these savory appetizers:

• Sausage pinwheels. This appetizer has been around for decades but never loses its popularity. Roll out some biscuit dough, spread the ground sausage, roll up and bake. For variety, you can sprinkle different kinds of shredded cheese on the sausage before rolling it up.

• Ham and pickle roll-ups. Another perennial favorite, perhaps because it is so easy to make and so very tasty, all you have to do is spread cream cheese (try a salmon or veggie flavored cream cheese for some extra flair) on a rectangle of thinly sliced ham and wrap it around a gherkins pickle and cut into bite-size pieces.

• Bacon-date almond bites. Buy pitted whole dates and stuff each one with an almond. Fry up your bacon and then wrap them around the date and secure with a toothpick.

Gluten-free appetizers
Whether any of your guests have an extreme gluten sensitivity or it just causes them discomfort, there are plenty of tasty options that will keep them feeling good and the rest of your guests will snap up as well:

• Bacon-wrapped pineapple. Drain some pineapple chunks and then sprinkle gluten-free soy sauce on them. Wrap them up in bacon and broil until the bacon is cooked.

• Bacon-wrapped sweet potato bites. Cut sweet potatoes into cubes and sprinkle them with ginger and caraway. Wrap the cubes in bacon and bake in the oven until the potato is tender and the bacon is crisp.

• Goat-cheese dipped grapes. Mix a soft goat cheese of your choice with heavy cream and honey. Heat and stir until smooth. Toast the finely chopped nuts of your choice (hazelnuts and pecans both work well). Put a toothpick in a grape, twirl half of it in the cheese mixture and then roll it in the nuts.

Kid-friendly appetizers
Will there be kids at your party? Try such finger foods as mac and cheese donuts, ham and pineapple spears (with a maraschino cherry to add color), peanut butter and jelly roll-ups, cream cheese penguins or strawberry Santas.


ADOBE STOCK

A savory breakfast casserole

The countdown is almost over and Christmas morning is about to dawn. It's a time filled with traditions, wide-eyed children, stockings and presents.

With so much going on, it can be challenging to put a festive breakfast on the table as well.

One breakfast that can easily become a holiday tradition because it can be made in advance and heated up Christmas morning, is a Christmas breakfast casserole. It's tasty, filling and the red peppers and spinach give it a merry appearance.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

INGREDIENTS
• 1 tube ground sausage (consider using maple or Italian)
• 8 eggs
• 1 30-ounce bag of frozen hash browns
• 2 red bell peppers, sliced thin
• 1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed
• 1 teaspoon basil
• 8 ounces shredded sharp cheddar cheese

INSTRUCTIONS
1. Saute the sausage in a skillet until golden brown. Drain and let cool.

2. Break and scramble the eggs. Mix in the chopped spinach, sliced red peppers and ½ of the shredded cheese.

3. Spray a 9-by-12 glass dish with non-stick canola or olive oil. Spread the cooked sausage in the bottom of the pan.

4. Spread the hash browns on top of the sausage and then pour the egg mixture on top.

5. Sprinkle the remaining shredded cheese on top.

6. Refrigerate overnight or bake immediately.

7. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes or until eggs are firm.

There are plenty of ways to mix up the casserole to fit to your family's taste. Do you want something a little sweeter? Slice and add apples or pears to the mixture and replace the basil with cinnamon or nutmeg. Do you want more of a kick? Use spicy sausage and a bit of cayenne pepper. Perhaps you'd like a vegetarian option. Skip the sausage and instead add portobello mushrooms.

There are as many variations on this recipe as there are families who celebrate Christmas.

Some recipes call for adding toast, croutons or bread cubes to the recipe. Feel free to experiment and find the casserole that your family will clamor for year after year.


ADOBE STOCK

German Christmas bread

While fruitcakes are the brunt of many a holiday joke, stollen tends to be loved by everyone who has tasted it.

What is Stollen?
A German Christmas bread, it has almost as many names as it does fruit and nuts in its batter. It can be found under the names of Dresden stollen, strutzel, striezel, stutenbrot or Christstollen.

Cooking America describes the traditional bread as "a colorful collection of nuts, raisins, currants, candied orange, lemon peel, plus traditional spices of Christmas such as cinnamon, nutmeg, cardamom, mace or cloves, brandy or rum and lots of butter."

It is usually covered with a layer of sugared icing or powdered sugar. Some of the legends say that the shape and the white icing was a symbol of the swaddled Christ child. According to one stollen bakery, Reimer's Stollen, the hump on the loaves represents the humps of the camels that the Magi rode to bring gifts to the Christ child. The candied fruits and raisins are symbolic of the precious jewels and gifts in the camel's packs.

History
Stollen has been around for centuries. Culinary historians place its creation in 1329 when the Bishop of Naurburg held a baking contest. Dresden bakers submitted a bread baked with the best butter, sugar, raisins, citron and other specialty ingredients. Not only did the Bishop award them top honors, but he ordered that each year a certain quantity of grain be set aside to be used only to bake stollen.

The website Kitchenproject reports that the first official mention of stollen in documents was in 1474. The Christian Hospital of St. Bartholomew in Dresden recorded it as a cake for fasting periods. That stollen was made with only flour, oats and water since sugar, butter and milk were forbidden in Lenten periods.

That rule sapped a lot of the flavor out of the bread, so in 1647, two brothers, Kurfűrst and Albrecht Ernst petitioned the Pope, asking him to strike down the butter ban. They were eventually successful and the bread started tasting better.

Stollen continued to show up in German history. In 1560, giant Christstollens that were 36 pounds and five feet long were presented to the King of Saxony for Christmas celebrations. In 1730, August the Strong held a festival to try to gain European allies. He ordered the Bakers Guild to make a huge stollen. It was 1.8 tons, 27 feet long, 18 feet high and a foot high. A special oven had to be built just to bake this one loaf of stollen.

Traditions
In the early days, loaves of stollen weighed 30 pounds. Residents of Dresden owned special utensils that were only used to cut and serve stollen. Traditionally the first piece of the loaf was set aside as a charm to ensure the family could afford stollen the following year. The last piece was saved to ensure the family had enough food for the year.

In 1994, Dresden launched a stollen festival. Each year, they bake a huge stollen on the Saturday before the second Sunday of Advent. A horse-drawn wagon carries the bread and pastry chefs to the Striezelmarkt Square and, according to Kitchenproject.com, they ceremoniously slice it with a 1.2 meter long stollen knife. It is then sold it visitors and a portion of the sales go to charity.


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Sweet Hanukkah treats

Every holiday has its traditional foods and a Hanukkah favorite are sufganiyots, jelly-filled doughnuts deep-fried in oil. Hanukkah celebrates the miracle of the oil and the Maccabean rebellion which reclaimed and re-consecrated the Temple. When they took it back, there was only one jar of oil, enough to light the candles for a single night. However, the Maccabees lit the candles and they miraculously stayed lit for eight days. Because of the miracle it celebrates, food fried in oil is traditionally consumed in the eight-day festival.

What does sufganiyot mean?
According to Emelyn Rude, a food historian, in an article for Time Magazine, the word has North African roots. "Sufan" is a Greek word meaning "spongy" or "fried" and sfenj is an Arabic word for a smaller, deep-fried donut.

Journey to jelly
The donuts in Morocco and Algeria from which the word came, did not, though have jelly or chocolate fillings like today's sufganiyot do. As migrants brought them to Central Europe, they had savory fillings such as mushrooms or meat.

The colonization of the Caribbean in the 16th century began to change that. Slave-produced sugar was suddenly cheap and plentiful and bakers in Europe began experimenting with sweet pastries and fruit preserves.

Historian Gil Marks says that the first-known recipe for a jelly donut is in a 1532 German cookbook. The cookbook, Kuchenmeisterei, was one of the first cookbooks run off of the Gutenberg printing press. This recipe called for spreading jam between two round slices of bread and deep frying it in lard.

The treat quickly spread across the continent with different cultures giving it different names and different variations.

Jewish peoples in Austria, Germany and Poland got rid of the lard, it not being kosher, and substituted goose fat and other oils. It soon became a Hanukkah favorite.

In the early 20th century, when anti-Semitism was on the rise in Europe, Jews who migrated to Israel brought their sufganiyot recipes with them.

Making it a tradition
While many people celebrating Hanukkah were fond of these jelly treats, sufganiyot still weren't as widespread as they are today. That took the forming of a trade union to organize Jewish workers on Dec. 12, 1920.

The Israeli Histradut had the goals of full Jewish employment and integrating Jewish immigrants into what was then British-controlled Palestine.

Sufganiyot are difficult to make. Unlike latkes, another traditional Hanukkah food, they're not quick or easy.

Most people would rather have professionals make them instead. The Histradut realized that the making of these doughnuts could be assigned to people who had finished harvests and now needed employment.

Today, more than 18 million sufganiyot are eaten in Israel around Hanukkah. This works out to an average of three jelly donuts per citizen.

One major customer is the Israeli Defense Forces who buy more than 50,000 of the doughnuts on each day of Hanukkah and distribute it to the troops.


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Haynes (from Front)

Maggie Edwards
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Passion for preserving agricultural strength emanated from nearly 1,200 Alabama Farmers Federation members as they filled the Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center in Montgomery Dec. 4-5.

During the organization's 101st annual meeting, farmers from all 67 counties elected leaders, heard from officials, celebrated award winners and voted on policy recommendations.

Federation President Jimmy Parnell discussed the importance of taking time away from home to chart the course for the state's largest farm organization.

"This is the time of year when farmers have a little more time to get off the farm to fellowship with and seek encouragement from fellow farmers," said Parnell, a Chilton County farmer.

"We are living in tough times, but visiting with each other gives us strength to go back home and keep working hard. This organization has a strong legacy, and we're grateful to our grassroots leaders for their past, present and future work."

During day one, delegates elected leaders to serve on state commodity committees, State Women's Leadership Committee and State Young Farmers Committee. Attendees also viewed the Federation and Alfa Insurance annual report videos.

A tribute breakfast Dec. 5 honored Federation leaders who died this year. Dell Hill from Talladega County delivered the devotion and brought uplifting words of faith to families who lost loved ones.

Dean Wysner, Randolph County poultry and cattle farmer, was presented the Service To Agriculture Award during a general session. Alabama Supreme Court Associate Justice Michael F. Bolin also received the Cultivator Award.

Outstanding county Federation boards and retiring commodity committee members were honored Dec. 5. Individual Leader Awards were also presented to members instrumental in establishing or supporting county-level programs. They were:

• Local and Community Services: Donnie Waters, Baldwin County; Ashton Cottingham, Bibb County; Lillian Slay, Chambers County; Billy Sturdivant, Franklin County; Mary Sudduth, Winston County; and Justin Lackey, Talladega County

• Women's Leadership: Lydia Hayes, Cullman County; and Debra Bowen, Randolph County

• Public Relations and Communications: Lisa Lake, Cullman County

• Young Farmers: Ben Johnson, Randolph County; and Zack Brannon, Winston County

Senior Leaders Awards were presented to Frank Grant, Barbour County; Donnie Garrett, Cherokee County; Allen Pickens, Lawrence County; Mahlon Richburg, Lee County; Larry Bowen, Randolph County; Pat Buck, Sumter County; Dell Hill, Talladega County; Jimmy Hugh White, Talladega County; and John E. Walker III, Tuscaloosa County.

This recognized leaders over 70 years old who served as county president, State Women's Leadership Committee chairman or a state board member.

Thirty-four counties received Awards of Excellence for Federation activities. They were Baldwin, Barbour, Blount, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Choctaw, Clarke, Clay, Coffee, Crenshaw, Cullman, Dale, DeKalb, Fayette, Franklin, Hale, Houston, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lee, Limestone, Marshall, Mobile, Montgomery, Pickens, Randolph, Russell, Shelby, St. Clair, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Walker and Winston counties.

Federation business session and state board elections concluded Monday afternoon; Federation President Jimmy Parnell was re-elected to his sixth two-year term.

That afternoon, Agricultural Leaders For Alabama program members presented their capstone project, which focused on FarmPAC; they graduated from the leadership program that night.

Statewide winners of Young Farmers contests were also recognized. The winners represented Alabama in American Farm Bureau Federation contests in mid-January.

Special guests included Kellyanne Conway, who served as senior counselor to President Donald J. Trump; Gov. Kay Ivey; Attorney General Steve Marshall and U.S. Senator-Elect Katie Britt, R-Alabama.



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Cullman County Farmers Federation (CCFF) member and outgoing State Women's Leadership Committee (WLC) Chair Lydia Haynes was honored with an Individual Leadership Award for Service to the WLC from the Alabama Farmers Federation during an awards ceremony Dec. 5.

"The question is not who, the question is what," said Conway, referencing choosing candidates.

"Ask yourself: What is the job description for the president? What issues keep you up at night...that affect your family...your values, your vision."

During the event, the Alabama Farmers Agricultural Foundation also hosted its second annual AgDash 5K and a silent auction, raising almost $25,000 for ag education.

Obituary Announcements: Dec. 8-9

Margaret Lena Tidwell Williams, 95
Margaret Lena Tidwell Williams, age 95, of Houston, Alabama, entered into rest Dec. 7, 2022, at her home surrounded by her loving family. Margaret was born Aug. 2, 1927. She grew up in Houston and was married to her husband Earl Williams for 59 years. She was a great seamstress, gardener, and hard work was her hobby. She loved her Lord and Savior and always loved to spend time with her daughters and her family. She was Nonny to five grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Visitation will be held Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022, from 1-2 p.m. in the Nichols Funeral Home chapel in Addison, where services will begin at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at the Houston Community Cemetery, adjacent to Houston Church of God in Houston, Alabama. Brother T.J. Millican will officiate. Margaret is survived by her daughters, Karen (Neal) Woodard and Ladonna (Stevie) Hayes; grandchildren, Corey (Malinda) Hayes, Chann (Felicia) Woodard, Ryan (Jen) Woodard, Cherish (Patrick) Howse and Trystan (Kaydi) Woodard; great grandchildren, Cayden and Mallory Hayes, Alena and Kason Howse, Ethan and Owen Woodard, Talon, Delia, Audrey Woodard, and Karter and Kohen Woodard. She is preceded in death by her husband, Earl Williams; her parents, Elbert K. and Pearl Scogin Tidwell; sister, Stella Tidwell Stewart; brothers, Hollis (Alva), Hal (Maudie), Hoyt (Jewell), Arnold Elbert and Wayne L (June) Tidwell. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to: Children's Hospital of AL or Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

Carlos Michael "Mickey" Thomas, 63
Carlos Michael "Mickey" Thomas, age 63 of Haleyville, Alabama, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022, at North Alabama Medical Center. Mickey was born Dec. 6, 1959, in Red Bay, Alabama. A visitation was held Friday, Dec. 9, 2022, from noon until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the service was held at 2 p.m. Burial followed in Antioch Cemetery in Phil Campbell. Brother Ricky White officiated. Mickey is survived by his wife, Leila Pickard; son, Michael Shane Thomas; grandson, James Thomas; sisters, Mary (Ray) Owen and April Duboise; brother, Velon (Sherry) Brewer; and brother-in-law, Pete Beck. He was preceded in death by his father, Doyle Thomas; mother and stepfather, Gladys and JV Brewer; grandparents, Tom and Flora Box; sisters, Faye Thomas, Wilma Beck and Peggy Hamm; and brother, Larry Thomas.

Milton Wayne Bridges, 71
Milton Wayne Bridges, 71, of Haleyville, entered into rest Dec. 3, 2022, at Hendrix Health and Rehab in Double Springs, Alabama. Milton was born June 17, 1951, in Haleyville, Alabama. Milton is survived by his daughter, Amy (Eddie Sr.) Welch; sons, Kyle Welch and Chris (Kelly Smith) Bridges; grandchildren, Eddie Welch Jr., Bella Welch, Kylie Welch, Ellie Jo Welch, Christanna Peguero, Gauge Bridges, Jasmine Bridges, Dante Smith and Keli Orton; great grandchildren, Avianna Smith, Navana Smith and Kathern Belle Bridges; brothers, Dennis Bridges, Gary (Bernice) Bridges and Dale Bridges. He was preceded in death by his parents, Irving and Janet Bridges; sisters, Phyllis Self and Jan Bridges; and the mother of his children, Kathern Louada Bridges. The family will hold a Celebration of Life on Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022, at 2 p.m. at The Restoration Church on Cherry Hill Road in Haleyville.

Sandra Ann Mathis, 74
Sandra Ann Mathis, age 74, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022. Sandra is survived by her daughter Sonya Mathis; and her son Aaron Walker; her brother MIchael England; her grandson D.J. Morgan and her sisters Cora Lowery, Glenda James & Wanda Witcher. A memorial service for Sandra was held Friday, Dec. 9, 2022, at 1 p.m.

Edith Marie Casewell, 82
Funeral Service for Edith Marie Casewell, age 82, of Cullman, was at 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, 2022, at Redemption Church. Visitation was from 3-4 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. Mrs. Casewell passed away Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022, at her residence. She was born July 8, 1940, to Carl Winsett Jr. and Lillie May Bailey. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jimmy Caswell; and grandchildren, Audrianna Marie Frierson, Jordan Ryan Smith and Joshual Caleb Caswell. Survivors include her children, Audrey Casewell, Joseph Casewell, Sherry (Tommy) Smith and Rachel (Rodney) Thompson; son-in-law, Ray Frierson; grandchildren, Ray Frierson Jr., Katelynn Casewell (Hunter) Hayes, Blake (LeeAnn) Smith, Bradly Smith, Dylan (Shyanne) Thompson, Chloe Thompson, and Kaden Thompson; and great-grandchild, Kinley Reese Smith.

Nancy Isbell Watts, 78
Funeral service for Nancy Isbell Watts, 78, of Bessemer will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Jones Chapel Cemetery, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday from noon until 2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Watts passed away Dec. 7, 2022, at UAB Hospital. She was born Aug. 7, 1944, to Otis Thomas Harris and Dorothy Louise Davis Harris. She was a kind person, always thinking of others. She was a mom, cook, waitress, singer, nurse and boss. She will be missed. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husbands, David Isbell and Jackie Watts. Survivors include her sons, Allen (Jenny) Catlow, Delbert Faden; daughters, Donna (Carl) Martin, Lisa Hill, Theresa (Rick) Higgs, Janie Dorning; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family and friends.

Steve Allan Miller, 68
Steve Allan Miller, 68, of Cullman passed away Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022, at UAB Hospital. He was born Aug. 18, 1954, in Michigan. He is survived by his son, Chance (Anna) Miller; daughter, Frankie (Cody) Tipton; grandson, Griffin Tipton; sisters, Lisa Miller and Sherry (Jim) Jennings and a host of other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lowell Edwin "Ed" Miller and Mary Jane Bennett Miller and his brother, Kevin Blake Miller. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022, at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church; the Rev. Dr. John Richter officiating. The family will receive friends Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Winona "Bennie" Sue Hale, 90
Funeral Service for Winona "Bennie" Sue Hale, age 90, of Vinemont, will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, 2022, at Flint Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Delbert Freeman officiating, interment in Flint Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12:30-2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Hale passed away Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022, at her residence. She was born Aug. 9, 1932, to William Pinkney DeMonia and Mamie DeMonia. She was preceded in death by her son, Rex Hale; granddaughter, Sally Bice; parents; four brothers; and two sisters. Survivors include her husband of 69 years, Norman S. Hale; daughters, Vickie (David) Smith, Tammy (Kipp) Merritt, and Lori (Doug) Bice; grandchildren, Jennifer (Eric) Anderson, Jessica (Pablo) Palomino, Magin (Corey) Smith, Lucius Hale, Gennifer (Jared) Dyer and Melissa Wells; ten great-grandchildren. A special thanks to Cullman Regional Hospice; Dr. Steil; Dr. Britt; nurses, Brittany, Marlene, Sharon, Tracey, Kim and Mary; Brother Delbert; pastors, Buddy Price and Phillip Robinson; special sitter, Billie Logan; and a host of visitors, friends, and church family.

Tony Lawayne Freeman, 57
Funeral Service for Tony Lawayne Freeman, age 57, of Cullman, will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Ralph Andrews officiating. Visitation will be from 1:30-2:30 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Freeman passed away Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022, at Grandview Medical Center. He was born Oct. 25, 1965, to Gerald "Shorty" Freeman and Sandra Freeman. He was preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his daughter, Kristina (John) Andrews; son, Taylor Freeman; granddaughter, Lauren Andrews; mother, Sandra L. Freeman; sister, Tracey Freeman; brother, Tommy (Angela) Freeman; nephews, Thomas Freeman, Roman Christensen, Devin Christensen and Kyle Christensen; niece, Brittany Freeman; significant other, Kelly Stratman; mother of his children, Janice Baker; and a host of family and friends.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

A baby changes everything

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



In late 2008, country-singer Faith Hill, released her one-and-only Christmas album. It is titled "Joy to the World." In December of that year, Jean and I took a trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee. I took some CDs for us to listen to on the trip. Most of them were Christmas CDs, included Faith Hill's new one. When we heard the hauntingly beautiful song titled, "A Baby Changes Everything," we wept tears of joy. We had recently learned that we were going to be grandparents. We were about to be reminded of just how much a baby can, and usually does, change everything. Our one-and-only grandchild, Drew, was born the next summer, 2 days after my own birthday. Hard as it is for us to believe, that was 13 years ago, and Drew is now a teenager. My how our lives have changed in these last 13 years. Drew has given us a love we never knew. Hill's song talks about Mary crying. The first time I held my grandson, I too cried.

Obviously, our grandson was not our first experience with a baby. I said he reminded us of just how much a baby can change everything. Long before he was born, our one-and-only daughter, Sara Ashley, was born. She was a long time coming. Jean and I were married while we were still teenagers. We weren't even halfway through college, so the last thing we wanted to do was begin a family. We were barely getting by ourselves, so we certainly didn't need another mouth to feed during those years. We decided to wait until I had at least finished school. That included college followed by 3-years of seminary. Yes, we decided to wait, but we had no idea we would wait for 12 years. Finally, in our early 30s, we became parents. Twelve years is a long time to get used to a certain lifestyle, so when we say, "A baby changes everything," we might have a little different view of that from some parents. We stayed home more than we ever had. Picking up and packing up to travel wasn't as easy as it had been. Suddenly, we needed a table for 3, instead of 2. There were bottles to prepare and diapers to change. I was the youngest in my family so I don't believe I had every changed a diaper in my life. Not only did that baby change me, but I had to learn how to change that baby. Yes, I changed my share of Pampers! Even with dirty diapers, there was a joy in our home like never before.

My how we enjoyed our baby. In what seemed like the blink of an eye, right before our eyes, our beautiful-baby girl turned into a lovely-grown woman. She is now a wife, mother, and registered nurse. She is still our wonderful daughter, and I couldn't be any prouder of her.

Our daughter and our grandson, were not the first baby to change lives. If you have children and grandchildren, yours have no doubt changed your life too. Long before any of that happened to us, there was a baby born that changed more lives than anyone who has every been born. His name is Jesus. This month we celebrate his birth. Jesus was born to change our lives. He has certainly changed mine, and I thank him for it. He can change yours too.

This Christmas, as we spend time with the ones we love, please don't forget the one who loves us most. It is after all, the birthday of a baby who grew into a man and changed everything!

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1918, 1938

From the files of 1918

Mrs. John Lewis and children, of Birmingham, are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Linton.

Colonel and Mrs. A.A. Griffith and son, Kenneth, have returned home from a two-week visit to Red Boiling Springs, Tennessee.

Miss Lily Clapp, of Oneonta, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clapp.

Doctor C.H. Herrin spent the first of the week in Town Creek with his daughter, who is suffering from an attack of influenza.

From the files of 1938

Winfred Walker, 16-year-old son of O.I. Walker, of the Berlin community, was seriously injured when his motorcycle collided with a truck driven by M.C. Lovvorn, well-known Cullman man, on a downtown street, on Monday afternoon. Young Walker was carried to the City Infirmary in Drinkard's ambulance, where his condition was considered serious, but not critical.

He received a broken right arm, a fractured leg and severe cuts about the face. No arrests were made by investigating officers.

Marriage Licenses

April 20th

Grady Livingston, 24, to Tommie Lee Reagan, 19 and Troy Hudson, 20, to Mary Rodgers, 21.

April 21st

Linard B. Taylor, 27, to Ina Lee Couch, 22.

April 22nd

Hubert F. Burgess, 24, to Alline Gober, 22 and William V. Wilson, 34, to Margie J. Armstrong, 21.

April 23rd

Joe Parr, 35, to Edith Hogans, 18, Claud Thomas Peek, 24, to Pauline Alvis, 24, Finis Pruett, 22, to Ruth N. Brown, 20 and Clyde Williams, 21, to Gladys Wood, 20.

Mr. and Mrs. O.B. Hodges were hosts, honoring the members of the West Point faculty and a few friends at their home on Wednesday evening. The event was in the form of a buffet supper.

Early spring flowers were arranged in the living room where the guests were received. A delicious plate was served to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pruitt, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jordan, Mrs. Ted Boho, Mrs. Emmett Bradford, Mrs. Amon Courington, Mrs. Thomas Hendrix, Misses Nell Teem, Lida Mae Wilkinson, Lula Mae Taylor, Mary Keaton, Marion Speegle, Challie Hughes and Lois King.

Decoration Day will be held at Hopewell Baptist Church, on May 15th, 1938. The program is as follows:

10:30 a.m., Songs by choir.

Mrs. C.H. Voight, pianist and Mr. Lemar Harris, Chorister.

Prayer, Mr. D.B. Bradford.

Welcome address, Mr. Forrest Patrick. Quartet, White Brothers.

Song by Choir.

Solo, Milledean Voight.

Sermon, Reverend Jack Akin.

Decorating Committee: Mary Hamrick, Bonnie Jean Beilhart, Charlotte Brooks, Melba Quattlebaum, Doris Grey, Gladys Hamrick, Virgie Patrick, Judy Keller, Ludelle Graves, Virginia Greer, Edith Ryan and Nina Mae Turner.

POET'S CORNER

A Grandmother's Christmas | By: Randy C. Hale

It was a long walk down the hill,
across the fence, through the pasture
to the far north end where the
holly bush waited for our annual
trip with its thorny leaves, evergreen,
and small red berries, the pain,
the blood, and the everlasting
life of Christ.

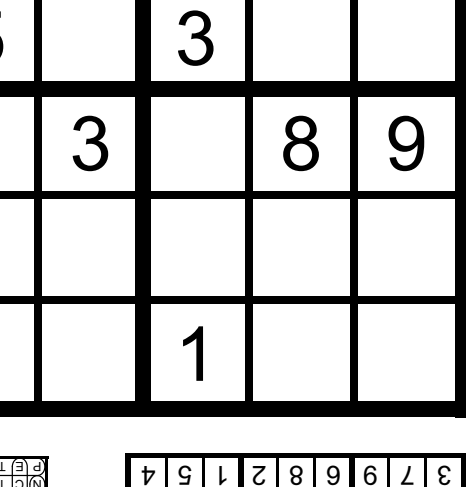
After a small cutting, we would
begin the journey back.
This time taking a different route,
entering the woods to choose a
Christmas tree. A small one to
fit on her coffee table in the cold
room where the heat didn't reach.

Back at home, a shotgun blast
would knock some mistletoe
from the oak trees as we watched
it fall in clumps to the earth amidst giggles of the thoughts of kisses
and mirth.

There would be a glass Santa
placed underneath that little tree,
a bright red bird affix to a small limb brushed with homemade snow from
flour and cornstarch, small colored
bulbs and tinsel glistening in the
shimmering light.

I don't remember all the gifts
wrapped in colored tissue from
the five and dime, but I remember
the time, the warmth of love and
food that was always divine.

It is said, you never know how
precious moments are until they
become a memory and such are
those trips to the holly bush, the
gathering of mistletoe and the
choice and decorations of that
special little tree at grandmothers
home at Christmas.



CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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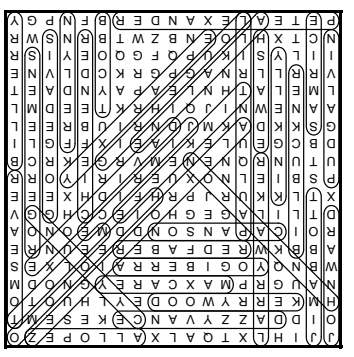
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Micro (from Front)

Amy Leonard
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Volunteer Donna Ruttkay of the Cullman County Animal Shelter shares this week's Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week: Micro!

Micro answers to his name or Tiny or whatever you want, as long as he's your no. 1 guy. The Great Dane/lab mix is approximately 1.5 years old and well behaved on his leash.

The shiny boy is respectful of your space and has an unassuming, goofy personality. Micro is destined to be an excellent hiking or companion dog.

Micro's adoption fee includes DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip. All animals are spayed or neutered prior to adoption.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com or visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE.

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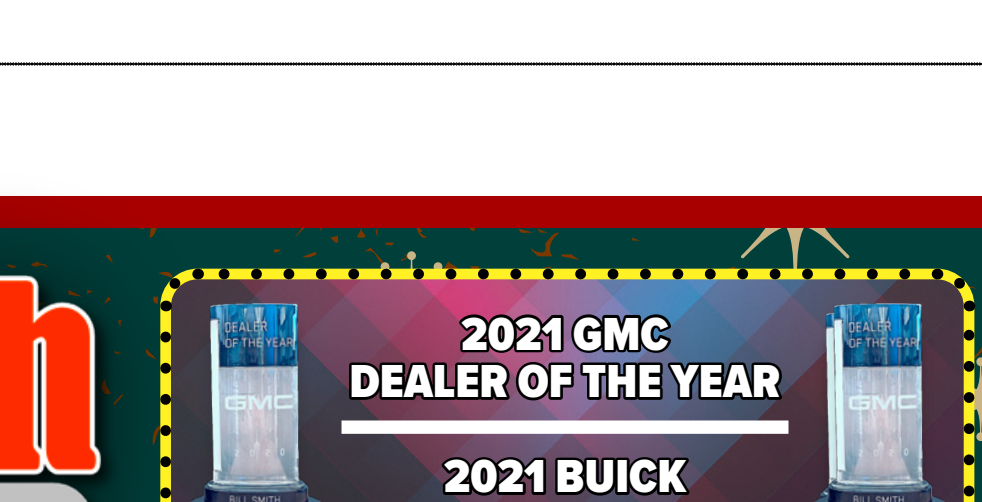
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