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– LOCAL GOVERNMENT –

## Colony mayor, council talk need for census responses, summer plans



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Councilwoman Ethel Alexander keeping things safe at Tuesday's town council meeting. » PAGE 3

– BRINGING OUT THE BEST –

## Corinth Baptist Church debuts 'Corinth Community Cupboard'

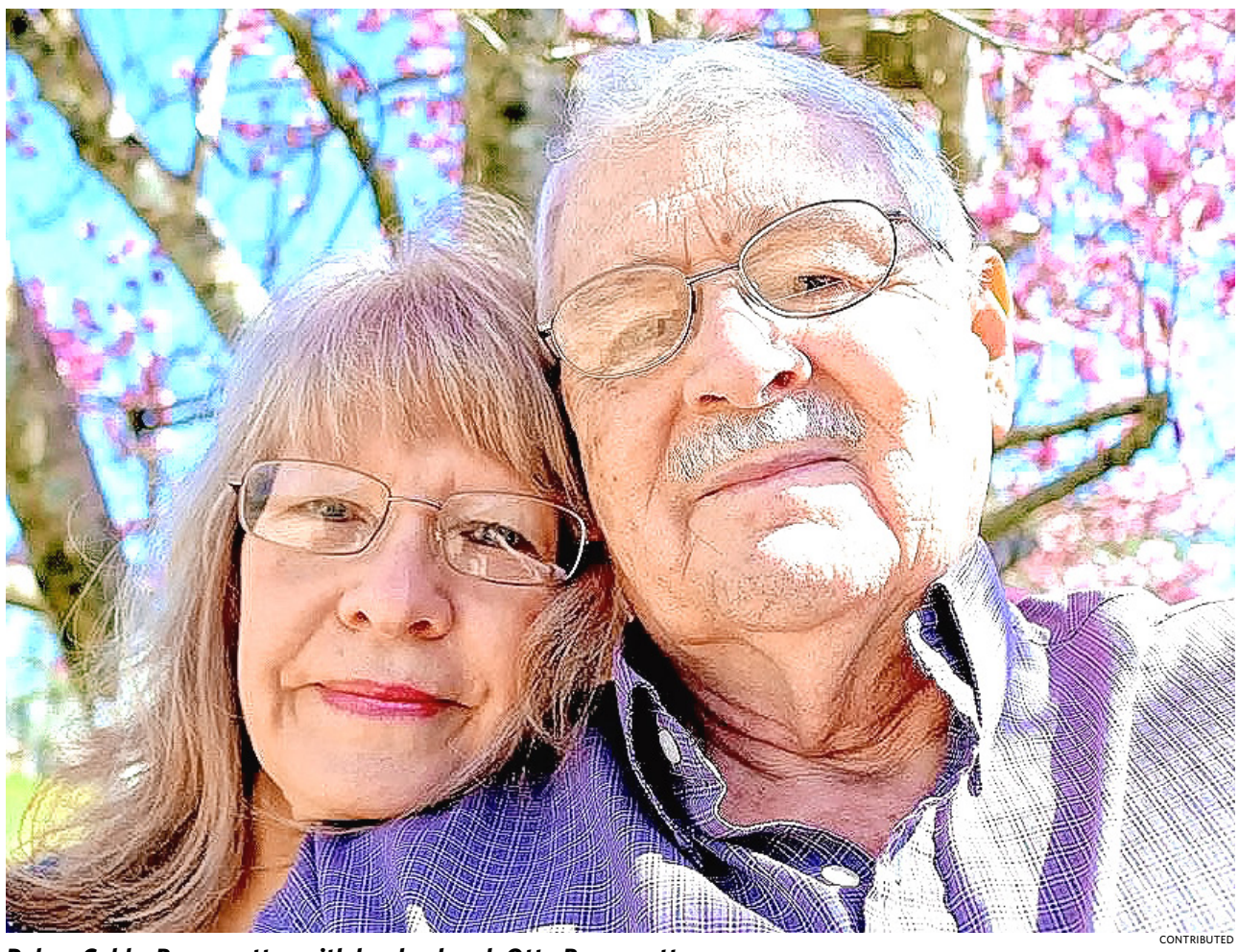



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Corinth Baptist Church's new food pantry, the Corinth Community Cupboard, is located on the church's property at 15698 Alabama Highway 69, Joppa, AL 35087. » PAGE 3

– LIFESTYLE –

## #IAmCullman: Meet Rehna Cobbs Boesswetter



CONTRIBUTED

*Rehna Cobbs Boesswetter with her husband, Otto Boesswetter*

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## COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

As of early Wednesday evening, from Alabama Public Health: There are 6,842 cases of COVID-19 in Alabama, and 251 deaths have been confirmed. Cullman County has 54 cases and 0 deaths. Find the latest numbers at https://bit.ly/2VjCQbP.

## Inland Building Systems, HomTex donate thousands of masks



DALE GREER

*Face masks manufactured at HomTex Cullman were donated to the Cullman City School System Nutrition Program this week by the Inland/Schulte Cullman building manufacturer and HomTex. School system representatives will wear the masks during weekly food donations to students and their families. Pictured are, from left, HomTex President and CEO Jeremy Wootten; Jamie Troutman, Cullman Economic Development Agency; Ron Ambrosius, president of Inland/Schulte; Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman; HomTex CFO Jerry Wootten; Cullman City School Nutrition Program Coordinator Dreama Young; and Cullman High School Principal Kim Hall.*

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Area nursing homes, Cullman City Schools and local food banks are receiving new protective DreamFit masks thanks to a generous donation from Inland Building Systems, part of Schulte Building Systems, Inc. and local textile manufacturer HomTex.

Inland purchased $10,000 worth of the masks manufactured by HomTex, and HomTex matched that dollar amount, doubling the number of masks.

Ron Ambrosius, president of Cullman's Inland operation, said he had placed an order with HomTex to produce the masks. But once HomTex CFO Jerry Wootten learned of the donation plan, he told Ambrosius that HomTex wanted to match the » PAGE 8

BUSINESS

## Cullman Savings Bank supports, highlights local businesses with new program

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – The COVID-19 shutdown has adversely affected businesses across the country, and Cullman is certainly no exception. From outright closures to social distancing cutbacks, many local businesses have felt the impact. Cullman Savings Bank (CSB) hopes to "flatten the curve" of economic hardship on small business owners by becoming their biggest customer. Having made large purchases from those businesses, the bank then gives purchased items away to its own clients.

CSB Vice President Clara Kent explained that the bank is reaching out to various local » PAGE 8




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CRIME

# Arrests and incidents reported April 29

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 29, 2020. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**INCIDENTS**

**April 27**

- harassment; Chad Dr.
- harassment; CR 205
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, attempting to elude; CR 25
- violation of a protection order; CR 260
- harassment; CR 196
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; Day Gap Road
- criminal mischief; CR 656
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 25
- attempting to elude; CR 831

**April 28**

- domestic violence; CR 1856
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1154
- domestic violence; CR 625
- domestic violence, criminal mischief; 1st Ave. S. Garden City
- harassment; CR 1354
- burglary; CR 394
- theft of property; CR 1498

**ARRESTS**

No arrests reported.

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**INCIDENTS**

**April 25**

- fourth-degree theft of property; person; Hwy. 157; tag; $100

**April 26**

- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; Edgewood St. NW; iPad; $300
- third-degree theft of property; person; Clover Road SE; cash

April 27

- fourth-degree theft of property, third-degree criminal trespassing; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $90
- third-degree burglary; person; 2nd St. SW; damaged door; $100

**April 29**

- fourth-degree theft of property; person; Poplar Dr. SW; key

**ARRESTS**

**April 28**

**Sanders, David E., 31**

- FTA- first-degree criminal trespassing
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
- FTA- attempting to elude

**Williamson, Shelldon D., 54**

- public intoxication

**Williamson, Leslie C., 54**

- DUI

**Graves, Kevin D., 34**

- third-degree criminal trespassing

**King, Tamra M., 39**

- DUI

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

# #IAmCullman (from Front)

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*With this feature series, The Cullman Tribune is highlighting everyday individuals all around Cullman County who make our community a great place. #IAmCullman*

Spreading love and joy to those around her has always been Rehna Cobbs Boesswetter's way. When Calera McHenry saw the #IAmCullman series in The Tribune, she knew Rehna was more than deserving of recognition.

The residents of Westminster Assisted Living lovingly refer to her as "the flower lady" and they are surely missing Rehna during the COVID-19 pandemic. The residents of Westminster are just some of the many throughout the Cullman community who have had their day brightened by one of Rehna's little flower bouquets.

For Rehna, "family and friends are God's richest blessings."

Rehna was born in Cullman but at the age of 3, her father took a transfer with his job at Monsanto that took the family to Pensacola. After marrying, she and her husband Otto moved back to Alabama.

First, they moved to Tuscaloosa. She worked at Partlow State School and Hospital as a teacher's aide while Otto worked as a retail manager at T.G.& Y. stores.

Otto's job led the couple to Birmingham where Rehna attended The University of Alabama at Birmingham and she received a degree in health information technology.

She began working at Brookwood Medical Center in Birmingham, but she and Otto both knew they wanted to be back in Cullman. In 1980, the Boesswetters got that chance when T.G.&Y. opened a Cullman store. For Rehna, they were home.

"Cullman has always been my home and almost all my family is here," she said.

Once in Cullman, Otto and Rehna started a family; their first daughter Stacy was born in 1980 and Sara in 1984.

Rehna said, "I feel blessed that I was able to stay at home with our daughters."

Once the girls were in high school, Rehna went back to work as a medical transcriptionist. She spent three years at Woodland Hospital, three years with Dr. Anthony Benchina and 28 years at Surgical Arts, P.C.

She said, "I always loved the paperwork side of health care. I loved typing and felt like I was doing my part to help the patients. I could never be a nurse. I think I'd faint if I had to do that."

Four years ago, Rehna retired which allowed her to focus on the many things she enjoys- family, church and her many hobbies including sewing, cooking, photography and gardening.

Rehna also spent a great deal of time taking care of elderly relatives.

"My aunt Clara Cobbs lived with us for 12 years and suffered from Alzheimer's the last two of those years," she said.

"Likewise, I helped with my father's care after a heart attack and stroke. I have always had a great love for the elderly. During those times when it seems older ones are needing us is when we are really needing them, too. We can gain so much wisdom from them if we take the time to listen, and learn about patience and strength, love and joy. I think my life experiences helped to found a deep love for the elderly and I am grateful for any small way I can help anyone in this stage of their life."

The Boesswetters live close to Westminster Assisted Living and one day Rehna's love for the elderly and proximity to the facility led to an extraordinary friendship.

Rehna explained, "In the summer of 2018, I saw a resident of Westminster, Mr. Jimmie Davis, in amazingly good health for his age, 100 years old (102 now), walking down the street. I ran out to meet him and took him one of my zinnias. It has been a lasting friendship since then."

Rehna and Mr. Davis can often be seen out for walks to the pond on their street.

"This coronavirus situation hasn't been easy for Mr. Davis though,' Rehna said. "We have only been able to talk on the phone some and he is anxious to resume his walks again, come visit me and Otto again and to see the other neighbors. We have such good neighbors and Mr. Davis knows and recognizes each by name."

Rehna visits Mr. Davis regularly as well as the other residents at Westminster. She has become like a daughter for so many of them.

She said, "I try to give back some of the love I have been blessed with throughout my life."

As for being known as "the flower lady," she laughed, "They are just little zinnias mostly, along with a few other garden flowers- they have to be something that will grow on their own. If I can bless others by spreading a little joy and encouragement and make others smile, then I feel like my day has been a success."

Flowers aren't the only way Rehna spreads beauty and joy around Cullman. One of her passions is photographing flowers, birds, butterflies and nature. She enjoys giving away her handmade photo cards, and visitors to the Cullman County library have likely seen her work. You will see some of Rehna's photos displayed on a rolling screen above the main desk, an idea her friend McHenry suggested to library director Sharon Townson.

McHenry said, "I have enjoyed Rehna's photography and just thought it needed to be shared so others could enjoy it, too."

Anyone who has met Rehna knows that family is one of the most important treasures in her life. She and Otto now enjoy five beautiful granddaughters.

She said, "Unfortunately, the daughters and families do not live that close, but they do get to visit often. Stacy and her husband Darren live in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands and Sara and husband Brian and five daughters live near Joplin, Missouri. I am indeed thankful to live in the age of technology where I can talk with and see them on Facetime often."

Rehna and Otto attend Gum Pond Primitive Baptist. Her grandparents were founding members when the church was constituted in 1922.

Rehna and Otto have been married now for almost 46 years and she describes them as a "devoted couple."

She added, "Everyone faces up and downs, and we have had our hard times, too."

Otto has had several medical scares throughout the years, including quadruple bypass surgery just over a year ago, but is doing well now.

Rehna said, "When you marry, make a commitment that it will be for a lifetime! Have faith and trust in God that He will help you through any difficulties in life, even when you can't see the end. Let go of the past and don't worry about the future for all you have right now is the present moment. Take time to smell the roses, to really see the beautiful flowers and birds, the sunsets and sunrises, and thank God for the gift of each day."

# PUBLIC NOTICES
## *April 30*

**Good Hope Public Cemetery formal Decoration Day canceled**
In accordance with Gov. Kay Ivey's Stay at Home Order and social distancing, Good Hope Public Cemetery will not hold a formal Decoration Day May 3, the first Sunday in May. Decoration Day is the largest day of fundraising and provides essential funding for maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery. The cemetery is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and your donations are tax-deductible. Those wanting and able to make a contribution should make checks payable to Good Hope Public Cemetery. Donations can either be placed in the donation box at the cemetery in front of the shed or mailed to P.O. Box 255, Cullman, AL 35056. Thank you.

**Holly Pond Cemetery Decoration**
As with everything else at this point in time, things have changed. Because of Gov. Kay Ivey's Stay at Home Order and social distancing, Decoration Day at Holly Pond will be different. The first Sunday in May weekend is our largest fundraiser for the upkeep of the Holly Pond Cemetery. If you would like to make a contribution, donations may be mailed to:

Holly Pond Cemetery Fund
c/o Judy Jones
3643 County Road 1650
Holly Pond, AL 35083

**Shady Grove Methodist Church at Logan Decoration**
Decoration scheduled for the first Sunday in May at Shady Grove Methodist Church at Logan has been canceled. No service will be held, but flowers can be put on graves.

**Festhalle Farmers' Market**
Opens at 7 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Located at 209 First Ave. NE, Cullman.

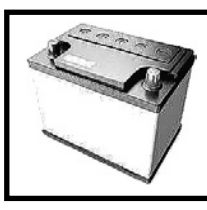
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- Order at https://cullmangrown.company.site/.

**Spirit Life Church of God Online Services**
We will have online services via Facebook Spirit Life Church of GOD group Sundays at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. until the governor's order to not meet is lifted. These can be viewed "live" or at the viewer's convenience.

**From Cullman Municipal Court**
Due to Governor Kay Ivey's "Safer at Home" Order, all Cullman Municipal Court cases are hereby continued until further notice. Reset court date notices will be mailed to each defendant. It is imperative that defendants ensure we have the correct address on file. To update your address, please call the court office at 256-775-7136.

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# Cupboard (from Front)

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**JOPPA, Ala.** – Corinth Baptist Church recently debuted the Corinth Community Cupboard, a food pantry for people in Baileyton, Joppa and Arab who may need extra help. The pantry is a freestanding structure, set up where people can simply drive or walk up and take what they need. People can also leave non-perishable food donations in the pantry.

The food pantry is located on the church's property at 15698 Alabama Highway 69, Joppa, AL 35087.

Corinth Baptist Church Pastor Josh Hogland shared, "The Corinth Baptist food pantry opened officially in late February.

"This is the second pantry I have had the pleasure of being a part of, along with the builders Joe and Cindy Alverson."

On donations, he noted, "We have had many generous donors and we accept any non-perishable items, books, toiletries and even have people that donate cash.

"We do the shopping for them and provide them with a receipt."

When asked if there's been an impact on the pantry due to the pandemic, Hogland answered, "This pandemic has definitely caused an increase in the use of the food pantry.

"Where we were spending about $750 per month, we now are spending about $1,800 per month.

"The awesome part is that all money has been donated."

The pastor continued, "We just want to be able to help our community, and with the food pantry it allows us to provide for those people and help them have anonymity."

He added, "You can call me directly at 256-615-9658.

"This is also the number people can call to reach out to us about their needs.

"We have a wonderful mission team and provide many opportunities for those in need.

"We have a shopping and grocery delivery team, a community cleanup team and many more."

# Colony (from Front)

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**COLONY, Ala.** – Colony's Town Council had no official items on its agenda and did not hold a formal meeting Tuesday, but did hold a work session at which Mayor Donnis Leeth and members discussed several topics of interest and concern.

A topic of serious concern was the 2020 Census. Response rates have been lower than desired across the state, a situation complicated by the COVID-19 shutdown.

With an extension of the census deadline to Aug. 14, the council hopes to find ways to increase participation in Colony.

Councilwoman Ethel Alexander said she is working on getting a laptop computer that will allow her to go door to door in places, and Councilman Melvin Hammond talked about plans for a community-wide mailout notice to encourage participation.

Leeth pointed to the economic benefits of census participation, noting that federal funding of programs like Medicare is impacted by information generated by the Census Bureau, and telling The Tribune people should "not just think that people are going to take your land and all, stuff like that. They don't do that . . . We need to just get together and understand it. We'll show them the paperwork, how that stuff works, and hope we'll be all in one accord."

Leeth wants people to know that the town's food pantry is still open, and he plans to get more supplies from the Food Bank of North Alabama soon.

Alexander recommended that the Town make the most of its storage space at the food pantry and stock up on available non-perishable goods.

Anyone who needs assistance can contact Colony Town Hall for more information.

Leeth and Hammond discussed concerns about work being done at Town facilities. The two recommended that, in the future, all repair work should be done by bonded providers who sign a formal contract with the Town which includes time limits for job completion. Hammond said he is working on a standard contract form.

Alexander shared that plans for the town's summer children's feeding program are unsure at the moment due to disruptions caused by the COVID-19 shutdown. Alexander expressed hope that some type of summer educational program might still take place.

She offered to do tutoring and reading, and Hammond offered to help with possible math and computer instruction. Alexander will be sending out more information to the community as plans are made.

Leeth also encouraged members to let the council know of any needs they encounter, saying, "If y'all hear anything of anybody that has got sick around the community, we'll come in here, call a special meeting or just call a workshop and see what we can do for them, because that's what we're here for, is to help people.

"That's what we're going to do: help people."

The Colony Town Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at Colony Town Hall, with work session at 5 p.m. and council meeting following. The public is invited to attend.




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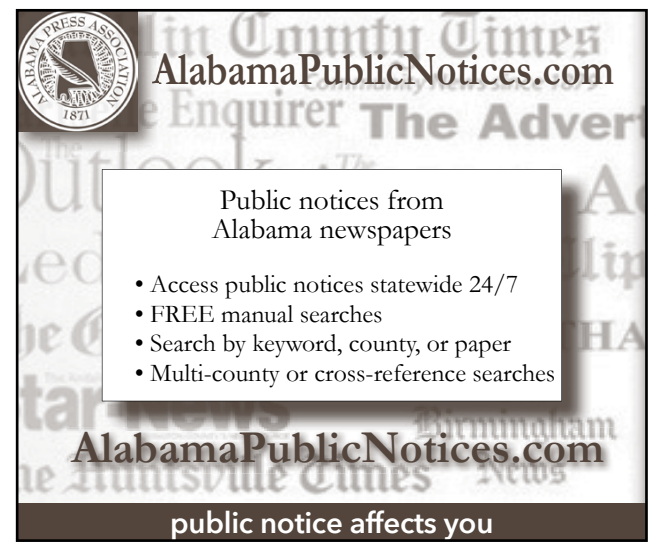
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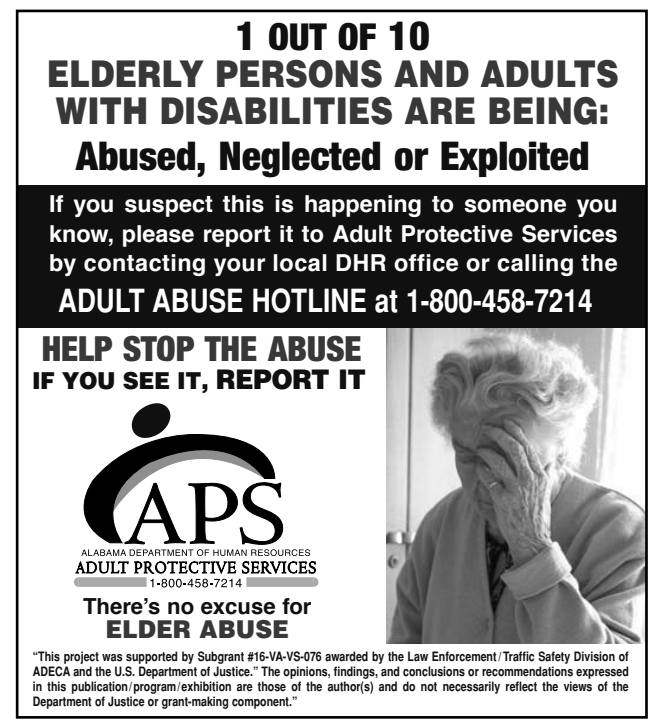
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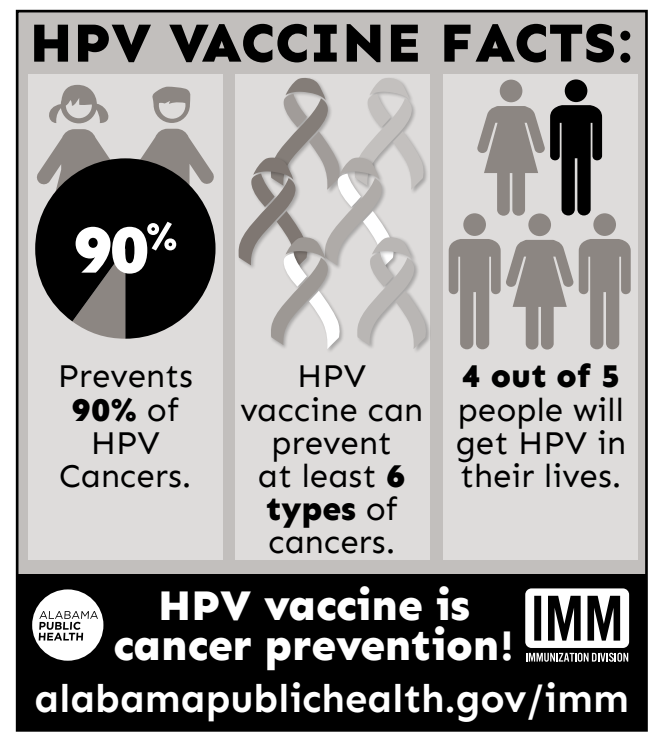
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**KAYCI DIXON**
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2020-900109.00**

**DOUGLAS DIXON**
Defendant

**NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION**

Douglas Dixon, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Douglas Dixon's Complaint for Divorce by June 8, 2020 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2020-900109.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 6th day of April, 2020.

Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER:
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**City of Cullman**
**Building Inspection Department**

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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday, May 4, 2020, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Short form Subdivision to create public right of way – Ellsworth Subdivision
2. Rezoning request on 3rd Ave. SE & King Edward Street – R-1 to R-4
3. Rezoning request for Shadowbrook Subdivision – East Hanceville Road SE – AG-1 to R-2
4. Rezoning request for Wynn Haven Subdivision – R-1 to R-3
5. Short form Subdivision - 1809 3rd Street NW – divide one lot into two lots
6. Short form Subdivision – Alabama Highway 157 NW – 2 lots
7. Short form Subdivision – Welti Road SE & 14th Street SE – 3 lots
8. Short form Subdivision – Wynn Haven Subdivision – Divide one lot into two lots
9. Preliminary Subdivision – Highpoint Subdivision – County Road 490

If you would like to speak concerning any of these items, please contact our office at 256-775-7203.

For further information contact Brian Landreth or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC2020-128

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF EALON A. LINKOUS, DECEASED.**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Randy Hollis, Mitch Hollis, Kelly Hollis and Tracey Hollis Reburn on the 21st day of April, 2020, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Randy Hollis, Mitch Hollis, Kelly Hollis and Tracey Hollis Reburn
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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# Nick's Picks: Top 10 Football Movies

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With COVID-19 shutting down schools, businesses and seemingly everything else across the country, both movies and sports are experiencing an unprecedented hiatus. This is as good a time as ever to stay home and try to enjoy both sports and movies as best we can and the best way to do that will be combining the two. We're breaking down the top choices for films to enjoy based on each major sport, starting with baseball and ending with sports comedies. Today we'll be talking about my top 10 choices for the greatest football movies of all time. Feel free to share your own personal favorites as well, there is plenty to discuss.

**10. Draft Day (2014)**
With 13 hours until the beginning of the NFL draft, Sonny, played by Kevin Costner, is informed by the team's owner, Frank Langella, that if Sonny doesn't make a splash and generate ticket sales, he's going to be fired. That prompts the GM to take a trade offer from another team that gives him the first pick in the draft, in exchange for three future first-round picks.

The move outrages the Browns' head coach, and forces all of the team's scouts to dig up what they can find about the pick everyone, including the owner, expects them to make -- a highly touted quarterback from Wisconsin. Meanwhile, Weaver is drawn to a talented linebacker who has family issues to deal with and is known for having a hot temper.

Kevin Costner can't keep himself out of sports movies. *Draft Day* is another Costner-starring film with a cast that includes Jennifer Garner, Denis Leary and a host of NFL personalities. This one can get a little cheesy from time to time but it gives an interesting look at the people working behind the scenes during the NFL Draft and making the decisions.

**9. The Replacements (2000)**
When the Washington Sentinels go on strike, the team's owner Edward O'Neill, calls former NFL coach Jimmy McGinty, played by Gene Hackman, out of retirement to coach a rag-tag team of replacement players and finish the season's last four games. McGinty turns to former Ohio State Quarterback Shane Falco, Keanu Reeves, to be the team's captain for the duration of the season and Falco is forced to shape up the misfit players whom include convenience store guard Clifford Franklin, gangster rapper brothers Andre and Jamal Jackson, former sumo wrestler Jumbo Fumkio, a Welsh "football" player called "The Leg", a deaf player, a convict on a work-release program, a tough SWAT leader, and many more while, at the same time, Falco strikes up a possible romance with the team's cheerleading captain Annabelle Farrell, Brooke Langton.

*The Replacements* definitely has some romance to deal with between the two leads but is mostly, a fun, light-hearted, uplifting story about a classic group of misfits coming together to achieve the impossible. Howard Deutch does an excellent job directing a talented cast and together they make a fun film about a group of underdogs on the gridiron.

**8. We Are Marshall (2006)**
On November 14, 1970 Marshall University's football team, its coaching staff and many fans were killed when the airplane they were traveling on crashed in the outskirts of their hometown of Huntington, West Virginia. Virtually everyone in the community is in mourning and university president Don Dedman is torn when one of the players who did not travel with the team due to injury pushes to have the team reinstated.

Dedman eventually agrees and they hire Jack Lengyel, played by Matthew McConaughey, as the new head coach. Building a team from scratch is a daunting exercise, requiring many in the community to examine their values and support one another to heal.

Built around the true story of a real-life tragedy, *We Are Marshall* is a touching and inspirational film about a group of people using a game to heal. McConaughey is great as Coach Lengyel but the highlight of this film is watching a community come together and build each other back up through football.

**7. Varsity Blues (1999)**
In small-town Texas, high school football is a religion. In his 35th year as head coach, Bud Kilmer, played by Jon Voight is trying to lead his West Canaan Coyotes to their 23rd division title.

When star quarterback Lance Harbor, Paul Walker, suffers an injury, the Coyotes are forced to regroup under the questionable leadership of John Moxon, James Van Der Beek, a second-string quarterback with a slightly irreverent approach to the game. *Varsity Blues* explores our obsession with sports and how teenage athletes respond to the extraordinary pressures placed on them.

If you're reading this, you probably love high school sports just like I do. However, there can be a dark side to the Friday nights we all love so much, and Varsity Blues shows us that. Passion is what makes high school football so great, but it can also push people too far in their pursuit of their goals.

**6. Jerry Maguire (1996)**
Jerry Maguire, played by Tom Cruise, is a successful sports agent who has it all until one night he questions his purpose and his place in the world. Finally, he comes to terms with what's wrong with his career and life. Unfortunately his opinions aren't received well by his superiors and after being stripped of his high earning clients and elite status within the agency, Jerry steps out into the sports business with just one client, Rod Tidwell, played by Cuba Gooding, Jr., and the only person with belief in his abilities, Dorothy Boyd, played by Renée Zellweger, with the impossible task of rebuilding what he once had.

Tom Cruise has put together a long list of great characters and great performances in his lengthy career, but *Jerry Maguire* is one that I think slips under the radar for a lot of people. Jerry Maguire likely isn't the first film you think of when you look at Cruise' career but he, alongside Cuba Gooding Jr. and Renée Zellweger, are phenomenal in this sports drama. You may feel one way about the principal characters when you meet them at the start of the story but after going through what feels like an endless barrage of disappointments, broken promises and relationship troubles, its hard not to find yourself pulling for all of them by the end.

**5. The Blind Side (2009)**
"The Blind Side" depicts the story of Michael Oher, a homeless African American youngster from a broken home, taken in by the Touhys, a well-to-do white family who help him fulfill his potential.

At the same time, Oher's presence in the Touhys' lives leads them to some insightful self-discoveries of their own. Living in his new environment, the teen faces a completely different set of challenges to overcome. As a football player and student, Oher works hard and, with the help of his coaches and adopted family, becomes an All-American offensive tackle and earns the opportunity to attend college.

If you're anywhere close to my age, you almost definitely saw this movie in school if you didn't see it in the theater. *The Blind Side*, and the story it tells, grabbed the attention of the entire nation when it came out in 2009. The film's inspiring story is easy for anyone to watch and appreciate but it's a phenomenal cast, led by Sandra Bullock, that makes The Blind Side so entertaining, uplifting and rewatchable.

**4. Invincible (2006)**
In the summer of 1976, 30-year old Vince Papale, played by Mark Wahlberg, is having a tough run of luck. He's been working as a substitute teacher for two days a week but has just found out that his job has been eliminated because of budget cuts.

His wife gives up on him, saying he'll never amount to anything and asks for a divorce. He works as a bartender and plays football in the lot with his friends but when the new coach of the Philadelphia Eagles, Dick Vermeil played by Greg Kinnear, announces that he will hold open tryouts for the team, Vince reluctantly decides to give a try.

*Invincible*, like a lot of the great sports movies, is a story about an underdog overcoming seemingly impossible odds to earn a spot on the roster for the Philadelphia Eagles. Wahlberg and Kinnear carry this film for the most part but all of the supporting actors that make up Papale's friends and family kind of become a character as well. They become the singular voice of the city cheering for Vince and their support is a big part of what keeps him striving toward his goal. Based on a true story, Invincible serves as another classic example of what people are capable of when they put their heart and soul behind it.

**3. Friday Night Lights (2004)**
Expectations are high for the 1988 football team at Permian "MOJO" High School in the blue-collar, football-crazy town of Odessa, Texas. MOJO is a traditional powerhouse in Texas high school football, and the community lets Coach Gaines, played by Billy Bob Thornton, know in many not-so-subtle ways that nothing short of a state championship is acceptable. But when the team loses its star tailback in the first game of the season, hopes seem dashed, and MOJO goes into an early tailspin.

Everyone is ready to give up on Coach Gaines and the team is ready to quit but miraculously, Gaines pulls the team together and MOJO makes an unlikely run into the state playoffs.

High school football is either a dream for younger kids, a passion for current players or a nostalgic time for those looking back on their playing days. *Friday Night Lights* captures all of that. Director Peter Berg does an excellent job of showing the audience just how important high school sports are to those directly involved, whether its coaches, players, cheerleaders, siblings, parents or fans. The story of the Permian Panthers is a romantic, inspiring sports epic and this film does as good a job as any at capturing the essence of a Friday night football game at high schools all over the country.




TRISTAR PICTURES

***Rudy*, 1993**

**2. Remember the Titans (2000)**
In the early 1970s, two schools in Alexandria, Virginia integrate forming T.C. Williams High School. The head coach of the Titans is replaced by an African American coach from North Carolina.

Tensions arise when players of different races are forced together on the same football team. Many of these tensions are eased during the two-week training camp in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania but when the players returned to Alexandria, they found the city in turmoil due to the forced desegregation of the high school.

As the season progresses, the team's success causes the community to begin accepting the changes and grow closer to one another. After the Titans' perfect season, the team and the city were closer than ever.

The story of the T.C. Williams Titans should be well-known to most sports fans across the country. *Remember the Titans* takes us back to an era when race relations in the United States were far more tense and a community was being divided by desegregation. In the end, it was the sons of all these people in Alexandria that came together for the game of football and learned to live with one another, teaching that lesson to the rest of the community around them. Denzel Washington is the standout as Coach Herman Boone, but everyone is perfectly cast, from Boone's assistant coach, Bill Yoast played by Will Patton, all the way down to the coaches daughters, played by Hayden Panettiere and Krysten Leigh Jones. All these pieces come together perfectly to make one of the most memorable and impactful sports films of all time.

**1. Rudy (1993)**
Rudy, played by Sean Astin, grew up in a steel mill town where most people ended up working but wanted to play football at Notre Dame instead. There were only a couple of problems. His grades were a little low, his athletic skills were poor, and he was only half the size of the other players. But he had the drive and the spirit of five people and has set his sights upon joining the team.

By his senior year, the team has grown so fond of the boy that on the day of the final game, every member shows up at the coach's office and offers to give up his place on the squad in order to give Rudy one chance to suit up as a team member. The coach, moved and impressed, allows Rudy to suit up and lead the team to the benches.

If you grew up in a house with anyone that loved sports, odds are you have seen *Rudy*. Based on a true story, the life of Rudy Ruttinger serves as a classic tale of working hard to overcome external adversity and your own internal limitations.

Astin is cast perfectly as Ruttinger and plays the ultimate underdog hero surrounded by supporting actors like Jon Favreau, Ned Beatty, Charles S. Dutton and Greta Lind who help pull it all together. No matter how old you are, where you come from or even if you like football, you can relate to Rudy as you watch him fight to achieve his goals and earn the admiration of those around him for his commitment, passion and effort.

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*Using all precautionary measures, Legionnaires Clara Puckett and Jacklyn Arseneau are pictured following a home visit, helping bring the special gift of the Risen Jesus on Easter Sunday.*

FAITH

# St. Vincent de Paul Society food bank open on Fridays

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Members of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church's St. Vincent de Paul Society in Cullman have opened their food bank doors on a very limited basis to help the needy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The food bank doors are open Friday mornings from 9-11:45 a.m., with workers are exercising precautionary measures including the 6-foot distance rules and wearing face masks and gloves while serving applicants. The food bank will resume its normal operational days and hours of Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-11:45 a.m. once restrictions have been lifted. The office is located across from the church at 205 Third Ave. SE in Cullman.

The services of the worldwide St. Vincent de Paul organization are available to all residents of Cullman County who qualify according to prescribed rules and regulations.



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FAITH

# Legion of Mary delivers Holy Communion to shut-ins

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Legion of Lady members from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Cullman made special visits to parishioners on Easter Sunday, bringing Holy Communion to shut-ins on the special day of Easter celebration.

Hopefully regular Masses and Church services will resume shortly, but even after they do, Legion of Mary members bring Holy Communion to shut-ins and homebound through their weekly visits. Parishioners know they are thought of and remembered by their fellow Church family members through these weekly visits, a major ministry of the worldwide Legion of Mary organization.







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# Sports

**2:00 p.m. FSEE College Softball** Wichita State at Oklahoma. From Marita Hynes Field in Norman, Okla.
**10:00 p.m. ESPN2 Rocket League Spring Series** North America - Grand Finals. North America's best players will take to the pitch in Rocket League to claim their spot as champion.
**11:30 p.m. FS1 The Best of WWE** Relive five of RAW Women's Champion Becky Lynch's best title matches.
**12:30 a.m. FS1 WWE 24** Ronda Rousey's history-making performance in the first-ever all-women's WrestleMania main event.
**1:30 a.m. FS1 The Best of WWE** Relive Charlotte Flair's eight greatest matches,including showdowns against Sasha Banks and others.
**2:00 a.m. ESPN2 The Race All-Star Series**

# Movies

**6:00 a.m. FX "Keeping Up With the Joneses"** ★★ (2016) Zach Galifianakis.
**6:30 a.m. TMC "Blaze"** ★★★½ (2018) Ben Dickey A reimagining of the life and times of Blaze Foley, the unsung songwriting legend of the Texas Outlaw Music movement.
**7:05 a.m. HBO "Alita: Battle Angel"** ★★½ (2019) Rosa Salazar
**7:15 a.m. TCM "The Lady Takes a Sailor"** ★★★ (1949) Jane Wyman. An underwater researcher falls for a sailor on a secret mission for the Navy.
**8:00 a.m. AMC "A Knight's Tale"** ★★½ (2001) Heath Ledger.
**MAX "The Inevitable Defeat of Mister & Pete"** ★★★ (2013) Skylan Brooks The sons of two drug-addled hookers must fend for themselves after one's mother goes missing and the other is arrested.
**8:35 a.m. 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.
**9:00 a.m. TCM "The Unfaithful"** ★★ (1947) Ann Sheridan.
**9:15 a.m. HBO "The Sun Is Also a Star"** ★★ (2019) Yara Shahidi
**9:50 a.m. MAX "Go for It!"** ★★ (2010) Aimee Garcia
**10:00 a.m. FX "Now You See Me"** ★★½ (2013) Jesse Eisenberg.
**10:30 a.m. TMC "Beastly"** ★★ (2011) Alex Pettyfer
**11:00 a.m. AMC "Inferno"** ★★ (2016) Tom Hanks.
**TCM "One for the Book"** ★★½ (1947) Ronald Reagan.
**11:25 a.m. MAX "The Dilemma"** ★★ (2011) Vince Vaughn
**12:00 p.m. HBO "Kin"** ★★ (2018) Myles Truitt
**TMC "On the Basis of Sex"** ★★½ (2018) Felicity Jones
**12:30 p.m. FX "Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol"** ★★★ (2011) Tom Cruise. After the IMF is implicated in a global terrorist plot and shut down, Ethan Hunt and his team must go under cover and off the grid to clear the organization's name.
**1:00 p.m. TCM "Comrade X"** ★★★ (1940) Clark Gable. A Moscow hotel porter blackmails a U.S. newsman into smuggling his reluctant daughter out of the country.
**1:15 p.m. SHOW "Platoon"** ★★★★ (1986) Tom Berenger Two sergeants and a private join others lost in war along the 1967 Cambodian border.
**1:20 p.m. MAX "Grudge Match"** ★★ (2013) Robert De Niro
**1:45 p.m. HBO "Blinded by the Light"** ★★★½ (2019) Viveik Kalra Javed is a Pakistani teenager who experiences racial and economic turmoil in working-class England in 1987. He soon gathers the courage to find his own voice and follow his dreams after discovering the inspirational music of Bruce Springsteen.
**2:00 p.m. AMC "Gangster Squad"** ★★ (2013) Josh Brolin.
**BET "Get Rich or Die Tryin"'** ★★ (2005) Curtis '50 Cent' Jackson.
**2:45 p.m. TCM "Mildred Pierce"** ★★★½ (1945) Joan Crawford. A woman makes personal sacrifices in order to please her ungrateful daughter.
**3:00 p.m. TNT "Kong: Skull Island"** ★★★ (2017) Tom Hiddleston. Scientists, soldiers and adventurers encounter the mighty Kong and other monstrous creatures after traveling to an uncharted island in the Pacific Ocean.
**3:15 p.m. MAX "Twilight Zone: The Movie"** ★★★ (1983) Vic Morrow Four tales include a bigot, oldsters who find youth in playing kick the can, a misunderstood boy, and a terrified man on a plane.
**SHOW "Swingers"** ★★★ (1996) Jon Favreau Would-be sultans of coolness help a socially inept friend find romance as they strut through Hollywood and Las Vegas.
**3:30 p.m. FX "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle"** ★★★ (2017) Dwayne Johnson. Four teens embark on the adventure of a lifetime when a video game magically transports them to the jungle and transforms them into adults.
**TMC "Made of Honor"** ★★ (2008) Patrick Dempsey
**4:00 p.m. FREE "Dirty Dancing"** ★★★ (1987) Jennifer Grey. A doctor's teenage daughter gets slinky with the dance teacher at a Catskills resort in the summer of 1963.
**4:30 p.m. AMC "Gran Torino"** ★★★ (2008) Clint Eastwood. An unlikely friendship forms between a bigoted war veteran and an Asian boy who tried to steal the man's treasured automobile.
**4:55 p.m. SHOW "Superbad"** ★★★ (2007) Jonah Hill Separation anxiety poses a problem for two co-dependent high-school seniors who hope to score booze and babes at a party.
**5:00 p.m. TCM "Our Miss Brooks"** ★★½ (1956) Eve Arden.
**MAX "Revolutionary Road"** ★★★ (2008) Leonardo DiCaprio In 1950s Connecticut, two suburbanites become increasingly dissatisfied with their marriage and society's expectations of conformity.
**5:15 p.m. TMC "Peggy Sue Got Married"** ★★★ (1986) Kathleen Turner A 1985 housewife passes out at her high-school reunion and wakes up in 1960, in school with her husband-to-be.
**5:30 p.m. TNT "Suicide Squad"** ★★ (2016) Will Smith.
**5:50 p.m. HBO "Long Shot"** ★★★ (2019) Seth Rogen Journalist Fred Flarsky unexpectedly reconnects with Charlotte Field — his former baby sitter and childhood crush. When Charlotte makes a run for the presidency, she impulsively hires Fred as her speechwriter — much to the dismay of her advisers.
**6:00 p.m. FREE "Point Break"** ★★★ (1991) Patrick Swayze. An FBI agent turns California surfer to nab bank robbers who wear rubber masks of four ex-presidents.
**7:00 p.m. AMC "U.S. Marshals"** ★★ (1998) Tommy Lee Jones.
**PARMT "Sweet Home Alabama"** ★★ (2002) Reese Witherspoon.
**TCM "Network"** ★★★★ (1976) Faye Dunaway. A TV executive boosts her ratings with a mad anchorman who thinks he speaks for God.
**MAX "Collateral Beauty"** ★★ (2016) Will Smith
**TMC "On the Basis of Sex"** ★★½ (2018) Felicity Jones
**8:40 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.
**9:00 p.m. TNT "London Has Fallen"** ★★ (2016) Gerard Butler.
**9:05 p.m. TMC "Billy Elliot"** ★★★ (2000) Julie Walters A working-class youngster in 1984 England discovers a hidden talent for dance with the help of a hard-bitten teacher.
**9:15 p.m. TCM "Dog Day Afternoon"** ★★★★ (1975) Al Pacino. A loser robs a Brooklyn bank with his stupid buddy to pay for his lover's sex change.
**9:30 p.m. PARMT "Sweet Home Alabama"** ★★ (2002) Reese Witherspoon.
**10:00 p.m. AMC "Star Trek"** ★★★ (2009) Chris Pine. Young James T. Kirk, Spock and the rest of the Enterprise crew embark on a collision course with a vengeful Romulan.
**10:55 p.m. MAX "Mortal Engines"** ★★ (2018) Hera Hilmar
**11:00 p.m. FX "Lucy"** ★★★ (2014) Scarlett Johansson. An unwilling drug mule develops superhuman abilities after the synthetic substance leaks into her system.
**TMC "Phenomenon"** ★★½ (1996) John Travolta
**11:30 p.m. TCM "Across 110th Street"** ★★½ (1972) Anthony Quinn.
**12:00 a.m. PARMT "Grease"** ★★★ (1978) John Travolta. Nice Sandy and greaser Danny try to be like each other in their 1950s high school.
**SHOW "Rambo"** ★★ (2008) Sylvester Stallone
**1:30 a.m. TCM "Taxi Driver"** ★★★★ (1976) Robert De Niro. A disturbed New York cabby befriends a teenage hooker and frees her from her pimp.
**1:35 a.m. SHOW "Platoon"** ★★★★ (1986) Tom Berenger Two sergeants and a private join others lost in war along the 1967 Cambodian border.
**2:45 a.m. HBO "Grosse Pointe Blank"** ★★★ (1997) John Cusack A hit man returns to his hometown for a high-school reunion and meets the prom date he stood up years before.
**MAX "Puppet Master"** ★★ (1989) Paul Le Mat
**3:30 a.m. TCM "Sisters"** ★★★ (1973) Margot Kidder. A newswoman and a private eye probe a murder confused by separated Siamese twins.
**3:35 a.m. 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.

## THURSDAY EVENING

MOVIES

APRIL 30, 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 "Vengeance" A couple's passion turns to violence. | | Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Flipped" A rap artist is killed. | | Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Smile" Dentist's murder. | | Last Man Standing | Last Man Standing |
| WBIQ-PBS | 4 | Xavier Riddle and the Secret | Molly of Denali (EI) | PBS NewsHour (N) | | The This Old House Hour Installing windows; roof shingle. | | Doc Martin The annual rowing race. | | Muscle Shoals to Music Row (N) | | Subcarrier "The Melvins" | 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 | Parks and Recreation | Parks and Recreation | (:02) Council of Dads Scott plans to support his family. | | Council of Dads Robin wonders how the council will work. | | 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 | Last Man Standing | (:31) Last Man Standing | (:01) Mental Samurai A new group of contestants competes. | | 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) | Young Sheldon (N) | (:31) Man With a Plan (N) | (:01) Man With a Plan (N) | Broke "Dates" (N) | Tommy Tommy prepares to fight for her job. (N) | | CBS42 News 10pm (N) | Late Show-Colbert |
| WTTO-CW | 9 | The Goldbergs | 2 Broke Girls | The Big Bang Theory | The Big Bang Theory | Katy Keene KO asks for Katy's help. (N) | | In the Dark Jess is interested in a new employee. (N) | | Two and a Half Men | Two and a Half Men | The Andy Griffith Show | The Andy Griffith Show |
| WPXH-ION | 11 | Chicago P.D. The team helps Burgess find her sister. | | Chicago P.D. A murder is tied to a 17-year-old case. | | Chicago P.D. "Fagin" Robberies lead to surprising suspects. | | Chicago P.D. "Army of One" A vigilante murders pedophiles. | | Chicago P.D. Lindsay's mom becomes a murder suspect. | | Chicago P.D. Ruzek's family and work lives collide. | |
| WABM2-ABC | 12 | ABC 33/40 News at 5PM | ABC World News | ABC 33/40 News at 6PM | Wheel of Fortune (N) | Who Wants to Be a Millionaire Celebrities play for charity. (N) | | Station 19 People are trapped in a bowling alley. (N) | | (:01) How to Get Away With Murder (N) | | ABC 33/40 News at 10PM | (:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! |
| A&E | 42 | 60 Days In The Phase One participants reunite. (Part 1 of 2) | | The First 48 Street fight leads to a fatal shooting. | | The First 48 Retaliatory shooting for a murder. (N) | | The First 48: Catching a Killer Fatal slashing in New Orleans. | | 60 Days In The Phase Two participants reunite. | | The First 48 A man is found dead in his hotel room. | |
| AMC | 53 | (4:30) ★★★ "Gran Torino" (2008, Drama) Clint Eastwood, Christopher Carley. A veteran faces his longtime prejudices. | | | | ★★ "U.S. Marshals" (1998, Action) Tommy Lee Jones, Wesley Snipes, Robert Downey Jr. Sam Gerard gets caught up in another fugitive case. | | | | | | ★★★ "Star Trek" (2009) Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto. | |
| ANPL | 47 | Deadliest Catch "Family Affair" The fleet is behind schedule. | | Deadliest Catch The fleet is hit by severe weather. | | Deadliest Catch The King fleet heads toward the finish. | | Deadliest Catch A sinking ship sends a call for help. | | Deadliest Catch "Falling Down" Fishing is halted. | | Deadliest Catch "Lost at Sea" The possible end of a career. | |
| BET | 55 | The Bobby Brown Story "Part 1" Bobby Brown's career blows up. | | | | | The Bobby Brown Story "Part 2" Bobby and Whitney's marriage ends. | | | | | Tyler Perry's Sistas Andi's world is turned upside down. | |
| BRAVO | 58 | (:05) The Real Housewives of New York City | | The Real Housewives of New York City "Don't Mansion It" | | The Real Housewives of New York City | | The Real Housewives of New York City (N) | | Top Chef A taco throwdown for Danny Trejo. (N) | | Watch What Happens Live | Housewives/ NYC |
| CMTV | 61 | Last Man Standing | Last Man Standing | Last Man Standing | Last Man Standing | The Golden Girls | The Golden Girls | The Golden Girls | The Golden Girls | The Golden Girls | The Golden Girls | The Golden Girls | The Golden Girls |
| CNBC | 35 | Mad Money (N) (Live) | | CNBC Special Report: Markets in Turmoil (N) | | Shark Tank A new recreational sport. | | Shark Tank A high-performance problem-solver. | | Shark Tank A boutique shave club for women. | | Shark Tank A new recreational sport. | |
| CNN | 37 | The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer (N) | | Erin Burnett OutFront (N) | | Coronavirus: Facts and Fears: A CNN Global Town Hall The latest developments on COVID-19. (N) (Live) | | | | CNN Tonight with Don Lemon (N) | | CNN Tonight with Don Lemon (N) | |
| COM | 56 | The Office "The Seminar" | The Office "The Search" | The Daily Show | (:45) Key & Peele Sketches include Halloween; zombies. | | (:20) Key & Peele | (7:55) Key & Peele | Key & Peele "I'm Retired" | Key & Peele | Key & Peele "Dubstep" | The Daily Show | (:45) The Office "PDA" |
| DISN | 49 | (:05) Big City Greens | (:35) Raven's Home | (:05) Raven's Home | (:35) Bunk'd | Bunk'd | (:25) Bunk'd | (7:50) Raven's Home | (:40) Just Roll With It | Gabby Duran | Coop & Cami Ask the World | (9:55) Sydney to the Max | (:20) Bunk'd |
| DSC | 43 | Naked and Afraid XL Survivalists trek through a jungle. | | Naked and Afraid XL A survivalist is bitten by a snake. | | Naked and Afraid XL A grueling hike tests the survivalists. | | Naked and Afraid XL Jeff is on the verge of a tap out. | | Naked and Afraid XL "Goodbye Cruel Waterworld" Medics monitor Jeff's high fever. | | | |
| E! | 21 | (:10) Keeping Up With the Kardashians | | Keeping Up With the Kardashians (N) | | Keeping Up With the Kardashians "Family Matters" (N) | | Total Bellas "BellaVision" (N) | | Keeping Up With the Kardashians "Family Matters" | | Nightly Pop (N) | The Kardashians |
| ESPN | 29 | SportsCenter (N) (Live) | | College Football The second-ranked Buckeyes beat No. 3 Michigan in double overtime. From Nov. 26, 2016. | | | | | | (:45) SportsCenter (N) (Live) | | | |
| ESPN2 | 30 | NFL Live (N) | | The Last Dance | | The Last Dance | | The Last Dance | | The Last Dance | | Rocket League Spring Series North America - Grand Finals. | |
| FOOD | 45 | Beat Bobby Flay | Beat Bobby Flay | Beat Bobby Flay | Beat Bobby Flay | Beat Bobby Flay | Beat Bobby Flay | Restaurant: Impossible "Quarantine Check-In and Food Mysteries" Restaurants during the global pandemic. (N) | | | | Restaurant: Impossible Perella's Ristorante in Warren, R.I. | |
| FREE | 48 | (4:00) ★★★ "Dirty Dancing" (1987, Romance) Jennifer Grey. | | ★★★ "Point Break" (1991, Action) Patrick Swayze, Keanu Reeves, Gary Busey. An FBI man turns surfer to nab rubber-masked bank robbers. | | | | | | Siren "The Island" Ryn discovers injured mermaids. (N) | | The 700 Club Sam Wallen's SUV fell on him. (N) | |
| FS1 | 20 | NASCAR Race Hub (N) | | NASCAR Race Classic | Home Game | Greatest Games: NFL From Jan. 18, 2015. (N Taped) | | | | | | FOX Football Now (N) | Home Game |
| FSEE | 32 | Let's Fish Southeast (N) | Silver Kings | Braves World Series 1995 Game 4 from Oct. 25, 1995. (N) | | | | | | P1 AquaX USA 2019 | | Braves World Series 1995 Game 4 from Oct. 25, 1995. | |
| FX | 28 | (3:30) ★★★ "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (2017) | | Better Things | Better Things "Eulogy" | Better Things "Graduation" | Better Things | Better Things | Better Things | Better Things | (:44) Breeders "No Cure (Part 2)" Luke's condition worsens. | | (:16) Better Things |
| GOLF | 82 | Golf Central (N) (Live) | Golf Central | LPGA Tour Golf | | | | | PGA Tour Golf Dustin Johnson, Phil Mickelson, and Adam Scott. From Eagle Point Golf Club in Wilmington, N.C. | | | | |
| HALL | 72 | "Rome in Love" (2019, Romance) Italia Ricci, Vincent Riotta. An actress flies to Rome after landing her dream role. | | | | "The Secret Ingredient" (2020, Romance) Erin Cahill, Brendan Penny. A baker reunites with her ex-fiance in New York City. | | | | The Golden Girls | The Golden Girls | The Golden Girls | The Golden Girls |
| HGTV | 46 | Flip or Flop | Flip or Flop La Puente, Calif. | Flip or Flop | Flip or Flop | Flip or Flop "Infested Flip" | Flip or Flop (N) | Flipping 101 With Tarek | Flipping 101 With Tarek | (:01) House Hunters (N) | House Hunters International | (:01) House Hunters | House Hunters International |
| HIST | 40 | American Pickers "Snow Job" A rare pair of trucks. | | American Pickers Saving Aerosmith's original tour van. | | American Pickers They catch up with the Aerosmith van. | | (:02) American Pickers A former car dealership. | | (:05) American Pickers The doors to Memoryville open. | | (:05) American Pickers "Ripe for the Picking" | |
| LIFE | 23 | The King of Queens | The King of Queens | The King of Queens | The King of Queens | The King of Queens | (:33) The King of Queens | (:03) The King of Queens | (:33) The King of Queens | (:03) The King of Queens | (:33) The King of Queens | (:03) The King of Queens | (:33) The King of Queens |
| MSNBC | 36 | The Beat With Ari Melber (N) | | MSNBC Live: Decision 2020 (N) | | All In With Chris Hayes (N) | | The Rachel Maddow Show (N) | | The Last Word With Lawrence O'Donnell (N) | | The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N) | |
| NGC | 22 | Alaska State Troopers "Head-On Collision" | | Alaska State Troopers "Trail of Blood" | | Alaska State Troopers "Guns and Lies" | | Alaska State Troopers "Moose Head Mystery" | | (:03) Alaska State Troopers "Sub-Zero Search" | | (:03) Alaska State Troopers "Guns and Lies" | |
| PARMT | 57 | Two and a Half Men | Two and a Half Men | Two and a Half Men | Two and a Half Men | ★★ "Sweet Home Alabama" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas. A New York fashion designer has a secret in the South. | | | | | ★★ "Sweet Home Alabama" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas. | | |
| TBS | 25 | Family Guy | Family Guy | Bob's Burgers | Bob's Burgers | The Big Bang Theory | The Big Bang Theory | The Big Bang Theory | The Big Bang Theory | The Big Bang Theory | The Big Bang Theory | Conan "Chris O'Dowd" (N) | Seinfeld "The Cafe" |
| TCM | 79 | ★★ "Our Miss Brooks" (1956) Eve Arden, Gale Gordon. A schoolteacher pursues the resident biology professor. | | | | ★★★★ "Network" (1976, Comedy-Drama) Faye Dunaway, Peter Finch. A TV station will air almost anything for big ratings. | | | | (:15) ★★★★ "Dog Day Afternoon" (1975) Al Pacino, John Cazale. A desperate man's bank robbery turns into a media circus. | | | |
| TLC | 24 | My 600-Lb. Life "Aaron's Story" Aaron must learn to care for himself. | | | | My 600-Lb. Life "Supersized: Dominic's Story" Dominic's life is falling apart. (N) | | | | Dr. Pimple Popper How Yami's dancing career has evolved. | | My Feet Are Killing Me Life-threatening scar on a foot. | |
| TNT | 26 | (3:00) "Kong: Skull Island" | ★★ "Suicide Squad" (2016, Action) Will Smith, Jared Leto, Margot Robbie. Armed supervillains unite to battle a powerful entity. | | | | | Shaq Life (N) | Shaq Life (N) | ★★ "London Has Fallen" (2016) Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart. A Secret Service agent must save the captive U.S. president. | | | |
| USA | 27 | Psych Shawn and Gus suspect a plastic surgeon. | | Psych "No Trout About It" A police consultant is brought in. | | Psych "Psych: The Musical" Shawn and Gus track maniacal playwright. | | | | Psych Despereaux summons Shawn to London. | | Psych Shawn and Gus to help Lassiter. | |
| WE | 71 | Law & Order: Criminal Intent "To the Bone" | | Growing Up Hip Hop | | Growing Up Hip Hop Angela's ex Bow shows up. | | Growing Up Hip Hop Egypt is ambushed by her family. (N) | | (:11) Growing Up Hip Hop "Gangsta's Paradise" | | (:12) Love After Lockup Michael faces Megan's father. | |
| HBO | 518 | (4:45) Atlanta's Missing and Murdered: The Lost Children | | (5:50) ★★★ "Long Shot" (2019) Seth Rogen, Charlize Theron. A presidential candidate hires a speechwriter from her past. 'R' | | | | We're Here The queens head to Twin Falls, Idaho. (N) | | (:05) Westworld A real friend is one who walks in. | | (:05) We're Here The queens head to Twin Falls, Idaho. | |
| MAX | 549 | ★★★ "Revolutionary Road" (2008, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio. Suburbanites rebel against torpor in their lives. 'R' | | | | ★★ "Collateral Beauty" (2016, Drama) Will Smith, Edward Norton, Kate Winslet. 'PG-13' | | | (:40) ★★★ "Enemy of the State" (1998, Suspense) Will Smith, Gene Hackman, Jon Voight. Rogue agents hunt a lawyer who has an incriminating tape. 'R' | | | | |
| SHOW | 578 | (4:55) ★★★ "Superbad" (2007, Comedy) Jonah Hill. Co-dependent teens hope to score booze and babes at a party. 'R' | | (6:50) Shameless "Frank the Plank" Frank goes missing. | | (7:50) Penny Dreadful: City of Angels "Santa Muerte" | | | | Desus & Mero | Californication | Desus & Mero (N) | VICE |
| TMC | 598 | (:15) ★★★ "Peggy Sue Got Married" (1986) Kathleen Turner. A woman is transported back to her last year in high school. | | | | ★★ "On the Basis of Sex" (2018) Felicity Jones. Ruth Bader Ginsburg brings a case before the Supreme Court. | | | | (:05) ★★★ "Billy Elliot" (2000, Drama) Julie Walters, Jamie Bell. A British miner's son takes dancing lessons in secret. 'R' | | | |

# Best Bets

### 7 p.m. on WBRC
### Last Man Standing

Vanessa (Nancy Travis) tries to recreate a childhood tradition for her girls — without Mike (Tim Allen) — as daughter Eve (guest star Kaitlyn Dever) returns home for a weekend visit in the Season 8 finale, "How Do You Like Them Pancakes?" Meanwhile, Jen (Krista Marie Yu) asks Ed and Chuck (Hector Elizondo, Jonathan Adams) to help her catch an office lunch thief, and Kristin's (Amanda Fuller) big day finally arrives.

### 7:31 p.m. on WIAT
### Man With a Plan

Taking momentary leave of his husbandly senses, Adam (Matt LeBlanc) buys a boat without even talking to Andi (Liza Snyder), triggering an argument that eventually lands the couple on the couch in the office of their therapist, Dr. Felicia (guest star Merrin Dungey), in the new episode "Couples Therapy." Kevin Nealon, Kali Rocha, Stacey Keach and Swoosie Kurtz also star.

### 8 p.m. on WABM2
### Station 19

As Andy (Jaina Lee Ortiz) returns to work, she and Jack (Grey Damon) find themselves fighting to save people trapped in a collapsing bowling alley, in the new episode "The Ghosts That Haunt Me." Elsewhere, Maya (Danielle Savre) gets a visit from her mother, Katherine (guest star Ivana Schein), and Ben (Jason George) confronts Sullivan (Boris Kodjoe) about his drug addiction. Lachlan Buchanan and Pat Healy also guest star.

### 8:30 p.m. on WIAT
### Broke

Javier and Elizabeth (Jaime Camil, Natasha Leggero) think it's high time for both Jackie and Luis (Pauley Perrette, Izzy Diaz) to get back into the social scene, so they set the pair up on blind dates in the new episode "Dates." Later, Elizabeth has a hard time forging a connection with her nephew Sammy (Antonio Corbo), even though the boy adores Javier. Winston Story, Christopher Thornton and Reggie Austin guest star.

### 9 p.m. on WVTM
### Council of Dads

In a new episode called "I'm Not Fine," Robin (Sarah Wayne Callies) wrestles with how a "council of dads" system could work on a practical basis in their daily lives as Larry (Michael O'Neill) undertakes his responsibilities with a disconcerting amount of passion. Luly (Michele Weaver) has an unexpected meeting with her birth mother (guest star Sharon Leal) and learns about her early life with Scott (Tom Everett Scott), while she and Evan (Steven Silver) make plans to move to New York. Thalia Tran also stars.

### 9 p.m. on FREE
### Siren

In the new episode "The Island," Ryn (Eline Powell) discovers a refuge providing shelter to some injured mermaids who somehow escaped Tia's (Tiffany Lonsdale) violent power grab. Meanwhile, Ben and Xander (Alex Roe, Ian Verdun) find themselves caught in a high-stakes battle with Tia's troops, and Maddie (Fola Evans-Akingbola) tries to placate Robb (Deniz Akdeniz) with half-truths to ensure his discretion. Elsewhere, Ted (David Cubitt) researches his family lineage.

### 9 p.m. on TRVL
### Portals to Hell

The new episode "Iron Island" finds paranormal sleuths Jack Osbourne and Katrina Weidman in Buffalo, N.Y., to investigate a former church and funeral home which, according to local lore, house two otherworldly portals. The owners of the property are convinced that evil spirits are terrorizing the benign souls that still reside within the century-old building.



Tiffany Lonsdale stars in "Siren" on Freeform.

OPINION

# Op-Ed: Remember Vietnam veterans this Memorial Day

**James W. Anderson**
Contributor

As we honor our war dead this Memorial Day, please remember the extraordinary price Vietnam veterans have paid.

If you have never visited the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C., I urge you to do so. Being a Vietnam veteran, I knew from its construction that I must visit.

Yet, I was totally unprepared emotionally as I located two close friends who did not make it home. While America's price was staggering for the Civil War with 620,000 dead, WWI 116,526, WWll 405,349 and Korea 36,574, the 58,267 names on the Wall do not tell the story of the heartbreak of Vietnam.

39,996 were age 22; 8,283 were just 19; 33,103 were 18; 12 were just 17 and five were 16. Hardly more than children! 17,725 draftees died even though it was not their choice to be there, yet, they answered the call.

There are three sets of fathers and sons on the wall.

Thirty-one sets of parents lost two sons. 997 were killed on their first day there, and 1,448 died on their last day in country. Eight women are on the wall, all nurses.

It has now been some 45 years since left Vietnam, yet, many of the wounds are still as raw as when we came home. Many of us GIs remember vividly when we debarked home being told to change into civilian attire as soon as we reached the U.S. to avoid being spit upon and called baby killers.

Whether or not you ever make the trip to visit the Wall and honor its contents, this Memorial Day try to remember they are much more than just names on a wall.

**James W. Anderson**
Vietnam 1967-68

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# LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

JESSE WALDROP, an individual,

PLAINTIFF,

VS. CIVIL ACTION NO. CV-2020-900061

JENNIFER LYNN WILLIAMS, an individual, CAROLINE WILLIAMS, an individual, RENEE WILLIAMS, an individual, MARK WILLIAMS, an individual and TONY WILLIAMS, an individual and any and all persons, heirs or devisees, claiming any right, title and interest to the following described real property, to-wit: A parcel of land located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 13 South, Range 5 West, Cullman County, Alabama, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said forty, being a two-inch iron pipe; thence North 89 degrees 15 minutes 58 seconds West along the North forty line a distance of 357.75 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar set by Hunt Surveying, Inc., being the point of beginning; thence South 0 degrees 36 minutes 56 seconds West, parallel to the East forty-line a distance of 356.09 feet to a 5/8-inch rebar set by Hunt Surveying, Inc., set on the northerly right-of-way of County Road 16; thence Southeasterly 170 feet more or less along the North right of way line of County Road 16 to a point; thence go North 445 feet more or less to the North line of said forty; thence go due West 147 feet more or less along the North line of said forty to the point of beginning of the property hereinconveyed. Being Parcel # 30-05-22-0-000-016.000in Cullman County, Alabama,

DEFENDANTS.

**NOTICE**

The Defendants THE HEIRS OF CAROLINE WILLIAMS, RENEE WILLIAMS, MARK WILLIAMS, and TONY WILLIAMS; and any and unknown Defendants must answer the Complaint in Rem to Quiet Title filed by Jesse Waldrop on or before the 15th day of June, 2020, or thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against them in Case No. CV-2020-900061 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE this 8th day of April, 2020.

LISA MCSWAIN, Circuit Clerk

Please publish the above notice once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks.

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# Obituary Announcements April 30

**Margie Swafford McWhorter** passed away in Birmingham April 26, 2020 at the age of 68. She was born Sept. 30, 1951 to Burtis and Lola Elarece Mashburn Swafford. She is preceded in death by her parents, daughter Jennifer McWhorter, and sister Janice Swafford. A private graveside service will be held May 1, 2020. Survivors are son Scott McWhorter; brothers Rickie Swafford and Johnnie Swafford; and several nieces and nephews. Please send condolences to the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

**Edward Stanley Dees**, 65, of Cullman passed away Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at Hospice Family Care, Huntsville, AL. He was born Aug. 21, 1954 to William Edwin and Doris Elaine Murphy Smith. No services are planned at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is assisting the family.

**Ann Barton Posey**, 93, peacefully passed away April 28, 2020. She was born March 22, 1927. Ann grew up in the Norwood neighborhood of Birmingham, Alabama. As a young girl, she enjoyed spending Saturdays with her younger sister, Francis, walking to both the Alabama Theatre and the Lyric Theatre to watch live shows and films. She attended Phillips High School in Birmingham, where she formed lifelong friends and many memories. After graduation, she said goodbye to several classmates leaving for the war, some of whom did not return. She then attended Howard College in Birmingham where she met a young handsome man that had recently returned from WWII. His name was John, and he was soon to become her husband. After John Jr. completed law school, they moved to Haleyville where they raised their family. Ann was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church of Haleyville. Her love of bridge began early, playing both with her local bridge club and later duplicate bridge in Birmingham. She always enjoyed ballroom dancing, especially at The Club. She also was an avid watercolor artist and also enjoyed traveling abroad. In her later years, she cherished her time as a grandmother to four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren who loved her dearly. She is preceded in death by her parents Sanford and Allie Barton; her husband John Posey, Jr.; her sister Francis Brooks; her daughter Susan Posey Logan; her son-in-law Phil Logan; and brother-in-law Jack Brooks. She is survived by her sons David Posey (Mitzie) and John Posey III (Wenxia Li); grandchildren Celeste Whiteside (Sean), Kim Finkelstein, Maridy Shiner (Chris) and Jesse Posey (Maria); great-grandchildren John Whiteside, Posey Whiteside, Logan Finkelstein, Katheryn Shiner, Harrison Shiner and Julia Shiner; and nephews Randy Brooks and Brad Brooks. She was part of the Greatest Generation, which we may never see again.

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EDUCATION

# Wallace State student Aljon Celis wins 2020 Sigma Kappa Delta Short Fiction Award

**Russell Moore**
WSCC

**HANCEVILLE, Ala.** – Wallace State student Aljon Celis has enjoyed a memorable April.

Celis was recently recognized as a national 2020 Sigma Kappa Delta award winner for his short fiction story "Brown," a story about an immigrant of color who is struggling to overcome his identity crisis in modern day America.

Sigma Kappa Delta, the English Honor Society for two-year colleges, presents writing awards each year in essay writing, short fiction, literary analysis, poetry and photography, in addition to awarding scholarships.

As a winner, Celis will receive a small monetary award as well as the privilege of being published in "Hedera helix," the national literary journal.

Celis was also recently named one of 50 recipients of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's prestigious Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship.

The highly competitive national scholarship provides Celis with up to $40,000 a year to complete his bachelor's degree.

He is the second Wallace State student to receive this award, which represents a pinnacle achievement for a community college student in America.

Celis, a non-traditional student and general studies major, has maintained a 4.0 GPA during his tenure at Wallace State and serves a tutor in the college's Tutoring Lab, where he assists students with coursework in English, American Literature and Business Calculus.

He is Wallace State's Sigma Kappa Delta President and Vice President of Wallace State's Writing Club.

Wallace State English instructor Michael Salerno taught Celis in American Literature.

"As a student, Aljon stood out as both a responsible and smart student, and as excellent listener.

"Aljon was a crucial part of each class, offering gentle, thoughtful advice, when commenting on the writing of others, and smart comments when analyzing works of literature," Salerno said.

"Even more, Aljon's writing always showed care, clarity and a sophisticated attention to detail."

Wallace State's Sigma Kappa Delta Chapter is Theta Delta.

The organization provides exceptional students like Celis with a variety of opportunities for advancing the study of language and literature, for developing skills in creative and analytical writing, for meeting outstanding scholars and professionals in the discipline of English, and for obtaining scholarships.

**Below is an excerpt from "Brown," Celis' short fiction story.**

*"Hablas Espanol?" asked the white woman.*

*I sat outside the café at one of those mesh tables under the sun. Anyone with a basic understanding of Spanish could understand what she was saying. She stood at my table, her eyes on me. I returned a blank look, my thoughts frozen. I looked behind me in case she was acknowledging someone else. No. Just me.*

*"Not really," I responded to the lady. Her blonde hair shimmered under the light of the sun.*

*The corners of her eyes wrinkled as she smiled. If I had to guess her age, she was probably around her early thirties. "I only understand un poco."*

*"Ah," she said. "It's my first time here in Alabama, and let me tell you, this is the whitest town I've ever been to."*

*She didn't need to tell me. A brown kid like me stuck out like a smudge of dirt on a white t-shirt in this rural Alabama town.*

*I glanced around, rubbing the back of my neck. I didn't understand how there were people who could strike up a conversation with anyone.*

*I tend to keep to myself, but I felt as if I needed to at least get rid of the awkwardness settling in, even though it wasn't my fault.*

*"Where are you from?" I asked.*



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***Aljon Celis***

*"New York City," she responded.*

*My head jerks back a little. "Can I ask what brings you here?"*

*"Family. I have a cousin getting married. Ever been there? New York, I mean?"*

*"No, but I'd like to visit one day."*

*"I have a lot of diverse friends up there. Puerto Ricans, Jamaicans, Afghani, you name it." She set her hands on her hips. "You know, the United States could do a lot diversity. It can make a white person think outside the norm, and you'll be exposed to a ton of cultures."*

*"Ain't that right," I said.*

*"Too bad the government is trying to force everyone who don't look like me to go home.*

*They're even trying to make the process harder for others to immigrate here legally. Racist, I tell you. It's racist." She clicked her tongue.*

For a complete list of 2020 Sigma Kappa Delta winners, visit https://www.english2.org/copy-of-anniversaries-years-of-serv

For more information about Wallace State, visit www.wallacestate.edu.

CENSUS 2020

# City of Cullman offers live assistance to complete census

**W.C. Mann**
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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – The country is well into census season, but lots of folks still have not filled out and returned their forms, either online or by mail. The COVID-19 shutdown has disrupted schedules of every kind, so the federal government has extended the census deadline to Aug. 14.

As census participation affects numerous things like federal funding for roads and schools, the City of Cullman and Cullman Economic Development Agency (CEDA) want to see as many Cullmanites as possible complete and return their forms, either online or by mail, for those who have received paper forms.

To encourage participation, Cullman and Good Hope are even offering entries in drawings for gift cards and certificates to those who send in the confirmation numbers they receive after filling out the online form.

In order to facilitate the process, CEDA has hired a temporary staffer to help Cullman area residents.

Paden Adams is available by phone at 256-775-7235 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to assist residents with completing their forms; she can direct callers to online resources, and can also fill out the online census form for callers who need extra help.

When she fills out the online form, she can provide callers in Cullman and Good Hope with the confirmation numbers they need to enter those cities' gift card/certificate contests.

CEDA is also working on ideas like drive-through census locations using wireless devices for online form completion.

A little over half of U.S. citizens have responded

The current nationwide 2020 Census response rate is 53.7%. Alabama's overall response rate is 52%.

**Cullman County's response rate is 52.8%. Municipalities' and communities' rates are as follows as of Monday, April 27:**

- Baileyton - 47.8%
- Berlin - 49.4%
- Colony - 48%
- Cullman - 56.7%
- Fairview - 58.6%
- Garden City - 25.3%
- Good Hope - 58.2%
- Hanceville - 48.9%
- Holly Pond - 50.2%
- South Vinemont - 36.7%
- West Point - 56.5%

For census help, contact Paden Adams at 256-775-7235 or email census@cullmanal.gov.

# Masks (from Front)

Inland donation. HomTex contribute half of the masks that were donated.

So far, approximately 2,500 masks have been given away.

Donations were made the local USA Healthcare nursing homes and Hanceville Nursing and Rehab, the Cullman City School System Child Nutrition Program (which is distributing seven breakfast and lunch meals weekly to more than 700 students) and Cullman Caring for Kids.

Said Ambrosius, "We felt it was one way to help the community.

"We are right next door to HomTex which makes it nice and convenient. We wanted to make a contribution and help out the community."

He stressed that the contribution was a shared effort with HomTex.

He continued, "They went to USA (Healthcare), Hanceville Nursing Home, Cullman High School for the food line workers and the food bank. We didn't know who all was out there that needed them. Dale (Greer) really did a great job of putting that together and searching that out to find out who was needy."

Greer, director of the Cullman Economic Development Agency said, "Between the two nursing homes, they had over 900 employees or people who had contact with those. One asked if they might give extra for end of life situations where we can't let family in. They left extra at each facility to help families in that difficult time."

# Cullman Savings Bank (from Front)

businesses and asking what they need in order to keep going during this time, then making purchases of merchandise or gift cards.

**CSB's current promotions include:**

- Weekly deliveries of popcorn from Kernel Kullman to give to customers, for three weeks
- Weekly purchases of meat from All Steak to give to customers
- 20 $100 gift cards to Dreher's Cocktail Bar and Restaurant
- 5 $50 gift cards to Platform clothing boutique
- 5 $50 gift cards to J.K. Taylor clothing boutique

CSB President/CEO John Riley told The Tribune that CSB will be visiting selected restaurants in town to buy lunch for a certain number of customers.

These are just the start, as the bank continues to go shopping with a heavy wallet, thanks to its board of directors: Greg Barksdale, Dr. Paul Bussman, Nancy McClellan, Chad Burks, Robin Parson and Lynne Morton.

Riley said, "Cullman's been so good to us, we wanted to not just do our job, but we wanted to do extra.

"The board of directors was gracious enough to give me the authority to go ahead and give away a set amount of money; I don't even want to say how much it is, but it's in six figures, to just any small business that we know of. It doesn't have to be our customer, but we're just trying to inject this money into places where we think it can be used to maybe save a business, maybe kind of boost them up a little bit."

Inclusion in the program does not follow a specific set of requirements, but is determined on a case by case basis. Neither the businesses nor their owners have to be CSB customers.

Said Riley, "It's just where we kind of see a need, we go ahead and try to help them out. Some of them are a little bit, some of them are a little bit more. It's not a set amount or anything.

"Some of the people were so thankful that we called and asked; they said they didn't need any money, but they appreciated us calling and thinking about them. So they felt as though their business was doing good enough to make it; please give it to somebody else. Man, that's great. We'll do something with them in the future."

**Not just for the businesses**

The program does not just benefit the businesses; CSB's customers get the opportunity to enjoy whatever the bank is buying.

Riley said, "It's kind of a win-win: we're buying product from a business in town and we're giving it away to our customers.

"Some of them may be short on a job or not being paid as much, or out of work, and we're giving them some of this product for free."

**How long will CSB be doing this?**

Riley responded, "We're going to do it until we're back to normal," and noted that, "If somebody's closed, we're going to try to help them out; if they're open and they're moving slow, we're going to try to highlight them.

"We're going to try to buy product from them and give it away.

"Whatever we can do to kind of get them through this slow period, until we get back to whatever the new normal is and people's businesses can thrive like they were."

Riley wished to recognize CSB Executive Vice President T'aira Ugarkovich and Senior Vice President/Chief Lending Officer Matt Townson for their work on the bank's COVID-19 response, both in the Payroll Protection Program and in this business stimulus program.

