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Bosom Buddies give thanks to community

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Concluding its 10th year of serving the community, the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation has provided more than $125,000 to 117 Cullman County cancer patients to aid with day-to-day expenses, which can be increasingly difficult to cover when undergoing treatment. The nonprofit agency provides financial assistance as needed for utilities, food, gas, rent/mortgage and more to help cover income that is often lost while in a cancer treatment program.

Many of the Bosom Buddies clients learn of the program through their nurse navigator at Cullman Regional, who sends in a formal request once an application and supporting documentation is submitted. Once the information is reviewed and needs are determined, Bosom Buddies pays the client's bills directly to the creditor on behalf of the Bosom Buddies Foundation. No cash is given.

Bosom Buddies' Judy Grissom is quick to thank the many individuals » PAGE 2


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Rick Pate kicks off Agriplex capital campaign



AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries Commissioner Rick Pate (center, in brown vest and hat) presented a check to the North Alabama Agriplex on Friday, Dec. 16.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Christmas came early for the North Alabama Agriplex's capital campaign on Friday when Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries Commissioner Rick Pate presented a check for $100,000 to kick off the campaign. An additional check for $100,000 was received from the Alabama Mountains, Rivers & Valleys Resource Conservation & Development Council.

"If COVID showed us anything, it showed us that food security is national security," Pate said. "People think that food just comes from the grocery store, but places like this show them the truth about where our food comes from. Only 1-2% of the population is involved in farming now and places like the Agriplex tell the agricultural stories. We need places like the Agriplex to reinforce where their food comes from."

The goal of the Agriplex's "A New Home for the Harvest" campaign is $2.2 million for the construction of a new 8,525-square-foot facility. The new footprint would allow for a community teaching kitchen, private office space, the addition of the offices of the Cullman County Cooperative Extension and continued shared programming.

"This is a great start to our campaign," Agriplex Executive Director Rachel Dawsey said. "We're looking at many grant opportunities for the Agriplex to build, for the construction of our teaching kitchen and to bring the Cullman County Cooperative Extension offices in with us."

Pate recognized Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, and his role in making the donation possible.

"The Agriplex is important because not only does it have education for children of all ages throughout the whole county, but also the whole region," Gudger shared. "Children learn about growing food and the conservation of our land to teach them where our food comes from. What happens at the Agriplex is amazing with all the diverse educational programs for both children and adults."

Gudger spoke to the dream of the Agriplex and those who made that dream a reality, including Dr. Bill Peinhardt and Big Doc Williamson, stating, "It was the giants who came before us. We're standing on their shoulders now."

For more information on the North Alabama Agriplex, visit www.agriplex.org.

'How much of a blessing you are'

Cullman County seniors celebrate Christmas


AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Stone Bridge Farms was packed full of Cullman area senior citizens who came to celebrate Christmas Friday, Dec. 16.
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 15

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 15, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Dec. 12

- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1082
- reckless endangerment; Co. Rd. 1212
- violation of protection order; Co. Rd. 1371
- assault; Co. Rd. 1122
- domestic violence; Hwy 31
- unlawful possession of dangerous drugs; Co. Rd. 437
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 747
- burglary; Co. Rd. 438
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 314
- burglary; Co. Rd. 438
- theft of property; Hwy 31
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1140
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 1749
- domestic violence, criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 1025

Dec. 13

- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 1564
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 437
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 1223
- unlawful possession of dangerous drugs, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; 2nd Ave. SW
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 1435
- harassment; Co. Rd. 134

Dec. 14

- harassment; Pond View Dr.
- domestic violence, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 818
- unlawful possession of controlled substances; 4th St. SW
- harassment; Co. Rd. 802
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 831
- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 1082

ARRESTS

Clairday, Robert A; 61
- assault-harassment
- larceny/theft

Dove, Shaun A; 36
- FTA-public intoxication
- FTA-theft from a motor vehicle-1st degree

Hicks, Michael E; 41
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- resisting arrest

Hinkle, Joseph F; 43
- Violation of domestic violence protection order

Lopez, Jose G; 20
- sex offense-force

Ray, Ozzy A; 20
- FTA-possession of marijuana

Roden, Leslie R; 28
- FTA-operating vehicle with expired tag

Romero, Edwin; 26
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Sturgeon, Christopher M; 34
- FTA-forgery-counterfeiting (3 counts)
- FTA-forgery-forged instrument (3 counts)

Sturgeon, Rachel N; 34
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

Tanner, Steven R; 31
- possession of dangerous drugs

Welch, Callie D; 28
- FTA-contributing to the delinquency of minor

Dec. 13

Armstrong, Jason E; 47
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Davis, Kayla L; 26
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Edwards, Sarah; 38
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hodge, Zackary S; 32
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

Loveless, Steven T; 34
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Parks, Justin C; 36
- Probation revoked-possession of dangerous drugs

Ritchie, Robin L; 42
- negotiating worthless instrument

Shaffer, Dameon S; 25
- Probation revoked-burglary-residence
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs
- Probation revoked-larceny/theft

Turner, Scottie L; 42
- FTA-assault-domestic-harassment-family

Dec. 14

Atchley, Lashay G; 23
- FTA-assault-child abuse-simple-family

Brasher, Ronald A; 39
- FTA-drug trafficking
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA-attempting to elude police officer

Harris, Jayme; 25
- public intoxication

Johnson, Brandi M; 34
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia

Kilpatrick, Justin K; 35
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Lynn, Christine M; 29
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Penn, Tyler W; 46
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- GJ-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs
- GJ-possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA-forgery-counterfeiting
- FTA-forgery-forged instrument
- FTA-forgery-possession forgery device/tools
- FTA-giving false identification to law enforcement
- FTA-driving while suspended
- GJ-unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Dec. 11
- domestic violence-3rd degree; Lessman St. SW

Dec. 12
- forgery-2nd degree, theft of property-1st degree; Eckenrod Ford Lincoln Mercury; Hwy 157; Stolen:2021 Ford F350

Dec. 14
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; 2nd Ave. SW; damage to 2023 Toyota Camry
- domestic violence-3rd degree; Ward Ave. SW

Dec. 15
- theft of property-4th degree; WalMart; Hwy 157; general merchandise; $154

ARRESTS

Dec. 14

Atchley, LaShay G; 23
- FTA-failure to stop at stop sign
- FTA-driving without a license

Harris, Jayme; 25
- assault with bodily fluids (2 counts)

Hill, Jarod K; 33
- domestic violence-3rd degree
- obstructing governmental operations

Kilpatrick, Justin K; 35
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia

Rouss, Jack P; 46
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Cullman awarded $150K for new hotel infrastructure

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A Cullman water park has helped reel in a new hotel and restaurant that will provide new jobs for the city.

Gov. Kay Ivey has awarded the city a $150,000 grant to provide infrastructure required for Cobblestone Hotels to construct a 63-room hotel on Main Avenue. The hotel will employ at least 15 people and will be located a few blocks from the city's new WildWater water park and Heritage Park, a sports facility with multiple fields and courts.

The hotel, which includes a Wissota Chophouse restaurant, is the first Cobblestone Hotel to be built in Alabama.

"The city of Cullman and Cullman County as a whole continue to be magnets for economic development – both commercial and industrial," Ivey said. "I salute local leaders for their diligence in making their community a better place to live, work and play. I am pleased to provide this Community Development Block Grant to support this project and the jobs that it will create."

CDBG funds will be used to construct a turning lane along Main Avenue and a new access road to improve traffic flow. The City of Cullman has committed $30,250 for the project.

Based in Clintonville, Wisconsin, Cobblestone Hotels has expanded to more than 165 locations in 27 states since it was founded in 2008. The Cullman hotel will be four stories and is expected to cost about $8.8 million.



COBBLESTONE HOTELS

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) is administering the grant from funds made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"This hotel will be a welcome addition to help the city of Cullman continue to attract visitors to the area," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said. "ADECA is pleased to join Gov. Ivey as a participant in this project."

Cullman's Sarah Laney named to Troy's 'The 87'

Matt Clower
Contributor

TROY, Ala. — Sarah Laney of Cullman has been selected by Troy University as a member of "The 87."

Laney is majoring in English Language Arts Education.

The 87, formerly Who's Who, recognizes juniors, seniors and graduate students who have excelled in campus leadership and in their academic area. Selections are made based on academic standing, community service, leadership ability and potential for continued success.

This year's recipients were honored by Troy Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr. and First Lady of Troy Janice Hawkins during a reception Dec. 5 at the chancellor's residence on the Troy campus.

About Troy University

Troy University is a public, historic, international university with 22,500 students and 154,000 alumni. Students choose TROY for its quality academic programs, reasonable costs and availability of financial aid, outstanding faculty, and flexible in-class and online class offerings. Students on the Troy, Ala. campus enjoy a traditional college experience, while adult students are the centers of attention at campuses in Dothan, Montgomery and Phenix City, Ala., as well as at locations around the world and online.



TROY UNIVERSITY

Sarah Laney poses with Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr.

Thanks (from Front)

and organizations throughout the county who help Bosom Buddies help others.

"We just couldn't do what we do for our people without our supporters," shared Grissom.

"We have been so blessed to have the support of the community. Our organization is different in that we take care of our people locally in Cullman County.

"If someone is undergoing cancer treatment in Cullman or that lives in Cullman and they get their treatment somewhere else, we want to help them."

Grissom is the perfect woman to lead such a giving organization. When she tells a cancer patient she understands what they are going through, she means it.

"In 2013 I started to open this shop and I called Mary (Dyer) and asked her if she felt like there was a need for a wig store in Cullman," Grissom remembered.

"And she said there absolutely was. My ribbon cutting was on May 1. The day before, Dr. Williamson called me and said my mammogram had to be repeated because they saw something.

"I went back the next week for a second mammogram. The next month I had a bilateral mastectomy done. I'm a survivor and it's my passion now. It's what I think about almost 24/7."

Donations are what make Bosom Buddies' benevolence possible. This year, contributions from Bill Smith Buick GMC, the Cullman Firefighters Association, Senior Kickers at the Active Adult Center and Cullman Fire Rescue, in addition to monies from fundraisers such as the Little Pink Dress Benefit and Derby Day, allowed the agency to serve 30 residents of Cullman who are undergoing cancer treatment this year.

A look at their books, which Bosom Buddies share openly and transparently, reflects a 20% drop in donations since last year, when 41 cancer patients were helped. The top three things for which funds were used this year were medical expenses, utilities and rent/mortgage.

Despite the decline in funding this year, Bosom Buddies has grown leaps and bounds from its first year, when four patients were served with total funds of less than $1,500.

In 2023, the Bosom Buddies will kick off an inaugural Gospel Music Jubilee featuring Living Faith Quartet at Northbrook Baptist Church on Friday, March 17. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and music will begin at 6. Tickets are $15 in advance or $20 at the door on the day of the event. Limited VIP and Parking tickets are $25.

Tickets can be purchased in person at Options, 2201 Second Ave. NW, or Yates Chance Christian Bookstore, 1650 Second Ave. NW, online at www.cullmanbosombuddies.com or by calling 256-734-7730.

Tickets are on sale now. All proceeds will benefit Bosom Buddies and the patients it serves.

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.

• Saturday, Dec. 17 – 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank.

• Sunday, Dec. 18 - 8 a.m. Prayer - Join Kevin and Pastor Bobby Sunday to pray for our church, nation, for those who need healing, salvation and deliverance. 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. You can call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Children's Christmas Play "Seeking the Savior", followed by Christmas lunch. Everyone invited!

• Wednesday, Dec. 21 - 6:30 p.m. We will be having a Christmas Candlelight Service. All invited and welcome!

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. 17-23, 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. 17 and 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. 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. 16,17,23 – $10

• Kids' rides Dec. 16,17,23 – $5

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

Cullman Ballet Theatre School Presents "The Nutcracker"

Saturday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 18, at 2:30 p.m. at Wallace State Community College's Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. Tickets are $15 at www.etix.com/ticket/o/10033/cullmanballettheatres-chool. Balcony seat tickets will be available at the door for $20 (cash only). No other tickets will be available for purchase at the door.

Cullman County Home Builders Association Hosts Santa Claus

Sunday, Dec. 18, from 2-5 p.m. at St. John's Church Christ Hall. Santa will be available for free photographs, and monetary donations on behalf of the Jason McCollum family will be accepted. The organization will be selling raffle tickets for a playhouse built by carpentry students at the Cullman Area Technology Academy for $1 each or six for $5. Sunday will be the last day raffle tickets are available for purchase before the drawing on Monday, Dec. 19. Tickets will also be available for the Jan. 1 virtual drawdown raffle with a grand prize of $10,000. Tickets are $100 each and the proceeds will go donated to the McCollum family. McCollum passed away in November after a more than year-long hospitalization due to complications from COVID-19.

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. 16, 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: 11.2%

• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,822

• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 538,459

• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 634,839

• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,189

• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,558

• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 3,948

• Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 8.4%

• 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): 12,694

• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128

• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 188

• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2022): 72

• Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 690

• Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 58

• Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 33,174

• Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 3,728

Vaccine details (updated Thursdays)

• Doses delivered to Alabama: 10,910,595

• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 5,467,565

• Doses administered: 6,660,166

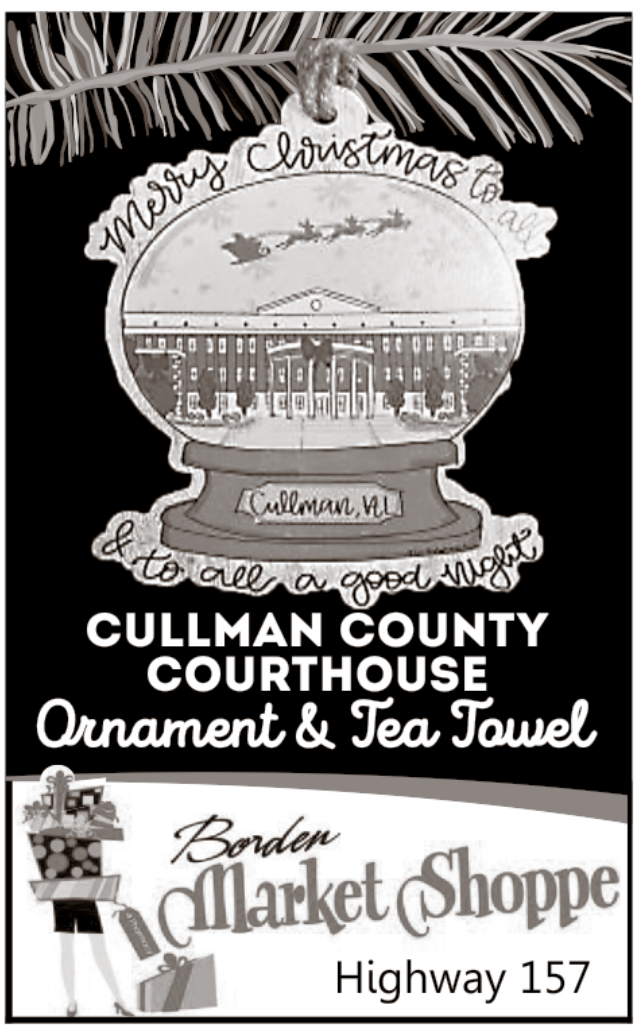
• Additional doses administered: 983,830

• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,949,833

• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,444,971

• Doses delivered to federal programs: 5,443,030

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



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"JOY is the true gift of Christmas."

—Pope Benedict XVI

Are the Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza holidays more blissful or more stressful? YES, all the above. There have been voluminous research studies on this subject. Here are various scientific findings reported by Dr. Sebastian Ocklenburg in Psychology Today (December 2019) which reinforce The S.U.N.S. (Smile-Making, Uniting, Neighboring, Spellbinding) Joyous Aging System:

S.U.N.S. HOLIDAY JOY (Smile-Making)

Scientists have identified a "Christmas spirit network in the brain," according to a 2015 study by Anders Hougaard and others. The research group was small — 10 people who celebrated Christmas compared to 10 people who did not have this tradition. The brains of all were scanned in an MRI machine. Findings showed those who celebrate Christmas had increased brain activity in the sensory motor cortex which relates to spirituality and positive facial emotions—SMILE-MAKING.

S.U.N.S. HOLIDAY JOY (Uniting)

A study reported from Michigan (Jason R. Keeler et al., 2015) found that singing Christmas carols with others increases physical and psychological well-being and strengthens emotional bonds of those who carol together. Caroling groups have a decrease of adrenocorticotropic hormone (ACTH) which is a marker of stress. Also, carolers test higher for oxytocin, a hormone linked to social bonding in humans.

"HUNDRED DOLLAR HOLIDAY: The Case for a More Joyful Christmas" by Bill McKibben has started an entire movement aimed at reducing store-bought holiday stress and increasing deeper connection with family and friends. Many families have cut back on Christmas spending to the suggested $100 goal. The book does a great job of explaining how American consumerism kidnapped the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, why that's been depressing for millions and how each of us can find joy with cheaper alternatives.

McKibben trumpets "Christmas Gift Exemption Vouchers" to download at www.AdBusters.org. For those who are more joyfully light hearted, check out the annual newsletter of the Society to Curtail Ridiculous, Outrageous and Ostentatious Gift Exchanges (SCROOGE).

S.U.N.S. HOLIDAY JOY (Neighboring)

Better to give than receive? Spending money on gifts for others is scientifically proven to make you more joyful than spending it on yourself. The research was done by giving those being tested money ($5 or $20) and instructing them to spend it that day on either paying on a bill, buying themselves something or buying something for someone else. At the end of the day, regardless of the amount, those who spent on others registered a greater increase in joy.

This story from The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation website, www.actsofkindness.org, is a warm, NEIGHBORING one you'll want to share with others this holiday:

It was only four days before Christmas. The spirit of the season hadn't yet caught up with me, even though cars packed the parking lot of our local discount store. Inside the store, it was worse. Shopping carts and last-minute shoppers jammed the aisles. "Why did I come today?" I wondered. My feet ached almost as much as my head. My list contained names of several people who claimed they wanted nothing, but I knew their feelings would be hurt if I didn't get them something. Trying to come up with gift ideas for people who had everything, and deploring the high cost of goods, I considered gift buying anything but fun.

Hurriedly, I filled my shopping cart with items and proceeded to the long checkout lines. In front of me were two small children—a boy of about five and a younger girl. The boy wore a ragged coat. Enormously large, tattered tennis shoes jutted far out in front of his much too-short jeans. He clutched several crumpled dollar bills in his

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grimy hands. The girl's clothing resembled her brother's. Her head was a matted mass of curly hair. Reminders of an evening meal showed on her small face. She carried a beautiful pair of shiny, gold house slippers. As the Christmas music sounded in the store's stereo system, the girl hummed along, off-key but happily.

When we finally approached the checkout register, the girl carefully placed the shoes on the counter as though they were a treasure. The clerk rang up the bill. "That will be $6.09," she said. The boy laid his crumpled dollars atop the stand while he searched his pockets. He finally came up with $3.12. "I guess we will have to put them back," he bravely said. "We will come back some other time, maybe tomorrow."

With that statement, a soft sob came from the little girl. "But Jesus would have loved those shoes," she cried. "Well, we'll go home and work some more," said the boy. "Don't cry. We'll come back." Quickly I handed $3 to the cashier; after all, it was Christmas. Suddenly a pair of arms came around me and a small voice said, "Thank you, lady."

"What did you man when you said Jesus would like the shoes?" I asked. The boy answered, "Our mommy is sick and going to heaven. Daddy said she might go before Christmas to be with Jesus." The girl spoke, "My Sunday School teacher said the streets in heaven are shiny gold, just like these shoes. Won't Mommy be beautiful walking on those streets to match these shoes?" My eyes flooded as I looked into her tear-streaked face. "Yes," I answered, "I am sure she will." Silently I thanked God for sending these children to remind me of the true spirit of giving."

S.U.N.S. HOLIDAY JOY (Spellbinding)

Christmas is not the time to give up "in the zone" exercise nor postpone medical appointments. A 10-year study at the Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia concluded Christmastime sees an increase in incidents of heart failure. You might consider brisk walks and less eggnog this holiday.

When your holiday dreams include the wish to make them more SMILE-MAKING, more warmly UNITING, more others-centered NEIGHBORING and more magically SPELL-BINDING, I hope you'll remember the scientific studies and holiday ideas above. Let's all enjoy MORE JOY and LESS HUMBUG this season.

S.U.N.S. HOLIDAY JOY ODES FROM OTHERS

"This is my wish for you: peace of mind, prosperity through the year, happiness that multiplies, health for you and yours, fun around every corner, energy to chase your dreams, JOY to fill your holidays."—D.M. Dellinger

"Do what you do. This Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, New Year's Eve, Twelfth Night, Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras, St. Paddy's Day and every day henceforth. Just do what you do. Live out your life and your traditions on your own terms. If it offends others, so be it. That's their problem."—Chris Rose

"Sound the trumpet of JOY and rebirth; let each of us try, with a song in our hearts, to bring peace on Earth."—Mildred L. Jarrell

"Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting. It is happiness because we see JOY in people. It is forgetting self and finding time for others. It is discarding the meaningless and stressing the true values."—Thomas S. Monroe

"May your walls know JOY, may every room hold laughter and every window open to great possibility."—Mary Anne Radmacher

"The JOY of brightening other lives, bearing each other's burdens, easing others' loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of Christmas."—W.C. Jones

S.U.N.S. HOLIDAY CRACKER LAFFS

A proper British Christmas dinner must have "crackers," those festively wrapped, tube-shaped presents at each plate. "Crackers" have been a HOLIDAY JOY throughout the Commonwealth since 1850. They make a "crackle" sound when you pull them apart. Inside are a little toy, a paper crown which one dons for the din-din and a joke—preferably a rawtha lousy joke. I snared these for your Scrooge-y pleasure from a UK website:

What do you call a grasshopper who forgot the words to "We Wish You a Merry Christmas?" A "hum" bug.

What is the best Christmas present for a bad kid? A broken drum, you can't beat it.

One of Santa's elves won the lottery. He's Welfy.

Why should you go to a tree farm this holiday? To do your Christmas chopping.

Santa didn't have to pay for his sleigh. It was on the house.

My dog got sick from eating Christmas ornaments. He has Tinsilitis.

JOY-GIVERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

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Dec. 21—Ray Romano
Dec. 22—Lady Bird Johnson
Dec. 23—Madam C. J. Walker

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL APPLES ON A STICK—WEST VIRGINIA
(Source: allrecipes.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
- 6 refrigerated, cool apples
- 6 wooden craft sticks
- Cooking spray
- 1 (14 oz.) package of individually wrapped caramels, unwrapped
- 2 tbsp. milk

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Remove the stem from each apple and press a craft stick into the top. Spray a baking sheet with cooking spray.

2. Place caramels and milk in a microwave-safe bowl; microwave for 2 minutes, stirring once. Set aside to cool briefly.

3. Roll each apple quickly in caramel sauce until well-coated. Place on prepared sheet to set.

"The JOYrontolgist" RECOMMENDS grown-ups pairing caramel apples with a tawny port sipping wine. These wines have raisin and caramel flavors reminiscent of old-fashioned Christmas cakes. Consider a medium-sweet Portuguese tawny port from Quinta do Infantado.

1,070 JOYFUL THINGS FROM MY FIRST 70 YEARS
(continued)

1,017. Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at Sacred Heart Church

1,018. "Christmas Island" with Jimmy Buffett singing and Margaritas

1,019. Christmas cookies and socks for the homeless in Downtown Birmingham

1,020. Christmas carrots for reindeer on our farm

1,021. Christmas games with friends at the "party barn"

1,022. Christmas bawling with a department store Santa in Decatur

1,023. Christmas Day bird hunting with my new BB gun

1,024. Christmas Day bird counting with the Audubon Society

1,025. Christmas candy-making with my otherwise, health-conscious mom

1,026. Christmas candle-pouring for 5,000 guests at the Governor's Mansion

1,027. Christmas clogging-dancers at a country place in Blount County

1,028. Christmas with my infant son

1,029. Christmas snow in festive Paris, France

1,030. "Christmas Sunday," proclaimed by Governor Ivey and the anthem I co-wrote with Henry Scott

HAPPY HOLIDAY JOY TO YOU AND YOURS!

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PREP BASKETBALL

Vinemont collects wins over ASCTE

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VINEMONT, Ala. – The Vinemont Eagles and Lady Eagles were both back home to host the Alabama School of Cyber Technology & Engineering (ASCTE) Thursday night and both home teams were able to collect wins. The Lady Eagles dominated their matchup 73-11 and in the boys' game, the Eagles pulled away in the second half to top the Sentinels 51-39.

Vinemont 73 - ASCTE 11 (Varsity Girls)

Vinemont got off to a very fast start as Maggie Burks hit a basket to put them on the scoreboard first. Reagan Robinson and Burks scored the first 10 points for the Lady Eagles and Whitney Quick drilled a three to give them a 13-0 lead. Caroline Miller added a basket down low to make it 15-0. The Lady Sentinels hit a three to get on the scoreboard, but Addison Holcomb hit a pair of shots down low, and Morgan Flanagan added one as well and Vinemont took a commanding 23-3 lead into the second period.

Burks and Robinson scored the first six points for the Lady Eagles as they pushed their lead to 29-3. Quick hit her second three of the first half to make it 32-3, then Holcomb and Flanagan each added a basket down low as Vinemont took a 36-5 lead into the half. The second half was more of the same as Vinemont got whatever they wanted and got almost every player in the scoring column as well. The Lady Eagles improved to 8-5 after their 73-11 win over the Lady Sentinels.

Burks finished the game with 14 points for Vinemont. Carley Stephens added 11 points. Robinson ended up with 10 points. Holcomb and Miller each added nine points, while Quick finished with eight points.

Vinemont 51 - ASCTE 39 (Varsity Boys)

Points were hard to come by in the first period between both teams. The Sentinels knocked down a three as they got on the scoreboard first, but the Eagles got on the scoreboard on a jumper by Isiah Jones with a little over five minutes to go in the opening period. A layup by Jaxon Holcomb gave Vinemont a 4-3 lead with 3:37 left to go in the first period. Dawson Wilhite split a pair from the line and Holcombe added another basket as Vinemont held a slim 7-5 lead late in the first period. Jordan Eller hit a free throw to make it 8-5, but a late three by the Sentinels tied things up at eight going into the second period.

The Sentinels hit a pair of baskets to start out the second quarter as they grabbed a 12-8 lead. Holcombe hit a pair of free throws and Chayce Sandlin hit a shot down low to tie it up at 12.

A rebound and put-back by Dalton Ray kept the game tied up at 14 with less than three minutes to go in the first half. Holcomb added another basket down low and hit a pair of free throws to make it 18-14. Ryan Stewart drilled a long-range shot to push Vinemont's lead to 21-14 and they would take a 21-16 lead into the locker room.

A three by the Sentinels made it a 21-19 game early in the third quarter. The Eagles started the third quarter cold and with 4:31 left to go in the quarter, Holcombe hit their first basket of the quarter to make it a four-point game. Another basket by Ray pushed their lead to 25-19 with a little over three minutes to go in the third period. The Sentinels cut it to 27-23 on a pair of baskets down low, but a huge and-one by Holcomb increased the Eagle lead to 31-25 going into the fourth quarter.



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Vinemont's Reagan Robinson finished with 10 points in the Lady Eagles' win over ASCTE Thursday night.

Vinemont's lead quickly got pushed up to nine at 37-28 on a pair of huge threes by Stewart. A pair of baskets by the Sentinels made it a 37-32 game, but a Sandlin free throw and another made basket by Holcombe made it 40-32 with less than five minutes to go in the game. A scoring run by the Sentinels made it a 42-37 contest, but a driving layup by Connor Gibbs pushed Vinemont's lead to 44-38. Isaac Moody knocked down a short jumper and Gibbs hit another layup to make it 48-39 and the Sentinels didn't get any closer after that as the Eagles ended up taking the game, 51-39.

Holcomb led the way for Vinemont (4-7) with 22 points. Stewart added nine points, while Gibbs ended up with seven points.

Vinemont will host West Point Monday night.

'Play with a chip on your shoulder': West Point's Kolten Perry excited for junior season

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WEST POINT, Ala. — In this interview, I talked to West Point junior Kolten Perry about the current basketball season and the experience he gained last year. Perry also he talked about how the summer play-day games went and what all he took away from those games coming into his junior season.

"It went good. It took us some time to discover who we were and what we needed to do to win. I learned a lot, mostly leadership from the seniors, and how crucial it is in the last seconds of a close game and how much it will impact the outcome of the game," Perry said.

"The play-day games went very well. We discovered what kind of team we are and what kind of basketball we will need to play to have a huge season and make it deep this year."

Perry has been playing with this team since their days on the JV team and he's really happy to see the chemistry that they have on the court. He's played for head coach Mason Voce for three years, including his days on JV, and has learned so much from him so far.

"It's been amazing. The team chemistry we have on this team is on another level and it's getting better each and every day as we know where each other will be on the court without even looking," Perry said. "He's been an amazing coach and an even better role model. He's been teaching me how the real world will be when basketball stops. It doesn't matter if your body is sore or if you're having a bad shooting day, the only things he asks from us is to hustle."

Perry has learned a lot from the upperclassmen before him and he's been taking what they've taught him into his conversations with the younger players on the team.

"I've mostly learned confidence and not being scared to take that shot or make that play. They also taught me that being a leader on and off the court will make a huge impact on the team during those difficult games," Perry said. "It's very important to teach them how different high school is and that you are going to have to play with a chip on your shoulder. I've been also teaching them to get in the weight room, get stronger, and to never be satisfied."

Perry worked on polishing his game in the summer and has set some goals for himself and the team this season. He talked about what will make this team special to watch this season.

"I've been pretty much working on everything, just polishing my game all-around. I've mainly focused on my footwork and my mid-range game," he said.

"My individual goals are to keep working hard and earn All-State and our team goals are to win area and keep extending our season. What will make this team special to watch this season will be our grit and hustle on both sides of the ball."



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West Point's Kolten Perry.

'Always be coachable': Good Hope's Tyler Cone enjoying sophomore season

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Last season was another one for the Good Hope Raiders. They finished with a 20-11 record, finished as area runner ups and made another trip to the Sub-Regionals. Sophomore Tyler Cone talked about his first year on varsity and how much he has learned from his teammates and coaches.

"The season started out very slow for me, especially playing on varsity for the first time, but my teammates helped me progress through the year a lot. It's a fun time on varsity when you have coaches and players who care for you like family," Cone said. "I learned a lot from last year. When things aren't going your way, there's always a way back up. We're going to be very young this year. We all learned that if we play as one, it doesn't matter how young we are."

Tyler feels like the team learned a lot during the summer play-day games and has tried to learn as much as he can from coaches Drew and Scott Adams.

"I feel like the summer games went well. We competed very well with some teams that no one gave us a chance against. As a team, we learned that if we played like us and defend well, we can compete with very good teams," Cone said. "They are not just great coaches, but they are great people. They preach the word of God to all of us. They make sure we're prepared to be young men, no matter the circumstances in life. The biggest thing I've learned from them is always be coachable, because you don't know what can come from it."

Tyler had a blast playing with last year's seniors, Tanner Malin, Noah Barnette and Canaan Jones, and learned as much as he could from them in the process.

"They were amazing. They never made it a dull day, even off the court. Having them around was nice. They always made everyone feel as if we were all brothers regardless, on and off the court.

"From Tanner, I learned to always play, no matter the score, because you never know what could happen. From Noah, I learned to still love the game through hardships, even when you're hurt. From Canaan, I learned to always keep a positive outlook and attitude. It's the best thing you can have in life."

Tyler worked on his overall game in the summer and has set some goals for himself and the team this season. He also talked about what will make this year's team special to watch.

"I definitely worked on my shot and my pull-up jumper. I feel like once I develop a solid pull-up game, that makes it hard for defenders to guard me," he said. "My personal goals are to prove that I'm a top player in my class for the state of Alabama and to get my name out there more. My team goals for us are to be a top team in Class 4A and in the state, prove that we can hang with the tough teams, and make it to Birmingham."

He added,

"What will make us very special to watch this season is our depth and our ability to go up and down. We love to turn the court. We love to go fast. We want to be fast and be a team no one wants to play because we defend our tails off."



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Good Hope's Tyler Cone

Triscuit (from Front)

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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: Triscuit!

Sweet Triscuit, a 2.5-3-year-old terrier mix, is an alert girl who keeps a watchful eye on her person's whereabouts as any good companion would. She has medium energy needs that can be met through hiking, walking and playing in the yard. Triscuit understands leash etiquette and does not invade personal space. She wears a backpack well and is ready for a life of adventure.

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LEGALS

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-04
TO AMEND SECTION 10-27 OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN CODE OF ORDINANCES
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 10-27 of the Code of Ordinances City of Cullman enacted 2010 is hereby amended by deleting paragraph (a) in its entirety.

Section 2. Section 10-27 of the Code of Ordinances City of Cullman is hereby amended to read:

Section 10-27.

a) The city adopts by reference as though fully set forth in this article the following building and technical codes, as modified by the city herein and from time to time.
   1) International Building Code, 2021 edition.
   2) International Existing Building Code, 2021 edition.
   3) International Residential Code, 2021 edition.
   4) International Plumbing Code, 2021 edition.
   5) International Mechanical Code, 2021 edition.
   6) International Fire Code, 2021 edition.
   7) International Energy Conservation Code, 2021 edition.
   8) International Property Maintenance Code, 2021 edition.
   9) National Electrical Code (NFPA 70), 2020 edition.
   10) ICC/NSSA Standard for the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters, ICC 500 - 2020 edition.
   11) ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1 - 2019 Energy Standard for Buildings except Low-Rise Residential.
   12) ADA Standards for Accessible Design, 2010 edition.
   13) NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, 2021 edition.

Section 3. All other sections of said Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 12th day of December, 2022. /s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council
ATTESTED BY:/s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED this the 12th day of December, 2022. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 05
AMENDING THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Under the authority of Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Section 11-52-1 through Section 11-52-84, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and specifically Sections 11-52-77 and at the request of property owner, the petitioner, the following describe the tract or parcel of land, to-wit: Property Owner: Apel Enterprises, LLLP. PPIN: 1040. Parcel No.: 17-02-09-1-017-002.000. Property Address: 1106 2nd Ave NW. Legal Description: Beginning at a 1 inch square pipe found on the West Right-of-Way of Moore Avenue, said pipe being the purported Northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 10 South, Range 3 West of the Huntsville Meridian, Madison County, Alabama; thence from the Point of Beginning, South 89 degrees 01 minutes 10 seconds East a distance of 295.09 feet to an iron pin set along the East Right-of-Way of U. S. Highway 31, said point also being the True Point of Beginning; thence from the True Point of Beginning, and leaving said Right-of-Way, South 89 degrees 01 minutes 10 seconds East a distance of 267.48 feet to an iron pin set along the West side of a 100 foot Railroad Right-of-Way; thence along said Railroad Right-of-Way, South 25 degrees 27 minutes 11 seconds East a distance of 549.53 feet to an iron pin set; thence leaving said Railroad Right-of-Way, North 88 degrees 54 minutes 18 seconds West a distance of 266.96 feet to a railroad spike found along the East Right-of-Way of U. S. Highway 31; thence along said Right-of-Way, North 25 degrees 31 minutes 36 seconds West a distance of 549.28 feet to the True Point of Beginning, and containing 3.02 Acres, more or less. Within the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as M-1 Manufacturing District on the Zoning Map of the City of Cullman, Alabama, under Ordinances No. 2004-03 and as may be reflected in any comprehensive master plan for the City of Cullman, Alabama, be, and is hereby changed from M-1 Manufacturing District to B-2 Business District.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage in a newspaper with general circulation within the City of Cullman, Alabama, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and the second publication either verbatim or synopsized, with the last publication being at least 15 days prior to the date set for public hearing and passage of said ordinance.

SECTION 3. That a public hearing be held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 12th day of December, 2022 at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

SECTION 4. That all notices as required by law be given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing, and in addition thereto, a certified letter be sent by the Clerk to all contiguous property owners at their last known addresses as shown by the tax records for the City of Cullman, Alabama.

SECTION 5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Cullman, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

SECTION 6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage or adoption as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, this the 12th day of December, 2022. /s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council
ATTESTED BY: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED this the 12th day of December, 2022. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 10

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO COOPERATIVE CONNECTION, LLC DBA SPROUT TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A FIBER INTERNET SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING THE GRANT OF THE FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR REGULATION AND USE OF THE SYSTEM AND THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS HEREIN.

The City Council of the City of Cullman Alabama ordains:

STATEMENT OF INTENT AND PURPOSE

City intends, by the adoption of this Franchise, to bring about the further development of a Fiber Internet System, and the continued operation of it. Such development can contribute significantly to the communication needs and desires of the residents and citizens of City and the public generally. Further, City may achieve better utilization and improvement of public services and enhanced economic development with the development and operation of a Fiber Internet System. Adoption of this Franchise is, in the judgment of the City Council, in the best interests of City and its residents.

FINDINGS

In the review of the request for renewal by Grantee and negotiations related thereto, and as a result of a public hearing, the City Council makes the following findings:

1. Grantee has substantially complied with the material terms of the current Franchise under applicable laws;
2. Grantee's technical ability, financial condition, legal qualifications, and character were considered and approved in a full public proceeding after due notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard;
3. Grantee's plans for operating the Fiber Internet System were considered and found adequate and feasible in a full public proceeding after due notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard;
4. The Franchise granted to Grantee by City complies with the existing applicable state statutes, federal laws and regulations; and
5. The Franchise granted to Grantee is nonexclusive.
6. The terms and conditions of the Franchise Agreement are attached as Exhibit A.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 12th day of December, 2022. /s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council
ATTESTED BY:/s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED this the 12th day of December, 2022. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

PUBLIC NOTICE TO REQUEST BIDS

Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism (CPRST) will receive bids to provide new flooring at Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center (CWAC). Bids will be received at the CPRST main office until the bid opening at 2:00 p.m. on January 3, 2023. Bids should be mailed to P.O. Box 788, Cullman, AL 35056 or hand delivered to the CPRST Main Office located at 703 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The CWAC flooring project will include the furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment to perform all work necessary to remove the old flooring, provide new flooring, and the installation of the new flooring at CWAC. The project will be done in phases over a period of time. The first phase will consist of the demolition of the existing flooring in multiple areas of CWAC. The demolition must be coordinated with CPRST to minimally disrupt normal business at CWAC. The demolition must also be done after hours and cleaned up prior to start of business each day. Plastic sheeting and dust scrubbers must be used during the project for dust control. After the demolition is complete, CPRST will paint at the CWAC prior to the starting of the final phase of the CWAC flooring project. The final phase of the CWAC flooring project is the installation of the flooring, base, and stair treads, which will be specified by CPRST, including any necessary prep work including but not limited to crack filling, floor leveling, applying adhesive, etc. The flooring installation must be coordinated with CPRST to minimize the disruption to daily business at CWAC. Bidders must have a State of Alabama general contractors license. Bidders must have at least ten years of contracting experience and provide three references from prior flooring jobs. Bidders must submit a certificate of insurance (COI) with their bid. The COI should clearly state their general liability insurance and workers compensation coverage limits. Bidders must provided a cashier's check drawn on an Alabama bank or a bid bond executed by a surety company duly authorized and qualified to make bonds in the State of Alabama in the amount not less than 5 percent and up to a maximum of $10,000. Before the bid is awarded, bidders must provide CPRST with a performance bond for 100 percent of the contract price and a payment bond for 50 percent of the contract price. Prior to the start of any work, the contractor must first obtain and keep current during the project all city privilege (business) licenses and city building permits. CPRST reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Bids shall not include federal or state taxes. Bids shall include all shipping, handling, and freight costs. CPRST will not reimburse any bidder for costs incurred in developing and/or submitting their bid. All bids with required documentation must be placed in a sealed envelope which is clearly marked "CWAC Flooring (Bid #23-001)". Bids will not be accepted via email or fax. Bids will not be accepted after the bid opening. General contractors must fully explain the warranty in their bid submittal. Questions should be directed to Kyle Clark via email: kclark@cprst.org. CPRST reserves the right to waive any informality or irregularity in the bids received. Retainage will be held on this project until all work is completed and accepted by CPRST.

Kyle Clark – Operational Director of CPRST

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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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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

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

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

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Petitioner
1939 Main Avenue Southwest
Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-246-9600

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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
BETTY JEAN BAILEY,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC2022-372

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to ROBERT ELTON BAILEY, as Personal Representative of the Estate of BETTY JEAN BAILEY, deceased, on the 14th day of December, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Robert Elton Bailey
Personal Representative

G. Edward Coey
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 834
Hanceville, AL 35077

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

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

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
OPAL EDGAR VIA,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC-2022-238

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to BRADLEY L. KIRBY as Personal Representative of the Estate of OPAL EDGAR VIA, deceased, on the 15th day of December, 2022 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Bradley L. Kirby
Personal Representative

J. Bradley Wilson
Attorney for Petitioner
206 Ninth Street SW, Suite 102
Cullman, AL 35055
256-737-0740

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 12
UPDATING THE LICENSE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 12-44 is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Sec. 12-44. License fee schedules.

The following is hereby established as the schedule of fees to be used for the calculation of amounts to be paid by taxpayers engaged in various businesses, professions, trades or other such activities in the City of Cullman:

(1) *Schedule A*
Advertising.
$100.00 plus .00167 of all gross receipts over $10,000.00.

(2) *Schedule B*
Bail bonds.
$250.00 plus .001 of all gross receipts over $25,000.00.
Banks.
Bank Main Office Facility $125.00
Each Bank Branch Location $10.00
State law reference(s)—Authority of municipalities to levy license tax on banks, Code of Ala. 1975, § 11-51-130.

(3) *Schedule C*
Contractors and subcontractors.
$100.00 plus .001 of all gross receipts over $10,000.00.
No permits for work of any kind for which a license is required shall be issued to a contractor, owner, or any authorized agent until all license taxes have been paid, unless herein otherwise provided. All general contractors shall upon request furnish the building inspector and/or the license officer with a full and complete list showing the names, addresses, contact numbers, and state licenses of all subcontractors. The City will not allow any work to be done by any subcontractor until all required licenses due have been paid in full. In the event there is no general contractor, the owner shall be subject to all the provisions required of a general contractor. Contractors and subcontractors shall provide the City of Cullman with a copy of general liability insurance with a minimum coverage amount of $50,000.00 before a license or permit shall be issued.
Car wash, automatic, manual, and other (the city council reserves the right to approve/reject).
Three percent of gross receipts.

(4) *Schedule D*
Distribution centers.
$100.00 plus .003 of all square footage over 20,000.
Delivery License.
$100.00 plus .001 of all gross receipts over $75,000.00.
State law reference(s)—Authority of municipalities to levy license tax on delivery, Code of Ala. 1975, § 10-21.

(5) *Schedule E*
Express companies.
$200.00 annual flat fee.
State law reference(s)—Authority of municipalities to levy license tax on any motor bus terminal or any person operating any terminal or station facilities for transportation of passengers, property or express transported by motor carrier, Code of Ala. 1975, § 37-3-33.

(6) *Schedule F*
Schedule F—Fairs, circuses, carnivals, and other (the city council reserves the right to approve/reject).
$100.00 plus .00167 of all gross receipts over $10,000.00.

(7) *Schedule G*
Gas company.
Natural gas, five percent of gross receipts.
Gasoline stations.
$100.00 plus .00167 of all gross receipts over $10,000.00.

(8) *Schedule I*
All transient or itinerant vendors (the city council reserves the right to approve/reject).
$500.00 per day.
Insurance fire and marine.
$10.00 plus four percent of gross premiums collected within the city limits of Cullman.
State law reference(s)—Authority of municipalities to levy license tax on fire or marine insurance companies, Code of Ala. 1975, § 11-51-120.
Insurance other than fire and marine.
$20.00 plus one percent of gross premiums collected within the city limits of Cullman.
State law reference(s)—Authority of municipalities to levy license tax on fire or marine insurance companies, Code of Ala. 1975, § 11-51-121.

(9) *Schedule K*
Kindergarten and Daycare.
$150.00 plus .002 of all gross receipts over $25,000.00.

(10) *Schedule L*
Pawn brokers and title pawns.
$500.00 plus .002 of all gross receipts over $25,000.00.
Financing, mortgages, and loans.
$150.00 plus .002 of all gross receipts over $25,000.00.

(11) *Schedule M*
Manufacturing.

On gross receipts less than $100,000.00	100.00
Over $100,000.00 and less than $500,000.00	300.00
Over $500,000.00 and less than $1,000,000.00	400.00
Over $1,000,000.00 and less than $5,000,000.00	750.00
Over $5,000,000.00 and less than $10,000,000.00	1,250.00
Over $10,000,000.00 and less than $15,000,000.00	1,800.00
Over $15,000,000.00 and less than $20,000,000.00	2,250.00
Over $20,000,000.00	2,750.00

(12) *Schedule O*
Occupancy hospitals, nursing homes, or assisted living.
$150.00 plus .002 of all gross receipts over $25,000.00.
Motels and hotels.
$100.00 plus .00167 of all gross receipts over $10,000.00.

(13) *Schedule P*
Professional, promoters, performers, and other.
$150.00 plus .002 of all gross receipts over $25,000.00.

(14) *Schedule R*
Retail, restaurants, skating rink, pool hall, bowling alley, and other.
$100.00 plus .00167 of all gross receipts over $10,000.00.
Rental, leasing, and other.
$100.00 plus .00167 of all gross receipts over $10,000.00.

(15) *Schedule S*
Service, beauty salon, barbershop, nail salon, wellness spa, tanning salon, and other.
$100.00 plus .00167 of all gross receipts over $10,000.00.

(16) *Schedule T*
Transportation, hauling, taxi, and other.
$100.00 per vehicle.
State law reference(s)—Authority of municipalities to levy license tax on any motor bus terminal or any person operating any terminal or station facilities for transportation of passengers, property or express transported by motor carrier, Code of Ala. 1975, § 37-3-33.
Tattoo, branding, and body piercing.
$1,000.00 plus .01 of all gross receipts (the city council reserves the right to approve/reject).
Telephone company.
Local $750.00 plus the additional charge specified in Section 11-51-128, Code of Alabama 1975, per 1,000 inhabitants above 14,000 according to the 2010 or later federal census Long Distance - $188.00 plus the additional charge specified in Section 11-51-128, Code of Alabama 1975, per 1,000 inhabitants above 14,000 according to the 2010 or later federal census. State law reference(s)—Authority of municipalities to levy license tax on persons operating telephone exchanges and long distance telephone lines for the privilege of doing intrastate business within the limits of such municipality, Code of Ala. 1975, § 11-51-128.

(17) *Schedule U*
Undertaker, funeral home.
$200.00 plus .001 of all gross receipts over $50,000.00.

(18) *Schedule V*
Vending machines.
$100.00 plus .00167 of all gross receipts over $10,000.00.
Vehicles.
$125.00 plus $1.00 per used vehicle sold over 125 used vehicles.
$200.00 plus $2.00 per new vehicle sold over 200 new vehicles.
Watercrafts, boats, tractors, RVs, ATVs, heavy equipment, trailers, mobile homes, and other.
$100.00 plus .00167 of all gross receipts over $10,000.00.

(19) *Schedule W*
Wholesale.
$100.00 plus .001 of all gross receipts over $50,000.00.

(20) *Schedule X*
Railroads.
$480.00 plus the additional charge specified in Section 11-51-124, Code of Alabama 1975, per 1,000 inhabitants above 14,000 according to the 2010 or later federal census.

(21) *Schedule Y*
Yard, garage, rummage, or like sales.
$5.00 per day—No more than two permits with a maximum of three days per each permit will be issued for the same physical address during a calendar year.

(22) *Schedule Z*
Fortune teller, palmist, astrologer, or clairvoyant.
$1,000.00 plus .01 of all gross receipts (the city council reserves the right to approve/reject).
When a business, trade, profession, or occupation is carried on within the city limits of Cullman, but no schedule listed applies to said business, the city clerk and revenue officer are empowered to set a fair license fee for said business, trade, profession, or occupation.

(23) *Schedule AA*
Electric lights and power distribution companies.
Each person, firm, cooperative, or corporation selling or distributing electricity in the City of Cullman, annually in advance, three percent of gross receipts received by such person, firm, cooperative, or corporation from its operation in the City of Cullman during the preceding year.

SECTION 2. All other sections and schedules not specifically added or amended shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 12th day of December, 2022. /s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council
ATTESTED BY: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED this the 12th day of December, 2022. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

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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: *
*
NAVA JEAN PARKER, * CASE NUMBER: PC2022-467
*
DECEASED. *

Letters Testamentary of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 14th 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.

WILLIAM GREGORY PARKER

ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
Attorney for Personal Representative
PARKER AND PARKER, P.C.
Attorneys at Law
215 Main Avenue, Southwest
Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-775-4444

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

Honorable Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

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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, * CASE NUMBER: PC2022-400
*
DECEASED. *

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

CHERYL STEPHANIE LOCKHART

ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
Attorney for Personal Representative
PARKER AND PARKER, P.C.
Attorneys at Law
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Honorable Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

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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, *
*
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, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

OF COUNSEL:
JERRY L. KILGO
ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER
105 1ST AVE NE, STE. G
CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055

PB MIN BK 212 PG 134 - 12/02/2022 10:22 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
TIMOTHY WESLEY MAYER, * CASE NO.: PC 2022-280
Deceased. *

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.

TIMOTHY MAYER
Personal Representative

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for Personal Representative
200 Second Ave. SW
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-3342

Billy W. Jackson
Attorney for Personal Representative
416 1st Ave. SE
Cullman, AL 35055
256-739-2546

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

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

LEGALS

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 11
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE RESOURCES OF THE CITY

SECTION I. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish emergency response guidelines for Cullman Fire and Rescue in providing non-medical and non-emergency lift assists, and to address responses by Cullman Fire and Rescue and the Cullman Police Department related to False Alarms in order to reduce the dangers and inefficiencies associated with False Alarms and to encourage alarm companies and property owners to maintain the operational reliability, properly use Alarm Systems, and to reduce or eliminate False Alarm dispatch requests.

WHEREAS, the City of Cullman City Council finds it in the public interest and desires to promote and protect the health, safety, welfare and convenience of the public and otherwise provide adequate protection from fire for lives and property; and

WHEREAS, the rights of the citizens of the City and surrounding areas to receive adequate protection from fire for lives and property, along with satisfactory emergency medical response and other emergency rescue scenarios remains paramount; and

WHEREAS, Cullman Fire and Rescue is often dispatched to life safety emergencies in areas which lie outside the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Cullman as a secondary responder; and

WHEREAS, Cullman Fire and Rescue personnel are often dispatched for lift assistance calls at private residences, public areas and care facilities, many of which are non-medical and non-emergency related which require no medical evaluation or transport to an emergency room to move an uninjured individual from one surface to another; and

WHEREAS, the growing volume of E-911 calls requiring Cullman Fire and Rescue to provide lift assistance to care providers and private residents limits their ability to provide tax-payer life safety services for fire prevention, suppression and other emergency response resources in exigent circumstances; and

WHEREAS, these non-medical and non-emergency related lift assists incur a substantial burden and cost to tax payers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that any care facilities or private persons for call for non-medical and non-emergency related lift assistance should pay for the services and resources being provided by Cullman Fire and Rescue; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of alarms to which Cullman Fire Rescue and the Cullman Police Department respond to are False Alarms, which are reported to Public Safety Answering Points ("PSAP") by alarm companies; and

WHEREAS, most False Alarms are the result of improper maintenance or improper or careless use of an Alarm System; and

WHEREAS, first responders responding to False Alarms are not available to carry out emergency duties; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of using limited first responder resources most effectively and efficiently, the number of False Alarms can and must be reduced.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDAINED by the Cullman City Council as follows:

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this article, the following terms, phrases, words and their deviations shall have the meaning given:

1) *Act of God* means any unusual, extraordinary, sudden and/or unexpected manifestation of the forces of nature, sustained extensive power failure, or other incidents that cannot be prevented or mitigated by reasonable human care, skill and foresight. Such manifestations include but are not limited to tornadoes, wind storms, hail storms, hurricane, earthquake, sustained extensive power failure, conflagrations or similar catastrophic events. The City shall determine if such conditions exist.
2) *Alarm System* means any mechanical, electrical or electronic device which is designed for the detection of intrusion into any structure or building for the detection of unlawful activity, fire, sprinkler activation, water flow, toxic gases, carbon monoxide or smoke, or is utilized to summon aid from the City or any agency, or entity, that is dispatched through a PSAP or dispatched through any City agency; or any device which transmits any alarm signal to any person who may notify the City, or prompts the transmission of a request for aid of any type by an intermediary, is considered an alarm within this section. This includes any systems whether manually, mechanically, electrically or electronically activated.
3) *Assisted-living Facility* means individual, individuals, corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company or any other entity that provides or offers to provide residence and personal care to three or more individuals who need assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs). Individuals who provide residential and personal care services solely to persons to whom they are personally related are not defined as assisted living.
4) *Emergency Medical Treatment* means, for purposes of this article, treatment beyond an initial assessment routinely performed by Cullman Fire and Rescue.
5) *False Alarm* means activation of an alarm system that necessitates the response of the Police Department, Fire Rescue Department, other public safety personnel, or other City employees, whereas no emergency or emergency situation exists. Determination of whether an alarm is a false alarm resides solely with the City.
6) *Lift Assist* means a response by Cullman Fire and Rescue, when resources allow, to assist in physically moving an uninjured person from one surface to another who does not require emergency medical treatment or transportation in an assisted-living facility, nursing care facility, private residence or public place.
7) *Medical Care Facility* means a health institution planned, organized, and maintained for offering to the public, generally, facilities and beds for use in the diagnosis and/or treatment of illness, disease, injury, deformity, abnormality or pregnancy, when the institution offers such care or service for not less than twenty-four consecutive hours in any week to two or more individuals not related by blood or marriage to the owner and/or chief executive officer/administrator.
8) *Nursing Care Facility* means a facility licensed by the State of Alabama, or a facility or long-term care facility where medical care, nursing care, rehabilitation, or related services and associated treatment are provided for a period of more than twenty-four (24) consecutive hours to persons residing at such facility who are ill, injured or disabled.
9) *Owner* means legal title holder, or lessee, or occupant of property, or agent of legal title holder or lessee, in charge, possession or control of said property.
10) *Private Residence* means a dwelling or dwelling unit privately owned, consisting of one or more rooms in the same structure, connected and constituting a separate, independent housekeeping unit for permanent residential occupancy and with facilities for sleeping, cooking and sanitation requirements. Private residence refers to a setting other than a medical care facility, assisted-living facility or a nursing care facility.
11) *Resident* means a person who receives care and resides in an assisted-living facility or nursing care facility.
12) *Staff* means persons who provide personal care services, supervision or assistance to residents in a licensed hospital, urgent care facility, assisted-living facility or nursing care-facility.

SECTION III. LIFT ASSIST RESPONSE; COST FOR RECOVERY; FEE SCHEDULE; RECORDS.

1) For non-emergency and non-medical related lift assist calls regarding an uninjured individual, the City, at its discretion, reserves the right to respond to such calls only when such resources allow, and may be required to leave the scene of a lift assist, whether in progress or not, to respond to any and all life safety emergencies.
2) The City shall charge a fee to any private resident for resources and services of Cullman Fire and Rescue in connection with providing lift assistance to any resident for non-emergency and non-medical related response.
3) The City shall charge a fee to assisted-living, medical care facilities and nursing care facilities for resources and services of Cullman Fire and Rescue in connection with providing lift assistance to any patient/resident for non-emergency and non-medical related response.
4) The fee for providing such lift assistance to assisted-living, medical care facilities and nursing care facilities shall be $500.00 per hour, per lift assist incident (with a minimum of one (1) hour billed), excluding administrative fees, and shall only be provided when the facility certifies that it does not currently have adequate staff to perform the lift assist themselves at the time requested.
    a. After the first full hour, costs shall be billed in fifteen (15) minute increments for time spent on scene.
    b. For each lift assist to any assisted-living, medical care facilities or nursing care facilities after the first lift assist, the cost to the requesting facility shall increase at a rate of $100.00 per each lift assist for the remainder of that calendar year.
    c. At the conclusion of each calendar year, the rate shall commence at $500.00 for the new calendar year and shall then proceed in the cost increments prescribed in this Article.
5) Individuals requesting a lift assist at a private residence shall not be charged for the first three (3) lift assist services of Cullman Fire and Rescue, in any one calendar year.
    a. The fee for providing such lift assistance dispatched to a private residence shall be $50.00 per hour, (with a minimum of one (1) hour billed) to the resident after the third and through seventh list assist for each calendar year.
    b. The fee for providing such lift assistance dispatched to a private residence shall be $100.00 per hour, (with a minimum of one (1) hour billed) to the resident for each lift assist after the seventh response for each calendar year.
    c. After the first full hour, costs shall be billed in fifteen (15) minute increments for time spent on scene.
    d. At the conclusion of each calendar year, the rate shall commence at $50.00 for the new calendar year and shall then proceed in the cost increments prescribed in this Article.
6) Cullman Fire and Rescue shall maintain records in connection with services provided pursuant to this Article.

SECTION IV. FALSE ALARM RESPONSE; COST FOR RECOVERY; FEE SCHEDULE; RECORDS.

1) A permittee will be subject to the following False Alarm fee and other penalties related thereto:
    a. Each False Alarm in excess of one false alarm in a calendar month will be subject to the following fee schedule. False alarms as a result of Acts of God as aforementioned as determined by the city are excluded.
        i. First False Alarm (calendar month) No charge.
        ii. Second False Alarm (calendar month) $50.00.
        iii. Additional False Alarms (calendar month) $50.00.
        iv. At the conclusion of each calendar month, the rate shall commence at no charge for the new month and shall then proceed in the cost increments prescribed in this Article.
2) A person who knowingly renders a false alarm shall be governed by § 13A-10-8, *Code of Alabama*.
3) The City reserves the right to waive such fees that it deems necessary and proper for issues including, but not limited to maintenance and accidental False Alarms which are canceled prior to the City agency's response on site.
4) The responding City agency shall maintain records in connection with services provided pursuant to this Article.

SECTION V. BILLING, DELINQUENCY AND COLLECTION.

1) The Fire Chief or his/her designee, or Police Chief or his/her designee shall compute the charges thus due for each lift assist which is non-medical and non-emergency and/or False Alarm and shall compile the necessary information to collect from the entity or individual.
2) The City Clerk's office shall be responsible for the billing and collection of accounts due and owing, including the right to contract for billing and collection, subject to the approval of the Council. Facility or private individual will be invoiced at the beginning of each month for lift assists at the facility or private residence.
3) Any bill or invoice for the fee imposed pursuant to this Ordinance shall be considered delinquent upon the expiration of the time allowed for payment, which is thirty (30) days from the date of invoice. If the payment is not received by the next invoice cycle, a late fee of $25.00 will be applied for every thirty (30) days in which the payment is past due.
4) Upon the occurrence of a delinquency(s) of three (3) months, the Clerk shall send to the owner of the following via written notice: a copy of each bill sent to the person who had been paying the charges, or some other notice sufficient enough to inform the owner that the charges have become delinquent in an attempt to ensure payment is made.
5) The owner(s) shall be responsible for any collection costs, including attorney's fees.
6) The City Clerk and/or Treasurer shall provide, upon request, to the Mayor and/or Council a report detailing the individual status of accounts receivable.
7) The Council may, by Ordinance or Resolution, whichever required by law, polices relating to the collection of lift assist fees and the procedure for forgiving debts.
8) The City Clerk and/or Treasurer shall deposit the money earned from the imposition of the charges into the General Fund.

SECTION VI. APPEALS. Any assisted-living facility, medical care facility, nursing care facility, private residence or permittee with an Alarm System subject to a fee under this Ordinance may appeal the billing to the City Council at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. The Council will issue a decision by the next scheduled meeting. The facility, individual or permittee with an Alarm System will be notified in writing within ten (10) days after the decision. Failure of the Council to issue a written decision by the next regularly scheduled meeting shall constitute a denial of the appeal. The facility, individual or permittee with an Alarm System shall have until the following day of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council to file an appeal with the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

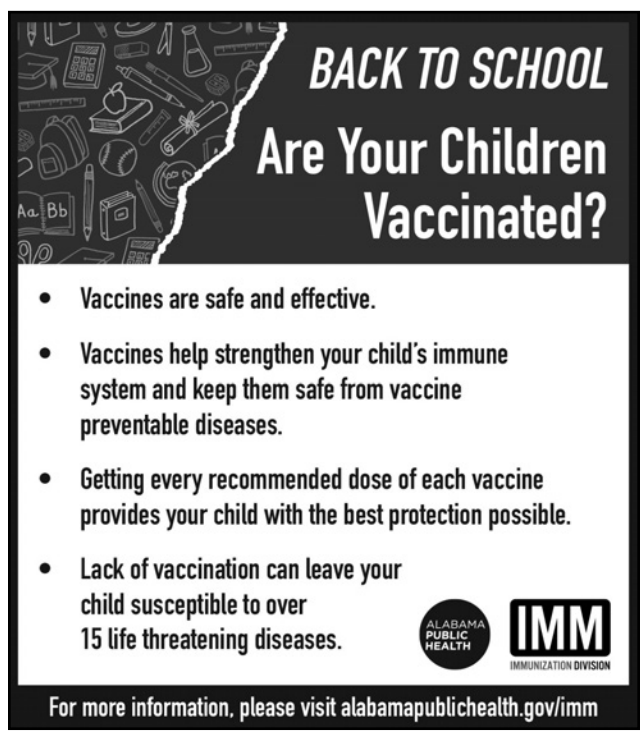
SECTION VII. SEVERABILITY. Each and every provision of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an independent provision and that holding of any provision hereof to be void and invalid for any reason shall not affect any other provision hereof and it is hereby declared that the other provisions of this Ordinance would have been enacted regardless of any provision which might have been held invalid. This Ordinance repeals any prior Ordinance in conflict therewith.

SECTION VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective following its passage, approval and publication as required by law on the 1st day of January 2023.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 12th day of December 2022./s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council
ATTESTED BY: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED this the 12th day of December, 2022. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor









LEGALS

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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 *
ANTHONY AVRIL JOHNS, * **CASE NO.: PC2022-291**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to GERALDINE HOLLOWAY and DAVID HOLLOWAY, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of ANTHONY AVRIL JOHNS, deceased, on the 15th 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.

GERALDINE HOLLOWAY
DAVID HOLLOWAY
Personal Representatives

Kenneth Weldon
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P.O. Box 1464
Cullman, AL 35056

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

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

WSCC Sonography program pins more than 30 graduates

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State Community College (WSCC) Diagnostic Medical Sonography program presented pins to more than 30 students who graduated from one of the two pathways the program offers. Thirteen students completed the Cardiovascular Pathway and 25 completed the Abdominal/Obstetrics pathway.

Mattie Hice of Jasper, president of the Cardiovascular Class of 2022, addressed her classmates, faculty, friends and family who attended the ceremony held in the Bailey Center auditorium.

"It's been a blessing to grow with these people in front of me and I truly thank God for all of you," she said. "This rigorous 17 months have been worth it and always will be."

Quoting author Suzy Kassem, Hice said, "'Families are like branches on a tree. We grow in different directions, yet our roots remain as one.' And guys, our roots are here, and we plant them in each person we scan."

"To say that this has been an easy journey would be a lie," said MaKindle McGough od Jasper, president of the General Class of 2022. "It has been hard and tedious, but it has been worth every struggle along the way. I never imagined a career in the medical field, and I really had no idea what was in store for me when I was accepted into the program. It has been more than I could ask for in a career. I fell in love with what I do. There are so many different paths that this class is taking, and they will all be toward the benefit of helping others and that is such a beautiful achievement."

Retiring Clinical Coordinator Donna Attaway told the students how proud she is of them.

"You know, I've been doing this quite a while and every class is special to me, I can say I'm truly amazed by this group of students," she said. "I want you all to know how proud I am of each and every one of you and how much I'll miss you."

She then reminded them of the responsibility they now have as practicing sonographers.

"You're no longer students, you're sonographers," she said. "I want each of you to hold your head high, scan and treat every patient like it was a beloved family member and know that when you leave that patient's side you've done the absolute best job that you can do. You all have worked so hard, faced many challenges and made huge sacrifices to get to this point. I'd like again to say how proud I am of you, and I want to thank you for allowing us to be a part of your lives."

Cardiovascular instructor Jorden Flack admitted she'd been tough on her students with a goal of making them the best sonographers they can be.

"I am so beyond proud of you, and I cannot wait to see what you do on your journey next," she said. "It's been such an honor to be your teacher, and with that being said, my last homework assignment I'm giving you guys is this - go be the best that you can be, and in a dark world be the light."

Program director April Sutherland chose the word perseverance to describe the Class of 2022.

"That is something that each and every one of you have in common," she said. "You have persevered through a very challenging program. You did not fold. That means that you keep going even when there are obstacles. And today is a huge accomplishment."

Sutherland pointed out the pins the students received and what they indicate.

"That pin signifies your ability to push through 1,050 hours of clinic where you helped your first patient," she said.

"This pin represents all those lectures and studying. No matter how hard you try to forget, that pin right there represents that you took and passed acoustic physics. While this pin indicates successful completion, it does not indicate the end. It just indicates you are the beginning of a career in health care, a career that will allow you to provide for yourself, provide for your family while taking care of others in the process. This pin means that you have earned the right to be called a sonographer."

Awards were presented to each class for valedictorian and clinical excellence.

Recipients from the Cardiovascular class were Emily Stephens of Fultondale for valedictorian and Mikayla Vandiver of Killen for clinical excellence. Recipients from the Abdominal/Obstetrics class were Kalli House of Birmingham for valedictorian and Hailey Boland of Madison for clinical excellence.



WALLACE STATE

More than 30 students graduated from the Wallace State Community College Diagnostic Medical Sonography program.

UAB also presented a special award for Outstanding Sonography Student to Mimi McBee of Killen.

The Wallace State Sonography program offers three associate degree options for students: Abdominal/Vascular Sonography, Cardiovascular Sonography and Obstetrics & Gynecology Sonography. The program accepts new students each fall, with applications taken from March 1 to June 1 each year. For more information about the program visit www.wallacestate.edu/Sonography or call 256-352-8334.

Obituary Announcements: Dec. 15-16

Yuvonne Betty White, 88
Mrs. Yuvonne Betty White, age 88, of Union Grove passed away Dec. 14, 2022, at her residence. She was formerly of Jones Chapel, Alabama. She was born in Winston County, Alabama, Dec. 18, 1933. She was preceded in death by her husband, James White; her parents, Hershel and Verna Mae Tyree Morton; two brothers, Jay Morton, James 'Jim' Morton; sister, Gwendolyn Fortenberry. She was known to many as Granny White. She is survived by her three daughters, Wanda (Dale) Bates, Shela White, Janice (Bennette) Hayes; seven grandchildren, Keith (Lisa) Bates, Josh (Leah) Bates, Cortney Bates, Lee Ann (Brad) Lawrence, Cindy (Keith) Risner, Tonya (Dusty) Miller, Justin (Sarah) Hayes; seven great-grandchildren, Eli Bates, Austin & Gracie Lawrence, Lucas and Kensi Miller, Tyler and Abby Risner; family and friends. The family requests no flowers please. A graveside service will be Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022, at 1 p.m. at Jones Chapel Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the White family.

Grace Skinner, 91
Grace Skinner, age 91, of Attalla, Alabama formerly of Cullman passed away Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022, at the age of 91. She was born Oct. 5, 1931, in Cullman to Roy and Fannie Davis Hightower. She is preceded in death by her husband Charles H. Skinner and her parents. Survivors are her daughter, Rita (David) King of Rainbow City Alabama; sister, Ethel Lee Nail of Hanceville; grandchildren, Brian (Stephanie) King, Laura (Blake) Mayo; great grandchildren, Hannah Mayo, Libby Mayo, Paxtin King and Ben Mayo. A graveside memorial service will be announced at a later time. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Sarah McCravy Mann, 95
Sarah McCravy Mann was born May 22, 1927. She went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Dec. 13, 2022. She is a member of West Side Baptist Church in Arab, Alabama. She was preceded in death by her parents, William Jess and Edna Ruth Yates McCravy; and Elsie McCravy; husband, William Dwain Mann; daughter, Brenda (Jim) Gray; sons: Michael Wayne Mann and Danny Mann; grandson, Michael Shane Mann and brothers: Billy McCravy and Bobby McCravy. Survivors include her daughter, Shelia (Jim) Timmerman; daughter-in-law, Janice Mann; grandchildren, Evan, Blake and Kyle Timmerman, Joshua Gray, Crystal Mann Henderson, LeeAnne (Ed) Jernigan, Patrick (Summer) Sularin and Trina (George) Waites; great grandchildren, Zoey and Liam Timmerman, Dylan Culbertson, Kaitlyn and Taylor Anderson, Collin Taylor, Will and Wesley Waites, Anna, Sarah Beth and Joe Sularin and Julianna Jernigan; sister, Annie Ruth Culver; brother, Jerry McCravy; and a host of family, friends and loved ones.

Ottie Lee Adams, 94
Ottie Lee Adams, 94, of Cullman passed away Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022, at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab. She was born in Cullman, Alabama on May 9, 1928, to Vera and Bruce Payne. She is survived by her daughters, Jeannie (Bobby) Williams and Vicki Adams; sons, David (Miriam) Adams, Terry (Suzanne) Adams, Tim Adams and Mark (Ashley) Adams; son-in-law, Lynn Garrett; sister, Alvaretta Jordan; brother, Larry Bruce (Betty) Payne; niece, Vanessa (Robin) McDaniel; 13 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Grant W. Adams Jr.; daughter, Roseanna Garrett; parents; sister, Betty Pope and brother, Harry Payne. The family will receive friends Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Berlin Baptist Church, where she was a lifelong member. The funeral service will begin at 1 p.m. at the church; burial will follow in Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Pallbearers are Chris Garrett, Jonathan Garrett, Andy Adams, Zach Adams, Alex Adams, Kevin Adams, Joshua Parker and Jacob Adams. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Alabama Baptist Children's Home or Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

Justin Wayne Hayes, 77
Funeral Service for Justin Wayne Hayes, age 77, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Eric Martin officiating, interment in Union Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9:30-11 a.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Hayes passed away Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022, at his residence. He was born Feb. 1, 1945, in Cullman, Alabama to Bud and Ethel Hayes. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Cecil Hayes and G. W. Hayes; and sister, Elorna Dale. Survivors include his daughter, Teresa Cook; grandchildren, Nikki (Phillip) Johnson, Teshia (Dakota) Sellers, Destiny Cook, and Tommy Cook; great-grandchildren, Pyper, Wyatt, Rylee, Ryder, Olympia, and Ava; sister, Frances Dale; brother, Raymond Hayes; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Ronny Joe Carr, 67
Funeral Service for Ronny Joe Carr, age 67, of Cullman and native of Athens, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Ed Green officiating; interment in Roselawn Cemetery in Athens, Alabama. Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Carr passed away peacefully Dec. 14, 2022, at Cullman Regional Hospital with family at his bedside. Mr. Carr is well-known to the Athens community from operating Carr Radiator & Automotive for many, many years. He also spent most of his life as an avid drag racer, raising his children up there, and eventually introducing the sport he loved so much to Brandon. Even when he couldn't race himself any longer, he continued to find joy in watching Brandon, his son-in-law, Heath, and granddaughter, Cassie Jo. He even loved it so much that he took a job handing out time slips to the racers many weekends a month. He thoroughly enjoyed this and passing on his knowledge as he did. Ronny loved everyone he came in contact with, especially his children, grandchildren, and his dogs. He was preceded in death by his parents, Billy Joe Carr and Jean Carr Morris; brother, Billy Don Carr; and grandson, Chance Carr Davis. He is survived by his daughter, Misty (Heath) Davis of Cullman; son, Brandon Carr of Cullman; grandchildren, Kelsi (Shannon Walker) Davis, Anna Grace (Brody) Quick, Cassie Davis and Houston Davis all of Cullman; great-grandchildren, Jordan Woodard and Weston Quick; sisters, Sue Murphy, Diane Stanford, Fay (David) Sledge, Kay (Dan) Morrison and Sherry (Melvin) Emmons; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. Pallbearers will be Jeff Brown, Bo Boatner, Dee Goodman, Paul Russell, Dwight Moss and Mike Hardaway. Honorary pallbearer will be longtime friend, Sam Echols. Mr. Carr will be tremendously missed by so many who loved him.

David Michael Munger, 64
We are saddened to announce the passing of David Michael Munger on Dec. 14, 2022, due to a long-term illness. He was 64 years old but led a fulfilling life. David worked his way through the ranks as a firefighter for the city of Cullman eventually settling at the top as fire chief for a number of years. Upon retirement, he continued on as a fire investigator. He loved cooking, working in his garden, woodworking and vacationing at the beach, but his greatest joy came from his three grandkids. David is survived by his wife, Sherry, his children, Brittany (Tige) Rodgers and Jason (Anna) Munger, his three grandchildren, Macnair Rodgers, and Eleanor and Matilda Munger as well as five siblings: James (Karen), Tom (Connie), Billy (Carmen), Matt (Melissa) and Christy Munger. He was preceded in death by his parents Bill and Patricia Munger. An informal memorial service will be held at the chapel at Stone Bridge Farms on Monday, Dec. 19, 2022, at 11 a.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Munger family.

Pauline Robbins Scogin, 79
Pauline Robbins Scogin, age 79 of Haleyville, Alabama, passed away Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022, at North Alabama Medical Center. Pauline was born June 24, 1943, in Atwood, Alabama. A visitation will be held Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022, from noon until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the service will be held at 2 p.m. Burial will follow in Old Union Baptist Church Cemetery in Bear Creek. Brother Tyler Pendley and Brother Venlon Bradford will officiate. Pauline is survived by her children, Donna Frederick, husband Ken, Paul Scogin, Wade Scogin, wife Brenda, Jill Scogin Pendley, late husband Scott; grandchildren, Dara Williams, late husband Josh, Cody Scogin, wife Andashia, Tyler Pendley, wife Heather, Matthew Frederick, wife Savannah, Tori Beck, husband Skyler, Katie Davis, husband John; great grandchildren, Madison Williams, Drew Williams, Mattilynn Frederick, Mason Williams, Will Scogin, Jackson Pendley, Mia Frederick, Cooper Pendley, and Breakence Davis; brothers, Billy Robbins, Jimmy Robbins, wife Betty; and sister, Kay Lemire, husband Don. She was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar Robbins and Gladys Robbins; one infant son; grandson, Andrew "Drew" Frederick; and siblings, Mable Holland, Norris Robbins, Junior Robbins, Christine Cornelius, Jerry Robbins and Janie Grace.

Daniel Fulghum, 62
Daniel Fulghum, 62 of Houston, passed away Dec. 15, 2022, at Princeton Medical Center. He was born Dec. 17, 1959. Danny served honorably in the United States Army. He also worked at Cavalier Home Builders for 35 years and Winston Home Builders for four years. Danny loved his kids, but he loved his grandchildren even more. A memorial gathering will be held Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022, from 1-3 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison. Danny is survived by his wife, Martha Ann Hammack; daughters, Jessica Courington (Tommie) and Becky Powell (Jeremy); grandchildren, Amber Powell, Daniel Powell and Julie Courington; sister, Laura Marksberry (Jeff); brothers, Eddie Haynes (Yvette) and Allan Fulghum (Patty); father, Rayford Fulghum; foster sister, Cheryl Black (Tony); honorary family, Chris Davidson, Heather Davidson, and Alyssa Davidson; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Paula Gwendolyn Cochran McMullen; and son, Daniel Leon Fulghum Jr.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

The joy of the journey

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



It has been said that the journey is often better than the destination. I believe that certainly depends on the destination. It may also depend on our mode of transportation. I believe we should make the best of the journey, however, sometimes the trip itself must be endured in order to reach the final destination.

Jean and I love to travel. We have just returned from our 2nd trip to Europe this year. This time we went to Germany and Austria. No, not the country with kangaroos. We saw some of the world's most beautiful countryside and structures. Our flight to Germany was long and tiresome but worth it. We flew all-night long, and were awake all-night long too!

Actually, I think I dozed off once, but then one of the ladies sitting behind us lost her glasses on the floor.

I'm still not sure if she crawled under my seat, or if she turned loose Ray Steven's Mississippi revival squirrel under there.

It felt like she was doing gymnastics under my already uncomfortable seat. Then her friend said, "Let me turn on the light on my phone so you can see." I'm glad she said that, or I might have thought that I had died and was seeing that bright light they talk about! She was also giving us all play-by-play commentary...in her none-whisper voice!

Once we arrived in Germany, the mode of transportation there was most amazing. We flew into Frankfurt, then boarded a bus to Wiirzburg, where we spent the night.

The next day we were on to Rothenburg, a town with medieval walls, where we visited our first of many Christmas markets.

Then we traveled on to Nuremberg where we boarded the biggest river boat this ole Alabama dry-lander has ever seen.

That river boat was our home, as well as our mode of transportation for the week as we cruised through Southern Germany and across Austria all the way to Vienna.

We passed through 23 river locks as we made our journey. Watching that process was within itself quite fascinating.

We dined like kings on the ship, as well as in some of the cities along the way. Well, of course we are Kings, but in name only.

In a couple of weeks, we will celebrate the birth of a real king. Jesus was not just a king in name, but a king like no other. He is in fact the King of all Kings!

Shortly before his birth, his parents had to make a long, hard journey.

Because of a decree sent out by Caesar Augustus, they traveled from Galilee, to Joseph's homeland of Bethlehem, to be taxed.

Their mode of transportation was not a car, bus, plane, or river boat. It probably was on foot or at best by donkey... one donkey.

That would have been at least a 5-day journey. One might think that the parents of the coming messiah and Savior would have been provided the best transportation.

To make matters even harder, Mary was with child. Can you imagine traveling across that country by foot, or on an animal, when you are close to bearing a child? There probably was not much joy in the journey for Joseph but especially for Mary. Finally, they reached their destination, but once they arrived there was no where for them to stay.

Soon after, baby Jesus reached his destination as well – this world. He was born in a stable, slept in a manger, and died on a cross, so you and I might have the means to reach our final destination too - heaven. Thank you, Mary, Joseph, and especially Jesus!

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1900, 1930, 1950

From the files of 1900

Vick Clark is among the clerical force at the Racket Store.

Ed Daniel has opened a restaurant in the old Speegle store building.

S.M. Allison has opened a jewelry shop, near the Bargain Store.

Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Heidelburg will leave the last of the month for Los Angeles, California, where they expect to make their future home.

Miss Hassie Mayo, who had taught school at Walter and Baileyton, died recently at the home of her brother, Thomas Mayo, at Walter.

William H. Waldrop has been appointed Notary Public in Beat 13.

Doctor James P. Moon and Miss Joe Ann Johnson were married, at Bremen, on October 7th.

From the files of 1930

The Coterie was presented the "Loulie Jones" gavel for community service at the district federation club meeting in Hartselle, on October 15th. Those attending from Cullman were Mesdames M.H. Killingsworth, O.P. Jackson, O.D. Kennamer, Charles Alley, V.H. Collins, J.M. Oldacre, W.S. Leeth, C.L. Martin, J.C. Martin, W.A. Green and Bess Morrow.

Professor and Mrs. R.P. Johnston spent last weekend, in Nashville, with relatives.

The Cullman Baptist Association will meet, with Etha Baptist Church, on October 28th-30th.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Boschung spent Sunday, in Jasper.

The recent school census shows 752 people in Cullman County, over ten years of age, who can neither read or write.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Deppe, Misses Margaret Deppe and Laura Dennis motored to Birmingham, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Morgan, of Carrollton, Georgia are guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Patrick.

Saint Bernard College and Cullman High will renew athletic competition with a football game. The Girls C Club will sponsor a parade and the Cullman band will play.

From the files of 1950

The new Seventh Street Baptist Church building is almost complete.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Burrow, of Trade celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary, on October 15th, with a dinner party.

J.P. Hudson, of Fairview, is in serious condition in Veteran's Hospital in Tuscaloosa.

Thirty-three Cullman County 4-H Club boys and girls will feed calves for 1951, County, District and State Fat Calf Shows. The following will feed calves: Bobby Ellenberry, Raphael Lowry, Betty Lou Phillips, Dale Stallings, Lady Claire Davidson, Ralph Jenkins, Junior, Mary Frances Hanby, Colonel Filyaw, Donnie Blair, Talmadge Filyaw, John Vernon Oaks, Fay Eddleman, Delton Stidham, Wade Stewart, Mary Lee Hesterly, Bryon Eidson, Jerry Aldridge, Charles Helton, Erma Dean Bailey, Asa Blalock, Junior, Ralph Blalock, Delton Blalock, L.J. Hollis, Donald Ware, Joe Stallings, Dwyane Hand, Roland Hinkle, Kennon Wood, Dois Sims, Dan Sims, Iola Graham, Marlin Graham, Jackie Atchley and Maurice Blalock.

POET'S CORNER

A Time for Prayer at Christmas | By: Randy C. Hale, based on Luke 10:38-42

A short little prayer at Christmas
may be all we ever say
because we are so cumbered
in every kind of way.

So today I think of Martha
as she scurried like a mouse,
all because of Jesus, a guest
within her house.

Just think of who had come there,
the very reason why,
we celebrate today
what we call Christmastime.

Inside her home was Jesus,
the Holy Prince of Peace,
It was her greatest honor,
to give her best you see.

And just how dare her sister
sit there quiet and still,
and never lift a finger,
just what was her deal?

So, Martha said to Jesus,
see Mary sitting there,
while I am left to serve you,
please tell me that you care.

You are the Son of God,
and miracles can perform,
could you do another,
make Mary conform?

Then Jesus turned to Martha
who kept her busy pace,
and called to her name twice
then looked into her face.

You are so tense and worried,
and troubled all about,
so many things you're doing
a leader in this house.

But something is more needful
and this I tell you dear,
you need to stop and listen,
there's something you must hear.

With all the many things to do,
in this so hurried life,
One thing is most important,
and I will tell you why.

You need to listen to me,
and hear what I must say,
the wisdom of the Father,
His will for us today.

And if you take the time
to place it in your heart,
the things you can do after
will not so fall apart.

And that's the way our Father
would like for us to be.
To always take the time,
to serve him on our knees.

And take in all His message,
not just a little part,
So that our soul is nourished
and takes root in our heart.

Then work will be a blessing
not frantic and annoyed.
And in our lives will Jesus
give to us true joy.

So think my friend this Christmas
with all the things to do,
remember somewhere Jesus
is waiting to get through.

And find a place to sit and
focus on His peace.
And Christmas will bring a blessing
just like it's supposed to be.

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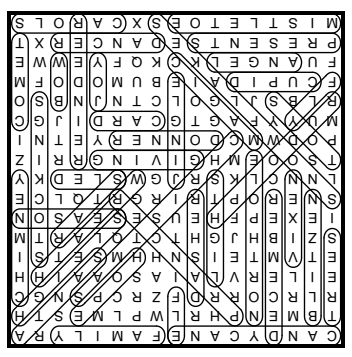
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Seniors (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Hundreds upon hundreds of elders from every nook and cranny of Cullman County enjoyed a Christmas luncheon together at Stone Bridge Farms on Friday, thanks to the combined efforts of the Cullman County Commission on Aging (COA) and its supporters.

COA Director Stephanie Lawson greeted the crowd and expressed her warm gratitude for all of those who were key to the event and the participants.

"I'm so happy to see you guys again this year at this beautiful event. We're just so happy to see y'all," she said. "I want to give a huge 'thank you' to my Commission on Aging staff and the hard work that they do not just for this event, but every event this year, as well as every day they are out at the senior centers and serving. We can't do this without them. I am so very honored to work with such a great group of men and women who serve you every day."

Many door prizes were given out, with the grand prize of $500 and two $250 prizes donated by Byars Wright insurance agency. Additional gifts were provided by various individuals and businesses from throughout the community.

Cullman County Commissioners Kelly Duke, Kerry Watson, Corey Freeman and Garry Marchman and Chairman Jeff Clemmons served as elves helping deliver the door prize winnings. Cullman City Councilman Johnny Cook, Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs and Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail, along with members of their staffs, assisted in weaving through the crowd to deliver the door prizes. Other festive city and county



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elected officials, including Cullman County Probate Judge Tammy Brown and Circuit Clerk Lisa McSwain, performed gift-giving duties as well. The West Point High School baseball team graciously worked as servers, diligently refilling drinks and catering to the needs of the guests.

"I want you all to know, everybody in this room, how much of a blessing you are on myself and all of the law enforcement in Cullman County," Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry shared before he led the prayer. "You don't realize, when you've had a bad day and you walk into a room of people that show love to you, how much that means to you."

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