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STATE

State calls for retired medical professionals, medical students to help respond to COVID-19; Wallace State students already active

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The Governor's Office of Volunteer Services (GOVS) recently put out a call for volunteers among retired medical professionals and medical students to put their names in a database of available reserve personnel to support the current active medical workforce as needed. The press release reads:

GOVS seeks health care professional volunteers to serve during the COVID-19 outbreak

The Governor's Office of Volunteer Services (GOVS), through its partnership with the Alabama Department of Public Healthy [sic.] (ADPH), announces its newly launched Alabama ReadyOp program.

This program will collect volunteers and potential reserve staff information and send out alerts in the event that the help of qualified retired health professionals, medical students and related professionals is needed to support efforts related to COVID-19.

Alabama ReadyOP is a communication tool developed to operate with the goal of sending alerts and sharing public-health-related information quickly and efficiently. As a contact within the ReadyOp system, volunteers will receive alerts directly from the GOVS.

Alabama ReadyOP is currently seeking recently retired, part-time health professionals and medical students, related professionals and lay people to sign up. The program is also seeking health-care providers whose offices are closed due to COVID-19 and can offer assistance at this time.

GOVS will distribute alerts submitted by ADPH to volunteers based on the severity level through several communications channels. Volunteers can sign up to receive the alerts by visiting www.servealabama.gov/alabamareadyop.

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– LOCAL GOVERNMENT –

Cullman Council considering $1.5M loan to HomTex for expanded mask production



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Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs wears one of HomTex's reusable masks at Monday's council meeting. » PAGE 8

FEATURE

Sharp rise in domestic violence during quarantine

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CULLMAN, Ala. – On Friday, Cullman Police Chief Kenny Culpepper reported to The Tribune that cases of domestic violence are on the rise around Cullman, as families become more confined to their homes under the stress of uncertainty.

Said Culpepper, "As people are having to spend more time with each other, when they can't go out and there's nothing to do if they do go out, the tension becomes more likely to lead to domestic violence."

By the numbers

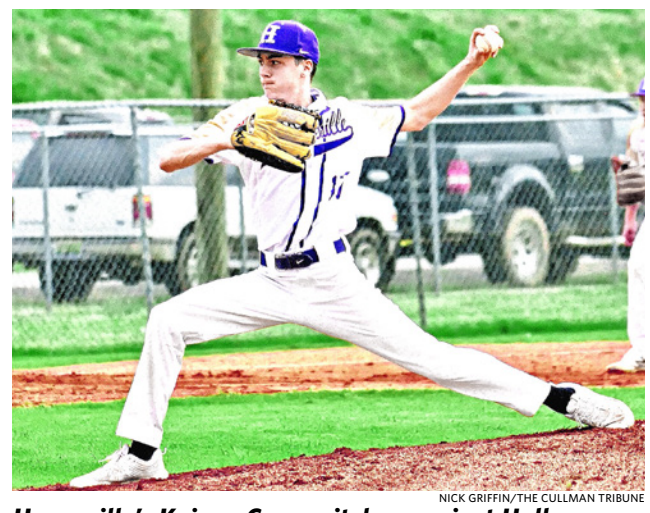
A review of Cullman area crime statistics from March shows that rates of domestic violence incidents have increased, along with other named crimes that often involve domestic issues, including harassment, menacing and violation of protective orders.

From March 1-15, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) recorded 23 domestic violence incidents and 18 related incidents, while the Cullman Police Department (CPD) recorded six domestic violence incidents and five related incidents.

Around and following that time:

- On March 12, Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs issued his first official statement on COVID-19, saying the city government was watching and preparing.

- The following day Cullman Regional Medical Center (CRMC) implemented restrictions on patient visitation as Gov. » PAGE 8



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Hanceville's Kainen Cruce pitches against Holly Pond on March 16, the last day of the 2020 season.

PREP BASEBALL

Cruce brothers overcome tragedy on the diamond

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Sports are often used as a way to escape the stresses of everyday life. We are learning to love sports now more than ever as the spread of coronavirus continues to force cancellations or postponements of seemingly every event, sports or otherwise, around the globe. However, there are some people who already knew the value of sports and the relief they can provide during tough times. Hanceville's Kainen and Gaiven Cruce are two brothers that have learned to appreciate that as much as anyone. After their mother, Brandy, was killed in a car accident nine years ago when the boys were 11 and nine years old respectively, Gaiven and Kainen were dealt a difficult hand early in their lives. With their father spending time in and out of prison, the brothers have spent most of the time living with their grandparents, but one part of their lives remained the same, baseball.

The Cruce brothers have been playing ball since they could pick up a bat but in all the years that Kainen has spent on the field, his favorite was the one year he and Gaiven played together at Hanceville High School.

"I've got pictures of us from a long time ago and we both started with playing tee-ball. So, we've always been playing baseball," Kainen said. "My freshman year playing at Hanceville he was a senior, so I only got to play one year with him, but I was able to start and pitch that year so that was nice. I would say my freshman year was probably the most fun year I had playing because I got to play with him."

Cruce has always had the most fun playing when he's on the mound. He got off to a hot start at the plate this year too but controlling the game and facing down batters is what he loves most.

"I've always pitched, pitching is my » PAGE 4

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Businesses applying for federal aid can receive Certificates of Existence through SOS office

Grace Newcombe
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Federal resources have been made available to support businesses during the coronavirus pandemic to assist with tax relief, employee protection and benefits, loans and grants, and many other challenges business owners may encounter.

In order to be eligible for this federal aid, some corporations and businesses may be required to prove their existence as part of their application.

Certificates of Existence can be obtained through visiting the Alabama Secretary of State's website.

For immediate processing, business owners can apply online to receive their Certificate of Existence electronically.

The non-subscriber fee is $28 and will allow a user to download their copy for up to 15 days.

If you are completing the request for a Certificate of Existence by paper, you may access the application here (www.sos.alabama.gov/sites/default/files/2019-12/sosfdf-2.pdf).

Once completed, the application, along with the $25 filing fee, should be mailed to the Secretary of State's Business Services Division (P.O. Box 5616, Montgomery, Alabama 36103) in order to be processed.

Please note that those who apply online will not receive a mailed copy.

Rather, a copy can be downloaded online and then printed out.

Certificates of Existence are only available for businesses who have previously filed for formation with the Secretary of State's Office.

If you have not yet filed, you are still able to do so through visiting our website.

Please be reminded that this documentation may also be required to process loan applications by lending institutions, banks, credit unions, farm credit, or public accountants.

For questions or concerns, please contact our Business Services Division at 334-242-7221 or 334-242-5324.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 6

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 6, 2020. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

March 31

- trespassing, harassment; Schwaiger Road
- domestic violence, trespassing; Industrial Park Road
- domestic violence; CR 1577
- domestic violence; CR 1192
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; Hwy. 291
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 1658
- attempting to elude, harassment, possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 S, MM299
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 698
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1136
- domestic violence; CR 516
- harassment; CR 46
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 109

April 1

- criminal mischief, theft of property; Hwy. 31
- theft of property; CR 1354
- theft of property; CR 1545
- assault; CR 796
- trespassing; CR 1669
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1316
- domestic violence; CR 436
- theft of property; CR 1214
- illegal possession of prescription drugs, unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 W
- domestic violence; CR 796
- theft of property; Reid Road
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, harassment, violation of a protection order, CR 149
- harassment; Hwy. 69 S

April 2

- theft of property; CR 1150
- domestic violence; CR 1212
- harassment; CR 1825

April 3

- unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1224
- domestic violence; CR 1292
- theft of property; Hwy. 31
- theft of property; CR 715

April 4

- harassment; Hwy. 69 N
- domestic violence; CR 216
- theft of property; CR 1545
- harassment; CR 1043
- harassment; CR 1447
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 N
- domestic violence; Hwy. 278 E
- assault; CR 1088, CR 1087
- domestic violence; CR 584
- domestic violence; CR 1269

April 5

- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; CR 813
- harassment; Midfield Drive
- theft of property; CR 1068
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 1573
- theft of property, criminal mischief; CR 1224
- harassment; CR 1570
- domestic violence; CR 1301
- menacing; CR 1548
- domestic violence; White Oak Loop

ARRESTS

April 2

Johnson, Johnny Wayne, 35

- judge's order- possession of drug paraphernalia
- judge's order- possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- judge's order- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Oden, Billy Edward, 27

- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Shikle, William Carlton, 32

- FTA- third-degree burglary
- FTA- third-degree criminal mischief
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- first-degree theft of property

Spiegel, Michael James, 31

- public intoxication

April 3-5

Harding, Adam Warren, 21

- DUI- .08 BAC or greater
- illegal possession of alcohol in a dry county

James, Jason Ray, 43

- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Madaris, Ashley Nicole, 26

- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Reese, Christopher Nicholas, 31

- public intoxication
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Riggs, Britany Hope, 28

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Roberson Jr., David Richard, 37

- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Twilley, Natisha Mahalie, 41

- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

April 2

- fourth-degree theft of property; person; tag; $20

April 3

- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $108
- fourth-degree theft of property, third-degree criminal trespassing; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $47
- fourth-degree theft of proprety; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; golf club; $40
- fourth-degree theft of proprety; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $89
- third-degree criminal mischief; Rainbow Food Mart; 4th St. SW; damaged pole; $250

April 4

- leaving the scene of an accident; person; Cherokee Ave. SW, Compass Way SW; damage to '13 Honda CRV; $1,000
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; lawn mower; $323
- fourth-degree theft of property; Conoco; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $136
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $98

April 5

- first-degree theft of property, unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; 2nd Ave. SW; '06 Chevrolet Avalanche; $9,000
- fourth-degree theft of property; Dollar General; 4th St. SW; lotion; $10
- harassing communications; person

ARRESTS

April 3

Beasley, Janet R., 43

- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (3 counts)
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance (2 counts)
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- first-degree possession of a forged instrument

Koshowsky, Donly K., 29

- disorderly conduct

Brown, Christopher C., 31

- possession of drug paraphernalia

Grant, Jonica B., 24

- DUI- controlled substance
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

April 4

Ramerez, Jesus D., 20

- minor in possession/consumption of alcoholic beverages

Ramirez, Angel, 24

- DUI

Evans, Travis W., 54

- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle
- third-degree theft of property

Riggs, Britany H., 28

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

Gordon, Brett M., 27

- fourth-degree theft of property
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Guthery, Trey B., 26

- fourth-degree theft of property

April 5

Lay, Rachel L., 29

- first-degree theft of property
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle

Prudhomme, Jeffrey S., 47

- DUI

Brooks, Oliver T., 36

- disorderly conduct

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to MARLENE CARVER as Personal Representative of the Estate of EVELYN FAYE STEWART, deceased, on the 20th day of March, 2020, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

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PREP BASKETBALL

Cold Springs standout Elizabeth Hill headed to Montevallo

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BREMEN, Ala. – After racking up over 2,000 career points, earning First Team All-State honors two years in a row, helping lead the Lady Eagles to a state title and a state runner-up finish the last two seasons and collecting back to back 2A Player of the Year awards, Cold Springs' Elizabeth Hill is now preparing for the next stage of her athletic career. The Lady Eagles standout will be joining a pair of local stars, Cullman's AK Eastman and West Point's Miriam Oldacre, at the University of Montevallo next season to play for the Falcons and Head Coach Gary Van Atta.

Cold Springs Head Coach Tammy West has seen Hill collect a lot of accolades in her years with the Lady Eagles and she's excited for this next stage of her career but knows she will be missed at the same time.

"I'm extremely proud of Elizabeth. She has overcome so much adversity to get where she is today. I am so excited to see what she will accomplish at the next level. Elizabeth is a rare talent," West said.

"She will be missed by everyone who has been following her during her career at Cold Springs. Lucky for us she will remain close to home. Montevallo is getting a great player in Elizabeth."

Hill has developed a good relationship with the coaches and players at Montevallo during the recruiting process. She's looking forward to growing as a player at the college level while also being able to stay close to home.

"It's great because I've already had the chance to play with several of the other girls before in AAU. I really like Coach Van Atta, he is a great guy and I feel like he can help me become a better player," Hill said. "I just loved Montevallo when I got to go visit. Right when I left, I wanted to go back. I will be close to my family also!"

Hill has had a chance to play against some of her new teammates as well. She'll be on a roster with former West Point and Cullman standouts Miriam Oldacre and AK Eastman and she thinks that familiarity will only help them now that they are playing together.

"Yeah for sure. It helps that we already know each other's game and have seen each other play."

While Hill is obviously excited to get back on the court and compete with a new team at a new school, she admits that she had a great four years at Cold Springs and will miss her time there with her team and her community.

"I'm looking forward to playing in college because it will push me even more and I will get to experience and grow a lot," Hill said. "I'll miss everything about Cold Springs. I'll miss my coaches and teammates for sure and just the community we have is unbelievable. I couldn't have asked for a better four years."



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cold Springs' Elizabeth Hill

A Final 4 run to remember: Virginia

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – Bruce Pearl refuses to ask, "What if?" What if an official had called Virginia's double-dribble violation in the final seconds with Auburn leading by two? What if an official hadn't called a foul that sent Virginia to the line for three free throws with less than a second on the clock?

Auburn's coach won't look back, not even when the replay is right in front of him.

"The other night, the game was on CBS, a rerun," Pearl said. "I watched it for a few minutes, and I turned it off. I couldn't watch it. That wasn't God's plan. God carried us, and we gave him the glory in victory and defeat, and that was His plan, and I'm not going to complain. We felt blessed. We felt grateful."

Reaching the Final Four for the first time in program history, Auburn came within one second of playing for the national championship when Virginia's Kyle Guy made three free throws to defeat the Tigers 63-62, a loss that motivated Auburn on its way to a 25-6 encore season in 2019-20.

"You walk in our locker room, the first sign in the locker room is 'Unfinished Business,'" Pearl said. "The first thing as you walk in. The first placard you see is 'Unfinished Business.' That had a lot to do with how each team has come back the following year feeling like we have unfinished business. That plaque's staying up."

It took Pearl only five seasons to lead Auburn to a place the Tigers had never been.

"I love Auburn and we're an everything school," he said. "Academically. We've got the happiest students in the country. With our sports teams, men's and women's. I felt a sense of finally adding to that greatness. Felt a real sense of accomplishment that we were able to get our basketball program up to the level that the rest of the university enjoys."

Throughout Auburn's Final Four run, fans enthusiastically greeted the Tigers at each stop. Departing from and returning to Auburn Arena, in Salt Lake City, Kansas City, and finally in Minneapolis, Auburn fans enjoyed the run as much as their coach.

"That we belonged," Pearl said of his takeaway from the memorable March journey. "We had as many fans there as anybody else did. Our basketball team belonged.

"And when you're coaching basketball at Auburn, the biggest thing you're fighting is credibility. People, prospects, they'd laugh at me when I first got there and told them what I thought we could do. They're not laughing anymore."

IMPACT PLAYER: ANFERNEE McLEMORE

Trailing by 10 with five minutes remaining, Auburn reeled off 14 consecutive points to take a 61-57 lead.

Anfernee McLemore hit a pair of free throws with 17.6 seconds left to cap the 14-0 run.

"I was saying on the line, 'Do it for Chuma,' because Chuma got us this far," said McLemore of teammate Chuma Okeke, who injured his knee in Auburn's NCAA Tournament win vs. North Carolina. "I was really calm. I wasn't paying attention to the crowd. I went back to all of the free throws I took back at Auburn Arena and just knocked them down."

McLemore narrowly missed a double-double, scoring nine points and grabbing a game-high 12 rebounds.

PLAYS OF THE GAME: BRYCE BROWN'S BARRAGE

Bryce Brown hit three 3-pointers in 2 minutes, 25 seconds to help turn a 57-47 deficit into a 59-57 lead.

"As soon as I saw that one go through in those final few minutes I knew that I had woken up and I could get my team back in this," said Brown, who scored 12 points on four 3-pointers.

"Bryce hit a couple shots," Pearl said on the one-year anniversary of Auburn's Final Four run. "He is so dangerous out there, and all it takes is two. Hey, bang, bang, and all of a sudden that lead is cut in half.

"He got them out of stuff that we run. He got a couple open looks out of stuff that we run all the time, and that was comforting to our team. It came out of what we do. We played well enough to be able to get to the championship game."

KEY STAT: BENCH POINTS

Providing a glimpse of what Auburn's backcourt would look like this season in the post-Bryce-and-Jared era, Samir Doughty and J'Von McCormick combined for 19 of Auburn's 23 bench points in the national semifinal.

The Tigers outscored the Cavaliers 23-2 in bench points. Doughty, who would go on to become Auburn's first player to earn First-Team All-SEC honors from the league's coaches in more than 20 years in 2019-20, led the Tigers with 13 points against Virginia.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

"That's what hurts the most, that I won't be able to wear this jersey again. Hopefully I had a huge impact on this program, because this program has definitely changed my life to the fullest, not only in basketball but also as a man, as an Auburn man. I've grown, I've matured, and I'm just happy that Auburn gave me the opportunity to wear this jersey and be a great player." – Bryce Brown

"We've got incredible character, heart and belief. These guys have overcome adversity all year long. They've been doubted all year long. We're just disappointed that we're not going to have a chance to work tonight and tomorrow and have a chance to play for a championship." – Bruce Pearl

Andy Kennedy adds 3 to UAB Men's Basketball staff

Ted Feeley
UAB Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – UAB head men's basketball coach Andy Kennedy has announced the additions of Philip Pearson, Ryan Cross and Sidney Ball to his staff. Pearson and Cross will be assistant coaches while Ball will serve as Director of Basketball Operations.

Pearson, who brings over 20 years of coaching experience working with multiple Division I programs, comes to UAB after spending last season as the director of recruiting at Clemson. Additionally, he has had stops at Georgia, Alabama, Murray State and Little Rock. The teams that Pearson has been on staff have combined for 17 postseason appearances and six conference championships.

Pearson joined Mark Fox's Georgia staff in 2009 as an assistant and was elevated to associate head coach in 2015.

While at UGA, the Bulldogs made a two NCAA Tournament and three NIT appearances. He coached the 2013 SEC Player of the Year and number eight over pick in the 2013 NBA Draft Kentavious Caldwell-Pope.

Prior to his time in Athens, Pearson was an assistant as his alma mater, the University of Alabama, under Mark Gottfried from 1998-2009.

He was named the Crimson Tide's interim head coach during the final 13 games of the 2008-09 season, which saw him lead Alabama to a first-round victory over Vanderbilt in the SEC Tournament.

During his time in Tuscaloosa, Alabama won over 200 games, captured the 2002 SEC Championship, played in five NCAA Tournaments, reached the NCAA Elite Eight in 2004 and earned the program's first-ever No. 1 ranking in 2002.

He coached NBA draft picks Gerald Wallace and Mo Williams as well as current L.A. Clippers forward JaMychal Green, former NBA players forward Tony Mitchell and Alonzo Gee as well as the 2002 SEC Player of the Year Erwin Dudley.

Before his coaching stint at Alabama, Pearson was on the coaching staff at Murray State, also with Gottfried.

He served in numerous capacities including assistant coach, director of basketball operations and administrative assistant from 1995-98.

During his tenure, the Racers won three Ohio Valley Conference titles and two OVC Tournament crowns, playing in a pair of NCAA Tournaments and one NIT.

While with the Racers, Pearson coached a pair of OVC Players of the Year – two-time winner and NBA draft pick Marcus Brown as well as De'Teri Mayes.

Pearson got his start in coaching as a graduate assistant at Little Rock under the legendary Wimp Sanderson, his coach at Alabama during his first three seasons playing for the Crimson Tide. Among Pearson's first players he coached at Little Rock was five-time NBA champion Derek Fisher.

As a player at Alabama, Pearson played on four consecutive NCAA Tournament teams and won back-to-back SEC Tournament Championships in 1990-91. He was named the team's recipient of the Paul Bryant Student-Athlete of the Year award and was also a member of the President's List Academic Honor Roll.

A native of Montgomery, Ala., Pearson was a standout athlete at Jeff Davis High School. He received his bachelor's degree in human performance from Alabama in 1993 and his master's degree in health, physical education and recreation from Murray State in 1997.

Pearson and his wife, Ashley, have three children, Mary Collins, William and Catherine.

KENNEDY ON PEARSON:

"I have known Philip since my time as a player back in the early 90s. He's from Alabama and has coached in the SEC for nearly two decades. Philip is a hard worker who will bring invaluable experience to our program in all aspects of the job."

Cross also has 20 years plus of coaching experience. He comes to the Magic City after serving the last eight seasons at the University of Louisiana Monroe under Keith Richard. He was an assistant coach for six years before being promoted to associate head coach beginning with the 2018-19 season.

While at ULM, the Warhawks made four postseason tournaments and posted the third most wins in program history in 2014-15 with 24.

Cross joined the Warhawk staff in March 2012 after one season as an assistant coach at Bossier Parish Community College. Prior to Bossier, Cross was the head coach at Caldwell Parish High School, where he guided the Spartans to a 109-57 overall record and four straight state playoff appearances.

Cross also served on Richard's staff as an assistant coach at Louisiana Tech from 2003-06 and had head coaching stints at Chipola Junior College (1999-03) and Barton County Community College (1998-99).

In his four seasons at Chipola, Cross guided the Indians to an 80-42 overall record and produced many Division I prospects.

In one season as the head coach at Barton County, Cross led the team to a 35-3 record and a trip to the NJCAA national championship game.

Cross was named the 1999 NABC National Junior College Coach of the Year and also the 1999 Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Coach of the Year.

Cross began his coaching career as an assistant coach at Barton County (Kan.) Community College from 1996-98. He got his start in coaching as a graduate assistant coach at his alma mater Buffalo for the 1995-96 season.

He played three seasons at Buffalo (1992-95), where he earned his bachelor's degree in sociology in 1995. Cross earned his master's degree in higher education administration from Fort Hays State in 2000.

Cross and his wife, Karen, have four daughters, Taylor, Kelsy, Amber and Kendall.

KENNEDY ON CROSS:

"I first met Ryan when he was a JC assistant and I was an assistant at UAB under Murry Bartow. He's been a very successful junior college head coach and at the high school level. Ryan also brings over a decade of college experience at the D1 level. His ability to evaluate and develop players will be a great asset to UAB basketball."

A 2005 UAB graduate, Ball returns to the Southside after spending the last six seasons across town as an assistant coach at Samford. In 2016-17, Ball helped the team to its first 20-win season in 11 years and the program's first-ever postseason victory when the Bulldogs defeated Canisius in the CIT.

Prior to coaching, Ball was an academic counselor at Mississippi State, Georgia State and UAB.

Ball began his athletics career in UAB's academic services department following his graduation in 2005. His main responsibilities included tracking the academic progress of the Blazers' women's basketball, cross country and track and field teams, as well as assisting with the student-athlete development program.

As a player with the Blazers, which included two seasons with Kennedy as an assistant coach, Ball was a four-year letterwinner and two-year starter. He led the Blazers to a pair of postseason appearances – a quarterfinal appearance in the 2003 NIT and a NCAA Sweet 16 berth in 2004.

As a senior, Ball helped lead UAB to 22 victories and played a significant part in the Blazers' upset over No. 1 Kentucky in the NCAA Tournament Second Round.

He was the team's leading rebounder his junior and senior season. UAB had a 41-23 record with Ball as a starter and was a part of 74 total victories.

A native of Duncanville, Ala., Ball played at Hillcrest High School where he was on the Birmingham News Super Senior list and was named Second Team All-State.

KENNEDY ON BALL:

"I have known Sid since he first arrived on UAB's campus back in 1999. He developed himself into a leader and a key contributor on the last Blazer team to reach the Sweet 16. Sidney is an extremely hard worker who will bring valuable experience to a plethora of areas in our program. He has been a Blazer since 1999!"

Additionally, Kennedy announced that Director of Player Relations Rob Williams and Graduate Assistant Aaron Johnson will remain on staff.



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Barbara Whitehead



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Charlie and Nelda Powell



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Wayne Roberts (Buck Owens in a recent production of "Hee-Haw")

How are local seniors coping during this time?

Christy Perry
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Barbara Whitehead, Phelan
"In my free time now, I've had time to sit and play my guitar, work on some new songs, done some house work that I've put off for a long time, did a lot of calling to check up on family and friends.

"Some, I hadn't talked to in a long time. I've sat out in my yard and so enjoyed just sitting there. Something I never seem to have time to do. I've worked on my bird houses.

"I've not done anything great, but even though all this bad stuff is going on, I have been enjoying slowing down for a while.

"My life has always been in the fast lane. I never get bored; I can always find something I love to do.

"Oh yes, I also have spent a lot more time reading my Bible, and praying for my family and friends that God would keep them all well. I went fishing today, down on the dam, didn't catch anything but sure enjoyed being out there."

Charlie and Nelda Powell, Cullman
"Charlie and I are staying very busy, working in our house. I have been doing some deep cleaning. I never realized there was so much dust in the world. Ha. We are discarding some furniture and going to buy new, when stores open back up. I've been cooking (ugh) and Charlie posts pictures of our meals on his wall.

"I miss volunteering at Hilltop and my water aerobics and will be glad to get back to them."

Wayne Roberts, Cullman County (north of Vinemont)
"I'm just doing yard work, and a little practice on the guitar for fun. My wife and I start each day with 'Let's talk about food.'"

HEALTH

Cullman Regional accepting handmade mask donations

Mary Beth Sellers
Contributed

CULLMAN, Ala. – As Cullman Regional continues to manage its supply of personal protective equipment, it's allowing for the making of alternative, non-commercially produced cotton masks.

The CDC recommends cloth face coverings should:
- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered

The hospital also continues to accept the following unused and unopened items:
- Clorox with bleach (concentrate and wipes)
- hand sanitizers
- surgical masks
- safety goggles or eye shields

Hospital officials want to make it clear they haven't run out of supplies, but are monitoring supplies daily and creating backup supplies in case there is a surge in patient volume. The hospital currently has an adequate supply of N95 masks, PPE and ventilators.

"We've had several community members reach out to us wanting to donate handmade masks," said Lindsey Dossey, vice president of marketing. "We appreciate the willingness of the community to help out during this time of crisis."

Those wishing to donate can contact the Cullman Regional COVID-19 Information Line at 256-735-5530 or drop off items at the main entrance of the hospital.

Stay up-to-date on all of the information regarding COVID-19 by following Cullman Regional on social media or visiting www.CullmanRegional.com/covid19.



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Brothers (from Front)

favorite thing. Being on the mound is just a totally different atmosphere," Kainen said.

"You're controlling the game and that's the part I love about baseball. I had my highest batting average this year.

"The first few games I was hitting just about 1.000 each game but after a little bit we were playing Sipsey Valley and some harder teams and my batting average dropped down a little bit but I was hitting around .360 when the season ended."

The car accident rocked Kainen and his family nine years ago, but he and his brother had a pair of grandparents there ready to take them in.

As fate would have it, their new home only fueled the brothers' passion for baseball while also providing a supportive place for them to continue growing up.

"After the car accident it was definitely a shock to our whole family and then of course my Dad got into some trouble and went to prison for a little while and we lived with my grandparents.

"My Grandpa (John Hughes) is probably the most supportive person in the world.

"He helps me with everything, anything I need he gets it for me, and he's the only one in my family that's left-handed and I'm left-handed so he's just helped me so much with baseball," Kainen said.

"He's always been my number one supporter at all my games so that's been nice.

"We've been living here for about seven years now. My Dad got into some trouble about eight months after my Mom passed away and me and my brother have been living here. I enjoy it here; this is my home.

"My Maw Maw Bonnye (Hughes) is my guardian so they do everything for me."

Baseball has been part of Kainen's life almost as long as he can remember. His family is rooted in local sports as well, but it was his brother Gaiven that really made him love the game.

Kainen has always looked up to his brother as a player and continues to do so today as they move into new stages of life.

"My Paw Paw, Jimmy Cruce, is my Dad's Dad and he was a really good coach in Cullman, but my number one push was my brother honestly. I probably wouldn't have played baseball if it wasn't for him. I still look up to him. He's probably doing the best of anyone in our family right now.

"He has a girlfriend and a good job and I'm trying to follow in his footsteps. He did great in school and has everything I want so I've always looked up to him as my big brother."

Recruiting has slowed down for athletes all over the country with the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak but Kainen and some of his teammates have still been able to catch the eye of a few college coaches.

Cruce put together an impressive start to the abbreviated season, striking out 30 batters in his 27 innings of work and batting over .350 at the plate.

Hopefully, Kainen and many other local athletes in his situation get the opportunity to play at the next level but even if he doesn't, the adversity he's overcome and the support from those close to him have prepared him for any challenges he'll face after high school.







ST. BERNARD

Scott Spitzer of Cullman Dodge Jeep Chrysler presents the keys to the 2020 Jeep Renegade to Fr. Joel Martin, president of St. Bernard Prep School. While the festival has been cancelled due to the coronavirus, the school will draw for the winner Sunday, April 19 at 4 p.m. Tickets are still available at www.bloominfestival.com.

St. Bernard to give away 2020 Jeep April 19

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard

CULLMAN, Ala. – St. Bernard Prep School is no exception to feeling the impact of the coronavirus pandemic including its 36th Annual Bloomin' Festival Arts and Crafts Fair. Governor Kay Ivey ordered all events postponed and non-essential businesses closed statewide until April 30 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Once school dismissed for spring break, students were advised to "shelter in place" for the next two weeks, which turned into virtual learning for the remainder of the academic year. Regrettably, due to circumstances beyond our control, the 36th Annual Bloomin' Festival is canceled. However, as promised, the Jeep Renegade and other prizes will be given away at 4 p.m. April 19 via Facebook Live.

Festival Director Joyce Nix said, "We are heartbroken. Our school depends on this festival for daily operations of the good work we do here at St. Bernard.

"We held out to the last minute to make this call, but at the end of the day the health and safety of our monks, students, faculty, staff, visitors, and guests is our top priority."

The school has refunded thousands of dollars in booth fees to the artisans who are also struggling as the majority have had no shows this year due to the pandemic.

The good news is someone will win the 2020 Jeep Renegade on Sunday, April 19, as the school will give away the prizes as scheduled.

Tickets for the prize giveaway as well as festival t-shirts may be purchased online by visiting www.bloominfestival.com.

"The monks join me in saying 'Thank you!' for supporting the work we do at St. Bernard. We appreciate each of you and ask you to join us as we pray for complete healing of our nation and especially the healthcare, medical, and emergency workers," Nix continued.

Saint Bernard looks forward to hosting the fourth annual Bernard Blues and BBQ festival Sept.12-13, 2020.

BUSINESS

Cullman KFC gives back to Cullman City Schools

Kent Weir
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – In an effort to give back amid the COVID-19 crisis, Kentucky Fried Chicken in Cullman is partnering with Cullman City Schools' Grab n Go program to provide a free hot lunch to any child 18 years and younger.

The food will be available for curbside pickup from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9 at West Elementary School.

Nationally, KFC just announced that it is giving away one million pieces of chicken to feed local communities across the country and has donated $400,000 to Blessings in a Backpack to provide meals to children who may otherwise go hungry due to school closures.

Additionally, KFC's Harvest program, along with Food Donation Connect, has continued to operate and donate surplus food from participating restaurants to local food banks for those in need.

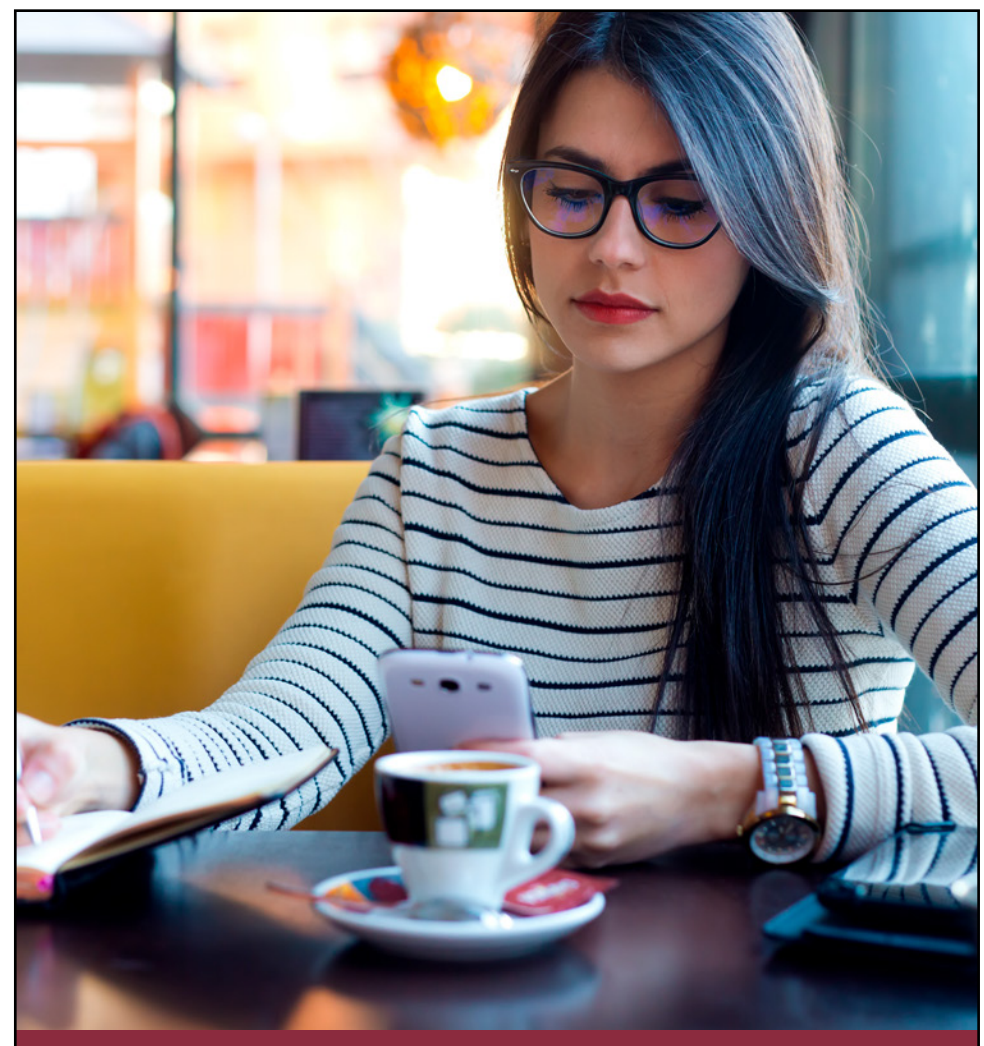
This critical work continues during this time of increased food insecurity.

For more for information about KFC's effort to support its customers during the coravirus pandemic, please visit www.kfc.com/coronavirus.

The press release can be viewed at https://global.kfc.com/press-release/kfc-is-providing-one-million-pieces-of-kentucky-fried-chicken-to-feed-communities-across-america

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Sports

3:30 p.m. FSEE Sports Stars of Tomorrow Jordan Morant; Gee Scott; interviews with Fred Davis and Hudson Card.
6:00 p.m. ESPN2 NBA 2K Players Tournament Quarterfinals. (Same-day Tape)
7:00 p.m. ESPN2 NBA 2K Players Tournament Quarterfinals. (Same-day Tape)
FS1 WWE 24 Relive all the excitement, drama and never-before-told stories from WrestleMania 31.
8:00 p.m. ESPN2 NBA 2K Players Tournament Quarterfinals. (Same-day Tape)
FS1 WWE 24 WWE 24 cameras go behind-the-curtain for a special look at WrestleMania in Orlando.
9:00 p.m. ESPN2 NBA 2K Players Tournament Quarterfinals. (Same-day Tape)
FS1 WWE 24 An all-access pass to WrestleMania 34 in New Orleans.
9:30 p.m. FSEE Sports Stars of Tomorrow Jordan Morant; Gee Scott; interviews with Fred Davis and Hudson Card.
10:00 p.m. FS1 WWE Backstage
11:00 p.m. FS1 WWE 24 Relive all the excitement, drama and never-before-told stories from WrestleMania 31.
12:00 a.m. FS1 WWE 24 WWE 24 cameras go behind-the-curtain for a special look at WrestleMania in Orlando.
1:00 a.m. ESPN2 NBA 2K Players Tournament Quarterfinals.
FS1 WWE Backstage
2:00 a.m. ESPN2 NBA 2K Players Tournament Quarterfinals.
3:00 a.m. ESPN2 NBA 2K Players Tournament Quarterfinals.
4:00 a.m. ESPN2 NBA 2K Players Tournament Quarterfinals.

Movies

7:30 a.m. HIST "October Sky" ★★★½ (1999) Jake Gyllenhaal. Not wanting to be a miner, a young West Virginian builds rockets with his friends and later becomes a NASA scientist.
7:45 a.m. TCM "The Thing From Another World" ★★★½ (1951) Margaret Sheridan. Arctic soldiers and scientists find an alien aircraft containing a frozen creature that wakes and feeds on human blood.
8:00 a.m. AMC "Coach Carter" ★★★ (2005) Samuel L. Jackson. A high-school basketball coach turns a losing team around, then faces criticism for pushing the athletes to put grades first.
8:05 a.m. HBO "Midnight Special" ★★★ (2016) Michael Shannon The government and a group of religious extremists pursue a man and his son, a young boy who possesses special powers.
8:40 a.m. MAX "Miss Firecracker" ★★★ (1989) Holly Hunter An ex-flirt wants to win the Yazoo City, Miss., beauty contest her cousin won years before.
9:15 a.m. TCM "From the Earth to the Moon" ★★ (1958) Joseph Cotten.
9:25 a.m. TMC "Year of the Dog" ★★★ (2007) Molly Shannon After her beloved beagle dies, an office worker unsuccessfully searches for ways to fill the void in her life.
9:30 a.m. FX "Keep Watching" ★★ (2017) Bella Thorne.
9:45 a.m. SHOW "District 9" ★★★½ (2009) Sharlto Copley A field operative for a company that oversees extraterrestrial refugees contracts a mysterious virus that begins to change his DNA.
10:00 a.m. FREE "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" ★★★ (2005) Johnny Depp. A poor boy and four spoiled children win a tour through the incredible factory of an odd confectioner.
HBO "Temple Grandin" ★★★ (2010) Claire Danes The scientist becomes an advocate for autistics and the humane treatment of livestock.
10:25 a.m. MAX "Annapolis" ★★ (2006) James Franco
11:00 a.m. AMC "Stripes" ★★½ (1981) Bill Murray.
11:30 a.m. FX "Atomic Blonde" ★★★ (2017) Charlize Theron. With the Berlin Wall about to fall, an elite MI6 spy travels into the heart of the city to retrieve a priceless dossier and take down a ruthless espionage ring.
11:45 a.m. SHOW "Charlie's Angels" ★★★ (2000) Cameron Diaz (Premiere) Three private detectives try to rescue a kidnapped computer pro whose voice-ID software would threaten global security.
11:50 a.m. HBO "Armageddon" ★★½ (1998) Bruce Willis
12:10 p.m. MAX "Go for It!" ★★ (2010) Aimee Garcia (Premiere)
12:15 p.m. TCM "Them!" ★★★ (1954) James Whitmore. Bug experts, a state trooper and an FBI agent track giant mutant ants from New Mexico to Los Angeles.
1:30 p.m. AMC "Caddyshack" ★★½ (1980) Chevy Chase.
SHOW "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" ★★ (2003) Cameron Diaz (Premiere)
1:45 p.m. MAX "Thank You for Smoking" ★★★ (2005) Aaron Eckhart A lobbyist for big tobacco finds it difficult to balance his duties defending a dangerous substance with those of being a good role model for his young son.
2:00 p.m. FX "Ghostbusters" ★★½ (2016) Melissa McCarthy.
TCM "Forbidden Planet" ★★★★ (1956) Walter Pidgeon. An astronaut and crew land on Altair-4 in 2200 and find a mad doctor, his daughter and Robby the robot.
TNT "Disturbia" ★★½ (2007) Shia LaBeouf.
TMC "Peep World" ★★ (2010) Michael C. Hall
2:25 p.m. HBO "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" ★★★ (2011) James Franco A scientist's quest to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease unintentionally results in a highly intelligent chimpanzee, which may signal the end of man's dominion over Earth.
3:15 p.m. SHOW "Analyze This" ★★★ (1999) Robert De Niro To get a handle on his insecurities, a powerful New York gangster sees a therapist.
3:20 p.m. MAX "Jackie Chan's First Strike" ★★½ (1996) Jackie Chan
3:30 p.m. AMC "Eraser" ★★½ (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger.
TMC "7 Days in Entebbe" ★★ (2018) Daniel Brühl
3:45 p.m. TCM "Godzilla" ★★½ (1954) Takashi Shimura.
4:30 p.m. TNT "Collateral" ★★★ (2004) Tom Cruise. A contract killer hijacks a cab and forces the driver to transport him to his assigned jobs in Los Angeles.
4:45 p.m. MAX "Enemy of the State" ★★★ (1998) Will Smith A former NSA operative aids the innocent victim of a politically motivated assassination cover-up.
5:00 p.m. FX "Pitch Perfect 3" ★★ (2017) Anna Kendrick.
SHOW "Indecent Proposal" ★★½ (1993) Robert Redford (Premiere)
5:30 p.m. BET "Meet the Browns" ★★ (2008) Tyler Perry.
TCM "Creature From the Black Lagoon" ★★★ (1954) Richard Carlson. Fossil hunters encounter a dangerous, humanlike amphibian in the Amazon.
6:00 p.m. AMC "Blade" ★★½ (1998) Wesley Snipes. Premiere.
6:30 p.m. TNT "The Accountant" ★★½ (2016) Ben Affleck.
7:00 p.m. FX "Hidden Figures" ★★★½ (2016) Taraji P. Henson. NASA mathematicians Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson cross gender and race lines to help launch astronaut John Glenn into outer space.
LIFE "Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family" ★★ (2011) Tyler Perry.
PARMT "Beverly Hills Cop" ★★★ (1984) Eddie Murphy. A hip Detroit detective drives out to Los Angeles and shows local police how to catch a killer.
TCM "Cry of the City" ★★★ (1948) Victor Mature. Premiere. A New York police detective hunts his boyhood buddy, a killer jewel thief trying to leave the country.
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.
MAX "The Change-Up" ★★ (2011) Ryan Reynolds
TMC "Mile 22" ★★ (2018) Mark Wahlberg
8:00 p.m. BET "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" ★★ (2005) Kimberly Elise.
FREE "Matilda" ★★★ (1996) Mara Wilson. A little girl develops extraordinary mental abilities, despite neglectful parents and a brutal headmistress.
SHOW "Traitor" ★★★ (2008) Don Cheadle Conflicting evidence leads a federal agent to question the motives behind a former Special Ops soldier's apparent ties to terrorist groups.
8:45 p.m. AMC "Blade II" ★★½ (2002) Wesley Snipes. Premiere.
8:55 p.m. MAX "Beaches" ★★ (1988) Bette Midler
9:00 p.m. TCM "The Lady From Shanghai" ★★★½ (1948) Rita Hayworth. A rich lawyer and his seductive wife frame an Irish sailor for murder.
TNT "The Accountant" ★★½ (2016) Ben Affleck.
10:00 p.m. CMTV "Varsity Blues" ★★ (1999) James Van Der Beek.
FX "Hidden Figures" ★★★½ (2016) Taraji P. Henson. NASA mathematicians Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson cross gender and race lines to help launch astronaut John Glenn into outer space.
PARMT "Beverly Hills Cop II" ★★½ (1987) Eddie Murphy.
10:30 p.m. SHOW "Species" ★★ (1995) Ben Kingsley
10:45 p.m. TCM "He Walked by Night" ★★★½ (1948) Richard Basehart. Los Angeles police officers hunt a devious killer thief who monitors their frequency.

TUESDAY EVENING

MOVIES

APRIL 7, 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 "Betrayed" The murder of a South Florida attorney.		Chicago P.D. A mayoral candidate is shot by a sniper.		Chicago P.D. "This City" The threat of a gang war looms.		Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing
WBIQ-PBS	4	Xavier Riddle and the Secret	Molly of Denali (EI)	PBS NewsHour (N)		The Gene: An Intimate History (Series Premiere) History of the human genome. (N)				Frontline China's mass imprisonment of Muslims. (N)		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 "I Will Always Love Goo" (N)		New Amsterdam Max, Sharpe and Iggy head to Rikers.		NBC News Special Report: Coronavirus Pandemic (N) (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 Cain's former girlfriend is admitted.		Empire "We Got Us" Becky struggles to balance her life.		WBRC FOX6 News at 9pm	WBRC FOX6 News	WBRC FOX6 News at 10pm	Full Court Press Now
WIAT-CBS	8	CBS42 News 5pm (N)	CBS Evening News	CBS42 News 6pm (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	NCIS "Musical Chairs" A Navy musician is murdered.		FBI "Outsider" A Wall Street investor is murdered.		FBI: Most Wanted "Caesar" A gang leader plots turf wars.		CBS42 News 10pm (N)	Late Show-Colbert
WTTO-CW	9	The Goldbergs "Rush"	2 Broke Girls	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Supergirl Harbinger gathers the worlds' heroes.		Batwoman New recruits are sought for help.		Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	The Andy Griffith Show	The Andy Griffith Show
WPXH-ION	11	Criminal Minds A criminal sensationalizes his crimes.		Criminal Minds Two conspiracy group members die.		Criminal Minds A series of backyard pool homicides.		Criminal Minds An investigation of a home invasion.		Criminal Minds Casualties are reported in Central Park.		Criminal Minds "Cure" Cryptic notes left with murder victims.	
WABM2-ABC	12	ABC 33/40 News at 5PM	ABC World News	ABC 33/40 News at 6PM	Wheel of Fortune (N)	The Conners (N)	Bless This Mess (N)	mixed-ish "Bad Boys"	black-ish (N)	For Life "Daylight" Aaron signs Marie's divorce papers. (N)		ABC 33/40 News at 10PM	(:35) Nightline (N)
A&E	42	The First 48 Masked gunmen terrorize a family.		The First 48 A man shot while protecting his wife.		The First 48 A homeless man is beaten to death.		The First 48: Women of Homicide "Murder on Maiden Lane"		The First 48: Women of Homicide (N)		The First 48 Two fatal shootings are investigated.	
AMC	53	(3:30) ★★ "Eraser" (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger.		★★ "Blade" (1998, Horror) Wesley Snipes, Stephen Dorff, Kris Kristofferson. Premiere. A vampire hunter does battle with a vicious bloodsucker.					(:45) ★★ "Blade II" (2002, Horror) Wesley Snipes, Kris Kristofferson. Premiere. A vampire hunter unites with his prey against a new threat.				
ANPL	47	Treehouse Masters Magical castle treehouse in Nebraska.		Treehouse Masters Pete builds a Texas-sized treehouse.		Coyote Peterson: Brave	Coyote Peterson: Brave	Coyote Peterson: Brave the Wild (Season Finale) (N)		Treehouse Masters: Branched Out "Hot Tub Hideaway" (N)			
BET	55	(3:30) ★ "Pootie Tang"	★★ "Meet the Browns" (2008, Comedy-Drama) Tyler Perry, Angela Bassett. A woman meets her late father's uproarious family for the first time.					★★ "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" (2005, Comedy-Drama) Kimberly Elise, Steve Harris, Shemar Moore. A woman starts over after her husband leaves her.					
BRAVO	58	Vanderpump Rules Lisa hosts the engagement party.		Vanderpump Rules Tom Sandoval throws a birthday party.		Vanderpump Rules Sandoval and Max paper Jax's house.		Vanderpump Rules Schwartz makes amends with Katie. (N)		Family Karma Vishal wants to fix his friendship.		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	★★ "Varsity Blues" (1999) James Van Der Beek.	
CNBC	35	Mad Money (N) (Live)		CNBC Special Report: Markets in Turmoil (N)		Shark Tank Seafood breading; an improved bathrobe.		Shark Tank Non-toxic, super hydrophobic spray.		The Profit "An Inside Look: Tankfarm & Co." (N)		The Profit Marcus helps a furniture company.	
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 "Double Date"	The Office "Murder"	The Daily Show	The Office "Dinner Party"	Schitt's Creek (N)	(:32) The Office "Lotto"	The Office	The Office "Doomsday"	The Office	The Office "Gettysburg"	The Daily Show	South Park
DISN	49	(:05) Jessie	(:35) Raven's Home	(:05) Raven's Home	(:35) Bunk'd "Camp Rules"	"Descendants 2" (2017, Children's) Dove Cameron. The pressure to be perfect gets to be too much for Mal. 'NR'				(8:55) Disney Fam Jam	(:25) Sydney to the Max	(9:50) Bunk'd	(:40) Just Roll With It
DSC	43	Deadliest Catch Opening of king crab season approaches.		Deadliest Catch Opening of king crab season approaches.		Deadliest Catch "Captains on the Brink" (N)						(:01) Deadliest Catch Coast Guard members recall rescues.	
E!	21	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best
ESPN	29	SportsCenter (N) (Live)		MLB Baseball From Sept. 6, 1995.								SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N) (Live)	
ESPN2	30	SportsCenter Special (N)		NBA 2K Players Tournament Quarterfinals.		NBA 2K Players Tournament Quarterfinals.		NBA 2K Players Tournament Quarterfinals.		NBA 2K Players Tournament Quarterfinals.		NFL Live (N)	
FOOD	45	Chopped Champions are back to defend titles.		Chopped Colossal clam and starchy comfort food.		Chopped Repeat champions return for $50,000.		Chopped Returning winners go up against Alex.		Supermarket Stakeout "Parking Lot Picnic" (N)		Supermarket Stakeout "An Eggcellent Adventure"	
FREE	48	The Middle	★ "Grown Ups" (2010, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock. Five friends learn that age and maturity do not, necessarily, coincide.					★★★ "Matilda" (1996, Children's) Mara Wilson, Danny DeVito. A child uses her amazing abilities against uncaring adults.				The 700 Club Practical ways of spiritual warfare. (N)	
FS1	20	NASCAR Race Hub (N)		Wednesday Night iRacing		WWE 24 (N)		WWE 24 (N)		WWE 24 (N)		WWE Backstage (N)	
FSEE	32	Golf America (N)	Breaking Par (N)	NBA Basketball From Jan. 4, 2020.					Hawks Live! Postgame	Breaking Par: All-Stars	Sports Stars of Tomorrow	NBA Basketball From Jan. 4, 2020.	
FX	28	★★ "Pitch Perfect 3" (2017) Anna Kendrick, Hailee Steinfeld. The Barden Bellas reunite for an overseas musical USO tour.				★★★ "Hidden Figures" (2016, Historical Drama) Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe. Mathematicians help launch astronaut John Glenn into space.						★★★ "Hidden Figures" (2016) Taraji P. Henson.	
GOLF	82	Best Lessons Ever	Masters Highlights	Celebrating the Masters		Celebrating the Masters (N)		Celebrating the Masters					
HALL	72	"Bottled With Love" (2019, Romance) Bethany Joy Lenz, Andrew Walker. A fisherman finds a bottle containing a love letter.				"The Convenient Groom" (2016, Romance) Vanessa Marcil, David Sutcliffe. A marriage counselor is left hanging at the altar.				The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls
HGTV	46	Love It or List It A family has outgrown their home.		Love It or List It April wants updated fixtures.		Love It or List It Includes behind-the-scenes pop-up facts.		Unsellable Houses (N)	(:31) Unsellable Houses (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters International	House Hunters	House Hunters International
HIST	40	The Curse of Oak Island Rick goes to extreme measures.		The Curse of Oak Island "The Turning Point"		The Curse of Oak Island: Digging Deeper (N)		The Curse of Oak Island "Springing the Trap" (N)		(:03) The Secret of Skinwalker Ranch "Night Visions" (N)		(:05) The Curse of Oak Island "The Turning Point"	
LIFE	23	Grey's Anatomy Hospital staff grieves over George.		Grey's Anatomy Hospital staff grieves for George.		★★ "Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family" (2011, Comedy-Drama) Tyler Perry. Madea takes charge when her niece receives a distressing diagnosis.					(:33) "Abducted: The Carlina White Story" (2012, Docudrama) Aunjanue Ellis, Keke Palmer.		
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 Mother Nature stands in the way.		Life Below Zero Sue settles back into life at Kavik.		Life Below Zero: Port Protection "New Blood"		Life Below Zero: Port Protection "Dark Days" (N)		(:03) Life Below Zero: Port Protection Trapping is a lifestyle.		(:03) Life Below Zero: Port Protection "Dark Days"	
PARMT	57	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	★★★ "Beverly Hills Cop" (1984) Eddie Murphy, Judge Reinhold. A Detroit cop goes west to avenge his friend's death.				Ink Master Artists are tested on composition. (N)		★★ "Beverly Hills Cop II" (1987, Comedy) Eddie Murphy.	
TBS	25	Family Guy	Family Guy	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	The Last O.G.	Conan "Stephen Colbert"	The Last O.G.
TCM	79	(3:45) ★★ "Godzilla"	★★★ "Creature From the Black Lagoon" (1954, Horror) Richard Carlson, Julia Adams.			★★★ "Cry of the City" (1948) Victor Mature. Premiere. Two boys grow up and pursue completely different careers.				★★★ "The Lady From Shanghai" (1948, Mystery) Rita Hayworth, Orson Welles.		"He Walked by Night"	
TLC	24	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (Part 1 of 2)		7 Little Johnstons Trent has health issues.		Little People, Big World (N)		Little People, Big World Zach and Tori are rocked by news.		7 Little Johnstons Trent and Amber receive bad news. (N)		Sweet Home Sextuplets Courtney and Eric plan a 5K charity.	
TNT	26	(4:30) ★★★ "Collateral" (2004) Tom Cruise. A contract killer uses a cabdriver for his jobs.			★★ "The Accountant" (2016, Suspense) Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick, J.K. Simmons. An agent tracks an accountant who works for criminals.					★★ "The Accountant" (2016) Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick. An agent tracks an accountant who works for criminals.			
USA	27	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Nationwide Manhunt"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Star-Struck Victims"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Assaulting Reality"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Pathological"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Service"		Modern Family	Modern Family "Fulgencio"
WE	71	Law & Order A life-insurance salesman is murdered.		Law & Order "Sundown" The detectives hunt a gigolo.		Law & Order "Loco Parentis" Bully suspected of murder.		Law & Order "Collision" Mentally disturbed suspect.		Law & Order The detectives search for a baby.		Law & Order "Panic" An FBI agent becomes a suspect.	
HBO	518	(4:15) ★ "The Kitchen" (2019) Melissa McCarthy. 'R'		Real Time With Bill Maher Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti.		★★★ "Blinded by the Light" (2019) Viveik Kalra. The music of Bruce Springsteen inspires a Pakistani teen. 'PG-13'				Westworld The truth doesn't always set one free.		Atlanta's Missing and Murdered: The Lost Children	
MAX	549	(4:45) ★★★ "Enemy of the State" (1998) Will Smith. Rogue agents hunt a lawyer who has an incriminating tape. 'R'				★★ "The Change-Up" (2011, Comedy) Ryan Reynolds. An overworked lawyer and his carefree buddy switch bodies. 'R'				(8:55) ★★ "Beaches" (1988, Drama) Bette Midler, John Heard. Two women from different worlds, best friends for life. 'PG-13'			
SHOW	578	★★ "Indecent Proposal" (1993) Robert Redford. Premiere. A man offers a couple $1 million for a night with the wife. 'R'				Homeland Hayes has ideas; Carrie goes shopping.		★★★ "Traitor" (2008, Action) Don Cheadle, Guy Pearce. A federal agent hunts an ex-soldier with ties to terrorists. 'PG-13'				Black Monday	★★ "Species" (1995) 'R'
TMC	598	(3:30) "7 Days in Entebbe"	(:25) ★ "Blue Streak" (1999, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Luke Wilson. 'PG-13'			★★ "Mile 22" (2018, Action) Mark Wahlberg, Lauren Cohan, Iko Uwais. 'R'			(:35) "Unlocked" (2017, Action) Noomi Rapace, Orlando Bloom, Toni Collette. 'R'			(:15) ★ "An Acceptable Loss" (2018) Tika Sumpter. 'R'	

Best Bets

7 p.m. on WBIQ
The Gene: An Intimate History

A book of the same title by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee forms the basis for this two-part, four-hour documentary, which concludes next week at the same time. The film looks at some recent developments in the field of genetics, where new technologies offer great promise, as well as extreme peril in the form of grave moral implications. A chief worry is that scientists will take gene-editing technology too far, using it to modify germline DNA to enhance certain traits deemed "preferable."

7 p.m. on WBRC
The Resident

Kit (Jane Leeves) worries that her son-in-law Derek (guest star Andy Ridings) is about to become the latest victim of Cain's (Morris Chestnut) cover-up when a serious complication causes his condition to plummet in the Season 3 finale "Burn It All Down." The other doctors finally get a glimpse into Cain's personal life when his ex-girlfriend is admitted to Chastain for surgery. Meanwhile, Conrad (Matt Czuchry) brings his dad (recurring guest star Glenn Morshower) up to date on the emergency situation facing the hospital.

7 p.m. on COM
Schitt's Creek

The little Canadian sitcom that blossomed into a pop culture phenomenon over the course of six seasons calls it a wrap with a bittersweet finale primarily set mainly at the wedding of David Rose (Daniel Levy) and his fiancé, Patrick Brewer (Noah Reid). Eugene Levy, Catherine O'Hara and Annie Murphy also star. This series finale is followed immediately by "Best Wishes, Warmest Regards: A Schitt's Creek Farewell,"a behind-the-scenes special celebrating the show, featuring interviews with such celebrity fans as Carol Burnett.

8 p.m. on WBRC
Empire

A heartbroken Cookie and Lucious (Taraji P. Henson, Terrence Howard) have Andre (Trai Byers) admitted to a treatment center after witnessing his breakdown in "We Got Us," this show's 100th episode. It's the same facility where Leah (guest star Leslie Uggams) is a patient, and Cookie, stricken with guilt over her son's pain, wonders how their lives would have been different if she never had gone to prison. Elsewhere, Hakeem and Maya (Bryshere "Yazz" Grey, Rhyon Nicole Brown) confront the consequences of a drunken night in Vegas.

8 p.m. on ANPL
Coyote Peterson: Brave the Wild

In the Season 1 finale, "Phantom of the Outback," host Coyote Peterson looks for the most elusive creature of his Australian odyssey, the perentie. The largest monitor lizard in the world, this critter also is the fourth-largest living lizard on Earth, yet is almost never seen by humans because it's innately very shy.

8 p.m. on FOOD
Chopped

Host Ted Allen's culinary competition opens Season 46 with a batch of "Beat the Judge" episodes that follow an unprecedented format, as returning "Chopped" winners return to compete for a chance to face off against one of the show's superstar judges, starting tonight with Alex Guarnaschelli. Evaluating their efforts are this episode's judges, Maneet Chauhan, Scott Conant and Marc Murphy.

9:30 p.m. on TBS
The Last O.G.

One of cable's most successful sitcoms returns for Season 3, which sees its main character, Tray (Tracy Morgan), in dire need of a new place to live, since his food truck went up in flames during Season 2. Landing in Brooklyn with no means of support, Tray begins to give "hood legend" walking tours of the gentrified borough that keeps changing almost before his eyes.



Jane Leeves stars in "The Resident" on Fox.

OPINION

Op-Ed: Caregiving in the era of COVID-19

Candi Williams
State Director at AARP Alabama

Even in ordinary times, the more than 760,000 unpaid family caregivers in Alabama face a daunting set of daily tasks. Oftentimes with little or no training, they may be responsible for wound care, tube feedings, dressing, managing the finances and medical bills of their loved ones, transportation and more.

Of course, these are no ordinary times.

The coronavirus pandemic has complicated the lives of family caregivers, especially those with older loved ones who are most susceptible to COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus.

It has added fear, anxiety and isolation to an already-stressful situation. Here in Alabama routines have been upended as communities cope with this disease. Governor Kay Ivey is urging all Alabamians to stay at home as much as possible, and nursing homes have been closed to visitors.

Since the outbreak of the virus, AARP has been urging family caregivers to develop a plan in case they get sick or their loved one does. Our recommendations include:

Pull Together a Team
Develop a list of family and friends who can perform daily caregiving tasks. If available, identify local caregiving services who may offer a respite for family and friends.

Caregiving in the era of COVID-19
In response to the virus, many restaurants and pharmacies are adding or increasing their delivery services. The federal government's Eldercare Locator can help you find support services in your area. The new online AARP Community Connections enables people to enter their zip codes and find informal groups of neighbors and friends offering help right in their own communities.

Inventory Essential Items
Determine how much food, medication, and basic supplies your care recipient has on hand. We recommend a two-week supply of food, water, household cleaning supplies and medical materials and equipment.

Get Prescriptions in Order
Make sure you have a list of medications, medical contacts and important information about your loved one, such as drug allergies. If there are upcoming routine medical appointments, reschedule those or, if possible, switch to a virtual visit. The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) recommends having an extra 30-day supply of essential medications on hand. Don't forget over-the-counter medications such as cough suppressants and fever reducing drugs like acetaminophen.

Stay Connected
Isolation is a big issue as we all follow the social distancing guidance from the CDC. However, social distancing doesn't have to lead to social disconnection. Develop a communication plan and identify times when members of the care team will check in on your loved one. Skype, Zoom and Facetime are useful digital apps that can help, but so are lower-tech options like email and telephone calling. To help fight the isolation, encourage people to send cards, letters, magazines, puzzles or other items a loved one would be happy to receive.

Protect Yourself
Like they tell you on an airplane, "Put your own mask on first." Now more than ever, it is important for family caregivers to take care of themselves. Follow the CDC guidelines of washing hands frequently, avoiding crowds, practice social distancing and, by all means, if you feel sick stay home. If you develop the virus, you will be of little use to those who are counting on you.

To help caregivers, AARP has a dedicated, toll-free family caregiving line for people looking after a loved one. Agents are available to take calls Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. (ET) at 877-333-5885.

AARP also has a Facebook group where caregivers get tips from experts, share their own stories and sometimes just get a little encouragement from others in a similar situation. You can also find answers to many of your questions online at the AARP Caregiver Resource Center aarp.org/caregiving.

Though we would welcome your membership, our caregiving information and services are available to everyone. Our founder, Ethel Percy Andrus, said, "What we do, we do for all." That has never been more important than in the face of this pandemic as we all pull together to find our way through it.

OPINION

The Sovereignty of God, no. 13

Tom Fillinger
Tribune Columnist

As I write this article on March 11, 2020 as a nation and world we are immersed in a global pandemic (if you believe the media posts). What a great opportunity to believe in the absolute Sovereignty of God. My times are in His hands and so are yours. Understand and rest in His wise control. We cannot add one hair to our head or one cubit to our stature. As Mrs. Beaver said in "The Chronicles of Narnia" - "He is King and He is GOOD!"

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

Ah, that is something I cannot fathom! Such grace, such love, "passes knowledge."

But if my *mind* is unable to discern a reason, my *heart* can express its gratitude in praise and adoration.

But not only should I be grateful to God for His grace toward me in the past—His *present* dealings will fill me with thanksgivings.

What is the force of that word "Rejoice in the Lord always!" (Phil. 4:4) Mark, it is not "Rejoice in the Savior," but we are to "Rejoice in the Lord" —as "Lord," as the *Master* of every circumstance. Need we remind the reader that when the apostle penned these words, he was himself a *prisoner* in the hands of the Roman government.

A long course of affliction and suffering lay *behind* him. Perils on land and perils on sea, hunger and thirst, scourging and stoning—had all been experienced.

He had been persecuted by those within the church as well as by those without! The very ones who ought to have stood by him—had forsaken him! And still he writes, "Rejoice in the Lord always!"

What was the secret of his peace and happiness? Ah! had not this same apostle written, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who God, to those who are the called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

But how did *he*, and how do *we*, "know," that all things work together for good? The answer is, because all things are under the control of, and are being regulated by—the Supreme Sovereign! And because He has nothing but thoughts of love toward His own people, then "all things" are so ordered by Him—that they are made to minister to our ultimate good.

It is for this cause we are to give "thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20). Yes, give thanks for "all things" for, as it has been well said "*Our disappointments*, are but *His appointments*!"

To the one who delights in the sovereignty of God—the clouds not only have a 'silver lining' but they are silver all through, the darkness only serving to offset the light—

"You fearful saints
fresh courage take
The *clouds* you so
much dread,
Are big with mercy and shall break
In blessings o'er
your head!"

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Obituary Announcements April 7

Ronny Leon White of Hanceville passed away April 3, 2020 at the age of 70. He was born in Cullman Jan. 8, 1950 to Leon and Vena Mae Sharp White. He is preceded in death by his mother and an infant sister Trudy Ann White. He is survived by his wife of 49 years Judy White; daughter Jennifer (Bobo) Taylor; son Patrick (Christa) White; grandchildren Raylyn (Jaliegha) Ayers, Jenson Ayers, Tyler White, and Braxton White; great-grandchild Paisley Ayers; and his father Leon White. The family will have a private graveside service Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 2 p.m.

Graveside services for William Jefferson Daniel, Jr., 88, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at Duck River Cemetery with Bro. Javon Daniel officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Daniel passed away Saturday, April 4, 2020 at his residence. He was born Feb. 14, 1932 to William Jefferson Sr. and Effie Bell Daniel. He is preceded in death by his parents and brothers Oneal Daniel, Vigil Daniel, S.L. Daniel and Votie Daniel. Survivors include his daughters Susan Hill and Debbie Daniel; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brother Olin Daniel; sisters Ophia Stevenson, Ellen Culver, Manyla Husak and Syble Bishop; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. There will be a private family viewing prior to the graveside service.

Private graveside services for William Lowell Allinder, 89, of Cullman were at 2 p.m., Monday, April 6, 2020 at Emeus Baptist Cemetery, Rev. Jerry Lake officiating. A Celebration of Life service will follow at a later date. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Allinder passed away April 3, 2020 at his residence. He was born Oct. 14, 1930 to Walter Lee and Cliffordora Thomas Allinder. He was a Christian and a member of Bethlehem West Baptist Church. He served his country in the United States Navy. He was a farmer and loved to garden. He loved his family and will be missed. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Lila Allinder; and brothers J.C., Wallo and Walton Allinder. Survivors include daughters Debbie Martin, Dianne (Steve) Boeckeler, and Melanie (Chris) Parker; brother Carroll (Catherine) Allinder; sisters-in-law Sandy Humphrey and Jerry Allinder; grandchildren Kristi (Michael) Etheredge, Jeremy (Kamesha) Jones, Vicki (Ryan) Patrick, Amanda Hathaway, Amy Boeckeler, Daniel (Amanda) Boeckeler, Adam (Melissa) Boeckeler, and Stone Parker; great-grandchildren Summer, Shelby, Sturgis, Cory, Noah, Isaiah, Sasha, Oliver, Autumn, Xander, William, Linkon, Elijah, Emma, Aiden, Allinder, and Warren; and great-great grandson, Colt. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the local VFW. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Graveside services for Thomas Alton Williamson, 87, of Cullman were at 1 p.m., Sunday, April 5, 2020 at Crosses Chapel Cemetery, Bro. Gary Carter officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Williamson passed away Friday, April 3, 2020 at Cullman Regional Hospital. He was born Jan. 17, 1933 to Dewey Benjamin and Ruth Harper Williamson. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Charles Williamson. Survivors include his wife of almost 67 years, Amanda Johnson Williamson; daughter Beverly Williamson (Timothy) Presley; sister-in-law Martha Williamson; grandchildren Nichole Simon and Sara (Jamie) Milam; great-grandchildren, David Presley, Max Simon, Brayden Rowell, and Britney Milam; nieces, nephews, family and friends. Alton attended Baldwin Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He served 26 years in the United States Air Force and 14 years in Civil Service. He volunteered at the Peinhardt Living History Farm every October and loved working with the children that came to the farm. He volunteered with Meals on Wheels at West Point and was a member of the North Alabama Antique Tractor Club. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the Presbyterian Children's Home, c/o Bonnie Marty, 381 Co. Rd. 404, Cullman, AL 35057 in memory of Thomas Alton Williamson. A memorial service will be held and announced at a later date when the covid.19 restrictions are lifted. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com

Private graveside services for John Wayne Quick, 79, of Cullman were at 4 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2020 at Mt. Vernon Primitive Baptist Cemetery, Elders Heath Williams and Josh Mason officiating. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Quick passed away Saturday, April 4, 2020 at his residence. He was born June 13, 1940 to Reuben and Lou Emma Wilcutt Quick. John was the founder and owner of Quick Tire Sales, Inc. and worked for 60 years in the tire industry. He was a member of Mt. Vernon Primitive Baptist Church. He loved his family dearly. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister Nelda Quick (Jack) Elliott; and grandson Evan Radcliff. Survivors include his wife of 60 years Grace Brock Quick; children Victor (Rhonda) Quick, Keith (Renee) Quick, and Justina Radcliff; grandchildren Jorden (Ethan) Flack, Jacob (Amanda) Quick, Kiefer Quick, Brody Quick, Hank Radcliff, and Josie Radcliff; great-grandson Emerson Quick; sister Linda Quick (Terry) Bell; and a host of nieces, nephews family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Kindred Hospice of Cullman.

Edsel Trennon Key, 80, of Arley entered into rest Saturday, April 4, 2020 at Falkville Healthcare Center. Edsel was born May 18, 1939 in Arley, Alabama. As per State and Federal guidelines, a private service will be held. Burial will be in Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery. Edsel is survived by his son Byron Key and his wife Melissa Key; daughters Melissa "Lisa" Burns and her husband Wade and Stephanie Parrish and her husband Stan; brother Bobby Key; sister Delores Lake; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents William and Aree Key and brothers Nelson Key and Larry Dale Key.

Alfa Bustos Castaneda, 59, of Haleyville passed away April 4, 2020 at UAB Hospital, Birmingham. She was born March 14, 1961 in Mexico. As per State and Federal guidelines, a private service will be held. Mrs. Castaneda is survived by her loving husband Audon V. Abrajan; daughters Maricamen Ortiz and Leticia Ortiz; son Hugo Ortiz; and grandchildren. Burial will be in Winston Memorial Cemetery.

Barbara Clark, 71, of Haleyville passed away April 5, 2020. She was born Sept. 9, 1948. As per State and Federal guidelines, a private service will be held. Barbara is survived by her children Elizabeth (Brad) Richardson, Jeremie Clark, Jeannie (Lynn) Reynolds, Caleb (Tabitha) Clark, and Jarret (Tonya) Clark; grandchildren Luke (Laken) Barnett, Riley Barnett, Erykah Maglio, Ashlee Maglio, Logan Clark, and Jesse Clark; and great-grandchildren Rylie Clark, Abbie Clark, Joey Clark, Jackson Barnett, Sipsey Barnett, and Elijah Barnett. She was preceded in death by her husband King Clark, Jr. and parents J.B. and Clara Smith. Burial will be in Winston Memorial Cemetery.

Lois Smith Ward was born Nov. 5, 1924 and passed away April 5, 2020.

Jason Lee Harville, 49, of Logan passed away April 5, 2020 at his residence. No services are planned at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Jerome Quinton Cobbs, 57, of Joppa passed away April 5, 2020 at his residence. No services are planned at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Cobbs was born May 10, 1962 to Jerold Quinton and Judy Murrell Cobbs. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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Loan (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman City Council announced in an emergency meeting Monday afternoon that it will consider a $1.5 million loan to the city Industrial Development Board which will, in turn, be loaned to textile manufacturer HomTex for the purchase of equipment that will be used to manufacture disposable safety masks. The company has already begun making disposable masks and will continue to do so, while the new machinery will allow the company to expand its operation to include the disposable masks, and will add 80 to 120 new jobs at its Cullman facility. According to Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer, quick processing of the loan will allow the company to make a down payment on machinery and have it up and running in 45 days.

The council issued this notice:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Amendment No. 772 to the Constitution of Alabama (1901) (Section 94.01 of the Recompiled Constitution of Alabama and hereinafter referred to as "Amendment No. 772"), that at the regular public meeting of the City Council (the "City Council") of the City of Cullman, Alabama (the "City"), scheduled to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2020, in the Municipal Auditorium located inside Cullman City Hall at 204 2nd Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055, the City Council will consider a resolution concerning the proposed authorization, execution, and delivery, on behalf of the City, of a Loan Agreement (the "Agreement") with The Industrial Development Board of the City of Cullman, a public corporation under the laws of the State of Alabama (the "IDB"), under which the City will loan to the IDB funds in an aggregate maximum principal amount of approximately $1,500,000.00 and bearing interest at a per annum rate of approximately 2.2%, and which the IDB will, in turn, make available to HomTex, Inc., an Alabama corporation ("HomTex"), for HomTex to use to purchase and install certain machinery and equipment at its existing facility, located at 2125 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055, necessary for the production of disposable surgical masks to be used to fight the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The public benefits sought to be achieved by the proposed authorization, execution and delivery of the Agreement are (i) promoting local economic development and stimulating the local economy; (ii) increasing employment opportunities in the City; (iii) increasing the City's tax base, resulting in additional tax revenues for the City; (iv) promoting the development of existing business enterprises in the City; and (v) curbing the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), all of which inure to the economic health of the City and constitute important public benefits to the City and its citizens.

For purposes of Amendment No. 772, the City proposes to lend its credit or grant public funds or things of value for the benefit of the IDB and HomTex.

The funds that the City proposes to make available to the IDB and HomTex are provided in accordance with Amendment No. 772, which authorizes the City to lend its credit to or grant public funds and things of value in aid of or to any corporation or other business entity, public or private, for the purpose of promoting the economic and industrial development of the City.

The proposal will be presented at the City Council meeting next Monday, April 13 at 7 p.m.

Public attendance is limited, based on current state social distancing orders, but The Tribune will livestream the meeting.

State (from Front)

nor's Office of Volunteer Services works to increase an ethic of service and volunteerism in the State of Alabama, strengthen the capacity of Alabama's faith and community-based organizations, and promote collaboration among individuals and organizations striving to meet some of the greatest needs in our state. For more information, visit www.servealabama.gov.

Wallace State nursing students already on the case

While the state is seeking medical students to help out, nursing students at Wallace State Community College (WSCC) are ahead of the game, having already responded to requests from hospitals and long-term care facilities. Ascension Healthcare (operating in north Alabama as the St. Vincent's system) and others, especially those to which the school routinely sends students for their clinical rotations, currently employ a number of WSCC students in patient care positions, easing routine workloads on regular nursing staffs and allowing facilities and systems to focus more energy on combating the virus.

WSCC Director of Nursing Deborah "Pepper" Hoover told The Tribune, "The Board of Nursing has already approved for nursing students to work at facilities, so a number of our students are already being employed by facilities as a patient assistant, as unlicensed personnel, to work within the scope of what is needed in the emergency situation."

WSCC has approximately 550 nursing students, whose spring courses are ongoing through online means. Hoover said that her department has encouraged those students to "help as much as they can, within the limits of not endangering their education, as far as their fulfillment of the objectives of the nursing curriculum.

"We have approximately 87 students that are graduating in May, and they'll be graduating on time, hopefully. And after the third semester, all of our nursing students are awarded a practical nursing certificate, so those students are available to work on a temporary license as a practical nurse or take LPN boards if they want to.

"The Alabama Board of Nursing has allowed them to work with an expanded delegation potential in this emergency situation, so we have posted a note to our students regarding the facilities that have specifically requested that students contact them.

"We have a number of long-term care facilities that have volunteered to pay for the temporary licenses for our students that have finished the third semester, who are actually eligible to work as Licensed Practical Nurses once they take boards or they can get a temporary license to work as a Practical Nurse.

"So that is almost 200 students, so several of those students have already done that.

"And then, again, we're anticipating graduating within the next month- I think May 8- we hope to graduate 85, and hope to be able to complete the summer semester with over a hundred students- hopefully 130 or 140 graduates that will join the workforce, as well.

"So we feel like we are contributing a lot. Some of our students are working long hours to facilitate the staffing in these local hospitals.

"And a lot of the local facilities- long-term care and acute care- have reached out to us to try to gather our students who might be interested in working with them. We have 550 students or so in the program right now, so that's a sizable number of students that can help, as needed."

With all coursework online for now, according to Hoover, the program is working with students to help them get to work while maintaining reasonable academic and family schedules.

Hoover concluded, "This is an unprecedented time for all. We're certainly trying to do our part to assist in the health care workforce. And we do not have a crystal ball, so we do not know exactly what the future's going to hold, but we hope that we can all work together in this time of crisis to facilitate a positive outcome."

Violence (from Front)

Kay Ivey announced that public schools would close on the 19th.

• On March 16, CRMC stepped up its visitation restrictions as the City of Cullman declared a state of emergency and the state announced that workers laid off due to the virus could receive unemployment benefits.

• On March 18, the County Commission closed the Courthouse and all county offices.

• On March 19, schools officially closed and the county school system began food distribution, as a statewide health order closed restaurants and bars in on-premise patronage.

• On March 20, Cullman County's first COVID-19 patient was identified as a Cullman physician. The state updated its health order with more restrictions on social gatherings, the Governor authorized the use of the National Guard and CPD Chief Kenny Culpepper announced, "We will enforce social distancing measures."

• On March 24, CARTS changed some of its procedures while the city school system began food distribution.

• On March 26, Gov. Ivey closed schools for the remainder of the school year.

• On March 28, the Governor closed "non-essential" businesses.

Through this period, from March 16-31, the CCSO saw domestic violence incidents rise to 33 with 29 related incidents.

The CPD reported nine domestic violence incidents and four related incidents, a drop in related incidents but a 50% increase in domestic violence calls.

Sheriff Matt Gentry told The Tribune that the rise in calls is due to a combination of rising stress levels and a recent streamlining of the procedure for making incident reports, saying, "With regards to the domestic violence calls, I think what you're seeing, first, our coverage area is very large in Cullman County.

"But, second, when you have a situation like the quarantine and your stress level goes up, then it's causing people to become agitated.

"And when you're at home, you become agitated together. So we did see a small rise in our domestics going up.

"The non-related domestic reports going up, I think one of the things you see with that is the ability to call in and file reports over the phone, now.

"With the quarantine, we're trying to minimize people's exposure, so we're allowing them to call in and make reports on non-emergency issues.

"So you may see a little rise in those types of issues because of the easy access, easy availability just to call and make a quick report."

The trend of rising domestic violence has spread around the world, following the virus. Authorities from China to Europe and across the United States have reported elevated levels of domestic violence.

Cullman Victim Services Executive Director Carol Horstman shared:

"We know that during times of crisis, the risk of domestic violence increases.

"Domestic violence is rooted in power and control. Right now, we are all feeling a lack of control over our lives. For an abusive person, this creates an even more dangerous situation because they may take it out on their victim.

"This means people who were already in an abusive situation could be facing more extreme violence, but they no longer have the escape of going to work or seeing friends.

"Added to that, the fear of exposure to COVID-19 may keep them from taking refuge with family or friends or from seeking medical care after physical abuse."

The National Domestic Violence Hotline says:

Avoiding public spaces and working remotely can help to reduce the spread of COVID-19, but for many survivors, staying home may not be the safest option. We know that any external factors that add stress and financial strain can negatively impact survivors and create circumstances where their safety is further compromised.

Abuse is about power and control. When survivors are forced to stay in the home or in close proximity to their abuser more frequently, an abuser can use any tool to exert control over their victim, including a national health concern such as COVID-19. In a time where companies may be encouraging that their employees work remotely, and the CDC is encouraging "social distancing," an abuser may take advantage of an already stressful situation to gain more control.

Here's how COVID-19 could uniquely impact intimate partner violence survivors:

• Abusive partners may withhold necessary items, such as hand sanitizer or disinfectants.

• Abusive partners may share misinformation about the pandemic to control or frighten survivors, or to prevent them from seeking appropriate medical attention if they have symptoms.

• Abusive partners may withhold insurance cards, threaten to cancel insurance, or prevent survivors from seeking medical attention if they need it.

• Programs that serve survivors may be significantly impacted -- shelters may be full or may even stop intakes altogether. Survivors may also fear entering shelter because of being in close quarters with groups of people.

• Survivors who are older or have chronic heart or lung conditions may be at increased risk in public places where they would typically get support, like shelters, counseling centers, or courthouses.

• Travel restrictions may impact a survivor's escape or safety plan – it may not be safe for them to use public transportation or to fly.

• An abusive partner may feel more justified and escalate their isolation tactics.

Here's what our Advocates have heard from some survivors reaching out:

• "A chatter mentioned that the abuser was using the virus as a scare tactic to keep the survivor away from their kids."

• "A chatter said the abuser was using COVID-19 as a scare tactic so that they would not visit family."

• "A health professional still living with their abuser called and said they were physically abused that night because their abuser was sure they were trying to infect them with COVID-19."

What to do

For those who find themselves in an abusive situation, the National Domestic Violence Hotline advises:

Create a safety plan.

A safety plan is a personalized, practical plan that includes ways to remain safe while in a relationship, planning to leave, or after you leave. Here at The Hotline, we safety plan with victims, friends, family members, and anyone who is concerned about their own safety or the safety of someone else.

You and your partner may be told by either or both of your employers to work remotely to limit social interaction.

Having a safety plan laid out can help you to protect yourself during this stressful time. You can learn more about safety plans here, and you can find an interactive guide to safety planning here.

Because there may be limited shelter availability due to COVID-19, consider alternatives such as staying with family or friends, staying in motels, or sleeping in your vehicle. Be extra mindful of good hygiene practices if you're leaving as well – wash your hands regularly, avoid touching your face, minimize contact with surfaces that other people have had contact with, etc.

Practice self-care.

COVID-19 is causing uncertainty for many people, but getting through this time while experiencing abuse can feel really overwhelming. Taking time for your health and wellness can make a big difference in how you feel. To learn more about how to build in self-care while staying safe, you can learn more here.

If you're a friend or family member of someone experiencing abuse, you may not be able to visit them in person if you live in an area where there are COVID-19 cases.

Seeing someone you care about being hurt is stressful. Remind yourself that you can't make decisions for someone else, but you can encourage your loved one to think about their wellbeing, safety plan and practice self-care while they are in their home.

Reach out for help.

While people are encouraged to stay at home, you may feel isolated from your friends and family. Even if you are isolated, try to maintain social connections online or over the phone, if it is safe to do so, and try to stick to your daily routines as much as possible.

Victim Services offers local help

Horstman told The Tribune, "Victim Services has been seeking new ways to support victims during this health crisis. Because we understand it might be difficult for a victim to call our 24-Hour Help Line if they are at home with their abuser, we offer the additional options of online chat through Facebook messenger and texting.

"We hope this will make it easier and safer for victims to seek out help and support. Our shelters are open to receive anyone who needs a safe place to escape and we are taking every precaution to protect the health of our shelter guests and staff. Counseling is also available via telephone or online.

"We want the community to know that we are here for them and they can reach out anytime for help, or just to talk to someone if they are feeling isolated or anxious while under COVID-19 restrictions."

Local contacts

• 24 hr. Help Line 256-734-6100 – calls only
• 24 hr. English/Spanish text or call – 256-708-4769
• Facebook messenger @ victimservicescullman

From the National Domestic Abuse Hotline

"For any victims and survivors who need support, we are here for you, 24/7. Call 1-800-799-7233 or 1-800-799-7233 for TTY, or if you're unable to speak safely, you can log onto thehotline.org or text LOVEIS to 22522."

Gentry concluded, "This is a stressful time for everybody, but I'm proud that we live in the greatest community in the state of Alabama.

"We need to take care of each other, have patience with each other and just continue to work to make a bad situation better. And we can do that by working together.

"I'm proud of the effort that the sheriff's office- the deputies, investigators, dispatchers, detention deputies- everybody's giving to make this place better and safe during a bad situation."