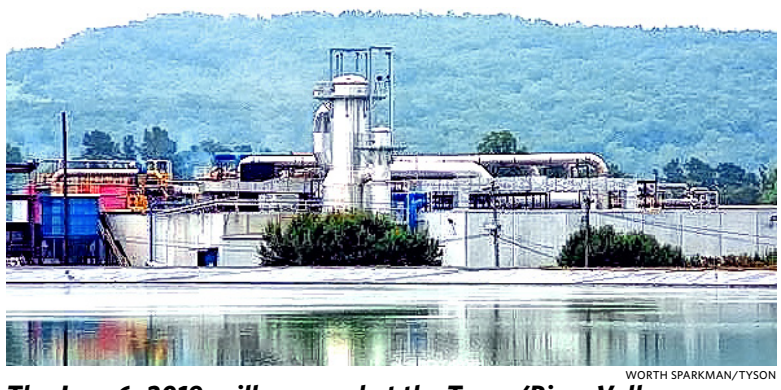
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– COURTS –

Tyson now facing 5 local, state, federal actions over Hanceville plant spill



WORTH SPARKMAN/TYSON

The June 6, 2019 spill occurred at the Tyson/River Valley Ingredients rendering plant near Hanceville.

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– BRINGING OUT THE BEST –

A FAMILY PARADE



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Westminster Assisted Living hosted a Family Parade Wednesday afternoon for its residents and their families. Residents lined up on the sidewalk while families drove by in vehicles decorated for the occasion, with signs sharing words of encouragement and love. Read more and see a full photo gallery and video at www.CullmanTribune.com.

EDUCATION

Wallace State hosting Drive-Thru Graduation Celebration today for Class of 2020

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – On the eve of what would have been the original date for the Class of 2020 graduation ceremony, Wallace State Community College will host a Drive-Thru Graduation Celebration on the Hanceville campus.

From 10-11:30 a.m., Thursday, May 7, all 2020 Wallace State graduates are invited to drive on to campus and celebrate with college President Dr. Vicki Karolewics, faculty and staff.

Along with receiving their diploma cover, as they would when walking across the commencement stage, graduates will also receive their tassel and a Chick-fil-A sandwich.

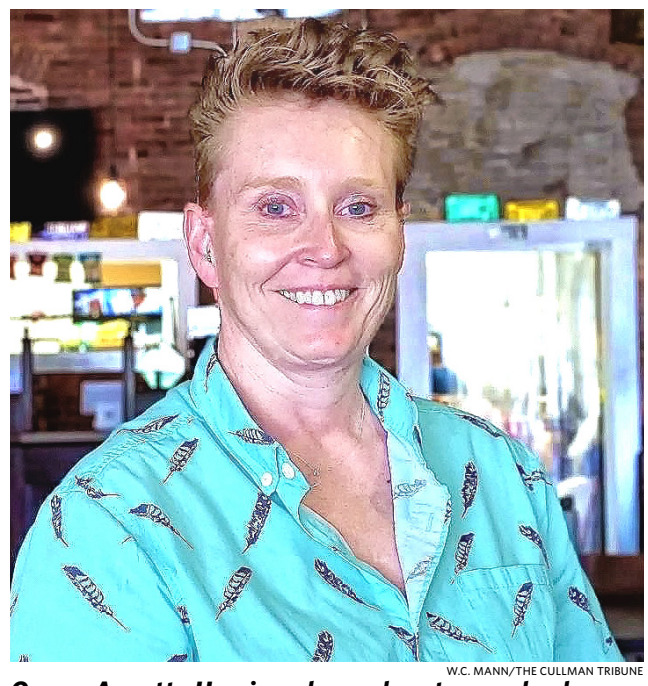
The traditional 2020 Commencement exercises have been postponed until Friday, July 31, so this will give graduates another way to celebrate their achievement. Graduates are asked to enter campus at the College Drive entrance on the south end (across from Taco Bell). From there they will pull into the parking lot of the Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts where Dr. Karolewics, faculty and staff will be waiting.

Appropriate social distancing and other health and safety protocols will be observed.

Visit www.wallacestate.edu/graduation and www.wallacestate.edu/coronavirus for updates.

BUSINESS

Rumors Deli opens dining room, challenging 'Safer at Home Order'



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Owner Annette Harris welcomed customers back inside Rumors Deli Wednesday morning.

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BUSINESS

Warm days with cool pops

Frios Cullman debuts healthier 'no sugar added' options



KRISTY KEIFFER

Frios "Popstar" Kristen Moody poses with Cullman Frios franchise co-owner Jay Keiffer and official Cullman Frios mascot Burley at the pop shop's drive-thru window.

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

As of early Wednesday evening, from Alabama Public Health:There are 8,691 cases of COVID-19 in Alabama, and 343 deaths have been confirmed.Cullman County has 59 cases and 0 deaths. Find the latest numbers at https://bit.ly/2VjCQbP.

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CRIME

Crane Hill man jailed after burglary, fleeing from CCSO

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CULLMAN, Ala. – A Crane Hill man is behind bars without bond after allegedly burglarizing a residence and fleeing from Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) deputies.

Heath Anthony Baker, 33, is charged with second-degree burglary, violation of a domestic violence protection order, aggravated stalking and attempting to elude.

According to a media release from the CCSO, the incident occurred Tuesday afternoon.

Deputies responded to a burglary in progress call at a residence on County Road 946 in Crane Hill.

The deputies made contact with Baker before they arrived at the residence.

The deputies attempted a traffic stop, but Baker fled, abandoning his vehicle down a long logging road off County Road 855.

"Deputies set up a perimeter and apprehended the suspect a short time later," said the release.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Heath Anthony Baker

Rumors (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – After a month and a half of business limited to a drive-through window, and thinking of fellow restaurateurs who do not even have that, Annette Harris opened the dining room at Rumors Deli Wednesday, knowing that doing so would put her at odds with Gov. Kay Ivey's "Safer at Home" and earlier orders, and prepared to accept the consequences.

Harris told The Tribune, "Whatever the order is, whatever, I've got to get my business open."

GOVERNOR'S SAFER AT HOME ORDER

Section 13 of Governor Kay Ivey's Safer at Home Order carries over information from earlier orders and covers "Restaurants and similar establishments," reading:

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

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

***b.** Such establishments are strongly encouraged to offer online ordering and curbside pickup of food.*

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

Not waiting any longer

Harris said, "I guess I've just thought about it and thought about it, and it's like, you know, OK, I guess if we had opened this last time (when the Safer at Home Order was issued), I probably wouldn't be feeling this way. But there's no guarantee that it'll happen the 15th- and it's a pretty good chance it would- but I don't know what Gov. Ivey's reason is for holding back."

Harris reported that Rumors' drive-through window has seen plenty of use, but her catering business and typical upsurge around spring break vanished this year, due to the pandemic.

Said Harris, "When I first heard we're closed and not going to open back up, I thought, 'Well, dang it, you know, well, we're doing alright. We're alright; at least I've got a drive-through.' I felt like- it had been in my mind to do it anyway, and I thought, 'Well, no, I'm being greedy, because I've got friends that have restaurants that don't have a drive-through, and I'm just being greedy if I do it.' And then I thought, 'You know what, it takes more than my drive-through; I need more to operate my business right. I need all of it open.'

"And more than just that, I ought to be able to have the right to have it open. I shouldn't have to ask permission from somebody to open my business. And then the more I thought about it, I kind of got mad, because I thought, 'I have to go to Wal-Mart to buy supplies for my business, and I'm in there with all these people and how they can allow places that are not as safe as my small business.' I know how it hurts my friends' businesses, whether it's a restaurant or some other place that's not allowed to be open, that sells some of the same things as these big places.

"That just got under my skin more and more and more. I just couldn't stand here: it's one of these things of either do something or quit griping about it. I decided I'm just going to step out and do it, and stand up for myself, and for my employees and for my business, because the thing of it is, if I don't take a stand for something, I'm not really doing anything but griping like everybody else.

"You know, it also means that I'm just sitting back and letting somebody tell me how to run my business, and I don't think that's right. It's just almost like 'Who's got control of it?'

"There are a lot of good reasons why people should not be out in it. If they have health problems, that they should not be out in anything that's going to do something to make them sicker.

"But for me, we are inspected every three months by the health department; I have never in 20 years had below a 91 on a health score.

"We also have to- every restaurant has to have that ServSafe certification, which is another step they have that you have to do. We know what we're supposed to do to keep safe and keep clean and all, and I just don't understand. There's no reasoning behind it. I just wonder: who was that person that made that decision?"

Harris added later, "You know, I just feel like my rights are violated by not allowing me to run my business. I don't want to feel controlled. Gosh, we pay enough taxes as it is. It's not against the law, what we're doing, because it's not a law they've made about it."

Not for everyone

Harris continued, "I've done a lot, a lot of thinking on this. It wasn't just a fly by the seat of my pants decision. I've been thinking on it awhile. You know, I just thought, 'Well, I don't want anybody- I don't want to guilt anybody- and of my friends- into making this decision with me. It's my decision, and I don't want them to feel like they should, or do it because of me; I want them to do it if they want to.

"So I feel like this is something I want to do and I believe in. I don't know what's going to happen, even when all this is over. I don't know if this is going to do me in or if I'm going to come out on top; I don't know.

"But all I can do is give it all I've got, and this is my last shot. And so, whether it's ten days from now or nine days from now, or whatever we've got left here, or now, I'm going to do it. I've waited long enough."

Rumors employees have already been placing their outside dining tables in front of the restaurant for about a week, and have seen customers with to-go orders stop to eat there.

Said Harris, "We haven't had one single person say any negative anything about that, or even question it. So, I thought, OK, and I haven't boasted about it or anything; I've just opened it up and had that sitting out there. We haven't had anybody say anything, and I don't think it's a problem."

Are you prepared for the police to respond?

In a conversation before the reopening, Harris said, "Yeah. I've thought about that, too. I feel like, probably, I will be warned to close. I feel like I will be fined, but I don't know that I'll have to close.

"You hear of all these sheriffs' departments all around us saying they're not going to enforce these things. I don't know what our sheriff's department would do, our police department would do, our health department; I don't know.

"I think it's just going to be one of those things; I'm not going to get in a shouting match with anybody whatsoever. I'm not going to get in a fight with anybody, I'm not going to get ugly with anybody."

Harris said that she did not know what the consequences would be, but she was prepared to pay a fine, if necessary.

Open for business, carefully

Harris, well-known for her boisterous personality and very active social media presence, took an uncharacteristically low-key approach to reopening her dining area. She stayed offline with her plan and sent word out to a few friends and relatives by word of mouth, telling The Tribune that she did not want the reopening of the dining room to be a spectacle.

The restaurant owner also said that she did not order any of her employees to work, explaining, "I had a meeting with my employees, and I said, 'If any one of y'all do not feel comfortable doing this, if you don't feel comfortable being part of this, I'm not going to be mad at you. You don't have to be part of it.' And not one of them flinched; they're all in, they're all for it, because they've been with me through this, and they've- it's almost like we've protected each other. We've been a unit and we've worked hard through it, and we've all kind of grown together through it. They've been part of it the whole time and been active in it."

Harris said that she would abide by social distancing rules laid out for other businesses, including:

- 50% customer capacity with some dining tables removed
- 6-foot spacing
- closing the self-serve drink machine and serving drinks from the kitchen
- removing self-serve condiment dispensers from tables and supplying individual condiments with orders
- removing laminated menus that pass from customer to customer
- signage warning customers with virus symptoms to stay out

"We're not being careless; we're being careful," said Harris. "We are trying to take every precaution. We just want to have the right to run my business, so that's what I'm going to do."

Harris concluded, "I don't know; I don't think I'd be happy with myself, I don't think I'd be satisfied with myself if I didn't do this, so I'm just going to do it. And it's not one of those 'I'm going to fight the system; I'm going to do whatever.' I just feel like this isn't right this time.

"I don't know; she (Gov. Ivey) might open it all up (on May 15), but you know, gosh, there's a time in your life you've got to take a stand for something, and this is the time, I think, for me."

Police Chief Culpepper on City response

Harris told The Tribune Wednesday afternoon that the Cullman Police Department (CPD) had warned her that morning not to open the dining room.

The Tribune reached out Wednesday afternoon to CPD Chief Kenny Culpepper, who said that the department had not received any complaints about Rumors during the day Wednesday, but that his officers will investigate any complaint received. According to Culpepper, the police department will issue a citation to any business that violates the state order, and that restaurants could additionally face the revocation of permits by the Cullman County Health Department.

Culpepper noted that violations of the order increase the liability of the restaurant in the event that a patron becomes ill, and that lack of enforcement could extend liability to the City. Despite claims by a few law enforcement officials around the state that they will not enforce Safer at Home requirements, Culpepper said that the CPD will enforce the order.

PUBLIC NOTICES
May 7

Cullman City Cemetery
The Cullman City Cemetery will honor Decoration Day May 10. The gates will be open, but the office will be closed. All groups and gatherings will have to adhere to federal guidelines on group meetings due to COVID-19. All funeral home directors and funeral homes must adhere to the federal guidelines on groups at graveside funerals due to COVID-19. The cemetery employees will be in the cemetery to assist any needs of the people, but will not have access to the closed office because of COVID-19.

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

Cullman Grown Drive Up Market
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- The Agriplex is located at 1714 Tally Ho St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055.
- 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.

BBB Shred Day May 16, 9 a.m.-noon
The Better Business Bureau (BBB) has scheduled Cullman Shred Day for Saturday, May 16. This is a free event that we offer to the general public - where they can drop off old personal documents/papers that get shredded on site. The Cullman Police Department will be there to receive old prescriptions, drugs and medications. Cullman Caring for Kids will be there to receive any food/monetary donations for the food bank. Lions Club members volunteer for this event every year. Alabama Archives shreds the papers at no charge. This drive-thru event will be held at King Edward Plaza from 9 a.m.-noon. This year we are going to strictly enforce people not exiting their cars, but rather staying in their cars while the volunteers get the papers, etc. out of their vehicles.

East Point Cumberland Presbyterian Decoration
Decoration Day will be May 23 and 24, at East Point Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Upkeep is done by donations only. These may be sent by mail to: Cemetery Fund c/o DeAnn Schafer, at 1725 Crestview Drive SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported May 6

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

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
May 1
• harassment; person; 2nd Ave. SW

May 4
• third-degree theft of property; person; 13th St. NE; phone and miscellaneous
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment, harassment; person; Logan St. SW

May 5
• theft of property; Cullman Chrysler Dodge Jeep; Benchmark Way SW; tires
• third-degree criminal mischief, fourth-degree theft of property; Ed Holcombe Discount Pharmacy; 2nd Ave. SW; damaged machine, miscellaneous

ARRESTS
May 5
Lamons, Christian L., 21
• first-degree theft of property

Bonnett Jr., Joseph A., 18
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Williams, Jan A., 20
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• carrying a pistol without a license

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Frios (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Local chain Frios Gourmet Pops recently introduced a new healthier pop option: no sugar-added pops. Cullman Franchise Co-Owner Kristy Keiffer said the pops have been heavily requested customers.

"Frios is thrilled to launch our new line of no sugar-added pops," she said. "Our customers have enjoyed some of our most indulgent creations for years, but have always asked about healthier options. Our team has worked hard to create Pineapple Mango and Cucumber Lime as smart choices.

"These new flavors are made only with real fruit and sweetened with monk fruit, which is sweeter than regular sugar but with zero calories."

The Pineapple Mango no sugar-added pop debuted at the Cullman location May 5.

When asked how the new pops taste, Keiffer smiled, "Pineapple has always been Pop Guy's (other franchise co-owner Jay Keiffer) favorite fruity flavor. For me, it's delicious but also intensely sweet; I definitely enjoy a few bites of this pop, but I lean more into the dairy-based dessert pops (Caramel Sea Salt is my favorite). With the Pineapple Mango, it's less sweet. I can enjoy the whole pop, and kudos for less calories. Cucumber Lime is a very distinct taste. I'm thinking it will pair well with a beverage; we invite folks to watch our social media for its launch date."

She continued, "We'll continue to serve our smoothies – which include protein and keto options. Of course, we'll be serving our carousel of gourmet pop flavors. Cullman has been incredibly supportive during this time of uncertainty. Our "Pops with a Purpose" will continue thanks to our gracious communities. We're all better together – and sweeter, even with less calories."

Smiled Keiffer, "The best things in life are Frios – and family, friends, football and faith – not necessarily in that order."

Frios Pops store is open (drive-thru only) Sunday and Tuesday through Friday from 2-6 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.


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Randy Hollis, Mitch Hollis, Kelly Hollis and Tracey Hollis Reburn
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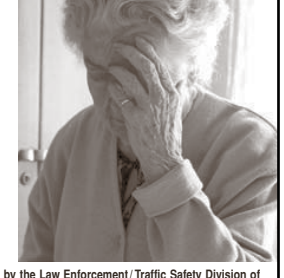
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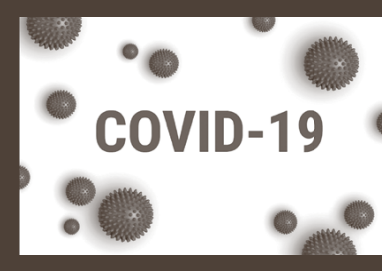
ALDOT SEEKS INPUT ON PROPOSED PERMIT PROCEDURE REGARDING PUBLIC SAFETY SENSORS ON RIGHTS-OF-WAY

The Alabama Department of Transportation is seeking public comments on a proposed permit procedure regarding public safety sensors being located on ALDOT rights-of-way. These sensors would include, but would not be limited to, surveillance cameras, license plate reading devices and gunshot detection arrays. To view the full public notice and proposed rule, go to www.dot.state.al.us under "Doing Business."

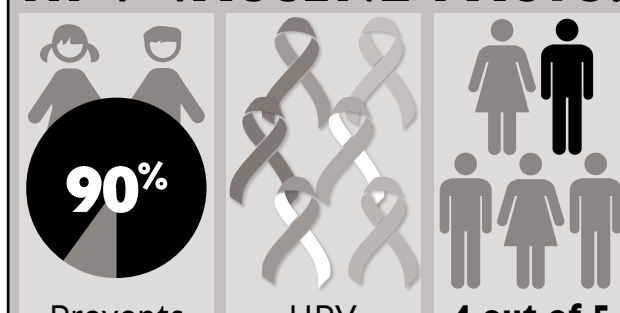
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100 Alabama student-athletes slated to earn degrees in the spring

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – A total of 100 University of Alabama student-athletes are slated to receive their degrees following the spring semester, which came to a close Friday, including 86 bachelor's, 12 master's and two who earned one of each.

The Crimson Tide's graduates included 17 All-Americans, four Academic All-Americans, 10 who were on a national championship team, 23 who were on a Southeastern Conference championship squad, as well as a World and NCAA Champion, a CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year, an NCAA Elite 90 Award winner and a pair of NFL veterans.

Zane Waddell, who capped his Alabama career as a FINA World Champion, World University Games gold medalist, NCAA Champion, 21-time All-American, eight-time SEC Champion, SEC record holder, SEC Swimming and Diving Scholar-Athlete of the Year and SEC Commissioner's Trophy winner, earned degrees in finance and management information Sciences.

All-Americans and Academic All-Americans Bailey Hemphill and Kaylee Tow, who were named the CoSIDA Softball Academic All-American of the Year and an NCAA Elite 90 Award winner, respectively, both earned their bachelor's degrees. A total of 16 football players earned degrees this spring led by All-American Alex Leatherwood and NFL veterans Chris Goode and Le'Ron McClain.

All-American Graduates

• A total of 17 spring graduates earned All-America honors, while four earned CoSIDA Academic All-America honors during their Crimson Tide careers.

• The track and field/cross country program led the way with eight All-American graduates, including Symone Darius, Nickolette Dunbar, Esther Gitahi, Mauricia Prieto, Keitavious Walter, Portious Warren, Kiara Williams and Samantha Zelden.

• All-American swimmers Waddell, Alexis Preski and Allie Surrency earned diplomas this spring.

• All-American gymnasts Nicki Guerrero and Kiana Winston both earned graduate degrees in the spring.

• Hemphill (softball), Leatherwood (football) and Tow (softball) round out the Tide's All-American spring graduates.

• Raein Emery (rowing), Hemphill (softball), Nealy Martin (soccer) and Tow (softball) all graduate with Academic All-America honors to go with their diplomas.

Championship Teams

• A total of 10 spring graduates were part of Alabama's 2017 College Football Playoff Championship team in 2017, including Connor Adams, Deonte Brown, Joseph Bulovas, Joe Donald, Thomas Fletcher, Miller Forristall, Nigel Knott, Leatherwood, John Parker and Daniel Wright.

• In addition, Adams, Brown, Bulovas, Donald, Fletcher, Forristall, Knott, Leatherwood, Parker and Wright, along with Joe Donald, Sean Kelly, Nigel Knott, Chadarius Townsend and Loren Ugheoke were on an SEC Football Championship squad.

• Hemphill, Tow and SEC Pitcher of the Year Sarah Cornell all graduate after earning and SEC Championship ring as part of Alabama's 2019 regular-season league title.

• Henry Barrett, Elliott Miller, Oliver Rigg, Walter and Drew Williams were part of the team that won the SEC Indoor Track and Field Championship in 2018.

• Winston and Guerrero were both on the Tide's 2015 SEC Championship squad.

More About Alabama's Spring Graduates

• Alabama's 100 spring graduates includes two student-athletes – Luca Fabian (women's tennis) and Drew Williams (men's track and field) who earned their bachelor's and master's degrees simultaneously through UA's Accelerated Master's Program (AMP), giving the Tide a total of 102 degrees this spring, including 88 undergraduate and 14 master's degrees.



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• In addition to Fabian and Williams, Crimson Tide student-athletes earning master's degrees this spring are Eva Borrowdale (volleyball), Makena Clark (rowing), Kylie Diffley (rowing), Emery (rowing), Forristall (football), Nicki Guerrero (gymnastics), Ashley Homan (volleyball), Kelly (football), Shea Mahoney (gymnastics), Hayley McSparin (volleyball), Amber Richardson (basketball) and Kiana Winston (gymnastics).

• Three members of the spring graduating class earned SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors for their respective sports, Mahoney (gymnastics), Martin (soccer) and Waddell (swimming and diving).

• There are four individual SEC Champions among the Tide's spring graduates including Ariana Guerra (gymnastics), Waddell, who won eight conference titles during his career, Portious Warren (track and field), who took home four titles, and Winston (gymnastics), who earned two.

• 14 spring graduates also earned All-SEC honors including Cornell (softball), Maddie Desch (gymnastics), Gitahi (track and field), Guerra (gymnastics), Guerrero (gymnastics), Hemphill (softball), Leatherwood (football), Mahoney (gymnastics), Tow (softball), Waddell (swimming and diving), Walter (track and field), Warren (track and field), Kiara Williams (track and field) and Winston (gymnastics).

Combined with the 30 graduates that earned degrees following the fall semester, the Crimson Tide has seen 130 of its student-athletes take home diplomas during the current academic year, a total that will rise when the summer commencement list is announced in August.

All the latest information on Alabama Athletics can be found on @UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and Alabama Athletics on Facebook.

UAB Football to host virtual tailgate for season ticket holders

Ted Feeley
UAB Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – UAB Football will host a virtual tailgate for season ticket holders on Tuesday, May 19, at 4 p.m. via Zoom. Fans are encouraged to create their own virtual tailgates from home, wear green & gold, and share in their enthusiasm with other Blazer fans leading into the 2020 season.

Head Coach Bill Clark will be joining Director of Athletics Mark Ingram for the event. Exclusive updates regarding Protective Stadium progress will be discussed along with a preview of the UAB football season ahead. Members of the football team's coaching staff are also going to be available for the virtual tailgate which is scheduled for an hour.

"Our fans have been so loyal to the UAB Football program, and despite these unusual circumstances, this is a fun way to show our appreciation," head coach Bill Clark said. "We are very optimistic leading into the 2020 season and the virtual tailgate will give season ticket holders an exclusive look at what to expect from the Blazers this season."

An invitation to the virtual tailgate will be sent via email to patrons who have purchased or renewed their 2020 UAB Football season ticket holders by the May 15th football priority deadline. Access to the event is limited and available on a first come, first serve basis for the first 250 people. For more information, please contact Blazer Boosters at (205) 996-9969 or blazerboosters@uab.edu.

With the priority deadline extended to May 15, current football season ticket holders can click here to renew their seats for the 2020 season. Fans interested in purchasing new season tickets can do so for as low as $75 with the Family Four Pack season ticket. As a reminder, 2020 Blazer Boosters members and season ticket holders will have top priority for seats leading into Protective Stadium in 2021.

If you have specific questions or concerns regarding your 2020 UAB Football season tickets, call the UAB Athletics Ticket Sales and Service team at (205) 975-UAB1 or email at tickets@uab.edu.



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UAB Head Football Coach Bill Clark at the New Orleans Bowl.

Alabama's Cameron and Clark named SEC Davis Scholarship Finalists

Roots Woodruff
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Kyle Cameron (baseball) and Makena Clark (rowing) are The University of Alabama's nominees for the Southeastern Conference's Brad Davis Community Service Postgraduate Scholarship and are among the 28 finalists (14 men and 14 women).

The SEC Community Service Post-Graduate Scholarship is named for former Associate Commissioner Brad Davis. Davis succumbed to cancer on March 2, 2006. He had been a member of the SEC staff since 1988.

Honored with UA's Unsung Hero Award at the recent Crimson Choice Awards, Cameron, a pitcher for the Tide, earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics in 2019 and is currently pursuing a master's degree in higher education. The Tuscaloosa, Ala., native has worked with a number of schools and outreach projects during his Tide career, including Big Brothers Big Sisters, Sprayberry Education Center, Miracle League of Tuscaloosa, High Socks for Hope, Habitat for Humanity and Alabama Athletics' Halloween Extravaganza.

"Going to career day at Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary was such a great experience," Cameron said.

"They were all very involved and asked many questions. I thoroughly enjoyed my time there. Overall, Halloween Extravaganza is by far my favorite event.

"To see so many student-athletes from every sport come out to participate in games with so many kids is an incredible experience. I always love the costumes that the kids show up with every year."

A Los Gatos, Calif., native, Clark has competed in the Tide's First and Second Varsity 8+ boats throughout her career and served as team captain in 2020. She earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in kinesiology and is currently pursuing a doctorate in the same.

Very active in the community, she has volunteered with a number of organizations including Druid City Hospital, Alberta Head Start, United Cerebral Palsy of West Alabama, Athletes in Action at Holt Elementary School and Habitat for Humanity.

"Aside from working with kids, my favorite outreach events are definitely Habitat for Humanity and Tim Tebow's Night to Shine Prom," Clark said.

"Working with the wonderful people at Habitat for Humanity and learning new skills while building a house for an extremely deserving community member is such a fun and rewarding experience. Night to Shine is also a blast and I will never forget the looks of pure excitement on the students' faces as they strutted down the red carpet to showcase their inner and outer beauty."



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Alabama's Kyle Cameron (left) and MaKena Clark (right) have been named finalists for the SEC's Davis Scholarship.

The scholarship was first awarded in 1996, when Tony Johnson (football) and Erin Tenbrunsel (volleyball) brought home both the men's and women's scholarship to the Capstone. Overall, Alabama student-athletes have earned the honor six times, with Nichole Lees (soccer), Andreé Pickens (gymnastics), Leigh Gilmore (track and field) and Lauren Beers (gymnastics) joining Johnson and Tenbrunsel.

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Nurses recognized during National Nurses Day, National Nurses Week

Gail Crutchfield
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Wallace State Community College Nursing Instructor Alicia Standridge, in front, lights Jed Hardman's candle during the lighting of the lamp ceremony held at the August 2019 Nursing Pinning Ceremony. Also pictured is Kaeli Huddleston, left, and Jacob Reed, right. The lamp is representative of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. Nightingale's birthday, May 12, marks the end of National Nurses Week, which is recognized from May 6 to May 12 each year.

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State Community College is celebrating National Nurses Week and National Nurses Day, honoring the thousands of alumni who have passed through its doors.

National Nurses Day on May 6 kicks off National Nurses Week, which ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale. The year 2020 is the 200th anniversary of Nightingale's birth in 1820.

Each year during pinning ceremonies for Wallace State Nursing graduates, the story of Nightingale's efforts during the Crimean War illustrates how she became the founder or modern nursing. While treating injured soldiers and realizing most soldiers were dying of infections due to the unhygienic conditions. Nightingale instituted new practices that improved conditions and mortality rates.

Working long days, Nightingale became known as "The Lady with the Lamp" because of her habit of making rounds each night. To honor her and as a symbolic gesture for continuing her efforts, graduating nursing students at Wallace State receive a lamp-shaped lantern and light a candle during their pinning ceremony before taking their oath.

National Nurses Day was sparked in 1953 after U.S. Department of Health employee Dorothy Sutherland sent a letter to President Dwight Eisenhower proposing the day be set aside for nurses. Though an official proclamation was not declared, people began celebrating National Nurses Day on their own the next year.

President Richard Nixon proclaimed National Nurses Week in 1974. After efforts spearheaded by several nursing organizations, the United States Congress designated May 6 as National Recognition Day for Nurses in 1982 and President Ronald Reagan signed the proposal. The ANA Board of Directors later expanded the recognition in 1990 to the week-long celebration known as National Nurses Week from May 6-12. In 1998, May 8 was designated as National Student Nurses Day.

A new theme is chosen for each year, with the 2020 theme being Nurse: Keeping the Care in Health care. Deborah "Pepper" Hoover, director of Wallace State's Department of Nursing Education, feels the theme is most appropriate during this time in history.

"Nursing is facing unprecedented challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic, both in the clinical arena and on the educational front," Hoover said. "There are many heroes serving overtime in long-term care facilities, acute care hospitals and nursing programs attempting to meet the health care needs of our country.

"Wallace State is proud to be included in the ranks of professional nursing with a passion to deliver excellence in the face of extremely uncertain times and reminding persons to value the 'care' in health care," she added. "We know that Florence Nightingale would be a cheerleader for handwashing education in the COVID era. Modern nurses have been wearing masks for decades to protect their patients and know the public can embrace this practice for this special time. Honor your nursing friends this week by donning a special mask and lending a hand to those who have special needs. Nurses urge all to keep the care in health care."

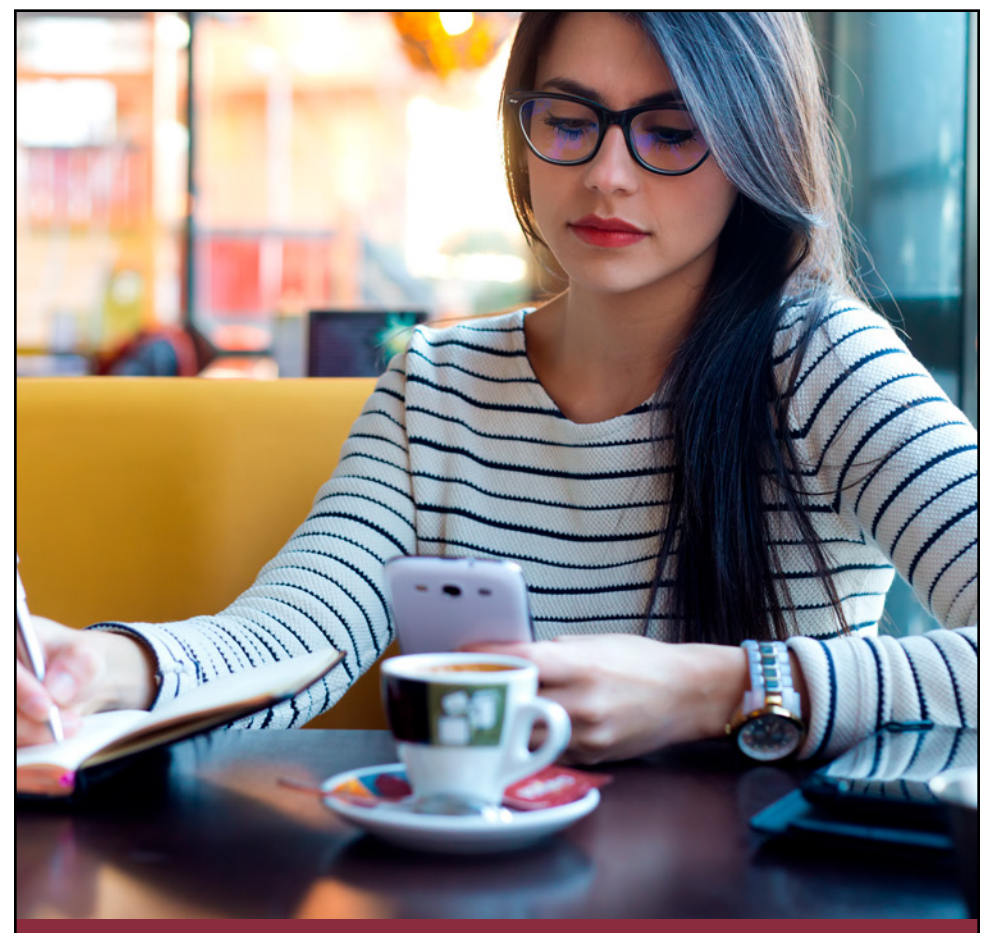
"We are so proud of the legacy of excellence that our WSCC Nursing Program has for producing quality graduates," said Lisa German, dean of Health Sciences at Wallace State. "It is heartening to witness the positive impact these nurses have across the state and nation particularly in light of the current health care challenges we are facing."

The Wallace State Department of Nursing Education is a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education as declared by the National League for Nursing. The program is accepting applications for entry in Fall 2020 with a priority deadline of May 15.

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Sports

1:00 p.m. FSEE College Baseball California at TCU.
9:00 p.m. FSEE Boat Racing P1 APBA Offshore Championship. From Fort Myers, Fla.
11:30 p.m. FS1 The Best of WWE Witness John Cena's best battles at WrestleMania against Triple H, The Rock and others.
12:30 a.m. FS1 The Best of WWE
1:30 a.m. FS1 The Best of WWE

Movies

6:00 a.m. FX "The Walk" ★★★ (2015, Biography) Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Ben Kingsley. In 1974, French high-wire artist Philippe Petit attempts to walk on a tightrope attached to the north and south towers of the World Trade Center. (150 mins.)
6:30 a.m. HBO "Unbreakable" ★★½ (2000, Suspense) Bruce Willis, Samuel L. Jackson. (107 mins.)
6:45 a.m. TCM "The League of Gentlemen" ★★★ (1960, Suspense) Jack Hawkins, Nigel Patrick. An ex-British army officer recruits other ex-officers to do a bank caper with military precision. (120 mins.)
7:05 a.m. MAX "Far and Away" ★★★ (1992, Drama) Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman. An Irish farmer and his landlord's daughter come to 1890s Boston, where he boxes and they join the Oklahoma land rush. (140 mins.)
7:25 a.m. SHOW "A River Runs Through It" ★★★½ (1992, Drama) Craig Sheffer, Brad Pitt. Two Montana boys become different men under the influence of fly-fishing and their minister father. (123 mins.)
7:30 a.m. TMC "Bran Nue Dae" ★★½ (2009, Comedy) Rocky McKenzie, Jessica Mauboy. (88 mins.)
8:00 a.m. AMC "Sniper" ★★ (1993, Action) Tom Berenger, Billy Zane. (120 mins.)
8:20 a.m. HBO "Cast Away" ★★★ (2000, Drama) Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt. After a plane crash at sea, a Federal Express engineer survives on a remote island for four years in complete isolation. (143 mins.)
8:45 a.m. TCM "The Secret Partner" ★★★ (1961, Mystery) Stewart Granger, Haya Harareet. A Scotland Yard detective solves the puzzle of an estranged couple, a dentist and a masked man. (105 mins.)
9:00 a.m. TMC "The Prince & Me" ★★ (2004, Romance-Comedy) Julia Stiles, Luke Mably. (110 mins.)
9:25 a.m. MAX "Mystery, Alaska" ★★½ (1999, Comedy) Russell Crowe, Hank Azaria. (118 mins.)
9:30 a.m. SHOW "Almost Famous" ★★★★ (2000, Comedy-Drama) Billy Crudup, Frances McDormand. (Premiere) An aspiring teenage rock journalist gets his big break when he follows an up-and-coming band on its tour. (122 mins.)
10:00 a.m. AMC "Blackhat" ★★½ (2015, Suspense) Chris Hemsworth, Tang Wei. Premiere. (180 mins.)
FREE "A Cinderella Story" ★★ (2004, Romance-Comedy) Hilary Duff, Jennifer Coolidge. (120 mins.)
10:30 a.m. TCM "Victim" ★★★ (1961, Suspense) Dirk Bogarde, Sylvia Sims. A prominent London barrister sets out to learn the identity of a blackmailer who preys on homosexuals. (120 mins.)
10:45 a.m. HBO "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald" ★★ (2018, Fantasy) Eddie Redmayne, Katherine Waterston. (134 mins.)
11:35 a.m. SHOW "The American President" ★★★ (1995, Romance) Michael Douglas, Annette Bening. A political rival turns the widowed president's romance with an environmental lobbyist into an election-year issue. (114 mins.)
12:00 p.m. FX "The Mummy" ★★ (2017, Action) Tom Cruise, Russell Crowe. (150 mins.)
12:30 p.m. TCM "All Night Long" ★★★ (1962, Drama) Patrick McGoohan, Marti Stevens. A jealous jazz drummer at a party tries to make his bandleader think his wife is unfaithful. (105 mins.)
1:00 p.m. AMC "The Perfect Storm" ★★★ (2000, Suspense) George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg. At sea in October 1991, the crewmen of the Andrea Gail encounter a storm with hurricane-strength winds and 100-foot waves. (180 mins.)
HBO "Godzilla: King of the Monsters" ★★ (2019, Science Fiction) Kyle Chandler, Vera Farmiga. (132 mins.)
1:30 p.m. SHOW "Green Book" ★★★½ (2018, Comedy-Drama) Viggo Mortensen, Mahershala Ali. An Italian-American bouncer and an African-American pianist confront racism and danger while taking a road trip through the Deep South in 1962. (130 mins.)
2:15 p.m. TCM "Woman of Straw" ★★★ (1964, Suspense) Gina Lollobrigida, Sean Connery. An old English tycoon is found dead after his nephew hires a gorgeous nurse to lure him into marriage. (135 mins.)
2:30 p.m. FX "Ted 2" ★★ (2015, Comedy) Mark Wahlberg, Voice of Seth MacFarlane. (150 mins.)
2:55 p.m. MAX "Backdraft" ★★★ (1991, Suspense) Kurt Russell, William Baldwin. Two brothers fight each other and an outbreak of arson as Chicago firefighters. (137 mins.)
3:00 p.m. FREE "Hook" ★★★ (1991, Children's) Dustin Hoffman, Robin Williams. Aided by Tinker Bell, a corporate lawyer turns into Peter Pan to rescue his children from Captain Hook. (180 mins.)
4:00 p.m. AMC "Fury" ★★★ (2014, War) Brad Pitt, Shia LaBeouf. During World War II, a battle-hardened Army sergeant leads the crew of a Sherman tank on a deadly mission behind enemy lines to strike at the heart of Nazi Germany. (180 mins.)
TNT "Walking Tall" ★★ (2004, Action) The Rock, Johnny Knoxville. (90 mins.)
4:30 p.m. TCM "Masquerade" ★★★ (1965, Suspense) Cliff Robertson, Jack Hawkins. The British send an American and a war hero to kidnap and hide an oil-country prince. (120 mins.)
4:50 p.m. SHOW "Seven" ★★★½ (1995, Suspense) Brad Pitt, Morgan Freeman. (Premiere) A meticulous detective and the young officer about to replace the veteran probe serial murders based on the seven deadly sins. (125 mins.)
5:00 p.m. FX "Daddy's Home 2" ★★ (2017, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg. (120 mins.)
5:05 p.m. TMC "Panic Room" ★★★ (2002, Suspense) Jodie Foster, Forest Whitaker. A single woman and her daughter must play a cat-and-mouse game after three thieves invade their New York brownstone. (112 mins.)
5:15 p.m. MAX "The Dead Don't Die" ★★½ (2019, Comedy) Bill Murray, Adam Driver. (103 mins.)
5:30 p.m. TNT "San Andreas" ★★½ (2015, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Carla Gugino. (150 mins.)
6:00 p.m. FREE "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" ★★½ (2011, Adventure) Johnny Depp, Penélope Cruz. (180 mins.)
6:05 p.m. HBO "The School of Rock" ★★★ (2003, Comedy) Jack Black, Joan Cusack. Fired from his group and desperate for money, a guitarist poses as a teacher for students who play in a school band. (108 mins.)
7:00 p.m. AMC "Tombstone" ★★★ (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer. Doc Holliday joins Wyatt Earp and his brothers for an OK Corral showdown with the Clanton gang. (180 mins.)
FX "Maze Runner: The Death Cure" ★★½ (2018, Science Fiction) Dylan O'Brien, Thomas Brodie-Sangster. (180 mins.)
PARMT "Four Brothers" ★★ (2005, Crime Drama) Mark Wahlberg, Tyrese Gibson. (120 mins.)
TCM "Little Caesar" ★★★ (1930, Crime Drama) Edward G. Robinson, Douglas Fairbanks Jr.. An aspiring small-town criminal relocates to Chicago to hit the big time, accompanied by his buddy, but once there they find their paths taking them in drastically different directions. (90 mins.)
MAX "What's Your Number?" ★★ (2011, Romance-Comedy) Anna Faris, Chris Evans. (106 mins.)
TMC "El Chicano" ★★ (2018, Action) Raúl Castillo, George Lopez. (107 mins.)
8:30 p.m. TCM "Tiger Shark" ★★½ (1932, Adventure) Edward G. Robinson, Zita Johann. (90 mins.)
8:50 p.m. MAX "Without a Paddle" ★★ (2004, Comedy) Seth Green, Matthew Lillard. (99 mins.)
9:00 p.m. GOLF "Tommy's Honour" ★★½ (2016, Historical Drama) Peter Mullan, Jack Lowden. (150 mins.)
TMC "The Replacement Killers" ★★ (1998, Action) Chow Yun-Fat, Mira Sorvino. (86 mins.)
10:00 p.m. AMC "Unforgiven" ★★★★ (1992, Western) Clint Eastwood, Gene Hackman. An old gunslinger, his ex-partner and a quick-draw kid go bounty hunting in a town called Big Whiskey. (180 mins.)
FX "Maze Runner: The Death Cure" ★★½ (2018, Science Fiction) Dylan O'Brien, Thomas Brodie-Sangster. (180 mins.)
TCM "The Sea Wolf" ★★★ (1941, Drama) Edward G. Robinson, John Garfield. Fugitives George Leach and Ruth Brewster, along with writer Humphrey Van Weyden, board the seal ship the Ghost, under the command of callous Wolf Larsen. (90 mins.)
11:00 p.m. FREE "A Cinderella Story" ★★ (2004, Romance-Comedy) Hilary Duff, Jennifer Coolidge. (120 mins.)
PARMT "Four Brothers" ★★ (2005, Crime Drama) Mark Wahlberg, Tyrese Gibson. (120 mins.)
11:30 p.m. TCM "Key Largo" ★★★½ (1948, Crime Drama) Humphrey Bogart, Edward G. Robinson. A gangster holds a GI and others hostage in a run-down Florida Keys hotel. (120 mins.)
SHOW "Seven" ★★★½ (1995, Suspense) Brad Pitt, Morgan Freeman. A meticulous detective and the young officer about to replace the veteran probe serial murders based on the seven deadly sins. (125 mins.)
12:00 a.m. TNT "Walking Tall" ★★ (2004, Action) The Rock, Johnny Knoxville. (90 mins.)
12:05 a.m. MAX "Life" ★★½ (1999, Comedy-Drama) Eddie Murphy, Martin Lawrence. (108 mins.)
12:20 a.m. HBO "In Bruges" ★★★ (2008, Comedy-Drama) Colin Farrell, Brendan Gleeson. Two hit men have strange and life-changing experiences while hiding out in the medieval city. (107 mins.)
1:30 a.m. TCM "Bullets or Ballots" ★★½ (1936, Crime Drama) Edward G. Robinson, Joan Blondell. (90 mins.)
TNT "Stronger" ★★★½ (2017, Biography) Jake Gyllenhaal, Tatiana Maslany. Jeff Bauman loses both of his legs when two bombs explode during the Boston Marathon on April 15, 2013. With unwavering support from his family and girlfriend, Bauman embarks on a long and heroic journey to physical and emotional rehabilitation. (150 mins.)
1:55 a.m. MAX "Don't Let Go" ★★ (2019, Suspense) David Oyelowo, Mykelti Williamson. (103 mins.)
2:10 a.m. HBO "Western Stars" ★★★ (2019, Documentary) Bruce Springsteen. (Premiere) Backed by a band and a full orchestra, Bruce Springsteen performs all 13 songs from his new album Western Stars, touching on themes of love, loss, loneliness, family and the passage of time. (83 mins.)
2:30 a.m. GOLF "Tommy's Honour" ★★½ (2016, Historical Drama) Peter Mullan, Jack Lowden. (150 mins.)
3:00 a.m. TCM "The Little Giant" ★★½ (1933, Comedy-Drama) Edward G. Robinson, Mary Astor. (90 mins.)
SHOW "A River Runs Through It" ★★★½ (1992, Drama) Craig Sheffer, Brad Pitt. Two Montana boys become different men under the influence of fly-fishing and their minister father. (123 mins.)

THURSDAY EVENING — MOVIES — MAY 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 A man claims his wife killed herself.		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Self-Made"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Lonelyville" Strangulation.		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		Doc Martin Martin has been advised not to practice.		Muscle Shoals to Music Row "Chuck Mead" (N)		Subcarrier (N)	Discovering Alabama
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	Council of Dads Larry presents an offer to Robin. (N)		Blindspot Jane attempts to free Rich Dotcom.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		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	Celebrity Watch Party (Series Premiere) (N)		Mental Samurai Another crop 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	(:31) Man With a Plan (N)	(:01) Mom	Broke "Losing My Religion"	Tommy Tommy fights back against a conspiracy. (N)		CBS42 News 10pm (N)	Late Show-Colbert
WTTO-CW	9	The Goldbergs "Hersheypark"	2 Broke Girls	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Katy Keene Katy is shocked by Guy's past. (N)		In the Dark "Deal Me In" Murphy seeks to help Max. (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. "Anthem" A basketball star is found murdered.		Chicago P.D. Tracking a vigilante targeting rapists.		Chicago P.D. Bombings are targeting media members.		Chicago P.D. "Breaking Point" An alderman is killed.		Chicago P.D. "Ghosts" Upton must take down a meth ring.		Chicago P.D. Robberies lead to an unlikely person.	
WABM2-ABC	12	ABC 33/40 News at 5PM	ABC World News	ABC 33/40 News at 6PM	Wheel of Fortune	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N)		Station 19 "Bad Guy" Vic and Travis are caught in a scheme.		(:01) How to Get Away With Murder (N)		ABC 33/40 News at 10PM	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!
A&E	42	The First 48 A photo provides a clue in a murder.		The First 48 Police investigate two fatal shootings.		The First 48 An innocent bystander is gunned down.		The First 48 "Chopper" An Atlanta man is gunned down.		The First 48: The Case That Haunts Me "Spree Killer" (N)		The First 48 A high school graduate is gunned down.	
AMC	53	(4:00) ★★★ "Fury" (2014, War) Brad Pitt, Shia LaBeouf. A sergeant takes his men on a mission behind enemy lines.				★★★ "Tombstone" (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer, Michael Biehn. Doc Holliday joins Wyatt Earp for the OK Corral showdown.						★★★★ "Unforgiven" (1992, Western) Clint Eastwood.	
ANPL	47	Deadliest Catch Edgar makes a dangerous repair.		Deadliest Catch Last-man-standing contest.		Deadliest Catch Phil's health continues to deteriorate.		Deadliest Catch The last few weeks of king crab season.		Deadliest Catch Cornelia Marie may lose its captain.		Deadliest Catch "No Season for Old Men" A Hail Mary play.	
BET	55	"Bough Breaks"	"Open" (2020) Essence Atkins.					"We Belong Together" (2018, Suspense) Cassidey Fralin, Ross Fleming, Draya Michele. A recovering alcoholic tries to put his life back together.				Martin	
BRAVO	58	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		The Real Housewives of New York City "Just the Sip" (N)		Top Chef "Restuarant Wars" It's Restaurant Wars. (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 protein-filled pancake mix.		Shark Tank A way to improve children's storytime.		Shark Tank A decadent breakfast treat.		Shark Tank Hometown T-shirt.	
CNN	37	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer (N)		Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Coronavirus: Facts and Fears: A CNN Global Town Hall The latest COVID-19 developments. (N) (Live)				Cuomo Prime Time (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)	
COM	56	The Office	The Office "New Guys"	The Daily Show	(:45) Inside Amy Schumer	(:10) Inside Amy Schumer	(:35) Inside Amy Schumer	Inside Amy Schumer	Inside Amy Schumer	Inside Amy Schumer	Inside Amy Schumer	The Daily Show	(:45) Robbie "Pilot" (N)
DISN	49	(:05) Raven's Home	(:35) Raven's Home	(:05) Bunk'd	(:35) Bunk'd	Big City Greens	(:25) Big City Greens	(7:50) Bunk'd	(:40) Raven's Home	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	Total Bellas The twins plan to visit their father.		Total Bellas JJ accuses Nicole of favoring Birdie.		Total Bellas "BellaVision"		Total Bellas "Salsa Caliente" A date night gone wrong. (N)		Botched A woman with three breasts.		Nightly Pop (N)	Total Bellas
ESPN	29	SportsCenter (N) (Live)		ESPN Original Documentaries		College Football						SportsCenter (N) (Live)	
ESPN2	30	NFL Live (N)		The Last Dance		The Last Dance		The Last Dance		The Last Dance		30 for 30	
FOOD	45	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Restaurant: Impossible		Restaurant: Impossible "First Episode Rewatch and Pantry Items" Watching the very first episode of show. (N)				Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay
FREE	48	(3:00) ★★★ "Hook" (1991, Children's) Dustin Hoffman.				★★ "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" (2011, Adventure) Johnny Depp, Penélope Cruz, Ian McShane. Capt. Jack Sparrow searches for the Fountain of Youth.				Siren Ryn, Ben and Maddie fight against Tia. (N)		The 700 Club Casey suffers a subarachnoid hemorrhage. (N)	
FS1	20	NASCAR Race Hub (N)		NASCAR Race Classic	Home Game	Greatest Games: NFL Michael Strahan breaks the sack record. From Jan. 6, 2002. (N Taped)						Home Game	FOX Football Now
FSEE	32	Let's Fish Southeast (N)	Silver Kings "Bridges"	MLB Baseball From June 1, 2019.						Boat Racing P1 APBA Offshore Championship.		MLB Baseball From June 1, 2019.	
FX	28	★★ "Daddy's Home 2" (2017) Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg. Brad and Dusty's respective fathers visit at Christmastime.				★★ "Maze Runner: The Death Cure" (2018, Science Fiction) Dylan O'Brien, Thomas Brodie-Sangster, Kaya Scodelario. Thomas leads the Gladers into a WCKD-controlled labyrinth.						★★ "Maze Runner: The Death Cure" (2018)	
GOLF	82	Golf Central (N) (Live)	Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf From Trinity Forest Golf Club in Dallas.						★★ "Tommy's Honour" (2016) Peter Mullan, Jack Lowden. Father and son become pioneers in the world of golf.			
HALL	72	"Love in Store" (2020, Romance) Alexandra Breckenridge, Robert Buckley. Sparks fly between two rival home shopping hosts.				"Love on the Menu" (2019, Drama) Autumn Reeser, Kavan Smith. A chef has to make a deal for a frozen food line.				The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls
HGTV	46	Love It or List It "Small House, Great Neighborhood"		Love It or List It A family looks for expansion options.		Flip or Flop	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 "Space Invaders Smackdown"		American Pickers Uncovering a 1935 Auburn roadster.		American Pickers Pick-off continues for bragging rights.		(:02) American Pickers The guys hit a pick in Illinois.		(:05) American Pickers "Double Barn Bonanza"		(:05) American Pickers The boys have an appointment.	
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	To Catch a Smuggler CBP searches a suspicious suitcase.		To Catch a Smuggler HSI conducts a delivery of MDMA.		To Catch a Smuggler CBP agents nab a smuggler.		To Catch a Smuggler Drugs hidden in cans.		(:03) To Catch a Smuggler "Cocaine Sausages"		(:03) To Catch a Smuggler CBP finds concealed drugs.	
PARMT	57	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	★★ "Four Brothers" (2005) Mark Wahlberg, Tyrese Gibson. Siblings seek revenge for their adoptive mother's murder.				★ "Law Abiding Citizen" (2009) Jamie Foxx. A prosecutor gets caught up in a vengeful prisoner's twisted scheme.			
TBS	25	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy "Road to the North Pole"		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 Actress Lizzy Caplan.	Seinfeld "The Lip Reader"
TCM	79	(4:30) ★★★ "Masquerade" (1965, Suspense) Cliff Robertson, Jack Hawkins, Marisa Mell.		MGM Parade		★★★ "Little Caesar" (1930, Crime Drama) Edward G. Robinson, Douglas Fairbanks Jr.		★★ "Tiger Shark" (1932, Adventure) Edward G. Robinson, Zita Johann, Richard Arlen.		★★★ "The Sea Wolf" (1941, Drama) Edward G. Robinson.			
TLC	24	My 600-Lb. Life "Justin's Story" Justin has eaten his life away.				My 600-Lb. Life "Supersized: Megan's Story" Over 600 lbs, Megan lives at home. (N)				Dr. Pimple Popper Shane has a lump on his back.		My Feet Are Killing Me "Mo Toes, Mo Problems"	
TNT	26	(4:00) ★★ "Walking Tall"	★★ "San Andreas" (2015, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Carla Gugino, Alexandra Daddario. A rescue pilot must save his family after an earthquake.					Shaq Life (Season Finale) (N)		★ "Rush Hour 3" (2007, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker. Carter and Lee battle Chinese gangsters in Paris.			
USA	27	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Brief Interlude"		Law & Order: SVU	(:45) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Imprisoned Lives"	Law & Order: SVU		(:13) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Downloaded Child"		(8:58) Chicago P.D. The team searches for the bombers.		(9:59) Chicago P.D. Lindsay deals with a piece of her past.	
WE	71	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Self-Made"		Growing Up Hip Hop Angela's ex Bow shows up.		Growing Up Hip Hop Egypt is ambushed by her family.		Growing Up Hip Hop Chaos at Lil Twist's birthday party. (N)		(:11) Growing Up Hip Hop "The Royal Rumble" Chaos at Lil Twist's birthday party.		(:20) Love After Lockup	
HBO	518	(4:15) Westworld	(:35) Run "Chase"	(:05) ★★★ "The School of Rock" (2003, Comedy) Jack Black. An unemployed guitarist poses as a teacher. 'PG-13'				We're Here The queens help locals in Branson, Mo. (N)		Westworld "Crisis Theory" Time to face the music.		(:15) We're Here The queens help locals in Branson, Mo.	
MAX	549	(:15) ★★ "The Dead Don't Die" (2019) Bill Murray. Small-town cops and citizens battle flesh-eating zombies. 'R'				★★ "What's Your Number?" (2011) Anna Faris, Chris Evans. A woman wonders if one of 20 exes could be her true love. 'R'				(8:50) ★★ "Without a Paddle" (2004, Comedy) Seth Green, Matthew Lillard. 'PG-13'		★ "Tomcats" (2001) 'R'	
SHOW	578	(4:50) ★★★ "Seven" (1995) Brad Pitt. Premiere. A killer dispatches his victims via the Seven Deadly Sins. 'R'				Shameless Fiona turns her attentions to a cop.		Billions "The New Decas" Axe reaches a milestone.		Desus & Mero	Californication	Desus & Mero (N)	VICE
TMC	598	(:05) ★★★ "Panic Room" (2002, Suspense) Jodie Foster. Thieves trap a woman and her daughter in their apartment. 'R'				★★ "El Chicano" (2018, Action) Raúl Castillo, George Lopez. Masked street legend El Chicano sets off a bloody turf war. 'R'				★★ "The Replacement Killers" (1998, Action) Chow Yun-Fat, Mira Sorvino. 'R'			"A Violent Separation"

Best Bets

7:30 p.m. on HGTV
Flip or Flop

In the new episode "Risky Business/Alarming Flip," Tarek and Christina return to the same street in Cypress, Calif., where they previously did a different flip. When they can't agree on a design for the kitchen, they decide to settle matters with a quick game of hoops. Later, as costs mount and the open house looms, they must hustle to make a profit out of the flip.

8 p.m. on HBO
We're Here

A new episode set in Branson, Mo., finds Bob, Eureka and Shangela traveling to that squeaky-clean entertainment capital, which fashions itself as a sin-free Las Vegas in the heart of the Bible belt. There, the trio of queens try to help locals Tanner, Charles and Chris, who are struggling to be their true selves in a hyper-conservative community that prides itself on its traditional "family values."

8 p.m. on ID
If I Should Die

Already reeling from the tragic news that Patricia Kimble had died in a house fire, her family members are further shocked to learn two more jarring insights in the Season 1 finale, "Go Forth and Murder": The victim was shot before her body was consumed by an inferno that was deliberately set by someone. Detectives scour her diary for any clues pointing toward who would want to kill this devoutly Christian newlywed.

8:30 p.m. on WIAT
Broke

Jackie (Pauley Perrette) clashes with Javier (Jaime Camil) yet again when she discovers he has quietly been taking her son Sammy (Antonio Corbo) with him to church on Sundays in the new episode "Losing My Religion." Elsewhere, teacher's pet Luis (Izzy Diaz) is miffed when Elizabeth (Natasha Leggero) joins him for spin class and she steals the spotlight with the instructor (guest star Brandon Kyle Goodman).

9 p.m. on WIAT
Tommy

Tommy (Edie Falco) and the members of her inner circle close ranks as they fight back against a conspiracy by the Los Angeles Police Department and city government officials to have her removed as police chief in the new episode "Cause of Death." Among the featured guest stars is Mark Blum, who died at 69 on March 26, one of the first celebrity casualties of the coronavirus pandemic, in one of his final roles. Michael Cumpsty and Paul Schulze also guest star.

9 p.m. on ID
Predator at Large

After a pregnant mother and her infant son never return from what seemed to be a routine walk to their corner grocery, the news sends ripples of fear through the close-knit community of Deerfield Beach, Fla., in the new episode "We're Talking About a Serial Killer." Later, after the woman's lifeless body is found, the locals are convinced they have a killer living among them.



Christina Anstead co-hosts "Flip or Flop" Thursday on HGTV.

OUTDOORS

Asian giant hornets? Murder hornets? Not in Alabama

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ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. – Neighborhoods and social media are buzzing with hype as citizens are concerned about "murder hornets." Alabama Cooperative Extension System professionals would like to put this rumor to rest. These stinging insects have not been found in Alabama. However, the detection of Asian giant hornets is unnerving for beekeepers and citizens in the Pacific Northwest.

Asian giant hornets, Vespa mandarinia, are the world's largest hornet, measuring 1.5 - 2 inches in length.

Alabama Extension entomologist Katelyn Kesheimer said the giant hornets have a very unique coloration that makes them distinguishable from other hornets.

"Their large head is orange or yellow with prominent eyes, and they have a black and yellow-striped abdomen," she said.

Detection in the U.S.
The pest was first detected in North America in December 2019 when a Washington resident found a large, dead hornet. The hornet was confirmed to be an Asian giant hornet.

Since the positive identification, four more reports have been confirmed in Washington.

Kesheimer said public education and pest eradication plans are already underway.

The United States Department of Agriculture, the Washington State Department of Agriculture and local universities have begun work to educate citizens, conduct surveys, and eradicate the pest.

"Their goal is to eradicate the pest before it becomes established," Kesheimer said.

Asian giant hornet biology
Asian giant hornets are native to Asia. The hornets are social insects and maintain underground colonies with one queen and multiple workers.

Nests
"These nests are difficult to locate," Kesheimer said. "Nests are often formed in pre-existing holes in the ground, like a rodent's nest."

The hornets will also nest in hollowed tree trunks or in the roots of dead trees.

Colony protection
Much like the fire ant—which Alabamians are very familiar with—the queens are colony leaders. The queens are able to disperse and produce offspring. Therefore, a solitary queen begins a nest and then populates it with workers. Kesheimer said the key to controlling a colony is to kill the queen.

"As social insects, they can carry out coordinated attacks against nests of other bees and wasps," Kesheimer said.

"These group attacks usually occur late in the season as their nests become large and are in need of food. They will 'slaughter and occupy' the nests of yellow jackets and paper wasps, as well as honeybees."

Nourishment
Asian giant hornets are predatory insects. Their diet includes a variety of arthropods. These include: scarab beetles, long-horned beetles, spiders and caterpillars.

European honeybees are the preferred food source for Asian giant hornets because the honeybee hive cannot defend themselves against the hornet. European honeybee hives also offer a bounty of food and are full of protein and fat.

Common look-alikes
While Asian giant hornets have not been identified in Alabama or the southeastern U.S., there are other bees and wasps in Alabama that could be easily mistaken for the Asian giant hornet.

European hornets and Cicada killer wasps resemble Asian giant hornets and could easily cause concern for Alabama homeowners or beekeepers.

Alabama Extension entomologist, Xing Ping Hu, said the Cicada killer and the European hornet are also confused with one another, though the two have different lifestyles.

Cicada killer wasp
"Cicada killer wasps are large solitary wasps that behave differently from social hornets," Hu said. "The Cicada killer builds nests in the ground by pushing out soil, typically 10-20 inches deep and less than 1 inch wide."

Hu said Cicada killer wasps can be found small soil mounds in well-drained, sandy soils or loose clay in bare and grass-covered areas.

Female wasps hunt for cicadas, sting them to paralyze the prey, then drag the cicada back to the nest to feed the young.

Male cicada wasps are often seen in groups buzzing aggressively above ground.

Although the male wasps may look intimidating, they pose no risk to humans. While females can sting, they will not attempt to sting humans unless handled roughly.

European hornet
European hornets are found sporadically throughout the state, as Alabama is likely at the southern edge of their range.

While the European hornet may be mistaken for an Asian giant hornet simply because of their size, hornet behavior may be another reason homeowners could confuse the two.

Similar to Asian giant hornets, European hornets will become aggressive if their nest is threatened. However, the European hornet is not known to be a threat to honeybees.

Threats to honeybees
Kesheimer said Asian giant hornets do post a threat to European honeybees in the U.S.

"While they do prey on other arthropod species, we are most concerned about honeybees because of their value as pollinators and honey-producers," Kesheimer said. "Beekeepers across all states should be informed about this pest and the progress on eradication efforts."

Threats to humans
Kesheimer said Asian giant hornets will attack if their colonies or food sources are threatened.

"It is important to remember that these hornets are not typically aggressive toward humans," Kesheimer said.

Many people have had experience with honeybee stings—the short, barbed stinger becomes lodged in the skin and only allows for one sting.

The stinger on V. mandarinia is much larger and contains more venom than bee stingers. The Asian giant hornet stinger has a curved shape with less barbs to allow for easier entry. This means the hornets can sting more than once.

Kesheimer said the average beekeeping suit will not protect keepers from this pest.

"Anyone with an allergy should take extra precautions around any bees or wasps and seek medical attention when and if needed," she said. "It is important to remain calm when it comes to any types of bees or wasps.

"Remember, Asian giant hornets only become aggressive when their nest or food source is threatened."

More information
For more detailed information on identification, biology, and control options, visit United States Department of Agriculture or the Washington State Department of Agriculture.

Read more about Asian giant hornets, also known as murder hornets, in a content piece found on www.aces.edu, titled Asian Giant Hornets Not in Alabama.

Obituary Announcements May 7

Lloyd Edwin Morris was born Jan. 3, 1923 and passed away May 5, 2020. An open invitation for public viewing will be provided Saturday, May 9, 2020 and Sunday, May 10, 2020 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. A drive-up graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, May 11, 2020 at the Cullman City Cemetery. The service will be available via live streaming on Moss Service Funeral Home's Facebook page.

Private graveside services for Gary Beck Leipert, 71, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 8, 2020 at Welti Cemetery; Pastor Royce Teague officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Leipert passed away Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at the Folsom Center. He was born Jan. 6, 1949 to Asple A. and Rosabelle Tipton Leipert. He worked at Nicholson File for 35 years and also did small engine repair. He was a member of Victory Fellowship in Falkville. He was preceded in death by his parents; son Wesley Leipert; granddaughter Hope Leipert. He is survived by his wife Wanda Glover Leipert; son Gary Glenn (Beth) Leipert; daughters Bridgett (Ricky) Barfield and Annette (Scotty) Cryer; brother Kenneth (Donna) Leipert; grandchildren Catherine (Justin) Hardin, Shania (Matt) Mayfield, Jada (Devin) Harris, Blake Cryer, Ray (Jessica) Barfield, Zoe Barfield, Faith (David) Leipert, and Tanton (Justice) Leipert; great-grandchildren Jaxon and Reagan Hardin, Lillian and Baylee Mayfield, Walker Eli Harris and Lincoln Beins; family and friends.

Carla Aileen Moore Ray, 68, of Haleyville entered into rest Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at North Alabama Medical Center in Florence. Carla was born Dec. 19, 1951 in Atlanta, Georgia. She attended Solid Rock Church in Haleyville. As per State and Federal guidelines, a private service will be held. Burial will be in Winston Memorial Cemetery. Pastor Benny Knight and Pastor Ricky White will officiate. Carla is survived by her husband of 45 years, James Garland Ray; son Graham Ray; granddaughter Meagan Ray; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and church family. She was preceded in death by her parents Carl and Rose DeVouers Moore.

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Tyson (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Almost a year has passed since a June 6, 2019 spill at the Tyson Farms/River Valley Ingredients rendering plant near Hanceville triggered a large fish kill on the Mulberry Fork that extended down to the Sipsey River in Walker County. The time has not passed quietly for the poultry giant, though; a lawsuit filed by the Alabama Attorney General's (AG) Office on behalf of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) last week is the fifth filed since last June.

Kayla Mims vs. Tyson and others
On June 22, 2019, Robert Bryan of Nelson, Bryan and Cross and Dennis Goldasich of Goldasich, Vick and Fulk filed suit on behalf of Dora resident Kayla Mims against Tyson Farms, Inc., Tyson Cullman office manager Ronald Boatright, River Valley Ingredients and Jasper Water Works and Sewer Board. On June 14, 2019 Mims was hospitalized for sepsis due to "a severe bacterial infection later confirmed to be caused by E. coli. High levels of E. coli are confirmed to have been present in the area of the Mulberry fork subsequent to the wastewater spill at the River Valley Ingredients location."

The suit charged the defendants with:
• Negligence/Wantonness - "The Defendants negligently, purposefully, knowingly, willfully, and/or wantonly breached their duty of care in failing to adequately install, maintain, and/or inspect the failed hose or pipe. The Defendants knew or should have known that failure to act with requisite due care in implementing an adequate support structure would compromise the water in the area in and around the Mulberry Fork and its uses, including the water's usage in homes located within Walker County. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiff was caused to suffer the injuries and damages set out herein above."

• Negligent Hiring, Supervision, Training and Retention

The suit asks for unspecified compensation.

Multiple plaintiffs sue in Walker County
On July 19, 2019, the Sipsey Heritage Commission and Chandler Holdings, along with 40 individual property owners along the Mulberry and Sipsey Forks of the Black Warrior River, filed suit against Tyson Farms, Inc., River Valley Ingredients LLC, RVI Hanceville plant manager Jason Spann, American Proteins, Inc. and Hydraservice, Inc.

The complaint was filed in Walker County by Edward Jackson of the Jasper-based law firm of Jackson, Fikes & Brakefield, and Judson Allen of Laird & Robertson, also based in Jasper, on behalf of two corporate entities and 40 individual property owners:
• Sipsey Heritage Commission – An organization that describes itself as "dedicated to improving the health and well-being of our community by improving access to our natural resources." It promotes the history, culture, and natural features of the region of the Sipsey and Mulberry Forks. Martha Salomaa is the current President.

• Chandler Holdings, LLC – A Jasper-based real estate development domestic corporation whose members include Hershel Chandler, Sr., Hershel Chandler, Jr. and Anna Chandler. Bogner Chandler is the listed agent.

• Individuals: Marnice Aaron, Sidney Aaron, Neal Ballenger, Ann Burke, Michael Cates, Joseph Christianson, Lisa Christianson, Robert Earl Clifton, Billy Joey Dill, Susan Donaldson, Ed Frazier, Norma Jane Green, Ricky Hall, John Lively, Linda Lively, Billy Parson, Chris Peed, Kevin Perkins, Roger Perkins, Jimmy Phillips, Michael D. Phillips, Regina Phillips, Iris Ramey, Robert Ramey, Fred Rutkowski, Sr., Rita Rutkowski, Kari Salomaa, Martha Salomaa, Betty Shed, Don Smith, Chiyako Starnes, Norman Starnes, Rex Starnes, Toby Stover, Paul Wigley, Kerri Wigley, Westin Wilborn, A.C. Williams, Mechelle Williams, Dennis Yglesias

According to the complaint, plaintiffs who live or own property on the river "fear to go outside, use the river, fish in the river, or let their animals use the river because of these spills.

Some of these Plaintiffs use the river as a means for living and fear such way of life has been altered forever costing them money and happiness.

"The other category of Plaintiffs are those who are affected by the horrible smell of the River Valley Ingredients plant. The smell is so regular and potent that it has affected these Plaintiff's daily lives, affected their quiet use and enjoyment of their property, and cause them fear, discomfort, and embarrassment."

The complaint names Tyson Farms, Inc., River Valley Ingredients, LLC, American Proteins, Inc. (who operated the Hanceville plant prior to its being purchased by Tyson/RVI), RVI Hanceville plant manager Jason Spann and Hydraservice, Inc. (alleged to be the contractor that installed the pump and equipment at the RVI plant, a failure of which led to the June 6 spill).

The complaint charged the defendants with:
• Negligence
• Nuisance
• Wanton Conduct

The complaint also specifically charged that:
• 175,000 fish were reported killed, but the actual number cannot be known; and "The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources concluded that the Mulberry River has been damaged for five years as a result of the June 6th discharge."

• "It is upon information and belief that a representative of Tyson issued a statement less than ten days after the June 6th discharge that the river was safe for recreation," and that "Tyson based this statement only upon the dissolved oxygen levels of the river without testing for e-coli or fecal coliform."

• The spill led to the cancellation of a June 22, 2019 kayak race sponsored by the Sipsey Heritage Commission, resulting in a loss of money to the commission and likely decreased participation in future events.

• "Other sewage spills of Tyson Farms and American Proteins . . . were reportedly from lack of adequate maintenance and/or supervision, lack of the proper oversight, lack of proper operation, and lack of proper advice," and that the ongoing smell at the plant has the same origin.

The plaintiffs are seeking compensation for issues including:
• Loss of property value

• Deprivation of use and enjoyment of their property

• "Fear, worry, stress, anxiety and mental anguish over the past damage and continuing future damage to their property," and the same stress over past and future health concerns

• The loss of funds to the Sipsey Heritage Commission

• Attorney fees and other costs related to the case

• "Punitive damages in such amount as a jury deems necessary to punish defendants, including the fictitiously named defendants, for such reprehensible conduct and to deter defendants and others from engaging in such reprehensible conduct in the future."

• Remediation of the river itself

Federal class action cases
When The Tribune reached out to the law firm of Nelson Bryan & Jones to find out the status of the Kayla Mims case, the paper was informed that two previously unknown class action cases were filed against Tyson, Hydraservice, Spann and the Jasper Water Work and Sewer Board by that firm and others in the Northern District of Alabama U.S. Federal District Court on July 24, 2019:

• 5:2019cv01179 - entitled "Russell et al v. Tyson Farms, Inc. et al"

• 5:2019cv01180 - entitled "Ashley et al v. Tyson Farms, Inc. et al"

The two federal class actions, filed by the same attorneys on the same day and dealing with the same issue, were consolidated into a single proceeding by the federal court. The complaint for case 01180 claims that the suit seeks:

"to recover damages suffered by Plaintiffs and the Class Members as a result of the contamination of the Mulberry Fork segment of the Warrior River, and the subsequent transmission of unsafe and/or tainted water to residents, property owners, and/or business owners in the State of Alabama including, but not limited to, residents, property owners, and/or business owners in Walker County, Alabama and Cullman County, Alabama.

"The above-referenced water contamination by Defendants Tyson, Spann, and HydraService, as well as Defendant JWWSB's failure to properly anticipate, plan for, contain, remediate, respond to, and/or warn Plaintiffs about the same, have caused significant damage and will continue to cause significant damage to the value of the plaintiffs' and Class Members' real and/or personal property, and to negatively affect Plaintiffs' and Class Members' earning capacity, business income, use of natural resources, and/or general/normal use of their real property, personal property, and/or business(es)."

The consolidated case has been assigned to Judge Liles C. Burke.

Plaintiffs in 01179
• Tiffany Ashley
• Kathy Russell
• Krystal Sasko

According to the 01179 complaint, each plaintiff "has been exposed to contaminated water, raw sewage, effluent materials, toxins, bacteria, contaminants and/or other dangerous and unsafe materials, and has suffered personal injuries and/or damages including, but not limited to, pain, suffering, mental anguish, emotional distress, monetary damages, and/or humiliation."

Plaintiffs in 01180
• Tiffany Ashley, same as above, but listed as property owner at 86 Chappell Fish Camp Rd., Parrish, Ala. According to the complaint, "she has suffered injuries and/or damages including, but not limited to, pain, suffering, mental anguish, fear, humiliation, interference with the quiet enjoyment and use of her property, significant damage to the value of her real and/or personal property, economic damages, damages to her business, a negative effect on use of natural resources, and/or general/normal use of his real property, personal property, and/or business(es)."

• Bullheaded, LLC dba The Bullpen Steakhouse. According to the complaint, the business "suffered loss of business, loss of income, and/or economic damages."

Plaintiffs' attorneys in both cases
• Dennis E. Goldasich, Jr and Justin C. Owen of Goldasich & Associates, LLC

• Joshua M. Vick of Goldasich, Vick And Fulk, and Robert O. Bryan of Nelson Bryan & Jones

Defendants in both cases
• Hydraservice, Inc., represented by attorneys of Burr & Forman LLP

• Jasper Water Works and Sewer Board, Inc., represented by attorneys of Smithamundsen, LLC and Burgess Roberts, LLC

• James Spann, represented by attorneys of Barze, Taylor, Noles, Lowther, LLC

• Tyson Farms, Inc., represented by attorneys of Brantley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP

In the 01180 complaint, the plaintiffs are said to be representative of a class of people impacted by the spill that is "so numerous that joinder of all members is impractical," which includes:
"All Alabama residents who own or lease residential or commercial property and/or personal property that has been or will in the future be damaged as a result of the June 6, 2019 wastewater spill/contamination and the subsequent containment, handling, and/or remediation of said spill/contamination, and/or all Alabama residents who have experienced a negative affect on his/her/their use of natural resources and/or the general/normal use of their real property and/or personal property as a result of the June 6, 2019 wastewater spill/contamination and the subsequent containment, handling, and/or remediation of said spill/contamination.

"This class further includes all Alabama residents who have suffered or will in the future suffer any legally cognizable business and/or economic losses and/or damages as a result of the June 6, 2019 wastewater spill/contamination and the subsequent containment, handling, and/or remediation of said spill/contamination."

The complaints charge the defendants with:
• Negligence and/or Wantonness
• Strict Liability
• Trespass
• Nuisance

Each complaint seeks a minimum of $5 million in compensation. The cases are ongoing.

State Attorney General files suit
Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall on Apr. 29 filed a lawsuit in the Walker County Circuit Court on behalf of the State, Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), issuing this statement:

"On June 6, a pipe failure at the Tyson Plant in Hanceville, Alabama, caused the release of over 200,000 gallons of insufficiently-treated wastewater into the Mulberry Fork of the Black Warrior River. Since that time, the Attorney General's Office has undertaken extensive preparation for litigation, and today, the Attorney General filed suit against Tyson.

"The Attorney General's mission in this matter is simple—to see the State made whole for the damage done to our environment and to see the affected communities adequately compensated for their unique and devastating losses."

According to the complaint filed in Jasper:
"This is a civil action against Tyson for violations of the Alabama Water Pollution Control Act ("AWPCA") and the Alabama Environmental Management Act ("AEMA") and certain regulations promulgated under each statute, as a result of violations of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit, and unpermitted discharges of wastewater and/or partially treated wastewater from Tyson's processing facility into waters of the State.

"In addition, the Plaintiffs allege herein that Tyson engaged in negligent and wanton conduct by causing a public nuisance, committing a trespass to State land, and by committing a trespass to chattel, resulting in the death of various species of fish and other wildlife. Plaintiffs seek declaratory and injunctive relief as well as the recovery of civil penalties and compensatory and punitive damages from Tyson for alleged violations of the law of the State of Alabama."

The lawsuit alleges that "unpermitted discharges of wastewater and/or partially treated wastewater from Defendant's Facility into waters of the State caused depressed levels of dissolved oxygen and elevated levels of pathogens. These discharges resulted in the killing of various species of fish and other wildlife downstream of the Facility. Defendant's aforesaid discharges further interfered with and damaged the general public's ability to use and enjoy waters of the State." and that "DMRs (Discharge Monitoring Reports) submitted to ADEM by Tyson indicate that it failed to properly monitor and discharged and continues to discharge pollutants in violation of the limits imposed by Part I.A. of the NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Permit."

The lawsuit charges Tyson with:
• Violations of the Alabama Water Pollution Control Act
• Public Nuisance
• Trespass to Land
• Trespass to Chattel
• Negligence
• Wantonness

Tyson responds
After the state lawsuit was filed last week, Tyson sent a statement to The Tribune, saying, "We've tried for many months to work with the state to resolve this matter, including an offer to initiate conservation and community projects including river access in the area of the accidental release. We are disappointed in the decision of the Alabama Attorney General to file suit.

"We're focused on the health and safety of our employees and are doing all we can to continue to feed America during these challenging times. We look forward to presenting our side of the story."

Worth Sparkman, external communications, provided the following statement from Tyson Wednesday afternoon: "Tyson aims to be a strong partner and responsible member of the communities we serve and in which our team members live and work.

"We take our obligations to our neighbors seriously and, since acquiring the Hanceville facility in late 2018, we have made significant investments to help bring it up to Tyson's standards.

"We will respond to the legal claims in the appropriate forum."



