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BRINGING OUT THE BEST

Center Hill Baptist reaches out to children, nursing home residents

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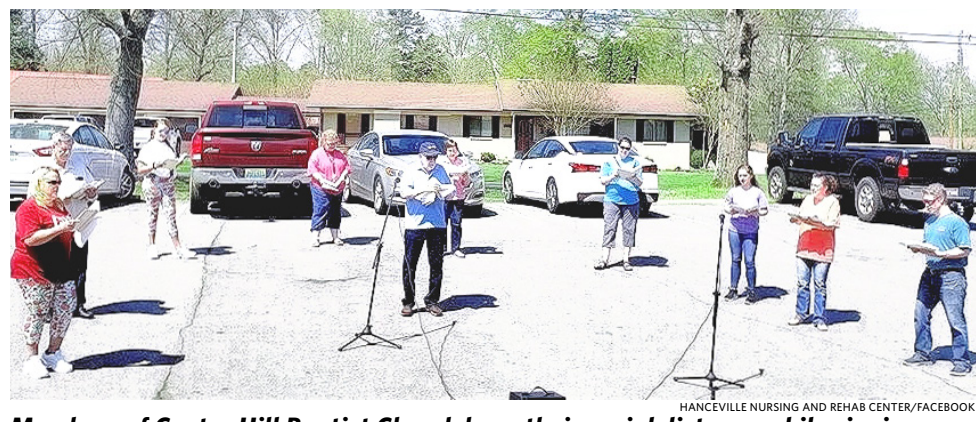
HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Center Hill Baptist Church has been keeping itself busy during the pandemic shutdown. Last week, members spent two days distributing activity and gift bags to community children, placing leftovers in Hanceville's Hope Pantry. On Saturday, a group from the congregation went to Hanceville Nursing and Rehab Center, set up a sound system in the parking lot and sang to the residents inside.

Pastor Heath Riggs and wife Angelyn Riggs talked to The Tribune Sunday afternoon about their church.

Angelyn Riggs said that the activity bags were the idea of member Angela Croswell, who works with the church's youth ministry.

The bags contained coloring books, crayons, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, snacks and Bible story books. Between distribution at the church and the Hope Pantry, Riggs estimated that the church gave away at least 75 bags.

Riggs said about the church's visit to the nursing home, "That was kind of a group thinking, because there's a lady from our church- her name is Teresa Jones, and she works at the nursing home- and she and I were talking, because I wanted to do something for the nurs- » PAGE 8



HANCEVILLE NURSING AND REHAB CENTER/FACEBOOK

Members of Center Hill Baptist Church keep their social distance while singing hymns outside Hanceville Nursing and Rehab Center Saturday afternoon.

City, County encourage safe use of outdoor recreation areas



CPRST

The trails around Duck River Reservoir offer scenic views and lots of fresh air. » PAGE 8

CRIME

Hanceville man charged with torture of child



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Aaron Stites » PAGE 8

State Health Officer, State Health Department detail business closures; Gov. Ivey addresses citizens

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – On Friday, Alabama State Health Officer Scott Harris issued an amended order closing "non-essential" businesses statewide until Apr. 17. Closures will go into effect at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 28.

The order reads as follows:

ORDER OF THE STATE HEALTH OFFICER SUSPENDING CERTAIN PUBLIC GATHERINGS DUE TO RISK OF INFECTION BY COVID-19

(APPLICABLE STATEWIDE)

AMENDED MARCH 27, 2020

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has been detected in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the appearance of COVID-19 in the State poses the potential of widespread exposure to an infectious agent that poses significant risk of substantial harm to a large number of people; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Health has designated COVID-19 to be a disease of epidemic potential, a threat to the health and welfare of the public, or otherwise of public health importance; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, on recommendation of the State Health Officer, Kay Ivey, Governor of the State of Alabama, declared a state public health emergency exists in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Jefferson County Health Officer, in response to a rapidly growing number of cases of COVID-19 being detected in Jefferson County, issued an order suspending certain public gatherings in that county; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the State Health Officer issued a similar order for counties surrounding Jefferson, » PAGE 4

North Alabama Agriplex offering drive-up farmers' market

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CULLMAN, Ala. – As many local businesses struggle due to the enforced social distancing protocols, the North Alabama Agriplex has rolled out a new program to help both farmers and customers during the quarantine: a virtual farmers' market. The market will allow people to purchase local produce online at https://cullmangrown.company.site/ from noon on Mondays to noon on Tuesdays, then pick up their order between 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesdays at the Agriplex.

The virtual market's website states that the products offered may vary week to week depending on the weather and availability. The current listings on the site are

- lettuce from Gratitude Farms - $3.50/container
- onion bundles from Trent Boyd Harvest Farm - $4.50/bundle
- sweet potatoes from Kress Farms - $3.50/5 lbs., $8/10 lbs., $22/40 lbs.

Visitors to the site also have the option of making a $1 (or more) donation to help support local farmers.

A statement from the site reads, "With the coronavirus situation going on we decided to find other ways to help distributing fresh produce from local farmers to the community.

"Every single item you purchase from us is locally grown and delivered to the Agriplex.

"We think it is a win-win situation for everybody.

"The farmer can sell his (or her) » PAGE 8

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 30

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 30, 2020. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
No incidents reported.

ARRESTS
March 26
Corbitt, Jonathan Harold, 38
- driving left of center
- DUI- .08 BAC or greater
- expired driver's license
- speeding-reasonable and prudent

Cosper, Jr., John Michael, 48
- second-degree aggravated stalking
- third-degree domestic violence- harassing communication
- violating protection order

Deason, James Eric, 32
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Holmes, Timothy Lawayne, 34
- third-degree burglary

Lindsley, Tyler Richard Anthony, 19
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Sansing, Jim Allen, 39
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Shine, Tara Michelle, 27
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

March 27-29
Beverly, Chandler Fleet, 18
- attempting to commit a controlled substance crime
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Collins, Desrae Gabrielle, 20
- third-degree domestic violence- menacing

Cross, Kassidy Hope, 21
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Edwards, Cheryl Marie, 53
- FTA- DUI

Isbell, Rocky Joe, 38
- harassment

Lacy, Kimberly Ann, 36
- FTA- second-degree burglary
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Lay, Joshua James, 42
- probation violation-first-degree escape

Lutz, Mark Alan, 48
- public intoxication

Moore, John Edward, 40
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Patterson, Dawson Joe, 22
- second-degree assault

Smith Jr., David Eugene, 41
- public intoxication

Stallings, Alyssa Mercedez, 22
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- public intoxication

Stites, Aaron Anthony, 26
- first-degree assault
- torture, willful abuse of a child under 18

Terry, Kielynn Blane, 21
- second-degree burglary
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (without theft)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
March 26
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; St. Joseph Dr. NW; gun, ammunition; $640

March 27
- fourth-degree theft of property; person; Quail Run Dr.; package; $36
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; miscellaneous; $87
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; miscellaneous; $565

March 28
- theft of property; person; Lessman Circle SW; medication

March 29
- third-degree domestic violence; person; Dogwood Lane NW
- third-degree criminal mischief; person; Ann St. NW; damaged tailgate; $400
- third-degree domestic violence; person; 13th St. SE

ARRESTS
March 28
Harvell, John R., 27
- first-degree criminal mischief

Dunaway, Lee M., 39
- third-degree domestic violence

Johnson, Kelley S., 26
- third-degree domestic violence

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

STATE

ADEM: 'Your drinking water is safe' during COVID-19 crisis

M. Lynn Battle
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Your drinking water is safe, so there's no need to hoard cases of bottled water during the coronavirus crisis, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) wants the public to know.

"With so many things Alabamians have to worry about – their jobs, social distancing, the welfare of loved ones, gathering food and other necessities – the safety of their drinking water shouldn't be one of them," said Lance LeFleur, ADEM's director. "The water they get from their tap, whether it's from a large municipal system or a small, rural utility, is 100 percent safe due to the proven safety requirements they are required to follow and that ADEM enforces. People don't need to fear the coronavirus as far as their water is concerned."

LeFleur pointed out that the disinfectants the water systems add as standard operating procedures kill viruses, including COVID-19. Likewise, standard operations of municipal wastewater systems kill any viruses before the treated water is discharged into Alabama's rivers and streams. ADEM, through its permitting and inspections, is making sure the drinking water systems as well as wastewater systems abide by the appropriate, stringent clean water standards, LeFleur said.

In a letter sent Friday to Gov. Kay Ivey, the administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Andrew R. Wheeler, emphasized the importance of the public's confidence in their water supply in combating novel coronavirus.

"Ensuring that drinking water and wastewater services are fully operational is critical to containing COVID-19 and protecting Americans from other public health risks," Wheeler said. "Handwashing and cleaning depend on providing safe and reliable drinking water and effective treatment of wastewater."

Wheeler said the U.S. Department of Homeland Security recognizes water and wastewater treatment workers and their suppliers as essential critical infrastructure workers, and urged state and local officials to "ensure that these workers and businesses receive the access, credentials, and essential status necessary to sustain our nation's critical infrastructure."

LeFleur agreed with the designation.

"From an environmental standpoint, nothing is more important than maintaining clean drinking water," he said.

"While coronavirus does not in itself pose a threat to our drinking water, nor to our wastewater treatment systems, it would be impossible to fight the virus without clean water. Our water systems and their employees are essential, and from our standpoint, so too are the people, our people, whose job is to make sure those systems are safe and well-maintained."

Aubrey White heads the drinking water branch of ADEM's Water Division, which oversees municipal and rural water systems as part of the agency's authority delegated by the EPA to carry out the provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act in Alabama. ADEM does this through enforcement of regulations, construction and operating permits, robust monitoring and reporting, and frequent inspections of the nearly 600 public water systems in the state.

"Obviously, this is a huge responsibility given us, and we take that responsibility very seriously" White said. "Even as a lot of business and state agencies have curtailed activities due to COVID-19-related mandates, we must continue the monitoring, inspections, reporting and enforcement of the regulations that help ensure our water is clean and safe and will remain clean and safe."

An example of ADEM's continuing efforts to safeguard public health is the State Revolving Fund (SRF), through which the agency provides low-interest loans to public water, wastewater and stormwater management systems to pay for infrastructure improvement projects. Three such projects recently were awarded funding by ADEM totaling millions of dollars and are currently in the public comment period – $1.25 million to the Grand Bay Water Works Board in Mobile County for a new wastewater treatment unit; $1.2 million to Phenix City for a sanitary sewer lift station; and $462,000 to Spanish Fort to restore and improve a drainage canal.

"Some of these projects might not be possible if not for the financial assistance we help provide," said Kris Berry, chief of ADEM's State Revolving Fund section. "These projects were proposed by the local authorities based on what they need to maintain and improve their safe water managing systems, reviewed by our staff and opened to the public to weigh in."

Created by 1982 law

Making sure our drinking water is safe is just one of the many vital roles ADEM performs. Protecting the state's air, water and land by enforcing state and federal rules and regulations is why ADEM exists.

ADEM traces its roots to the Alabama Environmental Management Act, passed by the Alabama Legislature in 1982 to create a comprehensive program of environmental management for the state. The law created the Alabama Environmental Management Commission and established ADEM as the vehicle to absorb several commissions, agencies, programs and staffs that had been responsible for implementing environmental laws.

ADEM, with 575 employees at its headquarters in Montgomery and regional offices in Birmingham, Decatur and Mobile, administers all major federal environmental laws. These include the Clean Air, Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water acts and federal solid and hazardous waste laws.

During the current health crisis, LeFleur said his agency is following the new mandates issued by Gov. Kay Ivey and the state health officer to curtail the spread of COVID-19, which means some employees are working remotely. However, ADEM offices are operating under normal business hours while adhering to social distancing guidelines.

"All essential functions of the department are being performed," the director said. "All citizen complaints received by ADEM will be investigated, and they can be submitted and tracked electronically. In addition, ADEM staff is readily accessible, and public contact is available seamlessly by phone and email."

ADEM's website, www.adem.alabama.gov, provides plenty of useful information, LeFleur said. Website visitors can keep up with current issues, including notices, comment periods and contact information, as well as enforcement actions.

If past public health and public safety crises are an indication, ADEM could be called on to help in another way. ADEM trucks and vehicles are available to the Alabama Emergency Management Agency to transport medical supplies and other uses. LeFleur said those vehicles helped transport supplies following the Gulf oil spill as well as in the aftermath of hurricanes and tornadoes that struck the state.

Helping protect jobs

LeFleur said ADEM continues to work with local economic development offices concerning new industry. These efforts help protect current jobs and provides assistance to industry that create new jobs. In addition to the current SRF loan projects, other programs through which ADEM provides assistance include scrap tire cleanups, unauthorized dump cleanups, recycling grants, water and air quality monitoring, weather forecasting, underground storage tank monitoring and cleanups, anti-litter campaigns and brownfield cleanup program.

"The fact is, we are doing a lot that the public is not aware of to assist businesses and local governments," LeFleur said. "That is especially important now when everyone is eager for the coronavirus crisis to end and for people to go back to work.

"That is not to say, however, that we are going easy on them. To the contrary, if they violate their permits and regulations and cause environmental harm, rest assured we are going to hold them accountable. Our job one is protecting Alabama's water, air and land resources, and by extension public safety. That is what we are continuing to do."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
March 31

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PREP BASKETBALL

Hanceville's Bellmon signs with Marion Military Institute

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Another local athlete is preparing to take their talents to the next level. Hanceville's Tyson Bellmon signed a scholarship to continue his playing career at Marion Military Institute Sunday afternoon after putting together a stellar Bulldog career. The three-point shooting specialist helped lead Hanceville to the Northeast Regional in his junior season and was a big part of this year's dramatic run to the final four. Now, he'll prepare for the next stage of his career with the Tigers and Head Coach Timothy Rogers.

Bulldogs Head Coach Stephen Chandler is proud of everything his standout guard accomplished on the court in his high school career but is even more proud of the young man he's seen him grow into.

"I'm just so proud and happy for Tyson.

"His hard work, dedication and ability has given him the opportunity to play at the next level. Marion is getting a high IQ player, willing to do whatever is asked of him but he's also a great man and teammate who will make any program better," Chandler said.

"Tyson is so coachable, and I wouldn't be surprised if he followed in his father's footsteps and became a great coach one day but whatever he chooses, I know he will be successful in the future based on his character alone.

"Tyson was a big part of the success we have had the last two years and I'm excited to watch the next chapter of his life and see where it takes him."

Bellmon has gotten to know the coaches at Marion well during the recruiting process and he's excited to get to work as an incoming player but there was another factor that put Marion over the top for Tyson.

He plans to join the U.S. Air Force once his playing days are done and attending Marion will be a valuable step on that path

"Me and the coaches have a good relationship. We talk throughout the week but what sold me on the school wasn't necessarily just basketball," Bellmon said. "It was also the experience I'll get from going to a military institute which is important since I'm planning on going to the Air Force after college."

Like any athlete preparing to move on and join a new team, Bellmon is going to miss all the time he has spent with his friends, teammates and coaches at home but is also confident that they've helped prepare him for this new challenge.

"I'll miss the family environment, my friends supporting me at every game and the coaches.

"I think the early morning workouts we had in the preseason prepared me most, showing up on time and giving all I had every day and holding myself accountable if I was not doing that."

This year's Hanceville team was the first to advance to the final four in Birmingham since 1999 and Bellmon is proud to be a part that dramatic playoff run. He's even more proud of the example that he and his fellow seniors are leaving behind for future generations of Bulldogs.

"It means a lot to be part of it. Before practice we would always look at the wall with the championships and stuff and say we were going to put a state championship up there," Bellmon said. "Unfortunately, we came up short, but we still achieved something great and for the younger guys we just always told them that if you keep doing the right things and work, good things will happen."



TIM BELLMON

Hanceville's Tyson Bellmon signs with Marion Military Institute Sunday afternoon with his grandparents Jam & Kathryn Bellmon and father Tim Bellmon.

Auburn's 'Sewing Guy' makes masks for health care workers

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – When Auburn Director of Athletics Allen Greene asked, "Does anybody know how to sew?" during a department-wide videoconference, everyone on the Zoom call pointed to one person: Dana Marquez.

Three days later, Auburn's associate athletic director for equipment operations, also known as "the Sewing Guy," began using his tailoring talents to create medical masks for health care workers at East Alabama Medical Center.

While Auburn University employees adjust to working from home to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, Greene noted that some athletics staff roles lend themselves to working remotely more easily than others.

"As Auburn people, our responsibility is to add value to our community," Greene said, challenging Auburn's athletic staff to find ways to serve during the pandemic.

Reaching out to EAMC, Marquez learned of the need to amass a surplus of surgical masks for future use.

"They were definitely stockpiling masks," he said. "The more they can get, the better."

Marquez hopes to produce 100 masks to deliver to EAMC by Sunday, with members of his staff volunteering to make more.

"I think we're just going to continue the growth and just keep on doing it until we don't need to do it anymore," he said.

Marquez partnered with Debbie Hillestad, who owns Stitch Therapy, which provides Auburn's equipment room with sewing machines and supplies, seeking to purchase fabric to make the masks.

"She said, 'Absolutely not,'" Marquez recalled. "'I want to provide you the fabric, I'll even give you the pattern if you want to come and learn how to do it.'"

On Thursday, Marquez picked up the supplies and received socially distanced instructions.

"She gave me a very easy pattern to use," he said.

Marquez learned to sew decades ago when his boss in the equipment room at Oregon State told him to put numbers on practice jerseys.

"I looked at him and said, 'I don't know how to thread a machine, much less know how to use one,'" Marquez replied.

After one lesson from the equipment manager and one day working with the machine, Marquez was on his way.

"It's been a phenomenal tool in my industry," he said.

"I've learned how to do a bunch of different things on it.

"This one was right in my wheelhouse. It's pretty straightforward doing the mask."

Marquez came to Auburn in 2006.

Seven years later, during the Kick Six Iron Bowl, his sewing skills earned nationwide attention when Marquez repaired LaDarius Owens' jersey on the sideline.

"I said, 'I'm just going to put you in your backup jersey,'" Marquez told Owens." He said, 'Dana, I'm a senior. I want to finish in this jersey.'"

With CBS documenting the repair stich-by-stitch, the legend of the "Sewing Guy" was born.

"It's a tool that I think a lot of equipment guys around the country have," he said. "I think that Kick Six game made me more infamous than famous."

One Zoom meeting. One question. One hundred masks to help doctors and nurses on the front lines.

"This stems from the Auburn Creed and what Auburn people believe in," Greene said.

"I'm grateful to see that our actions are mirroring our words."



SHANNA LOCKWOOD/AU ATHLETICS

Dana Marquez during coronavirus aid at Athletics Complex.

UAB Softball: 5 things we learned from 2020

Katie Moseley
Contributed

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The UAB softball team fit in just 31 games before its season was cut short on March 12 preceding the Blazers' first Conference USA series against UTEP. Though the Blazers still had half a season left to play, we learned a lot about the team during nonconference play.

The Blazers were already in El Paso when they learned the news that the softball season was over. While the majority of the conference had opened league play the weekend before, the Blazers were one of the few teams that had to wait until March 13 to face a conference opponent.

Even though the season was cut halfway through, we still found out a lot about the Blazers. Here are five things we learned from the 2020 season:

1. The Blazers did not shy away from tough competition

UAB accumulated a 15-11 record against a difficult nonconference schedule that featured three ranked opponents and five 2019 NCAA tournament teams including two WCWS participants.

On opening weekend, UAB recorded its first win against Georgia Tech in program history and its first win over a Power 5 school since 2016. UAB then erased a 6-0 deficit against No. 1 Washington to tie the Huskies at 7-7 before falling on a walk off single for their only loss of the weekend.

In the third week of the season, UAB hosted one of the premiere tournaments in the country as No. 11 Louisiana, No. 14 Oklahoma State and Ole Miss came to Birmingham for the Blazer Classic. Despite going 0-4 on the weekend, the Blazers put up a strong fight, including a marathon battle against Ole Miss before falling to the Rebels 14-11 in 13 innings.

The Blazers finished the season ranked at No. 60 in the NCAA softball RPI.

2. Pitching staff settled in

Perhaps one of the most exciting developments of the season was the improvement of the UAB pitching staff, which featured no seniors. The Blazer's limited free passes, allowing the fewest walks in C-USA with only 48 on the season. UAB's 143 strikeouts trailed only WKU and North Texas in C-USA rankings.

JUCO transfer Amy Woodham anchored the Green and Gold in the circle with a team best 1.91 ERA and 62.1 innings pitched. Woodham recorded 40 strikeouts while walking only 15 batters and holding opponents to .237 batting average. She was named C-USA Co-Pitcher of the Week on Feb. 17 after tossing two shutouts in the Scrapyard Tournament.

Sophomore Sarah Cespedes led UAB with 51 strikeouts and saw plenty of action in both starting and relief roles pitching 54.1 innings. Cespedes led C-USA in appearances, games finished and games in relief.

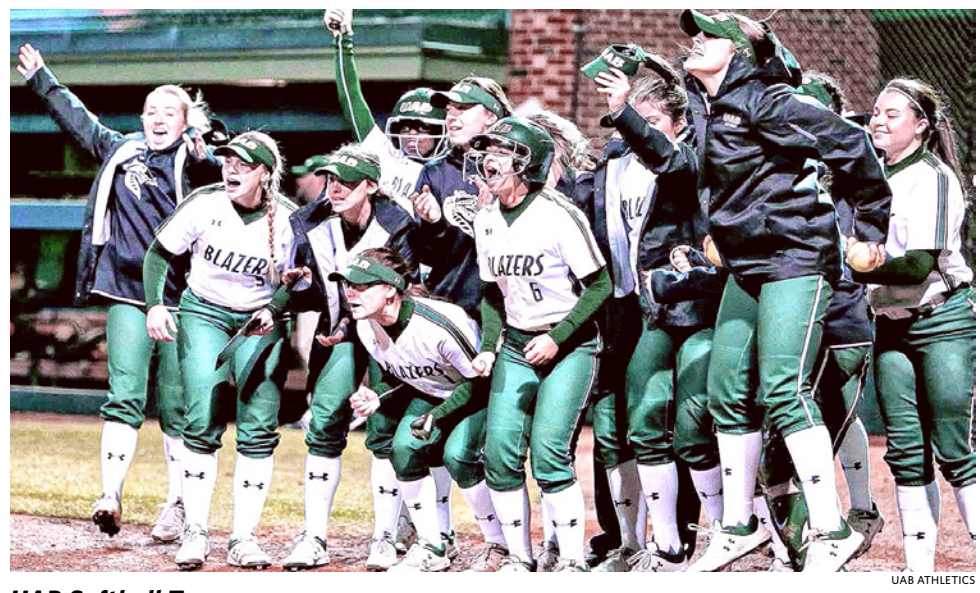
Junior Emily Kachel finished second on the team with a 2.76 ERA but was limited due to injuries. Kachel went 3-1 in the circle with 30 strikeouts in just 25.1 innings.

After missing two weeks, she returned to the rubber looking as dominant as ever against Jacksonville on March 7, tossing a shutout with a career high 11 strikeouts.

Freshman Jaycee Cook played a major role in the UAB bullpen in her first season as a Blazer. Cook led the team in wins with a 5-1 record and made a team high eight starts. The freshman struck out 22 and allowed just nine walks over 42.0 innings of work.

3. The Blazers started the season on the right foot

UAB jumped out to the best 11 game start in program history since 2002 going 8-3 over the first two weekends of play.



UAB ATHLETICS

UAB Softball Team

4. Defensive improvements

The Blazers ranked third in fielding percentage and first in putouts in C-USA. UAB's defense made some big time plays despite shuffling around for most of the season.

Dylinn Stancil was a staple at third base for the Blazers while Natalie Erwin and Analyse Petree each made starts at first base. Petree also spent time at second, rotating with Ashton Clem, both performing at a high level. Freshmen Sam Bean and Gabi Apiag split time at short stop, with a few appearances by Clem late in the season.

The UAB defense recorded a .963 fielding percentage and 552 total putouts. The Blazers turned eight double plays, the fourth most in C-USA.

5. UAB is trending upwards

UAB ended the season winning three straight and six of the last seven games. The Blazers were just four wins from matching their 2019 total and finished above .500 for the first time in five years.

Head coach Jimmy Kolaitis saw major improvements in his team's offense, defense and pitching this season with a number of freshmen and newcomers suiting up in the Green and Gold for the first time. While the season ended sooner than expected, the future looks bright in Birmingham.

Effective March 16, Conference USA announced that all spring sport competition and championships have been canceled. For more information regarding the Coronavirus, visit www.uab.edu/coronavirus.

For more information on the UAB softball team, follow @UAB_SB on Twitter and Instagram.

Closures (from Front)

including Blount, St. Clair, Shelby, Tuscaloosa, and Walker Counties, and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the State Health Officer issued an order, and on March 20, 2020, an amended order, of statewide application suspending certain public gatherings; WHEREAS, further social distancing measures are necessary to be implemented on a statewide basis to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

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THEREFORE, THESE PREMISES CONSIDERED, it is ordered that the following be implemented statewide:

1. Effective March 28, 2020 at 5:00 P.M., all non-work-related gatherings of 10 persons or more, or non-work related gatherings of any size that cannot maintain a consistent six-foot distance between persons, are prohibited. Employers shall take all reasonable steps to meet these standards for employees and customers.

2. Effective March 28, 2020 at 5:00 P.M., the following "non-essential" businesses, venues, and activities shall be closed to non-employees or not take place:

a. Entertainment venues as follows:
(1) Night clubs
(2) Bowling alleys
(3) Arcades
(4) Concert venues
(5) Theaters, auditoriums, and performing arts centers
(6) Tourist attractions (including museums and planetariums)
(7) Racetracks
(8) Indoor children's play areas
(9) Adult entertainment venues
(10) Casinos
(11) Bingo halls
(12) Venues operated by social clubs

b. Athletic facilities and activities as follows:
(1) Fitness centers and commercial gyms
(2) Spas and public or commercial swimming pools
(3) Yoga, barre, and spin facilities
(4) Spectator sports
(5) Sports that involve interaction with another person of closer than 6 feet
(6) Activities that require use of shared sporting apparatus and equipment
(7) Activities on commercial or public playground equipment

c. Close-contact service providers as follows:
(1) Barber shops
(2) Hair salons
(3) Waxing salons
(4) Threading salons
(5) Nail salons and spas
(6) Body-art facilities and tattoo services
(7) Tanning salons
(8) Massage-therapy establishments and massage services

d. Retail stores as follows:
(1) Furniture and home-furnishings stores
(2) Clothing, shoe, and clothing-accessory stores
(3) Jewelry, luggage, and leather goods stores
(4) Department stores
(5) Sporting goods stores
(6) Book, craft, and music stores

3. Effective March 19, 2020, at 5:00 P.M., all beaches shall be closed. For purposes of this section, the term "beach" means the sandy shoreline area abutting the Gulf of Mexico, whether privately or publicly owned, including beach access points.

4. Effective Friday, March 20, 2020, all regular programs at Senior Citizen Centers shall be ended except that Senior Citizen Centers and their partners are urged to assure that their clients continue to receive needed meals via curbside pick-up or delivery.

5. Effective today, the following shall be closed:
a. In-person instruction or classes at all schools, public and private, including but not limited to: elementary, secondary, postsecondary, technical, or specialty schools, and colleges and universities.

(1) This order is not intended to prevent any employers from making continued necessary staffing decisions. Employers are authorized to advise employees to work from home or maintain flexible work schedules. If working from home is not feasible, the employee should practice social distancing (by maintaining consistent six-foot distance between persons) and follow public health guidelines.

(2) This order shall not apply to daytime special activities programs provided by local boards of education for children, ages 6 through 12 as of March 13, 2020, of First Responders (including EMS and Fire Services) and Licensed Healthcare Providers, and their essential employees, and essential employees of the following categories of employers: State and Local Governments, Law Enforcement, Hospitals, Nursing Home/Long Term Care Facilities (including Assisted Living and Specialty Care Assisted Living Facilities), End Stage Renal Disease Treatment Centers, Pharmacies, and Grocery Stores. In these special activities programs, 12 or more children shall not be allowed in any one room at the same time, and operators of these programs are encouraged to use enhanced sanitation practices consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alabama Department of Public Health.
b. Facilities providing child day care, including any child day care facility described in Ala. Code § 38-7-2, at which 12 or more children are in a room or other enclosed or separated space at the same time. Center employees are encouraged to use enhanced sanitation and social distancing practices consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alabama Department of Public Health. This Order does not change the Minimum Standards for Day Care promulgated by the Alabama Department of Human Resources, except that 12 or more children shall not be allowed in a room or other enclosed or separated space at the same time.

6. Effective immediately, all Hospitals and Nursing Home/Long Term Care Facilities (including Assisted Living and Specialty Care Assisted Living Facilities) shall prohibit visitation of all visitors, as defined by the facility, and non-essential health care personnel, except for certain compassionate care situations such as maternity and end-of-life.

7. Effective March 28, 2020 at 5:00 P.M., all dental, medical, or surgical procedures shall be postponed until further notice, subject to the following exceptions:

a. Dental, medical, or surgical procedures necessary to treat an emergency medical condition. For purposes of this order, "emergency medical condition" is defined as a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain, psychiatric disturbances, and/or symptoms of substance abuse) such that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected by a person's licensed medical provider to result in placing the health of the person in serious jeopardy or causing serious impairment to bodily functions or serious dysfunction of bodily organs.

b. Dental, medical, or surgical procedures necessary to avoid serious harm from an underlying condition or disease, or necessary as part of a patient's ongoing and active treatment.

8. Effective March 19, 2020, at 5:00 P.M., all restaurants, bars, breweries, or similar establishments shall not permit on-premises consumption of food or drink.

a. Such establishments may continue to offer food for take-out or delivery provided the social distancing protocols, including maintaining a consistent six-foot distance between persons, are followed.

b. Such establishments are strongly encouraged to offer online ordering and curbside pick-up of food.

c. Hospital food service areas are excluded from this order provided they have their own social distancing plan.

9. If organizers or sponsors of otherwise suspended events desire, they may submit a request for an exemption from this order. While the State Health Officer is under no obligation to grant such an exemption, it shall be fairly considered based on the following criteria:

a. Effective measures have been taken to identify those attending the event who may potentially be affected with COVID-19, including but not limited to personal testing for the disease or submission of current medical clearances to the organizer.

b. Effective measures have been taken to prevent the spread of infection even by those that are infected while not symptomatic, including the provision of anti-infection measures such as proper face masks, personal sanitation measures, and other measures that may be considered proper. The State Health Officer's discretion under this section includes the discretion to refer exemption requests from Jefferson and Mobile Counties to the respective County Health Officer for those counties for evaluation as described above.

10. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until 5:00 P.M. on April 17, 2020. Prior to 5:00 P.M. on April 17, 2020, a determination shall be made whether to extend this Order—or, if circumstances permit, to relax this Order.

11. This Order supersedes and preempts all orders previously issued by the State Health Officer and Jefferson and Mobile County Health Officers concerning COVID-19 mitigation measures. After the date this amended order is issued, the Jefferson and Mobile County Health Officers are authorized, after approval by the State Health Officer, to implement more stringent measures as local circumstances require.

What happens to those who violate the order?
After the amended order was issued, State Attorney General Steve Marshall updated his instructions to law enforcement officials across the state. The updated statement reads in part:

The effect of the order and the promulgation of the emergency rule is that the March 27th order is now enforceable under (Alabama Code) Section 22-2-14, which states:

Any person who knowingly violates or fails or refuses to obey or comply with any rule or regulation adopted and promulgated by the State Board of Health of this state shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than $25.00 nor more than $500.00 and, if the violation or failure or refusal to obey or comply with such rule or regulation is a continuing one, each day's violation, or failure or refusal shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punished accordingly.

ALA. CODE § 22-2-14. Given the criminal nature of a violation of Section 22-2 14, prosecutors and law enforcement should be aware of their authority to act as needed to enforce the state health order. While the unprecedented nature of this pandemic and the government's evolving response seem to demand some restraint related to criminal enforcement of this order, if a violator has been made aware of the state health order and the refusal to comply presents a threat to public health and safety, the penalties of Section 22-2-14 are available as an enforcement tool.

What stays open?
An oddly placed item (found as a subsection under the order to close schools) indicates businesses and services that can remain open:

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State Health Department issues response to expected questions
The Alabama Department of Public Health issued a list of "frequently asked questions" expected to come up in discussions about the order:

1. May businesses or venues not specifically listed for closure continue their normal operations? For example, are hardware stores or home improvement stores required to close to non-employees? What about veterinary clinics? Dry cleaners? Car dealerships? Etc.

Businesses or venues not specifically listed in the order for closure may continue their normal operations, subject to the laws and regulations they must ordinarily follow as well as the other parts of the order. In short, if a business or venue is not on the list, it's not closed.

2. Must businesses or venues that may remain open limit the number of customers inside at one time?

It depends. The order's social-distancing rule, in paragraph 1, prohibits "non-work-related gatherings" of 10 persons or more or non-work related gatherings of any size that cannot maintain a consistent 6-foot distance between persons. So, the question is whether the customers are "gathering." In a large, uncrowded grocery store, for example, where customers may easily walk past one another, it is unlikely that any "gathering" is taking place even if many more than 10 people are inside. On the other hand, a group of 10 people congregating in a confined space over an extended length of time would be more likely to constitute a gathering.

3. May retail stores ordered to close offer delivery or curbside services?

Yes. The order requires certain categories of retail "stores" to be "closed to non-employees." This language requires the closure of the store building to customers but would not preclude delivery or curbside services if the store complies with the order's other provisions, such as the social distancing rules.

4. What about "big box" stores? In other words, must a retail store close if it has some characteristics of a store listed for closure but is not generally considered to fall within one of the specific listed categories?

Remember, if a store is not on the list, it's not closed. So, a "big box" store would not be closed—though it still must comply with the order's other provisions.

5. What do I do if I cannot tell whether my store or venue must close? For example, is a mattress store a "furniture" or "home-furnishings store"? Is a sewing-machine store a "craft" store? Is a drive-in theater a "theater?

The order specifically lists "sporting goods stores" for closure, so a sporting goods store must close even if it sells firearms and ammunition. Gun shops, on the other hand, are not specifically listed; thus, they may remain open.

6. May sporting goods stores and other retail stores that sell firearms and ammunition remain open to customers inside the store?

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7. If playgrounds are closed, are parks still open otherwise? Is it still okay to exercise outside?

Yes, parks are still open, and it is still okay to exercise outside. Just do not gather with more than 10 people or with any number of people if you cannot maintain a consistent 6 feet of separation.

8. Can physical therapists and chiropractors continue to provide therapy services to patients under the order?

Yes. Physical therapists and chiropractors are medical providers subject to the rule. But, like other providers of dental, medical, or surgical procedures, they may provide services that are necessary to treat an emergency medical condition, or are necessary for a patient to avoid serious harm from an underlying condition or disease, or are a necessary part of a patient's ongoing and active treatment.

Gov. Ivey speaks
After the press conference announcing the order, Gov. Kay Ivey posted a video message to the citizens of Alabama. In it, she said, in part:

"As governor, I want to take a moment and plead with all of you to please respect all health recommendations and orders, and work with them into your daily lives. The temporary adjustments can be truly lifesaving as we work to flatten the curve of this virus. We've all learned the new phrase of 'social distancing' because of this virus, and I urge you to take this necessary precaution.

"We will resume our daily lives in the near future, once we defeat this illness. And while your leaders are called on to make important decisions dealing with a virus that we didn't even know existed three months ago. We're going to make some mistakes along the way. My hope and prayer is that we will get it right more than we will get it wrong.

"And speaking of prayer, as a person of faith, I certainly believe in the power of prayer. I urge the people of this great state to join me in praying for one another. Instead of getting caught up in what can be, at times, negative news, I ask that you practice encouraging texts or calling to express your concern for one another. As you connect to one another on social media, use good judgement and promote positive messaging, rather than the alternative. Send one another a sermon or devotional that you read or heard, that urges calm, patience and faith. Share a positive story about one of our neighbors who did something thoughtful, even when no one was looking. We can all find some way to share a good deed that can bring a little comfort to others.

"Today, we need to remember the lasting words of President Kennedy, who said, 'Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.' Likewise, we shouldn't forget President Reagan reminder that 'There are no constraints on the human mind, no walls around the human spirit, no barriers to our progress except those we ourselves erect.' Alabamians and Americans have faced many challenges before, and the American spirit and the Alabama resolve has helped us get through those times. Together, I am confident that we will get through this, as well."

See the State Health Officer's order at https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/legal/assets/order-adph-cov-gatherings-032720.pdf.

See the Attorney General's orders at https://www.alabamaag.gov.

View Gov. Ivey's video address at https://governor.alabama.gov/newsroom/covid-19/.

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Congress appropriates $400M to prepare states for Election Day amid coronavirus concerns

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – After days of intense debate and negotiation, the White House and Congressional leaders have reached a historic $2 trillion coronavirus stimulus deal.

Of this relief package, $400 million will be allocated to the states to protect the opportunity for Americans to participate in the electoral process.

Alabama will receive $6,473,611, which will be matched 20% by the Secretary of State's Office ($1,294,723) for a total of $7,768,334.

This funding will be available for both the Primary Runoff Election on July 14 as well as the General Election on November 3.

An application for county commissions to request reimbursement will be provided on the official website of the Alabama Secretary of State as soon as money is made available to the states.

Our intentions are to use this funding to reimburse counties for various preparation and election expenses including, but not limited to, masks, gloves, disinfectant spray, hand-sanitizer, alcohol wipes, and professional cleaning services to return the polling places back to their safe and sanitary pre-election condition.

Further, $900,000 will be allocated to reimburse Absentee Election Managers for increased costs resulting from the lengthened absentee voting period, and $1,000,000 will be used to compensate poll workers with an additional $25.00 on Election Day.

"I am extremely grateful for the leadership displayed by Senator Mitch McConnell and Senator Richard Shelby and for their listening to the concerns I expressed as well as the advice and guidance provided by other chief election officials from across the country.

"It is important that those at the state and local level are granted the flexibility to address the needs of their respective communities," stated Alabama Secretary of State John H. Merrill.

"This funding will protect the health and safety of our voters, poll workers, and others involved in the electoral process."

"I also appreciate the assistance provided by Governor Kay Ivey's Office, the State Comptroller's Office, and the Association of County Commissions of Alabama," continued Merrill.

Reports of state spending will be submitted to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission for complete transparency and public inspection.

All resources must be expended for these purposes no later than December 31, 2020.

VFW National Home offers new direction for veterans and families

Dee Harris
Contributor

The National Home for Children, located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary. The home was founded in 1925 for families who had lost a loved one in war, assuring the families could stay together. The idea for the National Home was in 1923 when the idea was presented to the VFW at its National Convention. The VFW accepted the challenge of a home for the children and families of veterans, and the National Home for Children became a reality, as a non-profit corporation separate from the VFW itself.

In March of 1925, the first resident of the home was the wife and six children of Retired Sgt. Edward Pollett age 48, Sgt. Pollett drove to Ft Wayne in Detroit to pick up his retirement check.

While crossing the street in Detroit Sgt. Pollett was hit by a streetcar and later died at a local hospital.

Two days later, Mrs. Pollett identified her husband and then realized she and her six children had no means of survival as Sgt. Pollett's retirement check stopped upon his death.

VFW Post 1146 of Halfway, Michigan appealed to Dr. Clarence Candler, State VFW Commander of Michigan to help the Pollett family.

Arrangements were made immediately to send the family to the VFW National Home for children. Their home was an old frame farmhouse.

From an old frame farmhouse to today, The National Home for Children features 42 single-family homes, playgrounds park areas, a community center, and gymnasium, child care facility, and chapel in a rural, small town community.

Just like any small town, the home has its own water wells, water treatment facility and sewage system. Daycare centers, playgrounds fishing pond and hiking trails are a feature of the community.

The needs of our younger generation of veterans and families are different, transitioning from military life to civilian life, post-traumatic stress, rehabilitation from wounds received in war, high unemployment and much more. The National Home strives every day to meet those needs.

Case management services are offered to help set up the families plan and goals.

Education, recreational, and enrichment opportunities are available for the families and children. Counseling and community resources are provided as needed.

The homes and daycare are free for up to four years.

The National Home has expanded their help across the nation with the Military and Veteran Family Helpline 800-313-4200. Phones are answered Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. by professionals who provide information and connections to needed services wherever they are in the U.S.

For information on the VFW National Home for Children and becoming a life member of the home to help support the home, check our website www.vfwnationalhome.org/ phone 800-424-8360.

Locally, you can call Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2214 at 256-739-6611 or visit us at 112 Veterans Dr. Cullman, AL 35055.

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Sports

6:00 a.m. FSEE Women's College Soccer Kansas at Oklahoma.
3:30 p.m. FSEE Sports Stars of Tomorrow Mekhail Sherman; five-star tight end Arik Gilbert; interviews with Demond Demas and Lejond Cavazos.
6:00 p.m. FS1 WWE Royal Rumble Men's Royal Rumble match; Women's Royal Rumble match; The Fiend Bray Wyatt vs. Daniel Bryan. (Taped)
10:00 p.m. FS1 WWE Backstage
11:00 p.m. FS1 WWE Royal Rumble Men's Royal Rumble match; Women's Royal Rumble match; The Fiend Bray Wyatt vs. Daniel Bryan.
3:00 a.m. FS1 WWE Backstage
3:30 a.m. FSEE Powerboat Racing Nationals, Guntersville, Ala.

Movies

6:00 a.m. FX "Ride Along" ★★ (2014) Ice Cube.
TCM "Ladies' Day" ★★ (1943) Lupe Velez.
TMC "Pumpkin" ★★ (2002) Christina Ricci
6:35 a.m. HBO "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" ★★★½ (2018) Filmmaker Morgan Neville examines the life and legacy of Fred Rogers, the beloved host of the popular children's TV show Mister Rogers' Neighborhood.
6:40 a.m. SHOW "The Holiday" ★★½ (2006) Cameron Diaz
6:50 a.m. MAX "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" ★★½ (2018) Chris Pratt
7:15 a.m. TCM "They Learned About Women" ★★ (1930) Joseph T. Schenck.
8:10 a.m. HBO "The Adjustment Bureau" ★★½ (2011) Matt Damon
8:30 a.m. AMC "A Few Good Men" ★★★½ (1992) Tom Cruise. Navy lawyers defend two Marines accused of killing a private at the naval station at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
9:00 a.m. FX "Free State of Jones" ★★½ (2016) Matthew McConaughey.
MAX "Jeepers Creepers" ★★½ (2001) Gina Philips
9:30 a.m. TCM "The Stratton Story" ★★★ (1949) James Stewart. Inspired by his wife and son, Chicago White Soxer Monty Stratton pitches with an artificial leg.
10:00 a.m. FREE "Paul Blart: Mall Cop" ★★ (2009) Kevin James.
HBO "Yesterday" ★★½ (2019) Himesh Patel
10:45 a.m. SHOW "Letters to Juliet" ★★ (2010) Amanda Seyfried
11:30 a.m. AMC "Speed" ★★★½ (1994) Keanu Reeves. A SWAT team ace must keep the speed of a Santa Monica bus above 50 mph, or a madman's bomb will explode.
TCM "The Winning Team" ★★★ (1952) Doris Day. Grover Cleveland Alexander becomes one of baseball's greatest pitchers, with his wife's support.
12:00 p.m. FX "Independence Day: Resurgence" ★★ (2016) Liam Hemsworth.
TNT "Act of Valor" ★★ (2012) Roselyn Sánchez.
12:05 p.m. BET "Sleepless" ★★ (2017) Jamie Foxx.
MAX "I, Robot" ★★½ (2004) Will Smith
12:30 p.m. SHOW "Five Feet Apart" ★★ (2019) Haley Lu Richardson
1:30 p.m. TCM "The Babe Ruth Story" ★★½ (1948) William Bendix.
2:00 p.m. AMC "The Book of Eli" ★★½ (2010) Denzel Washington.
E! "Sex and the City" ★★½ (2008) Sarah Jessica Parker.
TNT "Jack Reacher" ★★½ (2012) Tom Cruise.
MAX "Night School" ★★ (2018) Kevin Hart
TMC "Scrooged" ★★★ (1988) Bill Murray A ruthless TV-network chief meets the ghosts of Christmases past, present and yet to come.
2:30 p.m. BET "Daddy's Little Girls" ★★ (2007) Gabrielle Union.
FX "The Greatest Showman" ★★½ (2017) Hugh Jackman.
SHOW "The Holiday" ★★½ (2006) Cameron Diaz
3:45 p.m. TCM "The Jackie Robinson Story" ★★★½ (1950) Jackie Robinson. Brooklyn Dodgers owner Branch Rickey makes Robinson the first black player in major-league baseball.
3:55 p.m. MAX "Somewhere" ★★★ (2010) Stephen Dorff A roguish actor has to re-examine his life of excesses when he gets an unexpected visit from his young daughter.
4:30 p.m. AMC "Road House" ★★ (1989) Patrick Swayze.
FREE "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" ★★★ (1986) Matthew Broderick. A cool teen plays hooky in Chicago with his girlfriend, his buddy and the classic Ferrari of his buddy's father.
FX "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" ★★★ (2017) Dwayne Johnson. Four teens embark on the adventure of a lifetime when a video game magically transports them to the jungle and transforms them into adults.
4:45 p.m. TNT "Jack Reacher: Never Go Back" ★★ (2016) Tom Cruise.
5:00 p.m. BET "Tyler Perry's Good Deeds" ★★ (2012) Tyler Perry.
E! "Selena" ★★★ (1997) Jennifer Lopez. A beautiful Mexican-American singer's skyrocketing international career ends abruptly.
SHOW "Platoon" ★★★★ (1986) Tom Berenger Two sergeants and a private join others lost in war along the 1967 Cambodian border.
5:15 p.m. TCM "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" ★★½ (1949) Gene Kelly.
6:00 p.m. HBO "X-Men: Dark Phoenix" ★★ (2019) James McAvoy
6:30 p.m. PARMT "Shooter" ★★½ (2007) Mark Wahlberg.
7:00 p.m. AMC "Taken" ★★★ (2008) Liam Neeson. A former spy puts his extensive training to the test when he must rescue his kidnapped daughter from sex-slave traffickers.
FREE "The Blind Side" ★★★ (2009) Sandra Bullock. A well-to-do white family takes in a homeless black teen and helps him realize his potential on and off the football field.
FX "Ride Along 2" ★★ (2016) Ice Cube.
LIFE "Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail" ★★ (2009) Tyler Perry.
TCM "The Shocking Miss Pilgrim" ★★½ (1947) Betty Grable. Premiere.
TNT "London Has Fallen" ★★ (2016) Gerard Butler.
MAX "The Stepford Wives" ★★ (2004) Nicole Kidman
TMC "Total Recall" ★★★ (1990) Arnold Schwarzenegger Recurring nightmares of the planet Mars lead a confused earthling into the center of an intergalactic conspiracy.
8:00 p.m. BET "Coming to America" ★★★ (1988) Eddie Murphy. Pampered Prince Akeem of Zamunda comes to New York with his royal sidekick to find a true-love bride.
E! "Selena" ★★★ (1997) Jennifer Lopez. A beautiful Mexican-American singer's skyrocketing international career ends abruptly.
SHOW "The Punisher" ★★ (2004) Thomas Jane
8:35 p.m. MAX "Biloxi Blues" ★★★ (1988) Matthew Broderick During World War II, a Brooklyn writer contends with a drill sergeant and other situations at a Mississippi boot camp.
8:45 p.m. TCM "Adventure in Baltimore" ★★½ (1949) Robert Young.
9:00 p.m. AMC "Taken" ★★★ (2008) Liam Neeson. A former spy puts his extensive training to the test when he must rescue his kidnapped daughter from sex-slave traffickers.
FX "Ride Along 2" ★★ (2016) Ice Cube.
TMC "The Terminator" ★★★★ (1984) Arnold Schwarzenegger (Premiere) A cyborg from the future arrives in 20th-century Los Angeles to kill the woman who will give birth to mankind's post-apocalyptic savior.
9:03 p.m. LIFE "Tyler Perry's The Single Moms Club" ★★ (2014) Nia Long.
10:00 p.m. PARMT "Shooter" ★★½ (2007) Mark Wahlberg.
10:25 p.m. MAX "The Rundown" ★★★ (2003) The Rock Before his retirement, a bounty hunter must locate his boss' son, who is searching for a priceless artifact in the Amazon.
10:30 p.m. TCM "The Strawberry Blonde" ★★★ (1941) James Cagney. A turn-of-the-century gold digger is loved by a decent young dentist and a brash contractor.
11:00 p.m. AMC "Speed" ★★★½ (1994) Keanu Reeves. A SWAT team ace must keep the speed of a Santa Monica bus above 50 mph, or a madman's bomb will explode.
FX "Rough Night" ★★½ (2017) Scarlett Johansson.
TMC "Demolition Man" ★★½ (1993) Sylvester Stallone
11:01 p.m. LIFE "Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail" ★★ (2009) Tyler Perry.
11:05 p.m. HBO "Blinded by the Light" ★★★½ (2019) Viveik Kalra Javed is a Pakistani teenager who experiences racial and economic turmoil in working-class England in 1987. He soon gathers the courage to find his own voice and follow his dreams after discovering the inspirational music of Bruce Springsteen.
12:30 a.m. CMTV "The Bucket List" ★★ (2007) Jack Nicholson.
TCM "The First Traveling Saleslady" ★★ (1956) Ginger Rogers.
1:00 a.m. MAX "First Man" ★★★½ (2018) Ryan Gosling Engineer Neil Armstrong spends years in training after joining NASA in the 1960s. On July 16, 1969, the nation and world watch in wonder as Armstrong and fellow astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins embark on a historic mission to the moon.
TMC "From Dusk Till Dawn 3: The Hangman's Daughter" ★★½ (2000) Ara Celi
1:04 a.m. LIFE "Tyler Perry's The Single Moms Club" ★★ (2014) Nia Long.
2:00 a.m. TNT "London Has Fallen" ★★ (2016) Gerard Butler.
2:15 a.m. TCM "Rails Into Laramie" ★★ (1954) John Payne. Premiere.

TUESDAY EVENING

MOVIES

MARCH 31, 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	**25 Words or Less** (N)	**America Says**	**Family Feud**	**Family Feud**	**Dateline** Detectives search for a missing realtor.		**Chicago P.D.** Intelligence works with the CFD.		**Chicago P.D.** A criminal informant disappears.		**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**
WBIQ-PBS	4	**Ready Jet Go!** (El)	**Peg & Cat** (El)	**PBS NewsHour** (N)		**American Experience** Influenza kills 600,000 people.		**American Experience** Personal accounts from polio survivors.		**Frontline** "Plastic Wars" The fight over the future of plastics.		**Ray Stevens CabaRay**	**Capitol Journal**
WVTM-NBC	5	**WVTM 13 News at 5p** (N)	**NBC Nightly News - Holt**	**WVTM 13 News at 6p** (N)	**WVTM 13 News at 6:3**	**Ellen's Game of Games** "Hit Me Baby One More Slime"		**New Amsterdam** Women on a retreat end up in the ED.		**NBC News Special Report: Coronavirus Pandemic** (Live)		**WVTM 13 News at 10p**	**Tonight Show-J. Fallon**
WBRC-FOX	7	**WBRC FOX6 News at 5pm**	**WBRC FOX6 News**	**WBRC FOX6 News at 6pm**	**Coronavirus: Facts not Fear**	**The Resident** The staff treats an injured criminal.		**Empire** "Love Me Still" Yana starts to fall for Lucious again.		**WBRC FOX6 News at 9pm**	**WBRC FOX6 News**	**WBRC FOX6 News at 10pm**	**(:35) TMZ** (N)
WIAT-CBS	8	**CBS42 News 5pm** (N)	**CBS Evening News**	**CBS42 News 6pm** (N)	**Entertainment Tonight** (N)	**NCIS** "Blarney" Kasie and Jimmy are held hostage. (N)		**FBI** "Emotional Rescue" A college student's body is found.		**FBI: Most Wanted** A man leaks classified information. (N)		**CBS42 News 10pm** (N)	**Late Show-Colbert**
WTTO-CW	9	**The Goldbergs**	**2 Broke Girls**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Flash** Iris works with Eva to escape.		**DC's Legends of Tomorrow** Constantine's life is in danger.		**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**The Andy Griffith Show**	**The Andy Griffith Show**
WPXH-ION	11	**Criminal Minds** Abduction of a boy in Las Vegas.		**Criminal Minds** Dr. Reid investigates an old murder.		**Criminal Minds** "Masterpiece" Solving a murder in reverse.		**Criminal Minds** A serial killer lures women into danger.		**Criminal Minds** A serial killer targets police officers.		**Criminal Minds** "Normal" Freeway killer targets luxury cars.	
WABM2-ABC	12	**ABC 33/40 News at 5PM**	**ABC World News**	**ABC 33/40 News at 6PM**	**Wheel of Fortune**	**The Conners**	**Bless This Mess**	**mixed-ish**	**black-ish** "Hair Day"	**For Life** "Do Us Part" Safiya defies the prison board. (N)		**ABC 33/40 News at 10PM**	**(:35) Nightline** (N)
A&E	42	**The First 48** A New Orleans couple goes missing.		**The First 48** A man is murdered just before Christmas.		**The First 48** "The Invader" A father of three is gunned down.		**The First 48: My First Homicide** "The Rookie; Cornered"		**The First 48: My First Homicide** "Final Call; Fatal Fury" (N)		**The First 48** A woman is beaten and stabbed to death.	
AMC	53	**(4:30) ★★ "Road House"** (1989, Action) Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch. A legendary bouncer agrees to tame a notorious gin mill.				**★★★ "Taken"** (2008, Action) Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace, Famke Janssen. Slavers kidnap the daughter of a former spy.				**★★★ "Taken"** (2008, Action) Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace, Famke Janssen. Slavers kidnap the daughter of a former spy.			
ANPL	47	**My Cat From Hell** A mother and daughter's dangerous cat.		**My Cat From Hell** A single mom's cat terrifies her kids.		**My Cat From Hell** Sydney, a Bengal, is spraying furniture.		**My Cat From Hell** An old friend enlists Jackson's help.		**My Cat From Hell** Jackson helps a cat named Charlee.		**My Cat From Hell** A defeated couple and their cat.	
BET	55	**★★ "Tyler Perry's Good Deeds"** (2012, Drama) Tyler Perry, Thandie Newton, Gabrielle Union. A wealthy businessman falls in love with a struggling single mother.						**★★★ "Coming to America"** (1988, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Arsenio Hall, John Amos. An African prince and his royal sidekick come to Queens.					
BRAVO	58	**Vanderpump Rules** Tom confronts Jax at the photo shoot.		**Vanderpump Rules** Jax and Brittany ceremony is stylish.		**Vanderpump Rules** Tom Sandoval throws a birthday party.		**Vanderpump Rules** Sandoval and Max paper Jax's house.		**Family Karma** An argument explodes between friends.		**Watch What Happens Live**	**Vanderpump Rules**
CMTV	61	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**The Golden Girls**	**The Golden Girls**
CNBC	35	**Mad Money** (N)		**Shark Tank** A housewife charms the male sharks.		**Shark Tank** A sustainable replacement for peat moss.		**Shark Tank** A life jacket; an infant pacifier.		**The Profit** "An Inside Look: Murchinson Hume" (N)		**The Profit** Bringing people outdoors via vans.	
CNN	37	**The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer** (N)		**Erin Burnett OutFront** (N)		**Anderson Cooper 360** (N)		**Cuomo Prime Time** (N)		**CNN Tonight with Don Lemon** (N)		**CNN Tonight with Don Lemon** (N)	
COM	56	**The Office** "Blood Drive"	**The Office**	**The Office** "New Boss"	**The Office** "Two Weeks"	**The Office** "Dream Team"	**The Office**	**Tosh.0**	**Tosh.0** "Cussing Pastor"	**Tosh.0** "Crying Mukbanger"	**Tosh.0** "Vape Bros"	**The Daily Show**	**South Park**
DISN	49	**(:05) Jessie**	**(:35) Raven's Home**	**(:05) Raven's Home**	**(:35) Bunk'd**	**Bunk'd** "Whisper Toots"	**Gabby Duran**	**(7:50) Sydney to the Max**	**(:40) Just Roll With It**	**Coop & Cami Ask the World**	**Sydney to the Max**	**(9:55) Bunk'd**	**Gabby Duran**
DSC	43	**Moonshiners** "Unexpected Offer" Mike confronts Daniel.		**Moonshiners** Tickle gets a life sentence. (N)		**Moonshiners: Outlaw Cuts** "Summit Brandy" (N)		**Moonshiners: Master Distiller** Mark, Digger and Tim compete.		**(:01) Moonshiners** "Rum Conundrum"		**(:01) Gold Rush** "Trial By Fire" Parker tests new ground. (N)	
E!	21	**★★★ "Selena"** (1997, Biography) Jennifer Lopez, Edward James Olmos, Jon Seda. Mexican-American singer skyrockets to fame.						**★★★ "Selena"** (1997, Biography) Jennifer Lopez, Edward James Olmos, Jon Seda. Mexican-American singer skyrockets to fame.					
ESPN	29	**SportsCenter** (N) (Live)		**MLB Baseball** (N)								**SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt** (N) (Live)	
ESPN2	30	**SportsCenter Special** (N)		**Tony Hawk's 900**	**World of X Games**	**X Games Classix** From Carson, Calif.		**X Games Classix** From Los Angeles.		**World of X Games**		**World of X Games**	
FOOD	45	**Chopped** The chefs must create nutritious dishes.		**Chopped** Light on calories but big on flavor.		**Chopped** Chefs face garden goodies in each round.		**Chopped** "Lighten Up" Low-calorie chips and leafy greens.		**Supermarket Stakeout** They go overseas to Italy for dessert.		**Supermarket Stakeout** "Date Night Fry Day"	
FREE	48	**(4:30) ★★★ "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"** (1986) Matthew Broderick. A brash teen and his friends have an adventure in Chicago.				**★★★ "The Blind Side"** (2009, Drama) Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw, Quinton Aaron. A well-to-do white couple adopts a homeless black teen.						**The 700 Club** States' positions on abortion. (N)	
FS1	20	**NASCAR Race Hub** (N)		**WWE Royal Rumble** Men's Royal Rumble match; Women's Royal Rumble match; The Fiend Bray Wyatt vs. Daniel Bryan. (N Taped)								**WWE Backstage**	
FSEE	32	**Golf America** (N)	**Swing Clinic**	**NBA Basketball** From Dec. 8, 2019.					**Hawks Live! Postgame**	**MLB Baseball** From July 5, 2019.			
FX	28	**(4:30) ★★★ "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle"** (2017, Adventure) Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Jack Black.				**★★ "Ride Along 2"** (2016) Ice Cube, Kevin Hart. Lawmen James Payton and Ben Barber pursue a Miami drug lord.				**★★ "Ride Along 2"** (2016) Ice Cube, Kevin Hart. Lawmen James Payton and Ben Barber pursue a Miami drug lord.			
GOLF	82	**(2:00) PGA Tour Golf**	**PGA TOUR: The CUT**	**School of Golf**	**The Skill Code**	**Golf's Greatest Rounds** In a tournament he's won only once, Tiger Woods had to call on all his powers to win this time.				**Golf's Greatest Rounds** In a tournament he's won only once, Tiger Woods had to call on all his powers to win this time.			
HALL	72	**"Surprised by Love"** (2015, Romance) Hilarie Burton. A young businesswoman starts falling for an old high-school flame.				**"In the Key of Love"** (2019) Laura Osnes, Scott Michael Foster. A singer abandons her career to run a family business.				**The Golden Girls**	**The Golden Girls**	**The Golden Girls**	**The Golden Girls**
HGTV	46	**Love It or List It** A couple buys the house next door.		**Love It or List It** Stew and Alan want space to entertain.		**Love It or List It** Includes behind-the-scenes pop-up facts.		**Unsellable Houses** (N)	**Unsellable Houses** (N)	**House Hunters** (N)	**House Hunters International**	**Caribbean Life** (N)	**Caribbean Life** (N)
HIST	40	**The Curse of Oak Island** "Water Logged"		**The Curse of Oak Island** Rick goes to extreme measures.		**The Curse of Oak Island** "The Turning Point"		**The Curse of Oak Island** Time is running out for the team. (N)		**(:03) The Secret of Skinwalker Ranch** (N)		**(:05) The Secret of Skinwalker Ranch**	
LIFE	23	**Grey's Anatomy** Mark is left in a compromising position.		**Grey's Anatomy** Derek tries to decide how to propose.		**★★ "Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail"** (2009, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Derek Luke. Madea raises hell behind bars.				**(:03) ★★ "Tyler Perry's The Single Moms Club"** (2014, Comedy-Drama) Nia Long, Amy Smart, Cocoa Brown.			
MSNBC	36	**The Beat With Ari Melber** (N)		**MSNBC Live: Decision 2020** (N)		**All In With Chris Hayes** (N)		**The Rachel Maddow Show** (N)		**NBC News Special Report: Coronavirus Pandemic** (N)		**The 11th Hour With Brian Williams** (N)	
NGC	22	**Life Below Zero** Alaskans work to stockpile resources.		**Life Below Zero** "Bear Scare"		**Life Below Zero: Port Protection** "Eyes of the Forest"		**Life Below Zero: Port Protection** "New Blood" (N)		**(:03) Life Below Zero: Port Protection** "Jack of All Trades"		**(:03) Life Below Zero: Port Protection** "New Blood"	
PARMT	57	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**★★ "Shooter"** (2007, Suspense) Mark Wahlberg, Michael Peña, Danny Glover. A wounded sniper plots revenge against those who betrayed him.					**Ink Master** A skull pick threatens the team dynamic. (N)		**★★ "Shooter"** (2007) Mark Wahlberg, Michael Peña.	
TBS	25	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy** "Boys Do Cry"	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**Miracle Workers**	**Conan** Actress Sophie Turner.	**Miracle Workers**
TCM	79	**(:15) ★★ "Take Me Out to the Ball Game"** (1949) Gene Kelly. Vaudevillian ballplayers tangle with a beautiful owner.				**★★ "The Shocking Miss Pilgrim"** (1947, Musical) Betty Grable, Dick Haymes. Premiere.			**(:45) ★★ "Adventure in Baltimore"** (1949) Robert Young. A young feminist shakes up turn-of-the-century Baltimore.				**"The Strawberry Blonde"**
TLC	24	**Little People, Big World** "To Buy Out or Not to Buy Out"		**Little People, Big World** "God Doesn't Make Mistakes"		**Little People, Big World** Zach gets injections for his back. (N)		**Little People, Big World** Amy prepares to move off the farm.		**(:02) 7 Little Johnstons** Trent has health issues.		**(:02) Sweet Home Sextuplets** "Milestones & Meltdowns"	
TNT	26	**(4:45) ★★ "Jack Reacher: Never Go Back"** (2016, Action) Tom Cruise, Cobie Smulders, Aldis Hodge.				**★★ "London Has Fallen"** (2016) Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart. A Secret Service agent must save the captive U.S. president.				**★ "Geostorm"** (2017, Action) Gerard Butler, Jim Sturgess, Abbie Cornish. A worldwide storm threatens humanity.			
USA	27	**(4:44) The Biggest Loser** "Going Solo: Supersized" (N)		**(5:51) The Biggest Loser** "Boosting Morale: Supersized"		**(6:55) The Biggest Loser** "Final Four: Supersized" (N)		**The Biggest Loser** "Finale" (Season Finale) (N)			**(:22) Chrisley Knows Best**	**(9:52) Chrisley Knows Best**	**(:22) Chrisley Knows Best**
WE	71	**Law & Order** "Disciple" Dead girl found in ER lobby.		**Law & Order** "Harm" Divorce attorney suffers assault.		**Law & Order** "Shield" Undercover cop is shot.		**Law & Order** "Juvenile" Columnist is mysteriously shot.		**Law & Order** "Tabula Rasa" Subway train kills professor.		**Law & Order** Mogul overdoses on sex-enhancing drug.	
HBO	518	**(4:50) Big Little Lies**	**Hobbs & Shaw**	**★★ "X-Men: Dark Phoenix"** (2019) James McAvoy. The X-Men unite to save Jean Grey from a powerful force. 'PG-13'				**"The Scheme"** (2020, Documentary) Premiere. A criminal enterprise targets NCAA basketball prospects. 'NR'				**(:05) Westworld** Some do not like what they see.	
MAX	549	**(3:55) ★★★ "Somewhere"**	**(:35) ★ "Date Movie"** (2006, Romance-Comedy) Alyson Hannigan. 'PG-13'			**★★ "The Stepford Wives"** (2004, Comedy) Nicole Kidman, Matthew Broderick. 'PG-13'			**(:35) ★★★ "Biloxi Blues"** (1988, Comedy) Matthew Broderick, Matt Mulhern. A Brooklyn writer goes to boot camp. 'PG-13'				**(:25) "The Rundown"**
SHOW	578	**★★★★ "Platoon"** (1986, War) Tom Berenger, Willem Dafoe. A soldier embarks on a yearlong tour of duty in Vietnam. 'R'				**Homeland** "Threnody(s)" Carrie waits.		**★★ "The Punisher"** (2004, Action) Thomas Jane, Will Patton. An FBI agent seeks revenge for the murder of his family. 'R'				**(:05) Black Monday**	**"Fifty Shades of Black"** 'R'
TMC	598	**(3:45) ★ "Cell"** (2016)	**(:25) ★ "Double Team"** (1997, Adventure) Jean-Claude Van Damme, Dennis Rodman. 'R'			**★★★ "Total Recall"** (1990) Arnold Schwarzenegger. Strange dreams lead an earthling to intergalactic intrigue. 'R'				**★★★★ "The Terminator"** (1984) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A cyborg assassin from the future comes to present-day L.A. 'R'			

Best Bets

8 p.m. on WBRC
Empire

Teri's (Meta Golding) concerns about Andre's (Trai Byers) erratic bursts of temper only escalate as their wedding day arrives in the new episode "Love Me Still." Meanwhile, Cookie (Taraji P. Henson) angrily confronts Giselle (Nicole Ari Parker) after the former makes a shocking discovery while digging into Bossy's finances. Yana (guest star Kiandra Richardson) starts to fall for Lucious (Terrence Howard) again, while Maya (Rhyon Nicole Brown) sets her sights on Hakeem (Bryshere "Yazz" Gray).

8 p.m. on TLC
Little People, Big World

So much has changed since viewers first met and fell in love with the Roloff family 14 years ago, and as this hit reality series returns for Season 20 (!), the familiar characters are swept up in everything from a pregnancy to a major farm renovation. After Matt partially buys out Amy's stake in Roloff Farms, she decides living 500 feet away from her ex-husband isn't working for her anymore, so she sets out to find a new home — and with it, a new life.

8 p.m. on USA
The Biggest Loser

This reboot of a long-running NBC weight-loss competition series has charted a kinder, gentler course for its first season, removing temptations for the contestants and no longer voting players off the show. That doesn't mean the 12 men and women in the mix this season haven't struggled, however, and in tonight's finale, they return to the campus where it all started with host Bob Harper and trainers Steve Cook and Erica Lugo, to reflect on their journey before the winner is announced.

9 p.m. on WBIQ
Frontline

For anyone who has taken pains to dispose of plastics separately from non-recyclable garbage, the new episode "Plastic Wars" may cause a sharp rise in blood pressure. The program investigates what is really going on with what seems to be our constantly growing mountains of plastic waste. Among the questions to be answered: What did industry insiders know about the environmental and public health problems of plastic, and when did they know it? Even more infuriating, is recycling really just a way to sell more plastic?

9 p.m. on OWN
If Loving You Is Wrong

As this soapy melodrama opens its fifth and final season, producers promise fans they can look forward to the most explosive story lines ever, packed with one mystery after another before ultimately arriving at an unforgettable series finale. In tonight's season premiere, "An Old Skeleton," a long-suppressed family secret comes dancing out of a local closet. April Parker Jones, Amanda Clayton, Edwina Findley, Heather Hemmens and Charles Malik Whitfield star.

9:02 p.m. on TLC
7 Little Johnstons

The hit reality series returns for — hey! — its seventh season, once again picking things up at a pivotal time for the clan, as the oldest children are navigating that emotionally intense transition period from adolescence into young adulthood. Jonah's struggling with his grades as he nears the end of his college freshman year. Anna's about to graduate high school and leave home for the first time, while Elizabeth wraps up her junior year with an unexpectedly romantic prom date.

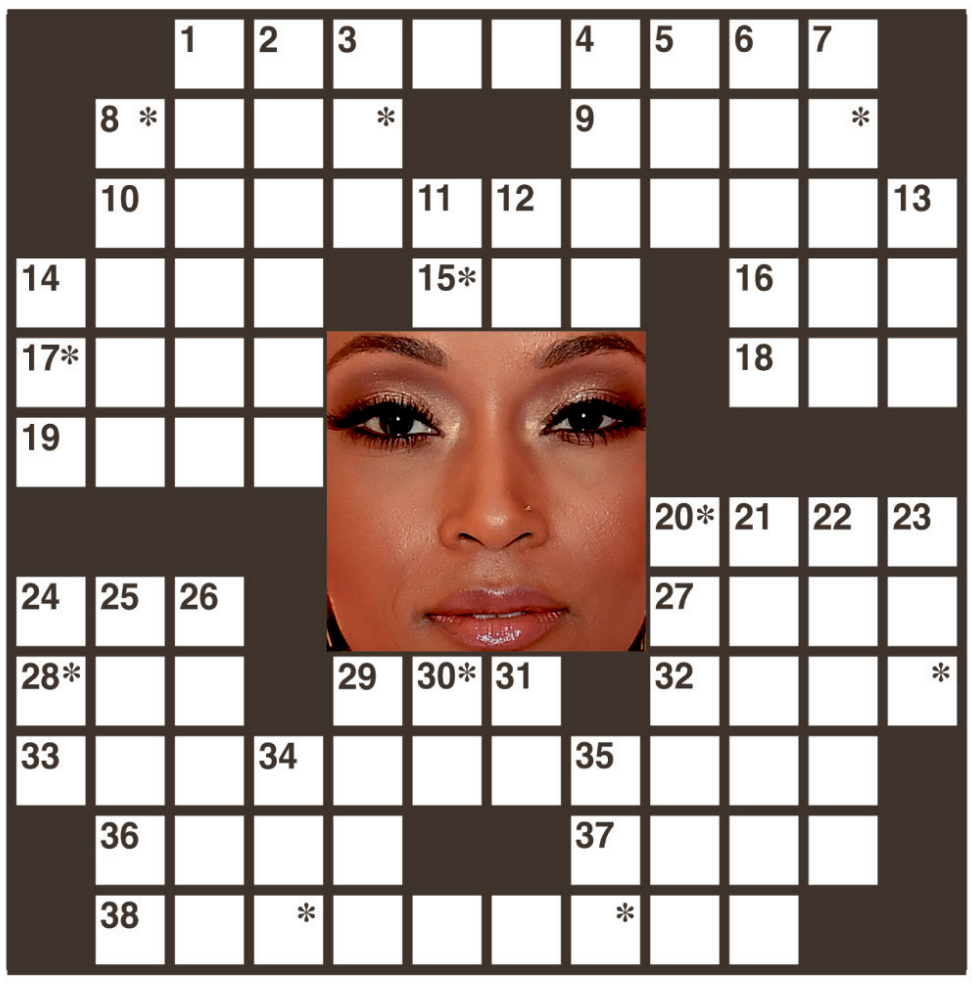
9:03 p.m. on HIST
The Secret of Skinwalker Ranch

This new one-hour nonfiction series gains virtually unlimited access to the titular 512-acre property in the Uinta Basin of Utah, a locale reputed to be a hot-spot for paranormal and UFO-related activity. Using cutting-edge technology that includes new laser tech and ground-penetrating radar and drone thermography, the show's production team applies hard science to its exploration of heretofore unexplained activity at an area some call "UFO Alley."



Bob Harper hosts "The Biggest Loser" on USA Network.

CROSSWORD



The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

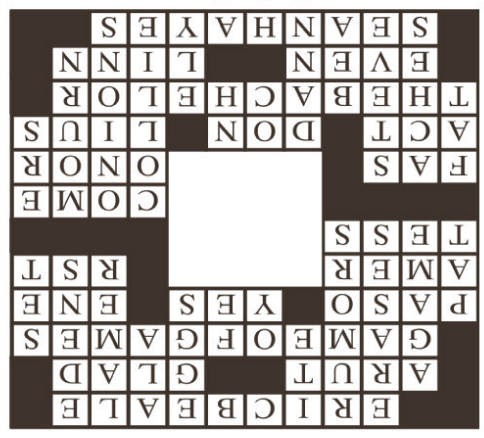
ACROSS

1. "NCIS: Los Angeles" role (2)
8. In __ __; mired by routine
9. Pleased
10. "Ellen's __ __ __"
14. "El __"; John Payne western film
15. "Say __ to the Dress"
16. 90 degrees from NNW
17. Of the U.S.A.: abbr.
18. File drawer, perhaps
19. Della Reese's "Touched by an Angel" role
20. "Here __ the Brides" (1968-70)
24. Musical notes
27. __ __ about; approximately
28. "Carol's Second __"
29. Adams or Johnson
32. Lucy and others
33. Chris Harrison's series (2)
36. Get __; seek revenge
37. Rex of "CSI: Miami"
38. Actor on "Will & Grace" (2)

DOWN

1. Gets rid of errors
2. Bits of gossip
3. Ending for meteor or social
4. Breakfast order
5. Channing Tatum's state of birth: abbr.
6. Like a poorer excuse
7. Barbara and others
8. "Sherlock Holmes: __ __ of Shadows"; 2011 film
11. Comment from Nanny Fine
12. "Santa __ Trail"; movie for Errol Flynn
13. __ up; arrange
14. Boone or Benatar
20. Lassie, for one
21. Chili dog topper, for some
22. Grieve
23. Syllables of hesitation
24. "My Big __ Greek Life"
25. Fibromyalgia symptoms
26. Allen or Martin
29. Actor Florek
30. "The __"; 2003-07 series for Adam Brody
31. Concord's place: abbr.
34. __ Arthur
35. Actor Ron __

Solution
Yaya DaCosta



Commission on Aging

Senior Citizen Medication Delivery

The Cullman County Commission on Aging will now deliver medications to senior citizens of Cullman County free of charge. There is no obligation and the only requirements are to be 60 or older.

Certain medications will be unavailable for pick-up and payment arrangements must be made with your pharmacy. It is encouraged that you contact your pharmacy first. We look forward to continuing to serve Cullman County and its senior citizens any way possible. For more information, contact the Commission on Aging at 256-734-1241.

Obituary Announcements March 31

Mrs. Ann Meyer Bailey, 78, of Hanceville, Alabama passed away peacefully Tuesday March 24, 2020 surrounded by her family. She was born March 31,1941 in Cullman, Alabama to Maximillian Johann and Gladys Keller Meyer. Mrs. Bailey is survived by daughters Gina Bailey McKell and Beth (Tom) Pappas; and grandchildren Bailey McKell (Griff) Waller, Charlie (Rachel) McKell, Leah Pappas, Bethany Pappas, and Sally Ann Pappas. Mrs. Bailey was preceded in death by her beloved husband Dr. James C. Bailey; her parents; and brother: Johnny "Tonk" Max Meyer. Everyone knew Mrs. Bailey's love for flowers, with her spending many years in the florist business. If you wish, you may honor her by sending flowers or make a contribution to St Paul's Lutheran Church, Cullman, Alabama. The family had a private graveside service Friday, March 27, 2020 at Hopewell Cemetery. A Celebration of Life service will be announced and held at a later date. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Bailey family.

Carol Dean Goodwin of Cullman passed away Friday, March 27, 2020 at the age of 70. A public viewing time will be available Wednesday, April 1, 2020 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Only a few people will be able to come in at a time. A private graveside service will be held after the viewing. Moss Service Funeral Home is directing. Condolences and special memories may be shared with her family at www.mossservicefh.com.

Virgil Henry was born Nov. 23, 1918 in Cullman, AL and passed away March 23, 2020.

Thomas Lee Clayton was born June 26, 1990 in Birmingham, AL and passed away March 28, 2020.

"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged, but has crossed over from death to life." John 5:24 On Friday, March 27 at 8:45 a.m. in Arab, Alabama, **Elizabeth Chase Buccellato (Beth)**, born July 15, 1961 in San Diego, CA, passed on to a bright, beautiful, and unencumbered heavenly life and into the arms of her eternally beloved parents, Jimmy and Betty Chase. Beth lived a life surrounded by loved ones who treasured her laughter, her creativity, her eye for design, her All American (Marcia Brady) beauty, and her many good years of love. Predeceased by her parents Jimmy and Betty Chase of Cleveland, TN, Beth leaves behind to mourn her tragic loss her loyal and kind husband and caregiver Joseph Buccellato in Arab, AL; her daughter Sarah Beth Clayton, in Cartersville, GA (her husband Kyle, 4-year-old son Wyatt and 1-year-old daughter Hayes); her son Chase W. Ramsey in Nashville, TN (his wife, Andrea, and 9-month-old son Owen); stepson Joel Buccellato in Burlington, NC; sister Lili Houchens (with brother-in-law Steve and nieces Ruby, Ellie, and Camille) in Charlottesville, VA; brother Lans Chase (with sister-in-law Drea and nephew Landon) in Acworth, GA; Uncle Dean and Aunt June Chase (and Dean Chase cousins and grand cousins) in Cleveland, TN; Aunts Harrison Cotham and Sally Griggs of Nashville, TN; her Uncle, Dr. Mack Kerley in Atlanta, GA; Paul Ramsey; her sweet dog Theo and many friends in Tennessee and Alabama. The beautiful memories flood the hearts of Beth's loved ones... the years of caring and nurturing motherhood; thrift store shopping and cruising with Joe; laughter and cookouts by her parents' pool; watching Beth's much-loved favorite movie "You've Got Mail"; Joy Street antics with siblings, cousins, and friends; shopping at Beth's unique and eclectic store Vintage Vogue; getting Beth's interior design advice; sunny vacations to the beaches that Beth loved; and many more lovely memories that will surface in time. Joe, Sarah Beth and Chase along with the entire Chase family look forward to celebrating Beth's life with all her loved ones in Summer 2020 in Cleveland, TN. Beth's ashes will be spread in all her favorite places and ultimately laid to rest at Fort Hill Cemetery in Cleveland, TN. Condolences may be posted on Beth's life tribute wall at www.cullmanheritage.com or mailed to Beth's Family at 2553 N. Brindle Mt. Pkwy, Arab, AL 35016.

A private graveside service for William Randall "Randy" Wilkins, 60, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at Antioch Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Wilkins passed away Friday, March 27, 2020 at Huntsville Hospital. He was born Dec. 2, 1959 in Cullman, AL to Bertis and Miriam Wilkins. Randy answered his true calling in life, serving as an educator of Agri-Science at Arab High School and Holly Pond High School for a combined total of over 30 years. Proclaimed by many former students as having a large positive impact both inside and outside of the classroom, Randy always rejoiced in the accomplishments of former students, cherishing their friendships. Most importantly, Randy was a servant of the Lord. Randy was a proud believer, raising his family in a Christian home, and leading his children to have relationships with the Lord Jesus Christ. A firm believer in the Church, Randy was a loyal servant to Antioch Baptist Church for the bulk of his life. Randy's true joy in life was undoubtedly his family. In addition to being an adoring husband to his wife Pam for 34 years, he was also a tremendous role model and provider for his two children. Perhaps his most favorite title later in life was Papa to his granddaughter, Stella. Although taken too early, Randy lived a full life and made a remarkably positive impact on all those he touched. Randy will be sorely missed by his family, friends, and the community. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Karen Wilkins. Survivors include his wife Pam Wilkins; daughter Ashley (Ross) Henderson; son Corey (Kallie) Wilkins; grandchild Stella Henderson; two grandchildren on the way, Baby Wilkins due in April and Baby Henderson due in September; brother Charles (Barbara) Wilkins; sister Elaine (Chris) Edwards; sister Dianne Faye; and a host of nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Randy Wilkins Memorial Scholarship Fund at Merchants Bank of Alabama. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a student at Holly Pond High School who desires to pursue a degree in the Agriculture field. An additional service of the celebration of Randy's life will be held at a later date for all to attend.

Graveside services for Lola Faye Shedd, 75, of Baileyton were at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, 2020 at Rosewell Creek Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Shedd passed away Friday, March 27, 2020 at her residence. She was born July 14, 1944 to Austin Lee and Lola Mae Howell. She is preceded in death by her parents; two sisters; and two brothers. Survivors include her husband Roy Shedd; daughter Beverly (Anthony) Ray; grandchildren Kimberly (Shane) Gregory, Brittany (Harvey) Foster, Jared Carr; and 10 great-grandchildren. A private family viewing was held prior to burial.

Stephen Craig Lindsey, 59, of Vinemont passed away Sunday, March 29, 2020 at Grandview Medical Center. He was born Sept. 17, 1960, to Raymond Lindsey and Geraldine Cooper. He was preceded in death by his grandfather Buddy Cooper and a nephew. Survivors include his sons Jason Lindsey, Kevin Lindsey, and Alex Lindsey; father Raymond (Louise) Lindsey; mother Geraldine Cooper; brothers Neal (Vanessa) Lindsey and Todd Lindsey; grandchildren Emma Lindsey and Gavin Lindsey; significant other Veronica McElveen; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

A private family graveside service for Esther Glaser Kidd Williams, 100, of Cullman was at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, 2020 at Cullman City Cemetery, Rev. John Bussman and Rev. Christopher Clark officiating. Cullman Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Williams passed away Friday, March 27, 2020. She was born Dec. 9, 1919 to Alfred R. and Anna Belle Allison Glaser. She was the oldest member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. She loved children and taught Pre-First Grade there for eight years. She loved gardening. She believed in what her mother said, "I may wear out, but I'll never rust out!" She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands Bernard L. Kidd and E. Mason Williams; and brothers and sisters Alfred R. Glaser, Edward C. Glaser, Rosa E. Lee, Ruth M. Reid, and Anna Sue Dean. Survivors include her daughter Patricia Kidd Teague; sister Marjorie F. Kreps; granddaughter Allison Lynn (Paul) Keller; honorary grandson Joshua L. Teague; family and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to any local hospice. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Sue Carolyn Rowell, 75, of Haleyville entered into rest Sunday, March 29, 2020 at her residence. Mrs. Rowell was born Jan. 22, 1945 in Marion County. Private services will be held. Sue Carolyn is survived by her husband Bobby Rowell; daughter Heather Cantrell; grandson David Cantrell; and granddaughter Samantha Rowell. She was preceded in death by her father JR Henderson; mother Rachel Guined Hughes; brother Jim Henderson; and son Heath Ray Rowell.

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OPINION

The Sovereignty of God, no. 11

Tom Fillinger
Tribune Columnist

Today we continue in our study of the Sovereignty of God.

How blessed to know that our very *afflictions* come not by chance, nor from the Devil—but are ordained and ordered by God, "That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are *appointed* thereunto" (1 Thess. 3:3)!

But our God is not only infinite in **power**, He is infinite in **wisdom** and **goodness** too.

And herein is the preciousness of this truth. God wills only that which is good—and His will is irreversible and irresistible! God is too wise to err—and too loving to cause His child a needless tear.

Therefore, if God is perfect in wisdom, and perfect in goodness—how blessed is the assurance that everything is in His hand, and, molded by His will according to His eternal purpose! "If He snatches away, who can stop Him? Who can say to Him, 'What are You doing?'" (Job 9:12).

Yet, how comforting to learn that it is "He", and not the Devil, who "takes away" our loved ones! Ah! what peace for our poor frail hearts to be told that the number of our days is with Him (Job 7:1; 14:5); that *disease* and *death* are His messengers, and always march under His orders; that it is the Lord who gives—and the Lord who *takes away*!

7. The doctrine of God's sovereignty begets a spirit of *sweet resignation*.
To bow before the sovereign will of God, is one of the great secrets of peace and happiness.

There can be no real submission with contentment, until we are broken in spirit, that is, until we are willing and glad for the Lord to have His way with us.

Not that we are insisting upon a spirit of fatalistic acquiescence; far from it.

The saints are exhorted to "prove what is the good and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2).

We touched upon this subject of resignation to God's will in the chapter upon our *attitude towards God's Sovereignty*; and there, in addition to the *supreme Pattern*, we cited the examples of Eli and Job. We would now supplement their cases with further *examples*.

What a word is that in Leviticus 10:3, "And *Aaron* held his peace."

Look at the circumstances, "Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu took their censers, put fire in them and added incense; and they offered unauthorized fire before the Lord.

You may reach me at info@igniteus.net, or call 803-413-3509. I am available to speak at your church or to serve as interim pastor.

OPINION

Op-ed: A war with an invisible enemy

Randall Shedd
Contributor

The coronavirus pandemic has been called a war with an invisible enemy.

The Greatest Generation taught us to win a war; we have to be "all in" and we can win this one that way, too!

Legislators begin each week with a conference call with Governor Ivey and her team to work together to address the coronavirus pandemic.

Today, Alabama has 821 cases and 15 deaths.
We have a big concern about the potential for hospitalization surge during the next two weeks, depending on the success of social distancing.

Legislators are given the opportunity to submit questions to the governor at conference calls. I submitted two questions to Governor Ivey at our first conference call.

One - Could Alabama's automotive manufacturers switch to producing ventilators for Alabama hospitals?

Two - Could we identify a large number of Alabama manufacturers that could switch to producing masks and protective garments for Alabama healthcare employees and first responders?

Governor Ivey's office quickly looked into these questions and results were:
One - It would be a long and time-consuming process for Alabama's automotive manufacturers to change to medical ventilator production.

Two - Governor Ivey's office has been and continues to work the phones and manufacturing contacts to address the medical supply needs in our state.

Today's conference call revealed a good report on my second question.

Governor Ivey's "Business and Manufacturing Alliance (BAMA)" identified 34 Alabama companies that can potentially produce PPE/equipment to protect Alabama's healthcare employees and first responders.

Companies in Bessemer, Birmingham, Dekalb County, Eufaula, Guntersville and Mobile.

Alabama native and Apple CEO Tim Cook has donated 100,000 N95s and 120,000 surgical masks to Alabama.

Due to the state's order to postpone elective surgery, currently the hospital occupancy is down. This helps in preparation for the hospitalization surge expected during the next two weeks.

Hospital beds are being added across the state with the help of the Corp of Engineers.

Mental Health continues operations through tele-therapy and directly when necessary.

The Alabama National Guard is on standby with 12,000 soldiers and airmen.

Economic impact
A new interactive website will be operational this week (Together Alabama) and will be the most advanced in the Southeast, with capability for people to ask specific questions and be answered.

Obviously, people and businesses are hurting financially. I've been concerned about information overload, so I think this website will be helpful to get individual questions answered.

State budgets will be impacted, but the first six months of the fiscal year have been strong and with reserve funds in place, we don't expect proration this year.

Once this pandemic is under control, I believe our state will bounce back. It may take a little time, but we will bounce back!

Extreme measures have been implemented to try prevent the spread. Please, let's all do our part.

There's one thing more precious than gold — breathing!

Thank y'all for letting me represent you in Montgomery!

Sincerely,

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Recreation (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – As kids and many parents are stuck at home for the time being, folks are seeking free or low-cost opportunities to combat boredom, promote activity and get some fresh air. Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism (CPRST) and Cullman County Parks and Recreation (CCPR) outdoor facilities have seen an upsurge in usage, with some- particularly Hurricane Creek Park and Smith Lake Park- seeing large crowds that have some Tribune readers raising concerns about social distancing.

On Monday morning, CPRST and CCPR reached out jointly to The Tribune to make sure Cullmanites know about all of their continuing opportunities for outdoor recreation, and to advise on safe usage of the facilities.

CPRST has walking trails open at:
- Hurricane Creek Park
- Duck River Reservoir
- Heritage Park
- Art Park
- East Side Park (Lions Club Park)

All walking trails are free admission, and are open from sunrise to sunset. For more details, visit https://cullmanrecreation.org/parks/.

CPRST Director Zac Wood told The Tribune, "We obviously want everybody to still be able to get outside. And, you know, that's based on (CDC) guidelines.

"They're still saying if you can, get outside, enjoy- away from each other, obviously."

Wood added later, "Until we get further word that we've got to shut down further, from the State or from our local government, the mayor, or the State or even the Feds, we're just kind of taking it day to day. It's a very fluid situation, and we're going to do what they tell us to do."

CCPR has trails open at:
- Smith Lake Park
- Stony Lonesome OHV Park
- Sportsman Lake Park
- Clarkson Covered Bridge

For details, visit www.cullmancountyparks.com.

In a message to The Tribune, CCPR Director Doug Davenport wrote, "Due to COVID-19, our playgrounds, cabins, and pavilion rentals are temporarily closed.

"Please check our social media/website for updates as we are constantly evaluating our situation.

"All of our walking trails and concession stands are still open to serve you.

"Please make sure to follow all safety precautions when visiting our parks. We apologize for the inconvenience, but the health and safety of our guests, staff, and community are our top priority!"

Safety first
When visiting one of the area's parks, CPRST advises:

- Refrain from using parks or trails if you or someone in your household are exhibiting symptoms.

- Follow CDC's guidelines on personal hygiene prior to, during and after use of parks or trails.

- Pack disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer!

- Be aware that park public restrooms and water fountains are temporarily closed.

- While on trails, warn other visitors of your presence as you pass, as well as step aside and let others pass.

- Follow CDC guidance on the recommended size of social gatherings, including picnicking.

- Observe CDC's minimum recommended social distancing of six feet from other individuals at all times. If this is not possible, visitors should find an alternate location or park.

- Consult local and state ordinances and guidelines for the most up-to-date recommendations on park and trails use.

CPRST's pointers on enjoying a park while social distancing:
- Picnic lunch under a vacant tree, pavilion or in a field.

- Chalk time: let your imagination soar along our park pathways.

- Story time in the park: read a book on a blanket, or bring foldable chairs.

- Scavenger hunt or I-Spy during a nature walk.

- Fly a kite, teach your kids how to ride a bike, play hopscotch . . . be creative!

General precautions:
- Stay home as much as possible.

- When in public, keep at least six feet away from others.

- Clean and wash your hands often.

- Avoid poorly ventilated areas and large crowds.

- Clean and disinfect your home frequently.

- Avoid touching your face, nose and eyes.

- Only seek advice from trusted sources, including local public health agencies and the CDC.

Market (from Front)

produce through this online platform, the customer does not need to stand in line with the crowd and can just pick up the order at the North Alabama Agriplex every Wednesday."

The Agriplex is also accepting feedback about how this distribution method can be improved.

The Agriplex is located at 1714 Tally Ho Street, Cullman.

The Agriplex's website (http://agriplex.org/WPtest/) also offers links to the online market, announcements and registration regarding special events, and a selection of ideas for parents to entertain their kids during the extended stay at home.

Torture (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) investigators on Sunday arrested Aaron Anthony Stites, 26, of Hanceville for first-degree assault and torture/willful abuse of a child.

According to a media release from the CCSO, "Investigators conducted a short investigation Sunday afternoon where it was medically determined that Mr. Stites shook the child causing seizures and brain trauma."

The CCSO said due to the graphic nature of the crime and the crime involving a child, there is limited information it can release.

"As I have said before, we have made it a priority to care for those who cannot care and fight for themselves," said Sheriff Matt Gentry. "When someone injures a child there isn't a punishment severe enough for them to receive."

The CCSO worked in cooperation with the Cullman County District Attorney's Office and the Cullman County Department of Human Resources.

Center Hill (from Front)

ing home but didn't know what we could do, you know, how could we reach out to them, because we knew we couldn't go inside the nursing home . . . And she's the one who said, 'Well, why don't y'all come sing outside the nursing home?' So we loved that idea."

While at the nursing home, the group set up first on one side of the building and then on the other, singing as a group. Deacon Richard Jesse read scriptures, and Heath Riggs led prayer.

The church is next planning another activity bag distribution, this time with an Easter theme, on the Saturday before Easter.

Why do it?
Heath Riggs answered, "You probably have seen it on Facebook, so I guess we're all using this phrase, that the Church is not this building; you know, His sons and daughters, His people are the Church.

"We're just trying to be the hands and feet.

"It all goes back to scripture and just trying to, even though all we can do is livestream now, we're thinking about a drive-in: bring the church members in, in their cars and I'll be out at the pavilion, and that kind of thing.

"But we're just still trying to show that, during a pandemic like this- the Coronavirus- that we can still minister and love on people, be the hands and feet of Christ.

"Again, we've got a beautiful building that God has blessed us with, but just like all the other churches, we're the church, and so that's what it's about."



