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COVID-19

State of Emergency: K-12 public schools to close March 19

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Gov. Kay Ivey on Friday, following the news of Alabama's first confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) cases, issued a State of Emergency. She, along with Alabama State Department of Education Superintendent Dr. Eric Mackey, announced that all K-12 public schools in the state of Alabama will close at the end of the day Wednesday, March 18 and remained closed for at least the following two weeks.

"Along with my fellow Alabamians, I have closely monitored the rapidly changing events regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19)," said Ivey.

"As a state, we have taken precautionary measures and made preparations in the case that the virus would eventually reach our state. As I have emphasized time and again, the safety and health of Alabamians is paramount. Alabamians are smart and savvy, and I know they will continue taking appropriate precautions to prevent the spread to themselves or others. We have taken a calm and collected approach in preparation for this first confirmed case, and we need to remember that calm and steady wins the race. Alabamians should not be fearful, but instead, use common sense to watch out for them- » PAGE 4

– ARTS –

Ever heard of a 'gurn'?

Folks get silly at the 'Original Alabama Gurning Face-Off'



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Local author and artist Ben South, left, gets silly with friends Pam Pruitt, front, Mary Norton Bentley, center, and Maria Richter Schultz, right, at the Original Alabama Gurning Face-Off Friday at the All-Steak in Cullman. » PAGE 4

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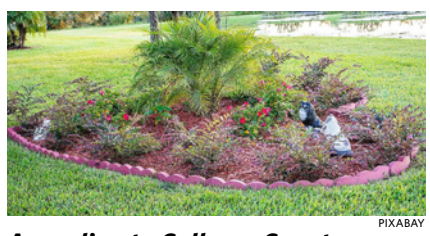
Chad Floyd appointed new Cullman County district judge



FILE PHOTO

Chad Floyd » PAGE 5

Spring landscaping tips from Cullman County Extension Coordinator Tony Glover



PIXABAY

According to Cullman County Extension Coordinator Tony Glover, a well landscaped yard adds great value to your home.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Warm, comfortable weather is around the corner with the arrival of spring. The Tribune spoke with Cullman County Extension Coordinator Tony Glover for some helpful tips with landscape renovations you can do in preparation for the warm weather season.

Glover shared, "It's the time of year that people start getting spring fever and have a strong desire » PAGE 4

ALL-STATE GIRLS BASKETBALL

Cold Springs' Hill lands on 1st team, Welborn named 5A Coach of the Year

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Alabama Sports Writers Association's All-State Girls Basketball Teams have been unveiled and as per usual, there were several local standouts that earned All-State honors and another local coach received a Coach of the Year award. Cold Springs' Elizabeth Hill landed on the 2A first team for the second straight season while her teammate Toni West finished on this year's third team. Hanceville's Kelly Pickett was selected to the 3A second team after landing on the third team last year, Cullman's AK Eastman earned 6A third team honors after receiving an honorable mention last season and West Point's Miriam Oldacre collected an honorable mention in class 5A.

Lady Warriors Head Coach John Welborn was selected as the class 5A Coach of the Year after West Point posted a 29-6 record this season, collected back to back county championships, swept through the area tournament and advanced to the Northwest Regional Finals.

This comes just one year after Welborn's sister, Cold Springs Lady Eagles Head Coach Tammy West, was named the Coach of the Year in class 2A.

Welborn was quick to praise those around him for this honor, crediting his players and fellow coaches for lifting the program to where it is today.

"I've been blessed with some great players that bought in to the program that played and worked really hard. That makes a coach look really good," Welborn said.

"Also, having a good assistant coach like Ritchie Penn helps out too." » PAGE 7



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Cold Springs' Elizabeth Hill and West Point's John Welborn were awarded first team all-state and Coach of the Year honors respectively.

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‘They’ll do anything they can to get your information’

Fraud prevention seminar educates local seniors

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Friday morning yielded educational and useful information, when a free financial and health care fraud prevention seminar, sponsored by the Better Business Bureau (BBB), North Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments (NARCOG), Investor Protection Trust and Alabama’s Senior Medicare Patrol took place at Northbrook Baptist Church in Cullman.

The seminar featured a panel of four local experts including SMP State Director Lani Richardson, Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, the BBB’s Elizabeth Garcia and Alabama Securities Commission’s (ASC) Nick Vonderau.

Said Vonderau “If it sounds too good to be true, it sounds like red a flag.”

He advised attendees to contact local law enforcement or the ASC if they suspect they are being scammed.

“When people hear ‘securities,’ they typically think security guards; that’s not necessarily the case. A security is just another word for investment, so if somebody comes up to you and they offer you investment advice for a fee, or an investment opportunity and you give them money and you don’t have to do anything with it and they go away and do their magic and give you more money later on, that person has to be licensed and their products have to be registered in the State of Alabama.

“The best way to check to make sure it’s not a fraud is to give the ASC a call at 1-800-222-1253.”

Garcia addressed identity theft and how it can result from falling victim to financial and health care fraud.

She said being a victim of a scam makes you more at risk for identity theft.

If you’ve fallen victim to a scam, she said:

- Notify law enforcement, your banking and credit companies and major credit reporting agencies.
- Go over your credit report “with a fine-toothed comb” to try and find any suspicious accounts that could have been opened.
- Keep all records of your case from filing with local law enforcement, as documentation may be needed by credit card companies or banks to prove innocence.
- If you receive letters or documentation from the false accounts opened, keep them.

Garcia said child identity theft is becoming just as prevalent as adult identity theft.

She said you can do a quick credit report check to see if any accounts have been opened with your child’s name or Social Security number.

“Be cautious of what information you give out to others,” she said. “Trust, but verify.”

Gentry touched the various scams to which one can fall victim, saying scammers can reach you by social media, the internet, over the phone and in-person by coming to your door.

“Protect your identity,” he warned. “Do not every give out your information over the phone.”

For the potential in-person interaction, Gentry said, “They’re trying to get into your house (to see what they can steal).

“Do not let them in your house. If they’re asking for help, call us and notify them you called the sheriff’s office, then you’ll see how quick they’ll run off.”

Richardson focused more on Medicare and health care fraud. According to her, in 2017, $60 billion was lost from the Medicare trust fund due to Medicare fraud.

“Protect your Social Security number and Medicare number,” said Richardson. “Detect any fraud by going through your Medical Summary Notice (MSN) to see any suspicious bills for services you didn’t receive. Keep a medical calendar to take down what treatment or what services you received to compare to your MSN to continue a watch for suspicious activity.”

Richardson said common medical scams include:

- Scammers will try to sell you durable medical equipment (braces, canes, walkers, CPAP machines, etc.) on the claim, “You need it because you have this issue.” Richardson said, “Everything you’ll need will go through your doctor.”
- Genetic testing- So-called “legitimate” lab workers will swab your cheek or take a sample and then send you a ridiculous bill. Richardson shared an example of one man getting his cheek swabbed in the lobby of a Piggly Wiggly and then receiving a bill on his MSN for $16,000. She said the SMP is still trying to dispute this charge.
- Scams aimed to obtain Medicare numbers. She noted, “They’ll do anything they can to get your information.”

For more information, visit www.smpresource.org/Locator/AL.aspx.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 13

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 13, 2020. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

March 11

- theft of property; Lowe’s; Cherokee Ave. SW; water heater; $899
- third-degree burglary; person; Mitchell Road NW; damaged property
- third-degree criminal mischief, third-degree criminal trespassing; Shell 157; Hwy. 157; damaged items

March 12

- harassment; person; 2nd Ave. SW
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; wallet, shoes; $22
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $321
- fourth-degree theft of property; person; 2nd Ave. SW; cash

ARRESTS

March 12

Nixon, Byron G., 46

- FTA- insurance violation

Baker, Kimberly L., 48

- fourth-degree theft of property

Rodgers, Joshua A., 35

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing (2 counts)
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)

Joslyn, Christopher M., 65

- possession of drug paraphernalia

McDonald, Shannon A., 38

- first-degree receiving stolen property

Oden, Hannah G., 23

- first-degree receiving stolen property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 14 - 17

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Cullman County Ag Center Indoor Yard Sale
• Saturday, March 14 from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center, 17645 U.S. Highway 31, Cullman, Alabama 35058
• Spots are available for purchase beginning at $10 each. For more information, call 256-739-4959.

4th Annual Shamrock Shuffle 5K/1-Mile Color Run
• Saturday, March 14 at 8 a.m. at East Elementary School, 608 Fourth Ave. SE, Cullman
• The Color Run is a community event where families and friends come together to have fun, promote an active lifestyle, and raise funds for new playground equipment for East Elementary School.
• With both a 5K and 1-mile untimed course, the Shamrock Shuffle Color Run is the perfect race for all age groups, casual runners, serious runners and walkers. Strollers are welcome. We want you to create a memory and not worry about your mile per minute. By entering the Shamrock Shuffle Color Run, participants will be showered in green throughout each course at color stations.

3rd Annual Hanceville Irish Festival
• Saturday, March 14 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in downtown Hanceville
• Irish music, Irish dance, arts and crafts, along with good food and drink and Irish swag for purchase. Featuring Black Market Haggis, A Shamrock in Kudzu, Chuck Carpenter and Tommy Chapman and O’Faolain Academy of Irish Dance. There will also be a kids’ play area with games, bouncy houses and all-terrain train. Dress up your fur friends and bring them along... don’t miss it, we look forward to seeing you there!

Victim Services of Cullman 2nd Annual St. Paddy’s in the Park
• Saturday, March 14, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Depot Park
• Food, carnival games, bouncy house and vendors
• Live music from Esther Kinsaul, Troy Dewberry, Daniel Harbison and Jesse Priest of the “Jolene Challenge”
• Take a photo with Batman and the Batmobile.
• Vendors welcome. Call 256-775-2600.

Community Census Day- Garden City
• Garden City Park, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
• Community Census Day events will consist of a bookmobile with iPads for attendees to fill out census forms, door prizes for those who have filled out their census questionnaire prior to arrival (must show proof) of those who fill out forms while at a Census Days event (prizes include a 50-inch smart TV, $50 Wal-Mart gift card, passes to the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center and Cullman tumblers), bouncy houses, disc golf, corn hole games, children’s activities and food.

Tommy Tuberville Meet and Greet
Noon-2 p.m. at Cullman Shooting Sports, 593 Alabama Highway 69 N, Cullman, Alabama 35055

Hanceville High School Fair Queen Representative and Miss Enhancer Pageants
Saturday, March 14 at 2 p.m. at Hanceville High School in the Lane Horton Gymnasium. Admission is $6.

St. Patrick’s Family Bingo
• Saturday, March 14 at the Family Life Center at Sacred Heart
• Doors open at 6 p.m., games start at 7 p.m.
• $5 donation per card (one $5 card is good all night); coverall bingo are $1 donation extra per card (there will be 5 coverall games)
• Food menu: Hamburger, chips and drink $ 5; Hotdog, chips and drink $5; Drinks $1; Hamburger $ 3; Hotdog $ 1

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Billy Driver and Stanley Owensby at Spirit Life Church of God
• 10:45 a.m. Pastor Billy Driver from Calvary’s Hill Church, 6 p.m. Evangelist Stanley Owensby
• Spirit Life Church of God, 1650 St. Joseph St. NW, Cullman

Special Needs Free Swim at the Aquatic Center
• 3-5 p.m. at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center
• Free Swim Hosted by Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism
• Free swim is for those with special needs and immediate family members. All guests must sign in at the CWAC front desk before entering the pool. Parents/guardians/caregivers must stay in the pool area at all times during the therapeutic recreation swim time.

MONDAY, MARCH 16

Candlelight Prayer Vigil for Curt Wilson
As Curtis “Curt” Wilson’s family and friends prepare to close this very difficult chapter in our history, we want to invite the community of Cullman to take part in a candlelight prayer vigil March 16 at 6 p.m. on the front lawn of First Baptist Church of Cullman, across from the Cullman County Courthouse. Worship music will be provided by Curt’s cousin, Walker Caretti, and the FBC praise & worship team. Friends and family will share “Curt stories.” Candles and prayer cards will be provided. Let’s show Ashley Wilson (Curt’s precious mother) some love as we prayerfully lift her up during this most difficult time.

West Point Town Council Meeting
6 p.m. at West Point Town Hall

Garden City Town Council Meeting
6 p.m. at Garden City Town Hall

Cullman City Council Meeting
7 p.m. at Cullman City Hall

Berlin Town Council Meeting
7 p.m. at the Berlin Community Center

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Emergency Blood Drive
• 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in front of Cullman Regional in the LifeSouth Community Bloodmobile, which will be located at the main entrance of the hospital (1912 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058). Donors must be in good health, 16 or older (16-year-olds require written parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and show a valid photo ID. All donors will receive a LifeSouth T-shirt and coupons for free food.
• For more information, visit www.lifesouth.org or call the local LifeSouth Donor Office at 256-736-1594.

Lunch at the VFW
Everyone come to Tuesday’s lunch at the VFW Post in Cullman. Starts at 11:30, $5 per plate. We have carryout if you can’t stay and eat with us. We always have a great time. Love to see new folks and enjoy the usual group. See you on Tuesday! 112 Veterans Dr. SW

TOPS Meeting
• TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly-meets every Tuesday at the Donald E. Green Senior Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW Cullman
• Weigh-in 3-3:30 p.m.
• Meeting 3:30-4:30
• Contact- Linda Elsmore, 330-844-5179
• Facebook- TOPS AI0073 Cullman

Drop-in Support Group for Survivors of Domestic Abuse
• 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Victim Services of Cullman, 310 Third Ave. NE, Cullman
• Weekly (drop-in) support group for anyone who has been or is currently in an abusive relationship. Childcare is available, but we ask that you call in advance so that we know how many children to prepare for. Call 256-775-2600 for info to arrange childcare services.

Hurts. Habits. Hang-ups.
• Bring the whole family! Bible study for children and nursery will be open. Free hot home-cooked meal served at 5:30 p.m. Meeting at 6:15 p.m.
• Fellowship- Praise and worship-Guest speakers- Prayer. Come join us every Tuesday night for one of the best support groups in town!
• Spirit Life Church, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman

Friendship Squares Square Dance Club
6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the East Point Community Center, 556 AL Hwy. 69 N, Cullman, AL 35058. Lessons are available. Come join us for some foot-stomping fun and fellowship.

MORE...

Heads up, first responders! Westminster Assisted Living wants to give you a free to-go meal April 17! RSVP by March 27 to Samantha at 256-255-0361.

Community Census Days
• Municipalities across Cullman County are hosting Community Census Days to promote participation from their residents.
• Each Community Census Day event will consist of a bookmobile with iPads for attendees to fill out census forms, door prizes for those who have filled out their census questionnaire prior to arrival (must show proof) of those who fill out forms while at a Census Days event (prizes include a 50-inch smart TV, $50 Wal-Mart gift card, passes to the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center and Cullman tumblers), bouncy houses, disc golf, corn hole games, children’s activities and food.

Community Census Days, all on Saturdays, are as follows:
• Cullman- Depot Park, March 21, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
• Berlin Community Center, March 28, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
• Good Hope Municipal Park, April 4, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
• Baileyton Town Park, April 4, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
• Vinemont Community Center, April 11, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
• West Point Town Hall, April 18, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
• Cold Springs (location TBD), April 18, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.
• Holly Pond Guy Hunt Library & Museum, April 25, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
• Colony Senior Center, May 2, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
• Fairview Town Park, May 9, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
• Hanceville Veterans Park, June 6, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
• Dodge City Town Hall, June 13, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Spirit Life Church of God, 1650 St. Joseph St. NW, Cullman
• Sundays-bus ministry-picks up children, youth & adults in Five Points Area of Cullman. Call or text 205-269-6056 Saturday for Sunday pick-up. Bus leaves church at 9 a.m. Free breakfast served at 9:30 a.m. Children, youth and adult Small Group classes at 10 a.m. Church services, children’s church and youth ministry at 10:45 a.m. Everyone welcome! Sunday p.m. services at 6 p.m. No bus ministry for p.m. services.
• Wednesdays-Prayer meeting at 5:30- 6:30 p.m. Corporate & individual requests, laying on of hands, etc. Bible study class at 6:30 p.m.
• Friday-March 20 @ 10:30 a.m. Adult Luncheon. Bring a dish, drinks or dessert. Everyone welcome.
• Sunday March 22 @ 6 p.m. Youth Pastor Ace Beam from Addison Church of GOD
• Friday, March 27-Senior Men’s Breakfast, locations vary. “Dutch treat.” Call Asa Mayse 205-601-4293 for more information.
• Sunday, March 29 @ 6 p.m. Pastor Abe Rooks from Moreland New Home Baptist Church

Cullman County Child Development Center Services Learning Lab
• March 20, 2020 from 12:30-2 p.m. in the CDC gym
• For parents and guardians of special needs students eighth grade and up. Participants will meet representatives of Vocational Rehabilitation, Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled/Margaret Jean Jones Center and Flourish of Cullman, and learn more about the services provided by each organization through presentations and an open question and answer session.
• The lab will take place in the CDC gym from 12:30-2 p.m.
• For more information, contact Principal Chris Chambers or Sandra Laney at 256-739-0486. For transportation assistance, call 256-735-4186.

Trusting Grace Concert
Sunday, March 22 at 5:30 p.m. at Vinemont Baptist Church, 787 County Road 1343, Vinemont. Please join us in worship through music. A love offering will be taken.

Cullman Community Band Spring Concert
The Cullman Community Band will present its spring concert Monday, March 23 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church Cullman. There is no admission charge.

Beef Quality Assurance Training
• Tuesday, March 24 at 6 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex, 1714 Tally Ho St. in Cullman. This event is a joint effort of the Cullman County Cattlemen’s Association and the Cullman County Extension office of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.
• Anyone interesting in learning how to raise cattle under optimum management and environmental conditions is invited to attend. Everyone who attends this training session will have the opportunity to become a BQA-certified producer. There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is required for meal planning, as a light supper will be provided.
• RSVP to Cody Rasco at 256-636-1301 or rasco.cattle@gmail.com no later than Friday, March 20, 2020. For questions about the Alabama BQA certification program, contact Regional Extension Agent Gerry Thompson at 256-508-2020 or thompgl@aces.edu.

Lenten Fish Fry Dinner at Sacred Heart
• Cullman Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church Knights of Columbus will offer their annual Lenten Fish Fry Dinners to the public March 27 and April 3 in the church’s Family Life Center. The menu consists of either fried or baked fish, baked potato or French fries, coleslaw, hush puppies, drinks and dessert for $10 for adults, $5 for children younger than 10 and $25 for families of four or more.
• Meals will be served from 5-6:45 p.m. followed by Lenten Stations of the Cross in the church at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to take part in the dinners and, if so desired, the Lenten Stations.
• The Family Life Center is located behind the church at 205 Third St. SE in Cullman.

Funny Things from Yesterday: Alder

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Alder is our second little great-grandson. He is a delightful little fellow and is now 16 months old, and he is what you call "ALL BOY." He doesn't talk yet, but he is a climber and an extra fast runner.

Two weeks ago, Rudene had to have a permanent. It would take about two hours and we already had the twin great-grandsons at the house; they are 11 months old. I would not be able to take care of them by myself. So, Robin came over to help me for the time Granny would be gone. She was taking care of Alder on that particular day, so he was with her. As soon as Robin put him down, he headed for the kitchen. We have a two-oven stove and that is where he stopped. By the time Robin got to him he had the lower door open and was standing on it. If Robin had not caught him, I'm sure he would have had the next door open and headed for new heights.

The next week we had Alder again. When he is here, we close all the doors and try to keep him hemmed up in the living room and kitchen. Rudene had something to do in our bedroom and I needed to go to the bathroom next to the bedroom and Alder went into the bedroom with us.

Alder went straight to the bathroom and Rudene caught him just before he put his hand in the commode and brought him out of the bathroom. Rudene finished what she was doing and walked out, leaving Alder in the bedroom.

All at once I heard him dialing the phone. I rushed out of the bathroom about half dressed to get the phone from him. I was afraid he would call the man in the Middle East that has been calling me for three weeks trying to sell me car repair insurance.

I got the phone from him and started to get the numbers off that he had put on the phone. I looked around and he was headed for the bathroom. I dropped the phone and started after him and called Rudene for help. It was just like it was at the Alamo - help never came.
I caught him just before he stuck his hand in the commode and got him out of the bathroom again. Then the little fellow went back to the phone and started dialing again. I don't know why I didn't close the bathroom door as I came out. All I could think of was hearing numbers being punched on that phone again. I called for help again and got help on the way.

When I got back to the bathroom this time he was standing in the shower. Thank goodness no water was running.

I finally got myself back together and headed to the kitchen to catch Alder. When I got to the kitchen, he had climbed on the table and was just trying to stand up and I caught him. The table cloth had turned sideways and one of the crystal coasters fell off and broke into a hundred or more pieces. We got that cleaned up and we sat down for a rest.

I love all these little great grands. They give you fun, exercise, excitement and most of all, love.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Here comes the rain again, and again, and again

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



In a few weeks I'm going to Kentucky to see the ark. I may need some of you to go help me. If we are still getting rain then like we have so far this year, we're going to need a bigger boat. I think I'm going to ask if I can bring the ark back with me to Alabama. We will need a big truck and boat-trailer! It rained for forty days when Noah built his ark. I think we may be close!

Someone at a writer's conference once told us we should never write about the weather unless we are weathermen. Well, I'm not a weatherman, so I'm not going to write about the weather – I'm just going to write about the rain!

I'm not sure if we should write newspaper columns about rain or not, but songwriters sure do. Have you ever noticed how many songs there are about rain? Country singer Gary Allan even had a song that's titled, "Songs About Rain." He also sang "Every Storm Runs out of Rain."

We certainly don't want to run out of rain. We've been down that dry and dusty road before, but a short little break might be nice. I guess because we've had so much rain, it made me think about all those old songs about rain. John Fogerty of Creedence Clearwater Revival sang, "Have You Ever Seen the Rain?" He's also the same guy who wanted to know, "Who'll Stop the Rain?" Yes, Mr. Fogerty, we have seen the rain. I do know who will stop it, I just don't know when. The Beatles sang, "Here Comes the Sun." We can pray that the sun will come again.

Rain seems to affect our emotions. There was a song called, "Here Comes That Rainy Day Feeling Again." A band called "The Back" sang they were, "Only Happy When it Rains." Gene Kelly must have liked the wet stuff because he was "Singing in the Rain." Eddie Rabbit "Loved a Rainy Night."

They would all certainly be happy these days, but if "Rainy Days and Mondays Always Get You Down," like Karen Carpenter sang, then you are one depressed puppy. We've had rainy days and Mondays, rainy days and Tuesdays... The Temptations sang, "How I Wish it Would Rain."

Their wish has come true. Albert Hammond sang, "It Never Rains in Southern California." I'm beginning to wonder if the rain will ever stop in Alabama. Benton Brooks said it was, "A Rainy Night in Georgia," and Elvis sang about "Kentucky Rain" that kept pouring down. B.J. Thomas sang, "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head." James Taylor had seen "Fire and Rain." Willie Nelson had "Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain." Barry Manilow "Made it Through

the Rain." Keith Whitley was "No Stranger to the Rain." Neither are we, Mr. Whitley.

Country singer Luke Bryan sang, "Rain is a Good Thing."

While I don't agree with the reasons Mr. Bryan gave, I do agree that rain is a good thing. While the saying was not original with him, Mark Twain used to say, "Everybody complains about the weather, but nobody does anything about it."

Obviously, complaining about the rain doesn't do anything about it because I've heard quite a bit of complaining. Okay, I may have even done some of it myself. I've never been one who necessarily loved a rainy day. My mother used to scold me for complaining about rain. She said, "Son, that's God's business, not yours." I don't always understand why it comes when it does, but Mama was exactly right, I'm not the one in charge of that department.

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

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1905
Work on the new Baptist church in West Cullman is progressing nicely.

Reverend W.H. Aufderhaar is planning a monthly publication devoted to the advancement of Christianity.

He has secured Charles Ruehl and Thaddens D. McMinn to attend to the business of the paper.

Recently married here have been Maude Strong and M.D. Screws; Emma Glenn and J.T. Barbrey; Lizzie Tillman and Perry Manor; Etta M. Deemer and G.W. Martin; Minnie Turner and Glenn Humphrey and Alice Bailey and Jas. Barlett.

J.B. Brown is reported to be a candidate for senate, the seat vacated by the death of Senator R.L. Hipp.

Doctor Charles Hayes has located at Vinemont.

From The Files Of 1935
Married last week were Evelyn Richter and John W. Richter.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. F.C. Patrick on November 26th. They named him Jerry.

Spending Tuesday in Birmingham were Mr. and Mrs. T.D. McMinn, Mrs. Bill Arnold, Mrs. Geo Fehler and her sister, Mrs. F.M. Reid, of Juneau, Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Miller, of Chicago, who were enroute to Saint Petersburg, Florida, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grob.

Miss Mary Will Estes attended the Howard-Birmingham Southern football game on Thanksgiving.

$110 was cleared on Cullman High stunt night. Prizes for selling the most tickets went to Wilma Persall and Dezma Weeks, both freshmen.

The Coterie Club will hold a sale of articles made by the adult blind at Talladega, on December 10th at the Coca-Cola Company.

Miss Gurley Bright and Professor William Wilks were married at 4:00 p.m. at the Methodist church on November 27th.

The Child Welfare Board is composed of R.P. Johnston, chairman, Mrs. J.I. Armstrong, Mrs. W.J. Cottingham, Jack Tucker, Doctor J.C. Martin, J.M. Bright and Reverend J.E. Marion.

Poet's Corner

Observation at King's Bend

By: Randy C. Hale

A rare day of sunshine
recently,
I embrace the mellow sky.

Walk upon the
observation bridge
at King's Bend near my home.

The river rages today from all
the past rain, high
upon the trees
as miniskirts above the knees.

The murky waters white cap
along the way, and makes
me think of the ocean
so far away.

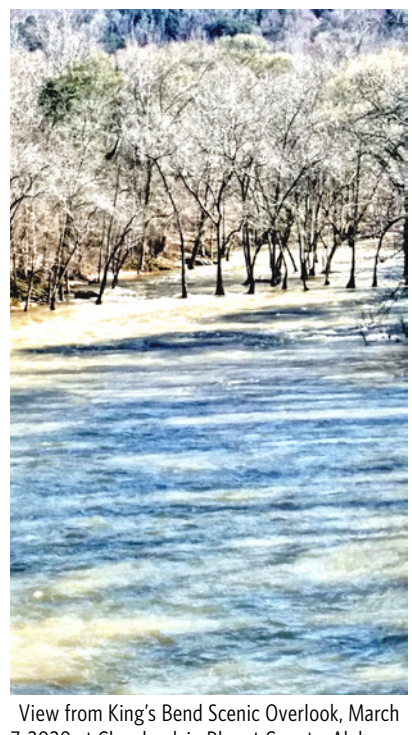
True to its name
the river bends
and curves, like a snake,
the letter "S."

People come and go
here, family's,
friends, loners today as myself.

Two teenage girls
take each other's
picture, giggling at
the snapshots,
then walk away.

There are many here,
then they are none,
and I am fine
with each.

Here to rest, to the sights
of brown and to
spring's new green,
the smells of damp
sand, the old wood
and a mist of this river sea.



View from King's Bend Scenic Overlook, March 7, 2020 at Cleveland, in Blount County, Alabama.

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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
Marie Melton Weeks,
Deceased
Case No. PC2020-084

Notice to Creditors

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Tina M. Weeks as Personal Representative of the Estate of Marie Melton Weeks, deceased, on the 12th day of March, 2020, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate,

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

Tina M. Weeks
Personal Representative
Tina M. Weeks

To the Publisher of the Cullman Tribune:
Please publish the above Notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate, Tammy Brown
Cullman County, Alabama

G. Edward Coey
Attorney for Personal Representative
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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY
CASE NO: AD2020-015

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF J.M.H.
D.O.B. 08-28-2006
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: JEFFREY MATTHEW HAYS

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY KEVIN MICHAEL ALLRED, PETITIONER. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONERS, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, ROOM 101, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

DONE THIS 28th DAY OF February, 2020.

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

Andria D. Sims
Attorney for Petitioner
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Cullman, AL 35055
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC2020-080

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GERALD M. HARPER, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Joe M. Harper on the 5th day of March, 2020, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Joe M. Harper
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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EDUCATION

WellStone counselors leaving county schools; services to continue

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CULLMAN, Ala. – WellStone Behavioral Health, which provides mental health services to the Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) and has supplied counselors to county schools, is withdrawing its counselors from the schools to WellStone's Cullman office due to a personnel shortage. The company's services to the county system will continue, but students will have to go to the WellStone office.

CCBOE Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette told The Tribune, "We have appreciated the partnership we have with WellStone for a while now.

"Unfortunately, they are struggling to be able to hire enough counselors for all of our schools.

"Several have left WellStone and taken jobs other places and only left them with three counselors in our schools.

"They were needing to pull those back into their clinic to be able to serve the students that were coming to the clinic.

"So we sat down and we tried to figure out what's best for everybody.

"Until we can figure out either another company or they can hire enough for all our schools, we're just going to take a step back and let our students go to their clinic and be serviced there.

"And actually, by seeing some of the students in the clinic instead of in our schools, some of the insurances that we've been picking up the tab for, some of those insurances will actually pay now, that they wouldn't pay in our schools, but they will pay in our clinic. So it'll help the students that way, too."

WellStone CEO Chris Van Dyke told The Tribune, "We have had a workforce issue, trouble: there's not enough counselors out there, trouble finding people to fill our open positions with the county schools.

"We decided the best thing we could do to serve the children who are currently enrolled with us was to see people from the office, where we can use our current employees more efficiently."

Some have speculated that the move is a consequence of the loss of projected sales tax money or of a problem between the two entities, but both agreed that the issue was simply making the best use of personnel resources.

Van Dyke said, "There was no conflict.

"It was my presentation to them, because I wanted to make sure we were serving the kids that were enrolled with us, and when you can't fill those positions, you've got to rethink some things."

Barnette said of WellStone's in-school counseling services, "We look forward to being able to get that back in every school as soon as we can."

Gurning (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Through March 15, the Wallace State Community College Theatre program will present "Big Fish the Musical" based on the 1998 book "Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions" by Daniel Wallace. On Friday, Wallace stopped by the All-Steak for a little fun in the Original Alabama Gurning Face-Off.

For those who might not be familiar with the term "gurning," a gurn is an extremely distorted and particular facial expression. Wallace joined Ben Johnson South, creator of "The Original One-Liner American Diner," and Melva Hackbarth Jackson, who recently directed Cullman Community Theatre's production of Neil Simon's "Rumors," for an afternoon of funny faces and great food.

The face-off was to be judged by Wallace, South and Jackson, but guests were having such a lovely time swapping stories and laughing, time seemed to slip away. There was gurning and everyone was a winner!

The Tribune did sit down with Wallace and South for a lighthearted chat. Wallace said he was having a great time.

"I'm glad I came back because this is the last place I'm going to be going for a long time," joked Wallace.

"We won't be able to drive anymore." Wallace is working on new material. He said, "I'm always working on something new. I'm teaching at UNC full-time and working on a book that a lot of it takes place in Alabama. It's a non-fiction book. All of my books take place in Alabama. It takes place in Birmingham mostly. It's fun to write and to research, coming down to my old stomping grounds."

Wallace grew up in the Homewood/Mountain Brook area and often visited his grandparents in Cullman. His grandparents, Ewing and Lucille Wallace, owned the All-Steak for many years, and their portraits have a prominent spot in the restaurant.

"I like to look at all the places I used to be and see how they've changed," said Wallace, "just walking up and down the Main Street here."

Wallace currently teaches fiction at UNC to undergraduates. He is also working on a memoir.

He explained, "It's about two friends of mine who died young. It takes place mostly in Birmingham and North Carolina. There's also a true crime element to it as well, so there's a lot of investigative moments in it. It's different from anything else I've ever done. It's fun and it's also true. Everything else I've ever done is pure fiction."

South joined the conversation and updated on the progress of his new musical "The Original One Liner American Diner."

Said South, "They are premiering it at the Riverchase at the Country Club on April 9 and then it's ready to roll out to a theater near you!"

"Big Fish the Musical" will be presented Saturday, March 14 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m., in the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. Tickets are $10 and $5 for children younger than 12. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance by contacting Heather Gillikin at 256-352-8277 or heather.gillikin@wallacestate.edu.

Schools (from Front)

selves and others. We will remain engaged on the matter and continue prioritizing the health and wellbeing of all Alabamians.

State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris said, "The Alabama Department of Public Health has worked hard to prepare and has anticipated receiving a report of the first case of COVID-19 in an Alabama resident.

"We continue to recommend that people be prudent and encourage them to use proper hygiene behaviors such as handwashing, not touching their faces with unwashed hands, covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home if they have fever. As a precaution, it is suggested that any gatherings of more than 500 people be postponed or canceled."

Harris said there are now two confirmed COVID-19 cases in Alabama, and there could be as many as five by the end of the day Friday.

Cullman City Schools issued the following statement to students and parents following Ivey's proclamation: "As directed by Governor Kay Ivey, Cullman City Schools will be closing Thursday, March 19, 2020. Schools will tentatively reopen Monday, April 6, 2020."

Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette echoed Ivey, confirming schools will be closed starting next Thursday.

Both systems are putting into place plans for students to continue with their studies during the closure.

Wallace State Community College (WSCC) announced Friday it will extend its spring break from March 17 through Friday, April 3 in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

A statement from WSCC said, "Wallace State Community College, by directive of the Alabama Community College System, and consistent with higher education institutions in Alabama and across the country, will EXTEND SPRING BREAK from Tuesday, March 17, through Friday, April 3, in an effort to protect the health and safety of our communities and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

"NOTE: Students should check the College's website, Blackboard and/or their Wallace State email prior to returning to campus after spring break. Many classes at Wallace State are already available in a hybrid or online environment, and others will be transitioning to these modes of instruction when classes resume after the break.

"A plan for compressing time to completion of the semester for students who are enrolled in programs that require competency check-offs, labs, and clinical hours will be communicated with students by their departments...

"The COVID-19 pandemic is constantly evolving and, as a result, our response continues to evolve. Any updates to our schedule, method of class delivery, and interim policies will be communicated via the College's website, Blackboard and email. This information will be updated as circumstances require."

For the very latest, check www.CullmanTribune.com/tag/coronavirus/.

To read Ivey's State of Emergency proclamation, go to https://governor.alabama.gov/newsroom/2020/03/state-of-emergency-coronavirus-covid-19/.

Landscaping (from Front)

to do some landscaping. I always tell people that fall is a better time to landscape in the South, but I understand that you cannot fight human nature.

"The retail garden centers know this as well, so the best selection of plants is available in the spring rather than the fall. Now get out there and start working on that landscape project. A well landscaped home adds great value to your home and you can get some much-needed exercise for free."

Glover shared these tips and web links on landscape work for your yard:

Follow good landscape design principles.

• Glover: "A well-conceived landscape design, properly installed and well maintained, adds value to your property and enhances the quality of your life. Buy or check out a book on landscape design."

• Help with design: www.aces.edu/go/design

Focus first on low maintenance plants suitable to your site.

• Glover: "Once these plants are established in the right location, most require little, if any, supplemental water, fertilizers, or pesticides. Choose plants that can tolerate our large variability in moisture availability. The primary focus should be on plants that can tolerate extended dry conditions after establishment and occasional excessively wet winter periods."

• Plant List to help you choose: www.aces.edu/go/plantlist

Be sure to conduct proper planting.

• Glover: "Woody plants (shrubs or trees) can be transplanted now provided the planting is done correctly and the plants are kept well-watered the first year after planting."

• Further advice on planting: www.aces.edu/go/planting

Plant for impact.

• Glover: "Limit the number of plants with high water and maintenance requirements, placing them where they will have the greatest visual impact and convenient access to water during drought periods. Consider harvesting roof water to water these small areas.

• Learn on harvesting roof water: www.aces.edu/go/rainwater

Avoid invasive plant species.

• Glover: "Do not plant exotic, invasive species. If these plants are present in your yard, remove them. They crowd out native plants and seriously threaten Alabama's ecosystems and wildlife. One of the worst of the ornamental invasive is Chinese privet."

• Learn to control types of invasive plants here: www.aces.edu/go/privet

Aim for diversity!

• Glover: "Create a mosaic of trees, shrubs, groundcovers, native grasses and wildflowers. Monocultures, large expanses of the same plant species, are prone to disease and insect infestation and are not as sustainable as a diverse plant community with lots of variety including many native plants."

• For more information on using native plants: www.aces.edu/go/native-plants

Avoid quick fix or extremely fast-growing screen plants.

• Glover: "Do not be fooled by the quick fix appeal of fast-growing plants. Such plants may require frequent pruning, which creates more clippings and yard waste. Also, fast growth yields lots of lush, green shoots which can attract certain pests. Leyland cypress is a case in point. It grows very fast but has many cultural and pest problems. Slower growing plants may take longer to fill in your landscape, but they will ultimately last longer and create less work."

• List of Leyland cypress substitutes: www.aces.edu/go/leylandsubs

Limit turf areas and the use of other water inefficient landscape techniques.

• Glover: "Turf can be a beautiful component of a landscape but it generally requires more water, fertilizer and maintenance than a properly selected mixture of trees, shrubs and other ground cover options. The efficient use of water in the landscape is the primary way to avoid non-point source pollution of our water supplies."

Choose turf species wisely.

• Glover: "Turfgrasses vary in their adaptability to climate, light, fertility needs, drought tolerance, pest susceptibility and maintenance requirements. Research their specific requirements prior to making this long-term decision. Your local Alabama Farmers Coop will know when to plant and seeding rates of commonly seeded grasses."

• Further help on choosing the right turf: www.aces.edu/go/turf





LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Hanceville considers KnoxBox system, addresses COVID-19

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Hanceville Assistant Fire Chief Bart Absher at Thursday night's city council meeting discussed the possibility of the City requiring all new businesses to use KnoxBoxes. A KnoxBox is a secure box that houses keys or access cards, which can be accessed by first responders to give them immediate access into secure buildings, campuses, residences and commercial properties.

Said Absher, "The boxes keep us from doing any type of damage when entering a structure. The fire department has one key. We have the key. Not the police department, only the fire department. There's about 16,000 municipalities nationwide that use this program, No one key matches anyone else's key. (It) cannot be duplicated by a locksmith or anything."

The program has been available in Hanceville on a volunteer basis. The fire department is asking the City to consider an ordinance requiring all new businesses to participate in the program.

"Say the business has a fire alarm," said Absher. "The fire alarm goes off at 3 a.m. on a Sunday morning. We get there and the keyholder lives at Smith Lake. Do we break the door and damage their door to get in and turn their alarm off? Or if we had a box, we could open it with the key and get right in."

The commercial boxes would cost a business approximately $400.

Absher added, "In 2012, the international fire code adopted a lock box program. It's already in the fire codes, so if we are going to abide by those codes down the road, then this a program that is already established and already out there."

The council voiced support for the program and asked Absher to begin composing an ordinance for the council to consider in the near future. For residents interested in the KnoxBox program for their homes, boxes are available for less than $200.

Said Absher, "We have several of these in town and we have them all the way out in the county. They were bought for people with mobility issues or a family member bought them for a loved one."

Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail addressed COVID-19 (coronavirus), urging residents to "be calm and use common sense."

He stated, "I have talked with the fire chief and the police chief. There are some things in mind and protocols that have been changed.

"When you call 911, they are going to be asking you some more questions about possible sicknesses in your house, so don't be real excited or alarmed if they walk in the door right off the bat with masks and gloves on. Just a little side note, my wife just started working at Emory, which is right next to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) basically. They are telling them, just basically use common sense.

"Try not to sneeze on anybody. Sneeze on your sleeve. Try not to cough on anybody. Thorough and constant hand washing they say is the key. There are going to be people die with this, there's no doubt about it. There's people that die of the flu every year, a lot more than what this thing has killed so far. I'm not real excited about it.

"I think it's going to be OK. We will be in a meeting on Tuesday at Cullman City Hall for an update with (Cullman County) EMA, so maybe we will find out if there are other things coming in from the State. We will go to that meeting and what we can release, we will release."

Tuesday's meeting is a not open to the public.

Commercial, Church and Blountsville Streets will be closed beginning at 6 a.m. Saturday morning for the Hanceville Irish Festival. All four streets are expected to be reopened at approximately 6 p.m. after the festival.

In other business:
The council approved the payment of an invoice from ALDOT from an ATRIP project completed in 2013 for $1,414.35.

The council has scheduled a free community yard sale for the weekend of April 17-18. Following the yard sale weekend, the week of April 20-24 will be free landfill pickup. Items must be placed outside for pickup by noon on Friday.

The council approved Resolution No. 642 regarding Employee Retirement System Tier II Benefits; Hanceville City Clerk Tania Wilcox explained, "It's to provide Tier II members with Tier I benefits."

The council tabled approving the contract with engineering firm Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood for the gutters and repaving project on Commercial Street. The project is part of Governor Kay Ivey's Rebuild Alabama Act Annual Grant Program.

The council also approved Resolution No. 643 authorizing Nail to sign paperwork for the U.S. Highway 31 Drainage Project.

The next council meeting will be March 26 at 6 p.m. preceded by a work session at 5:30.



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Hanceville Assistant Fire Chief Bart Absher addresses the Hanceville City Council.

Floyd (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman County Attorney Chad Floyd has been appointed by Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey as Cullman County District Judge, Place 1. Ivey's Press Secretary Gina Maiola made the announcement Friday.

"The governor has appointed Chad Floyd to serve as Cullman County District Judge, Place 1. The appointment is effective immediately," she said.

Floyd will fill the seat formerly occupied by retired District Judge Kim Chaney.

Friday afternoon, Floyd told The Tribune, "I am thrilled for the opportunity. I'm really, honestly, more than anything, I think I'm humbled at the governor's confidence in me, to trust me with the job. I look forward to being able to serve the citizens here. There's a lot to do. I'm really excited and ready to get to work."

Cullman County Presiding Judge Gregory Nicholas said, "There were several qualified applicants that interviewed with the governor for the position. The governor's decision was, undoubtedly, a difficult one, but the governor made a great choice in appointing Chad Floyd as the next district court judge for Cullman County. I'm confident he'll do an outstanding job, and I'm looking forward to working with him in the future."

Floyd commended his fellow applicants for the post, saying, "I was shocked, because there were seven applicants, and I think the county would have been well-served by going with any of them.

"They were seven great applicants, I thought, and so I was just beside myself when the governor called and had appointed me . . . Everybody was equally qualified. Everybody was absolutely more than qualified to do the job."

Floyd continued, "For the past decade, it has been my intention to seek the seat of District Judge, Place 1, whenever Judge Chaney concluded his service. I didn't know whether Judge Chaney would stop serving after 24 years, 30 years or more.

"I had anticipated seeking this office for the first time in the Primary Election in May of 2022; however, Judge Chaney's retirement advanced the timeline to today. I have been fortunate during the course of my legal career to have practiced in front of many excellent judges.

"While the appointment is effective immediately, I anticipate taking the bench for the first time during the week of March 23.

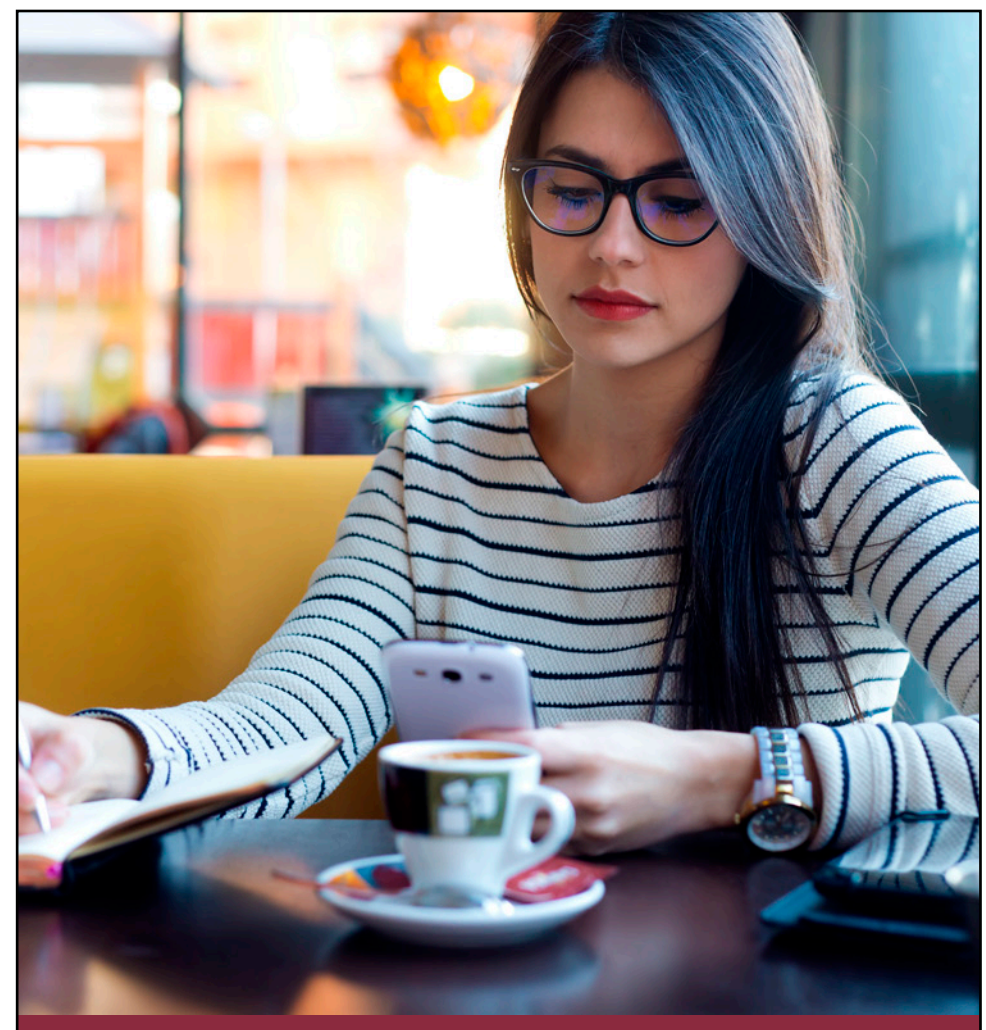
"Once the Cullman County Commission determines the direction that they wish to take with their legal services, I hope to apprise their new attorney of each pending matter in which I am presently engaged.

"I owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the Cullman County Commission for giving me the opportunity to grow professionally, and personally, during my 4.5 years of service to the County. I am incredibly humbled and honored by the confidence that Governor Ivey has placed in me with this appointment.

"There were seven incredibly qualified and well-deserving candidates who interviewed with the Governor's Office for this position.

"I will strive daily to serve the citizens of Cullman County, and the State of Alabama, with fairness and impartiality."





SATURDAY EVENING

MOVIES

MARCH 14, 2020

		5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
WABM-MyTV	2	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Ring of Honor Wrestling (N)		Fire Fight Australia Star-studded benefit concert.				World's-Weath	World's-Weath	The Immortals	The Short List
WBIQ-PBS	4	Best of Alabama Public Television				Best of Alabama Public Television				Best of Alabama Public Television			
WVTM-NBC	5	PGA Tour Golf THE PLAYERS Championship, Third Round.		WVTM 13 News at 6p (N)	Soledad O'Brien	★★ "The Fate of the Furious" (2017, Action) Vin Diesel, Dwayne Johnson, Charlize Theron. Premiere. A mysterious woman forces Dom to betray the crew.						WVTM 13 News at 10p	(:29) Saturday Night Live
WBRC-FOX	7	Big East Pregame	College Basketball Big East Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				Big East Post-game	LEGO Masters A movie-themed challenge.		WBRC FOX6 News at 9pm	WBRC FOX6 News	WBRC FOX6 News at 10pm	Beat Shazam
WIAT-CBS	8	Paid Program	CBS Weekend News (N)	CBS42 News 6pm	Paid Program	NCIS: Los Angeles The team searches for a terrorist cell.		48 Hours (N)		48 Hours (N)		CBS42 News 10pm	(:35) Jeopardy!
WTTO-CW	9	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Family Guy	Family Guy "Barely Legal"	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	The Andy Griffith Show	Alabama Upstarts
WPXH-ION	11	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Undercover Mother"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "December Solstice"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Parole Violations"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Devastating Story"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Granting Immunity"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Daydream Believer"	
WABM2-ABC	12	Paid Program	ABC World News	ABC 33/40 News at 6PM	Wheel of Fortune	The Jump (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Milwaukee. (N) (Live)	Golden State Warriors at Milwaukee Bucks. From Fiserv Forum in				ABC 33/40 News at 10PM	(:35) America This Week (N)
A&E	42	(4:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 03.06.20"				(:07) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 310" (N)		Live PD "Live PD -- 03.14.20" (N) (Live)					
AMC	53	★★★ "The Matrix" (1999, Science Fiction) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss. A computer hacker learns his world is a computer simulation.						★★★ "The Matrix Reloaded" (2003, Science Fiction) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss. Freedom fighters revolt against machines.					
ANPL	47	Pit Bulls and Parolees Sui faces a tough decision.		Pit Bulls and Parolees Tia and Sugar race a rescue to the vet.		Pit Bulls & Parolees: Looking for a Home "Escaping Death"		Pit Bulls and Parolees (N)		Pit Bulls & Parolees: Pack of Pits (N)			
BET	55	(4:00) ★ "Tyler Perry's Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor" (2013) Jurnee Smollett-Bell, Lance Gross.				"Open" (2019, Drama) JC Santos. Premiere. A couple begin to feel that their relationship has gone stale.						★★ "Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too?" (2010)	
BRAVO	58	(:14) Below Deck "Never Before Scene 714" Extended scenes and bonus content.			(:16) Below Deck Extended scenes and bonus content.		(:18) Below Deck Bonus footage and extended scenes.		(:20) Below Deck Bonus footage and extended scenes.		(:22) Below Deck Bonus footage and extended scenes.		(:24) ★★ "Just Friends"
CMTV	61	(4:30) ★★ "Never Been Kissed" (1999) Drew Barrymore, David Arquette. A reporter poses as a high-school student.				★★★ "A League of Their Own" (1992, Comedy-Drama) Tom Hanks, Geena Davis, Madonna. A women's professional baseball league debuts in 1943.						★★ "The Sandlot" (1993) Thomas Guiry, Mike Vitar.	
CNBC	35	Undercover Boss "Tilted Kilt" Tilted Kilt President Ron Lynch.		Undercover Boss Oriental Trading Co. CEO Sam Taylor.		Undercover Boss Family Dollar Stores COO Mike Bloom.		Undercover Boss Retro Fitness CEO Eric Casaburi.		Undercover Boss TaylorMade golf company CEO Mark King.		Undercover Boss "Maaco" Maaco President Jose Costa.	
CNN	37	S. E. Cupp Unfiltered (N)		CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)		CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)		The Windsors: Inside the Royal Dynasty		Race for the White House The 1912 race is four candidates.		Race for the White House "Obama v. McCain"	
COM	56	(4:45) ★ "Mr. Deeds" (2002, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Winona Ryder. A pizza maker inherits a fortune from a distant relative.				★★★ "Dumb & Dumber" (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels, Lauren Holly. Two witless wonders take a cash-laden briefcase to Aspen.					★ "Blended" (2014, Romance-Comedy) Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore, Joel McHale.		
DISN	49	(4:55) Jessie (Part 2 of 3)	(:20) Jessie (Part 3 of 3)	(:10) Raven's Home	(:35) Raven's Home	Big City Greens	(:25) Big City Greens	(7:50) Big City Greens	(:40) Big City Greens	(:05) The Owl House	(:35) The Owl House	Gabby Duran	(:35) The Owl House
DSC	43	Moonshiners Tickle announces his engagement.		Moonshiners Tim put's fire to a backwoods run.		Moonshiners A young outlaw earns an apprenticeship.		Moonshiners "Something Old, Something New" Tickle and the Laws make CBD Moonshine. (N)					
E!	21	(4:30) ★★ "Next Friday" (2000) Ice Cube. A young man lives with kin who won the lottery.			★ "Friday After Next" (2002) Ice Cube, Mike Epps. Two cousins land jobs as security guards at a shopping mall.				★★★ "The Hangover" (2009, Comedy) Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis. Three pals must find a missing groom after a wild bash.				
ESPN	29	College Basketball Big 12 Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				College Game-Day (N) (Live)	College Basketball ACC Tournament Final: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)			Boxing Shakur Stevenson vs. Miguel Marriaga. (N) (Live)			
ESPN2	30	(4:00) College Basketball AAC Tournament, Second Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)			College Basketball MAC Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				College Basketball Southland Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				College Basketball
FOOD	45	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
FREE	48	(4:40) ★★ "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse" (2010, Romance) Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson. Bella must choose between Edward and Jacob.					(:40) ★★ "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1" (2011, Romance) Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner. Bella and Edward marry.						"Twilight Saga-2"
FS1	20	XFINITY Series Post Race	Boxing PBC Fight Night: Kirkland vs. Hernandez - Prelims. (N) (Live)			Boxing PBC Fight Night: Kirkland vs. Hernandez. (N) (Live)				FS1 College Hoops Tip-Off	College Basketball Pac-12 Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)		
FSEE	32	Running	3 Wide Life	Hawks Live! Pregame (N)	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Atlanta Hawks. From State Farm Arena in Atlanta. (N) (Live)					Hawks Live! Postgame (N)	Hawks 4th Quarter	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Atlanta Hawks.	
FX	28	(4:30) ★★ "Men in Black 3" (2012, Action) Will Smith. Agent J must go back to the past to save mankind's future.				★★★ "Furious 7" (2015, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Dwayne Johnson. A dead man's brother seeks revenge on the Toretto gang.						Breeders "No Accident"	(:32) Better Things
GOLF	82	(4:00) GOLF Films		Live From THE PLAYERS (N) (Live)				Live From THE PLAYERS					
HALL	72	"Love Under the Rainbow" (2019) Jodie Sweetin, David Haydn-Jones. A teacher finds herself falling for a widowed architect.				"A Valentine's Match" (2020) Mary-Margaret Humes. A woman runs a festival auction with her ex-fiance on Valentine's Day.				"A Royal Winter" (2017) Merritt Patterson, Jack Donnelly. A woman flees to Europe and meets a handsome playboy prince.			
HGTV	46	Property Brothers: Forever Home		Property Brothers: Forever Home		Home Town A minister is offered a clergy house.		Home Town A Nantucket-inspired kitchen.		Nate and Jeremiah: Save My House "American Nightmare"		Home Town A family has outgrown their loft.	
HIST	40	Ancient Aliens Investigating crop circles.		Ancient Aliens A secret American space fleet.		Ancient Aliens A look at humankind's true origins.		Ancient Aliens The key to immortality. (N)		(:03) The UnXplained The answer to unsolved questions. (N)		(:05) Ancient Aliens Men in black show up after sightings.	
LIFE	23	"His Fatal Fixation" (2020, Suspense) Sarah Fisher, Robin Dunne. A woman sees visions of the stalker who attacked her.				"Black Widow Killer" (2018) Erin Karpluk, Ryan Robbins. Premiere. A high school senior starts her own murder investigation.				(:03) "Escaping My Stalker" (2020) Alexandra Paul. Premiere. A teenager is rescued from a dangerous life on the streets.			
MSNBC	36	MSNBC Live (N) (Live)		MSNBC Live: Decision 2020		All In With Chris Hayes		The Rachel Maddow Show "Rachel Maddow 3/13/20"		The Last Word With Lawrence O'Donnell		The 11th Hour With Brian Williams	
NGC	22	Lockup: Fairfax- Extended Stay		Drugs, Inc. Drug demands boom on the Fourth of July.		Drugs, Inc. "Molly Madness" Molly explodes in popularity.		Drugs, Inc. A month of drinking, drugs and raving.		(:03) Drugs, Inc. Spring break in Cancun, Mexico.		(:03) Drugs, Inc. "Boston Weed Party" National Weed Day.	
PARMT	57	(4:30) ★★★ "Ocean's Twelve" (2004, Comedy-Drama) George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon. Indebted criminals plan an elaborate heist in Europe.					★★★ "Ocean's Eleven" (2001, Comedy-Drama) George Clooney, Matt Damon, Andy Garcia. A suave ex-con assembles a team to rob a casino vault.						"Ocean's Thirteen" (2007)
TBS	25	(4:30) ★ "Identity Thief" (2013, Comedy) Jason Bateman, Melissa McCarthy. A victim of identity theft fights back.				The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Miracle Workers
TCM	79	(4:00) ★★★ "How the West Was Won" (1962) Carroll Baker, Lee J. Cobb. Three generations of family go west.				★★★★ "All the President's Men" (1976, Docudrama) Robert Redford, Dustin Hoffman. Woodward and Bernstein uncover the Watergate scandal.					★★★★ "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" (1969) Paul Newman, Robert Redford.		
TLC	24	Say Yes to the Dress Randy surprises nurse LoAles.		Say Yes to the Dress Randy travels to surprise brides. (N)		Say Yes to the Dress "America: The Brides of America" The brides show off their dresses. (N)				Say Yes to the Dress Randy and Hayley reminisce.		Say Yes to the Dress Stephen Curry's sister seeks a dress.	
TNT	26	(3:00) ★★★ "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" (2015)		★★★ "Thor: Ragnarok" (2017, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Tom Hiddleston, Cate Blanchett. Thor must battle the mighty Hulk and the all-powerful Hela.					(:45) ★★★ "Avengers: Age of Ultron" (2015, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth. The Avengers reassemble to battle a technological villain.				
USA	27	(4:16) ★★★ "Doctor Strange" (2016, Action) Benedict Cumberbatch, Chiwetel Ejiofor.			(:45) ★★★ "Iron Man" (2008, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard, Gwyneth Paltrow. A billionaire dons an armored suit to fight criminals.						★★★ "Iron Man" (2008, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard, Gwyneth Paltrow.		
WE	71	Criminal Minds A kidnapped Russian immigrant.		Criminal Minds Perpetrators hunt the victims.		Criminal Minds Homeless people in Kansas City.		Criminal Minds The BAU must profile Gideon.		Criminal Minds The BAU team shuts down a campus.		Criminal Minds Three of the team are missing.	
HBO	518	(4:45) ★★ "Fast Five" (2011, Action) Vin Diesel. Dom Toretto and company ramp up the action in Brazil. 'PG-13'				★★ "Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw" (2019) Dwayne Johnson. Premiere. A lawman and an operative battle a superhuman soldier. 'PG-13'				(:21) Westworld The puppet show is over.			(:35) The Outsider
MAX	549	(4:10) ★★ "In Time" (2011) Justin Timberlake.		Strike Back Mac defies orders to keep the team safe.		(6:50) ★ "The Sitter" (2011, Comedy) Jonah Hill. 'R'		(:15) ★★ "Black Knight" (2001) Martin Lawrence. A theme-park employee is transported to medieval England. 'PG-13'				(9:55) Strike Back	"The Dead Don't Die" 'R'
SHOW	578	(4:30) Homeland	(:25) ★★ "The Upside" (2017, Comedy-Drama) Kevin Hart. A quadriplegic develops a friendship with his caretaker. 'PG-13'				★★ "Poms" (2019, Comedy) Diane Keaton, Jacki Weaver, Celia Weston. Premiere. 'PG-13'			More Funny Women of a Certain Age (N)		(:10) Kidding	(:40) Kidding
TMC	598	(4:30) "The Professor" (2018) Johnny Depp, Zoey Deutch. 'R'		(:05) ★ "Peppermint" (2018, Action) Jennifer Garner. A vigilante seeks justice against her family's killers. 'R'				★★ "Piranha" (2010, Horror) Elisabeth Shue, Adam Scott, Jerry O'Connell. 'R'			"Harpoon" (2019) Munro Chambers. Three friends find themselves stranded on a yacht.		

Sports

7:00 a.m. FS1 College Basketball Big East Tournament, Second Semifinal: Teams TBA.
9:00 a.m. FS1 NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series Georgia 200, Qualifying. (Live)
10:00 a.m. ESPN2 College Basketball America East Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live)
FS1 NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Atlanta 250, Qualifying. (Live)
11:00 a.m. WVTM Six Nations Championship Wales vs Scotland. (Same-day Tape)
FS1 NASCAR Cup Series Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500, Qualifying. (Live)
FSEE College Baseball Maryland at TCU.
12:00 p.m. WIAT College Basketball Big Ten Tournament, First Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live)
ESPN College Basketball SEC Tournament, First Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live)
ESPN2 College Basketball MEAC Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live)
12:30 p.m. FS1 NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series Georgia 200. (Live)
1:00 p.m. WVTM PGA Tour Golf THE PLAYERS Championship, Third Round. (Live)
WABM2 XFL Football Houston Roughnecks at New York Guardians. (Live)
1:30 p.m. WBRC MLS Soccer LA Galaxy at Inter Miami CF. (Live)
2:00 p.m. ESPN College Basketball SEC Tournament, Second Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live)
ESPN2 College Basketball AAC Tournament, First Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live)
FSEE College Baseball West Virginia at Texas Tech. (Live)
2:30 p.m. WIAT College Basketball Big Ten Tournament, Second Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live)
3:00 p.m. FS1 NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Atlanta 250. (Live)
4:00 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball AAC Tournament, Second Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live)
5:00 p.m. ESPN College Basketball Big 12 Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live)
5:30 p.m. WBRC College Basketball Big East Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live)
FS1 Boxing PBC Fight Night: Kirkland vs. Hernandez - Prelims. (Live)
6:30 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball MAC Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live)
FSEE NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Atlanta Hawks. (Live)
7:00 p.m. FS1 Boxing PBC Fight Night: Kirkland vs. Hernandez. (Live)
7:30 p.m. WABM2 NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Milwaukee Bucks. (Live)
ESPN College Basketball ACC Tournament Final: Teams TBA. (Live)
8:30 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball Southland Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live)
9:30 p.m. ESPN Boxing Shakur Stevenson vs. Miguel Marriaga. (Live)
FS1 College Basketball Pac-12 Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live)
10:00 p.m. FSEE NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Atlanta Hawks.
10:30 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball Big West Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live)

Movies

FX "22 Jump Street" ★★★ (2014) Jonah Hill. Officers Jenko and Schmidt begin to question their partnership after each infiltrates different cliques while undercover at a local college.
12:30 p.m. AMC "First Blood" ★★★ (1982) Sylvester Stallone. Green Beret veteran Rambo takes on a Pacific Northwest sheriff and the National Guard.
SHOW "Platoon" ★★★★ (1986) Tom Berenger Two sergeants and a private join others lost in war along the 1967 Cambodian border.
12:35 p.m. MAX "The Crow" ★★★ (1994) Brandon Lee A black bird resurrects a rock musician who then avenges his own murder and his fiancee's.
12:45 p.m. TCM "Gulliver's Travels" ★★★ (1939) Voices of Lanny Ross. Animated. Animators Max and Dave Fleischer's adaptation of Jonathan Swift's classic about a shipwrecked Englishman in Lilliput.
1:30 p.m. BET "About Last Night" ★★★ (2014) Kevin Hart. Four Los Angeles singles experience undeniable chemistry and pair off to follow their attraction to its logical conclusion. Afterward, each new couple tries to make love last in the real world.
CMTV "A League of Their Own" ★★★ (1992) Tom Hanks. The All-American Girls Professional Baseball League begins in 1943 with a major-league has-been as a manager.
PARMT "Ocean's Eleven" ★★★ (2001) George Clooney. Premiere. A parolee organizes a gang to steal $150 million from three Las Vegas casinos in a single heist.
2:00 p.m. COM "Dumb & Dumber" ★★★ (1994) Jim Carrey. An inept dog groomer and a limousine driver chase the latter's dream girl cross country.
TMC "Sense and Sensibility" ★★★½ (1995) Emma Thompson Suitors romance, then abandon, sisters left destitute by their father's death in late-1800s England.
2:15 p.m. TCM "River of No Return" ★★★ (1954) Robert Mitchum. A farmer and his son raft Rockies rapids with a gold-rush gambler's girlfriend.
2:30 p.m. AMC "Top Gun" ★★★ (1986) Tom Cruise. A hot-shot Navy jet pilot tangles with MiGs and flirts with a civilian astrophysicist.
E! "Friday" ★★★ (1995) Ice Cube. A South Central Los Angeles resident hangs out on his front porch with a pal who owes money to a drug dealer.
2:45 p.m. HBO "Crazy, Stupid, Love." ★★★ (2011) Steve Carell A self-styled Lothario teaches a suddenly single 40-something how to be a hit with the ladies.
3:00 p.m. TNT "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" ★★★½ (2015) Harrison Ford. Thirty years after the defeat of the Galactic Empire, Han Solo and his young allies face a new threat from the evil Kylo Ren and the First Order.
4:00 p.m. TCM "How the West Was Won" ★★★½ (1962) Carroll Baker. The history of 19th-century Western expansion, as seen through the lives of three generations of a pioneer family.
4:16 p.m. USA "Doctor Strange" ★★★ (2016) Benedict Cumberbatch. After a terrible accident, Dr. Stephen Strange loses his ability to operate but finds new purpose when a mystical being known as the Ancient One reveals that Dr. Strange is the newly designated Sorcerer Supreme.
4:30 p.m. PARMT "Ocean's Twelve" ★★★ (2004) George Clooney. To pay back casino boss Terry Benedict, Danny Ocean and his team of criminals plan an elaborate heist in Europe.
5:00 p.m. AMC "The Matrix" ★★★½ (1999) Keanu Reeves. A computer hacker joins forces with rebel warriors to battle a malevolent cyberintelligence.
6:00 p.m. TNT "Thor: Ragnarok" ★★★ (2017) Chris Hemsworth. Thor must battle the Hulk in a deadly gladiatorial contest and prevent the all-powerful Hela from destroying his home world and the Asgardian civilization.
6:45 p.m. USA "Iron Man" ★★★ (2008) Robert Downey Jr.. A wealthy industrialist builds an armored suit and uses it to defeat criminals and terrorists.
7:00 p.m. CMTV "A League of Their Own" ★★★ (1992) Tom Hanks. The All-American Girls Professional Baseball League begins in 1943 with a major-league has-been as a manager.
COM "Dumb & Dumber" ★★★ (1994) Jim Carrey. An inept dog groomer and a limousine driver chase the latter's dream girl cross country.
FX "Furious 7" ★★★ (2015) Vin Diesel. A smooth-talking government agent offers to help Dominic Toretto and his gang eliminate a dangerous enemy in exchange for their help in rescuing a kidnapped computer hacker.
TCM "All the President's Men" ★★★★ (1976) Robert Redford. The Washington Post's Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein tie the Watergate break-in to the White House.
7:30 p.m. PARMT "Ocean's Eleven" ★★★ (2001) George Clooney. A parolee organizes a gang to steal $150 million from three Las Vegas casinos in a single heist.
8:00 p.m. AMC "The Matrix Reloaded" ★★★ (2003) Keanu Reeves. Freedom fighters use extraordinary skills and weaponry to revolt against machines.
8:30 p.m. E! "The Hangover" ★★★ (2009) Bradley Cooper. After a wild stag party in Las Vegas, three hazy groomsmen must find their missing friend and get him back to Los Angeles in time for his wedding.
8:45 p.m. TNT "Avengers: Age of Ultron" ★★★ (2015) Robert Downey Jr.. When Tony Stark's jumpstart of a dormant peacekeeping program goes awry, the Avengers must reassemble to battle a terrifying technological villain hell-bent on human extinction.
9:30 p.m. TCM "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" ★★★★ (1969) Paul Newman. When a persistent posse threatens two outlaws' romp through Wyoming, they decide to take their act to Bolivia.
USA "Iron Man" ★★★ (2008) Robert Downey Jr.. A wealthy industrialist builds an armored suit and uses it to defeat criminals and terrorists.
10:30 p.m. PARMT "Ocean's Thirteen" ★★★ (2007) George Clooney. Danny Ocean and his gang plot revenge against a casino owner who wronged one of their own.

Best Bets

10 a.m. on ESPN2
College Basketball

A full day's slate of conference tournament action is ahead for college hoops fans, starting here with coverage of the final in the America East Tournament. Other major conferences deciding their championships this morning are the MAC (CBS Sports Network) and MEAC (ESPN2), while evening contests are in the Big 12 (ESPN) and Big East (Fox)

5 p.m. on OXY
Cold Justice

Veteran prosecutor Kelly Siegler and her rotating team of seasoned detectives reassemble as Oxygen's highest rated series returns for a new season, starting with "Valentine's Day Violence," which revolves around the 2016 murder of Heyzel Obando. The young mother from Fort Myers, Fla., was found shot to death in her home. Siegler teams up with detective Tonya Rider to work with the Fort Myers Police Department on the investigation, which will require some old-school interrogation techniques to deliver justice for the victim's family.

7 p.m. on LIFE
Movie: Black Widow Killer

Two-and-a-half decades ago, a car accident nearly killed a teenage girl, and she's had 25 years to stew in the bitterness and anger that followed. Now physically healed, she has changed her appearance and is ready to enact her lethal plan to get revenge on everyone who was in that other vehicle ... now unsuspecting, middle-aged adults. Erin Karpluk, Ryan Robbins, Morgan Kohan, Bradley Hamilton and Karen Cliche star in this 2018 thriller, which makes its U.S. television premiere here.

7 p.m. on HBO
Movie: Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw

Dwayne Johnson and Jason Statham reprise their respective roles as Luke Hobbs and Deckard Shaw from the "Fast" action franchise in David Leitch's action-packed 2019 spin-off, which finds the two frequent adversaries grudgingly working together with Shaw's sister (Vanessa Kirby) in a desperate bid to stop a cybernetically enhanced terrorist (Idris Elba) who is threatening to unleash a deadly virus on the world. Eliza Gonzalez, Cliff Curtis and Helen Mirren also are featured.

7:30 p.m. on SHOW
Movie: Poms

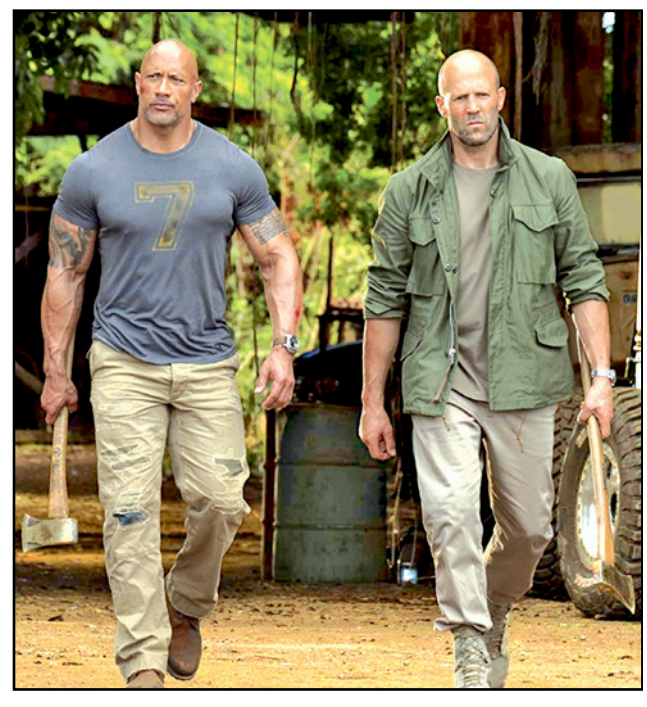
For her 2019 comedy about a group of women in a retirement community, director Zara Hayes cast Oscar winner Diane Keaton as Martha, a terminal cancer patient who opts to suspend medical treatment and move from New York to the quiet Georgia enclave to spend her final days. Instead, she meets a bunch of senior free spirits who decide to start a cheerleading squad. Jacki Weaver, Rhea Perlman, Pam Grier, Celia Weston and Bruce McGill also star.

8 p.m. on BBCA
Seasonal Wonderlands

Irish actor Domhnall Gleeson ("Goodbye Christopher Robin") narrates this visually stunning new three-part nature series, which highlights locations that feature some of the most spectacular seasonal changes in the world. The opening hour, "New England," takes viewers to the northeastern United States, a region that has become a tourist destination for its dazzling autumn transformation.

8 p.m. on TRVL
These Woods Are Haunted

"Was It Hunting Us? and It was Something Evil" is the title of a new episode in which three friends on an extended hike in the Kentucky mountains find themselves face-to-face with Bigfoot. In another segment, a paranormal tour guide tries to commune with restless spirits on a Civil War battleground, but inadvertently unleashes a demonic entity instead.



Dwayne Johnson (left) and Jason Statham star in "Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw" on HBO.

Basketball (from Front)

Local All-State selections
• Elizabeth Hill: Senior, Cold Springs – Class 2A First Team All-State
• Kelly Pickett: Senior, Hanceville – Class 3A Second Team All-State
• Toni West: Junior, Cold Springs – Class 2A Third Team All-State
• AK Eastman: Senior, Cullman – Class 6A Third Team All-State
• Miriam Oldacre: Senior, West Point – Class 5A Honorable Mention
• John Welborn: Head Coach, West Point – Class 5A Coach of the Year

2020 ALABAMA SPORTS WRITERS ASSOCIATION ALL-STATE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS

CLASS 7A GIRLS
First-team All-State
• Sarah Ashlee Barker, Spain Park, Sr., G, 6-0
• Aniya Hubbard, Hoover, So., G-F, 5-9
• Amiya Payne, Hewitt-Trussville, Jr., G, 6-0
• Kelsey Thompson, Davidson, So., G, 5-9
• Nya Valentine, McGill-Toolen, Jr., G, 5-3

Second-team All-State
• Emily Bowman, Huntsville, Sr., C, 6-6
• Kennedi Hawkins, Florence, Sr., F, 5-10
• MG Lymon, Foley, Jr., G, 5-6
• Olivia Porter, Auburn, So., G, 5-8
• Ariel Thompson, Theodore, Sr., F, 6-1

Third-team All-State
• Bri Hodges, Austin, Sr., C, 5-11
• Reniya Kelly, Hoover, Fr., G, 5-5
• Kaitlyn Knight, Foley, Sr., G, 5-5
• Elissa Murry, Theodore, Sr., G, 5-5
• Sierra Roberts, Central-Phenix City, Sr., G, 5-6

Honorable mention
• Jasmyn Burts, Central-Phenix City, So., G, 5-7
• Camille Chase, Spain Park, So., G, 5-6
• Alyah Postma, Lee-Montgomery, So., G, 5-3
• Emma Smith, Vestavia Hills, So., G, 5-7

Coach of the year
• Will Copeland, Florence

CLASS 6A GIRLS
First-team All-State
• Elsie Harris, B.C. Rain, Sr., G, 5-6
• Farrah Pearson, Hazel Green, Sr., F, 5-10
• Kaitlin Peterson, Eufaula, Jr., G, 5-9
• Sara Puckett, Muscle Shoals, Jr., G-F, 6-1
• Jamya Tyus, McAdory, Sr., G, 5-7

Second-team All-State
• Alexis Andrews, Park Crossing, So., G, 5-8
• Caroline Bachus, Athens, So., F, 6-3
• Bre'Anna Rhodes, Carver-Montgomery, Jr., F, 6-0
• Kassidy Schnoer, Homewood, Sr., C, 6-2
• Randrea Wright, Carver-Birmingham, Jr., G, 5-8

Third-team All-State
• Anna Katherine Eastman, Cullman, Sr., G, 5-4
• Alexis Hudgens, Dothan, Jr., G, 5-8
• Ananda Hughley, Opelika, Sr., G, 5-9
• Kylie Neil, Fort Payne, Jr., F, 5-8
• Fantaisa Wilson, Northridge, Fr., G, 5-6

Honorable mention
• Kristin Brown, Carver-Montgomery, Sr., G, 5-7
• Tatyanna Davis, Lee-Huntsville, Sr., F, 6-1
• MaKenzie Hill, Hazel Green, Sr., G, 5-8
• Masyn Marchbanks, Hartselle, So., G, 5-8

Coach of the year
• Devin Booth, Opelika

CLASS 5A GIRLS
First-team All-State
• Niaira Jones, Charles Henderson, Sr., G, 5-7
• Quintasia Leatherwood, Central-Tuscaloosa, Sr., G, 5-3
• Destinee McGhee, Madison Academy, Sr., C, 6-2
• Samira Moore, Charles Henderson, Sr., C, 6-3
• Shaniah Nunn, Fairfield, So., F, 6-0

Second-team All-State
• Aaliyah Austin, Faith Academy, Sr., F, 6-2
• Keiara Griffin, Ramsay, Sr., F, 6-0
• Jaden Langford, Madison Academy, Sr., G, 5-8
• Jirah Rogers, East Limestone, Jr., F, 6-1
• Sakyia White, Central-Tuscaloosa, Sr., F, 6-2

Third-team All-State
• Destiny Garrett, Pleasant Grove, Sr., G, 5-4
• Mia Hollingsworth, Hamilton, 8th, G, 5-8
• Naomi Jones, Jackson, Fr., C, 6-3
• Sidney Stephen, LeFlore, Sr., G, 5-7
• Maggie West, Shelby Co., Sr., F, 5-9

Honorable mention
• Renijah Brown, Marbury, Jr., G, 5-7
• Miriam Oldacre, West Point, Sr., G, 5-7

Coach of the year
• John Welborn, West Point

CLASS 4A GIRLS
First-team All-State
• Allasha Dudley, Anniston, Jr., G, 5-6
• Madie Krieger, Rogers, So., G, 5-6
• Shamari Thirlkill, Deshler, Sr., G, 5-4
• Jenna Walker, Priceville, Jr., G, 5-8
• Jada Watkins, Sumter Central, Jr., G, 5-9

Second-team All-State
• Adrianna Galloway, Headland, Sr., G, 5-6
• Asia Barclay, Anniston, Jr., F, 6-1
• Ke'Asia McKinney, Childersburg, Sr., F, 5-10
• Taylor Smith, Sipsey Valley, Sr., G, 5-6
• Jordyn Starr, Cherokee Co., Sr., G, 5-5

Third-team All-State
• Kayla Broom, Jacksonville, Jr., G, 6-0
• Laura Lee Keener, Central-Florence, Sr., G, 5-4
• Kiana Montgomery, Anniston, Sr., F, 6-2
• Chloe Siegel, Deshler, Fr., G, 5-6
• Chardai Watkins, Sumter Central, So., G, 5-9

Honorable mention
• Darian Bell, Ashford, Sr., G, 5-10
• Kristen Shields, Hokes Bluff, Sr., F, 5-5
• Emma Kate Smith, Trinity, Fr., G, 5-7

Coach of the year
• Jana Killen, Deshler

CLASS 3A GIRLS
First-team All-State
• Ella Jane Connell, Prattville Christian, So., G, 5-8
• Molly Heard, Pisgah, So., F-G, 5-11
• Jemeriah Moore, Midfield, Sr., G, 5-10
• Ruthie Smith, Lauderdale Co., Fr., C, 6-1
• Emma Kate Tittle, Winfield, So., G, 5-6

Second-team All-State
• Morgan Holland, Susan Moore, Sr., G-F, 5-8
• Emma Hood, Pleasant Valley, Sr., F, 5-8
• Allie Kelley, Straughn, Jr., F, 5-9
• Kelly Pickett, Hanceville, Sr., G, 5-6
• Aleria Smith, T.R. Miller, Sr., C, 5-10

Third-team All-State
• Kallie Allen, Phil Campbell, Sr., G, 5-9
• Skye Harris, Pike Road, Jr., G, 5-7
• Hallie Holmes, Susan Moore, Jr., G, 5-7
• Shekinah McDaniel, Providence Christian, Sr., G, 5-5
• Chloe Womack, Pisgah, Sr., F-G, 5-9

Honorable mention
• Madi Caddell, Montgomery Academy, Jr., G, 5-7
• Ja'Nazsia Nettles, T.R. Miller, Sr., G, 5-4

Coach of the year
• Carey Ellison, Pisgah

CLASS 2A GIRLS
First-team All-State
• Cordasia Harris, Central-Hayneville, Sr., F, 6-0
• Iemyiah Harris, Sacred Heart, Sr., G, 5-3
• Elizabeth Hill, Cold Springs, Sr., F, 5-11
• Brittany Rivera, Collinsville, Sr., F, 5-9
• Karoline Striplin, Geneva Co., Jr., C-F, 6-3

Second-team All-State
• Feliah Greer, LaFayette, Jr., F, 5-7
• Zakyria Johnson, Ariton, Sr., G-F, 5-11
• Mary Beth Long, G.W. Long, Sr., C, 6-1
• Derrica McCall, Central-Hayneville, Sr., G, 5-8
• Alexis Smith, Cedar Bluff, Sr., G-F, 5-11

Third-team All-State
• Madisen Grimsley, Abbeville, Sr., C, 6-0
• Hadley Hamilton, Collinsville, Jr., G, 5-10
• Makayla Langston, Reeltown, So., F, 5-11
• Tori Vice, Ohatchee, Jr., G, 5-9
• Toni West, Cold Springs, Jr., G, 5-7

Honorable mention
• Jorda Crook, Ohatchee, Fr., F, 5-10
• Serena Hardty, Sacred Heart, 8th, G, 5-2
• Lanie Henderson, Sand Rock, So., G, 5-9

Coach of the year
• Jon Tidmore, Collinsville

CLASS 1A GIRLS
First-team All-State
• India Brown, Coosa Christian, Sr., F, 6-2
• Katie Jones, Decatur Heritage, Sr., G, 5-10
• Ally McCollum, Phillips, Sr., F, 6-1
• Bailee Usrey, Skyline, Sr., G-F, 5-7
• Neely Welsh, Spring Garden, So., F, 5-11

Second-team All-State
• Ace Austin, Spring Garden, 7th, G, 5-0
• Neely Johns, Mars Hill, Sr., G, 5-8
• Whitney Novak, St. Luke's, Jr., G-F, 5-11
• Alexandria Orr, R.A. Hubbard, Sr., G, 5-6
• Gabby Perkins, Brantley, Jr., F-C, 6-0

Third-team All-State
• Iamunique Bowie, St. Luke's, So., G, 5-8
• Breanna Glaze, Lanett, So., G, 6-2
• Faith Johnson, Talladega Co. Central, So., G, 5-6
• Ansley Tate, Belgreen, Sr., G, 5-8
• Morgan White, Westminster-Oak Mountain, Sr., G, 5-8

Honorable mention
• Tenasia Gordon, Georgiana, Jr., G, 5-9
• Imani Thompson, Holy Spirit, Sr., G, 5-0
• Timya Thurman, Linden, Fr., C, 6-3
• Nina Williams, Elba, So., G, 5-6

Coach of the year
• Ricky Austin, Spring Garden

AISA GIRLS
First-team All-State
• Augusta Arnold, Southern Academy, Jr., G, 5-4
• Mya Brooks, Glenwood, Jr., F, 5-10
• Grace Davis, Clarke Prep, Fr., F-G, 5-10
• Mae Etheridge, Patrician, Sr., F, 5-8
• Chloe Johnson, Lee-Scott, So., G, 5-8

Second-team All-State
• Cahley Acreman, Fort Dale Academy, So., G, 5-5
• Magan Chapman, Southern Academy, Jr., F, 5-9
• Ruth Dees, Monroe Academy, Sr., G, 5-7
• Shelby Renfroe, Pike Liberal Arts, Sr., F, 5-5
• Mary Baxley Smith, Lee-Scott, Sr., F, 5-11

Third-team All-State
• Zaria Johnson, Evangel Christian, So., C, 6-4
• Caroline Lewis, Pickens Academy, Sr., G, 5-6
• Anna Murph, Lakeside, Sr., F, 6-0
Ashlyn Simpson, Northside Methodist, Sr., G-F, 5-10
Britten Stephens, Chambers Academy, Jr., F, 6-0
Honorable mention
McKayla Barber, Springwood, Sr., G, 5-9
Lindsey Brown, Edgewood, 8th, G, 5-7
Grace Compton, Clarke Prep, Jr., F, 5-7
Analeigh Givens, Abbeville Christian, Sr., F, 5-7
Coach of the year
Wade Goodman, Pickens Academy

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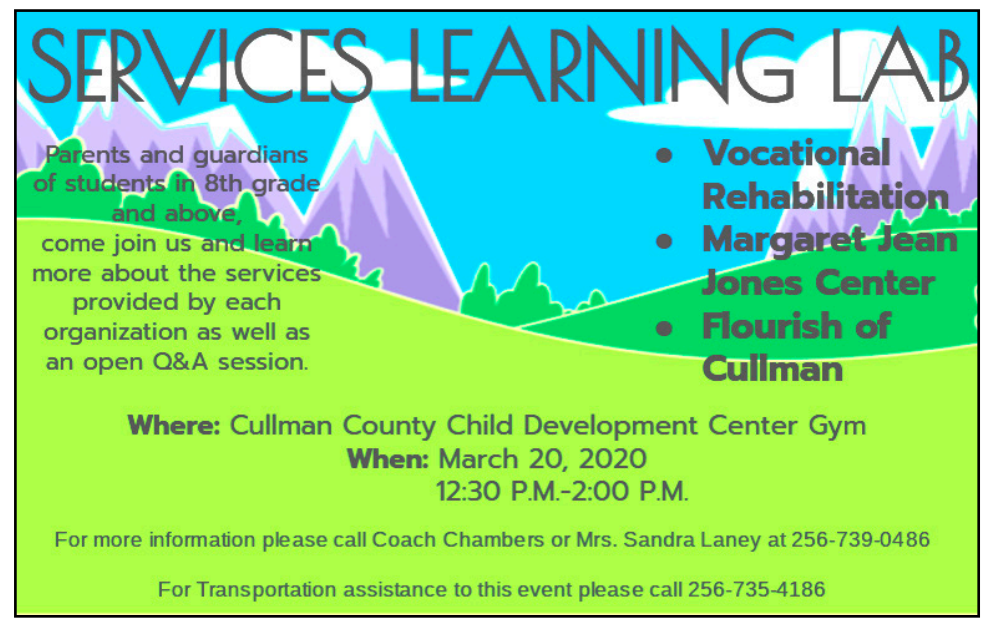
It is with great sadness that the family of Bill Buck Thompson, Jr. announces his passing Thursday, March 12, 2020 at the age of 76.
He was born June 16, 1943 to Bill Thompson, Sr. and Mary Jennings Thompson.
Bill worked for Associated Groceries for 44-plus years.
He loved fishing and spending time on the lake. He was known for his peach trees and would share the peaches with all of his neighbors.
He always had a vegetable garden consisting of tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers. Bill loved sitting in his recliner and would jokingly say he was "holding it down." He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife of 21 years Mary Sharlotte Thompson and second wife of 21 years Nancy Kay Thompson. He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved Punkin; children Dawn (David) Ewing, Mechele (John) Medina and Michael Lee (Shannon) Thompson; grandchildren Dene (Ben) Gulde, Danielle (Chad) Diggers, Dana (Ryan) Davis, Destiny (Luis) Acevedo, Paco (Krista) Medina, Cody (Charlene) Medina, Erin Medina, KC Medina and Noah Medina; 22 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. The Celebration of Life Funeral Service for Bill Buck Thompson will be held in the chapel of Moss Service Funeral Home Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 2 p.m. His family will receive friends prior to the service Sunday starting at noon until service time. Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

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To ensure we have an accurate amount of food, please RSVP before March 27th by contacting Samantha at 256-255-0361.

PREP SOFTBALL

Good Hope handles Holly Pond on the road 9-1

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HOLLY POND, Ala. – Good Hope traveled to take on Holly Pond Thursday looking to snap a three-game losing streak while the Lady Broncos aimed to keep things going in the right direction after their road win over Fairview Tuesday. In the end, it was the Lady Raiders that emerged victorious, rolling past Holly Pond 9-1.

Holly Pond starter Emma Spitzer got off to a strong start, retiring the first three Good Hope batters on just three pitches to end the top of the first. The Lady Broncos looked to strike first in their half of the inning as Taylor Simmons led off the with a double and got moved to third on a groundout by Aubrey Armstrong, but Good Hope starter Sidnie English got the final two outs of the inning to get out of the early jam.

The third inning saw the Lady Raiders get on the scoreboard first. Lexi Hays hit a 1-out double to left field and Angelina Flanigan drew a walk.

A sacrifice bunt by Jacqueline Hays moved them over to second and third and English lined a 2-run double into center field to give Good Hope a 2-0 lead. The Lady Raiders added to their lead in the next inning as a leadoff double by Abby Neighbors later led to an RBI ground out from Bailey Keef and after Abby Philyaw reached on a Holly Pond throwing error, Lexi Hays hit an RBI double to left field to increase the lead to 4-0.

The Lady Broncos got a two-out rally going in their half of the fifth. Ashley Duke and Lillian Ruth Perkins hit back to back singles and a base hit from Madison Cothren cut the Lady Raiders lead to 4-1 and got Holly Pond on the board.

Abby Herring reached on another Lady Broncos throwing error to start out the sixth inning for Good Hope and Keef moved her over to second with a sacrifice bunt. Then with two outs, Hays continued her hot hitting with an RBI single that gave the Lady Raiders a 5-1 lead.

Good Hope pulled away in the seventh inning after getting a rally cooking with two outs. Neighbors and Herring hit consecutive singles and Keef hit an RBI single to make it 6-1.

Herring scored on a wild pitch and Lexi Hays finished out her day very strong with a 2-run double to center field that push the lead to 9-1.

Holly Pond looked to get something going in its half of the innings when the Lady Broncos put runners on second and third with one out, but English got the final two outs of the game to help seal the 8-run win for the Lady Raiders.



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Good Hope's Lexi Hays finished with four hits and four RBIs in the Lady Raiders' 9-1 win at Holly Pond Thursday night.

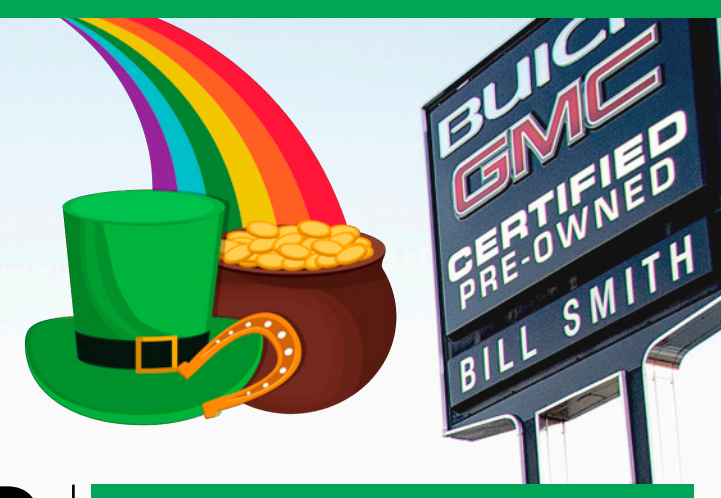
Lexi Hays finished with four hits and four RBIs for Good Hope (8-5). Keef and English each added a hit and a pair of RBIs in the win and Neighbors and Herring each collected two hits of their won. English allowed just one run on eight hits and struck out four in the complete game win.

For Holly Pond (3-4-1), Perkins finished with three hits. Cothren added an RBI single and Simmons, Armstrong, Duke and Ciera James each collected a hit in the contest.

Good Hope will travel to take on Huntsville Monday while Holly Pond prepares to participate in this year's Tiger Pride Classic at J.B. Pennington Friday.

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