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Cullman Farm-City Committee honored with 3 awards by Alabama Farmers Federation



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Picture are: (front row, sitting, left to right): Taylor May, Doris Patterson, Pat Floyd and Cherrie Haney; (second row, solid blue shirts, left to right): Ava Claire Floyd, Emma Hankey, Audrey Floyd and Nancy Bryant; (third row, grey shirts with blue sleeves, left to right): Lynda Hankey, Rhonda Lawler, Shannon Bridges, Luanne Reid and Tonja Grace; and (very back): David Bennefield.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Since 1955, Farm-City Committees around Alabama have worked to deepen the understanding of the relationship between rural farmers and urban workers. These committees work on a variety of projects and programs throughout the year to do that - banquets, farm tours, school field trips, competitions and countless other special events. To encourage individual county committees, the Alabama Farmers Federation holds the annual Farm-City Awards and recognizes the committees that go the extra mile for their programs.

During this year's virtual awards ceremony, which took place Tuesday, the Alabama Farmers Federation announced that Cullman won three awards:

• Innovative Idea Award: Awarded for the POP-Up Farmers Market held with the aid of the Cullman Electric Cooperative last year, where Co-op employees were given $5 each to spend at the market and could purchase tomato sandwich sack lunches as part of a fundraiser for the committee.

• Best Civic Club Program: Awarded for "reaching a very good mixture of groups with their different civic club activities" because of its work with the Lions Club, the North Alabama Agriplex, the Cullman County Fair committee and others.

• Best Farm-City Committee Runner-Up, Division 1

Cullman County also had a representative in the poster contests as Maggie Phillips from Good Hope Primary was announced as an honorable mention. Her poster will be featured in next year's Farm-City calendar.

Prior to the ceremony, Cullman Farm-City Committee Co-Chairs Doris Patterson and Pat Floyd said the past year was somewhat rough on the committee, but they were confident that Cullman would pull through with a good number of awards for the committee's report of the previous year's activities.

When asked what Farm-City means to them, Patterson and another committee member, Lynda Hankey, said it is all about the community effort to keep residents fed.

"You know, obviously without the farmers we'd be in trouble, but also we need the grocery stores for people who don't live near farmers or can't make time for a trip to the Farmers Market," said Hankey. "We like to involve the farms, the schools, we get the kids involved because we're passing the torch on to them, and just have the whole community work together to find the best way to support everyone."

The Alabama Farmers Federation divides counties into two divisions based on population for the awards: Division 1 (greater than 35,600) and Division 2 (less than 35,600). In previous years, the Best Farm-City Committee award was given to one » PAGE 8

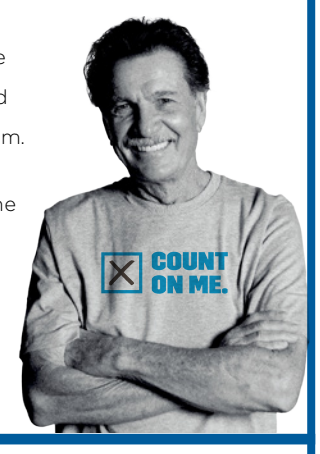
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CRIME

Brad Meeks sentenced to 12 years in death of Curt Wilson, injury of Ashley Wilson

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman County Circuit Court Judge Gregory Nicholas on Tuesday sentenced Bradford Neal Meeks to 12 years in prison for the May 7, 2017 head-on crash that killed 15-year-old Cullman High School student Curtis James "Curt" Wilson and injured his mother Ashley Wilson. Nicholas imposed the maximum sentence for each charge: 10 years for criminally negligent homicide involving DUI, 12 months for third-degree assault and 12 months for DUI. Meeks was also convicted of improper lane usage, which is a simple traffic violation. He was convicted in January 2020.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Brad Meeks in a March 2019 booking photo

Meeks had faced a charge of reckless murder, a Class A felony which could have carried up to a life sentence. Under the law, jurors can consider charges of manslaughter and » PAGE 7

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

As of early Tuesday evening, from Alabama Public Health: Up until now, there have been 10,310 cases of COVID-19 in Alabama, and 429 deaths have been confirmed.

Cullman County has had 65 cases and 0 deaths.

Find the latest numbers at https://bit.ly/2V-jCQbP.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Cullman City Council celebrates Craft Beer Week, talks downtown beautification

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Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs (right) and Councilman Andy Page (center) display hanging baskets and pole-mount brackets made by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism staffer Kenny Harrison (left), that will hold flowers like those on the far left and will decorate U.S. Highway 31 downtown.

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman City Council had a light agenda Monday evening, devoting much of its time to recognizing Craft Beer Week and Cullman's own local brewery Goat Island Brewing, along with presenting a downtown beautification project that will bring colorful flowers to downtown streets.

Mayor Woody Jacobs presented a proclamation in recognition of Craft Beer Week to Goat Island CEO Mike Mullaney, who just re-opened his tap room to the public a short time before the meeting.

The statement celebrated craft breweries as "job creators and community gathering places."

After the meeting, Mullaney told The Tribune that the re-opening of Goat Island's tap room "went well. We didn't advertise or anything, so it was kind of a soft opening.

"But we had all the tables pretty far apart, and we've put together what we're calling a 'sneeze guard,' so a big Plexiglas shield at the bar.

"I think it went real well. We had a nice scattering of people but didn't pack the place out, which we didn't really want to do anyway. But it was good to get back open, that's for sure."

According to Mullaney, the shutdown "completely dried up all of our draft sales; any beer that we sold in kegs stopped completely, and it still hasn't started back, of course.

"We'll see what happens after the restaurants start back. But we were able to continue to sell in cans- we have two products: the Blood Orange and the Richter's Pilsner- to grocery stores and that kind of thing.

"The demand for cans went up, and so it didn't completely make it better, but it certainly helped us. Then during the whole time, we've had the ability to sell to-go beer, and we've had a steady stream of people coming in and getting growlers and six-packs.

"So that has helped us, as well. And we did get the PPP loan, so that has helped us keep all of our employees; we didn't lay off anybody."

Big news

About the same time the COVID-19 shutdown began, Goat Island head brewer Paul White departed for a job in another field, leaving the brewery in need.

After a nationwide search, the crew located 13-year veteran brewer Matthew Schumacher in Seattle, Washington, just as he was looking to relocate his family to a small-town setting.

Said Mullaney, "It's really going to allow us to get to that next level that we felt like we were heading for, so we're excited about that, really excited about that."

Downtown beautification by the basket

Mayor Jacobs displayed a hanging basket that will hold flower arrangements, along with a bracket that will allow the mounting of the basket to a street light pole.

The City will place 24 of these baskets along U.S. Highway 31 through downtown Cullman.

Jacobs reported that the purchase of the components would have cost the City $500 per basket/bracket assembly, or $12,000 total, to purchase from a commercial supplier.

For the project, though, the council was able to turn to Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism mechanical specialist Kenneth "Kenny" Harrison, who was able to make the components in-house at a cost of only $80-90 per assembly.

Said Jacobs, "We really appreciate Parks and Rec's assistance in this project, and Kenny especially. We've got a couple of other things we're going to have him working on; we're not going to reveal those yet, but somewhere down the road. This is going to really make Main Street pop with some flowers."

Council business

The council approved:

• A special event request from Amy Mayfield of the American Heart Association to hold a free event and celebration including a fundraising 5K run/walk, health screenings and games at Depot Park Sept. 12, 2020 from 9-11 a.m.

• A special event request from Melissa Hudson of The Crossing to hold a fundraiser and worship event at Cullman County Fairgrounds pavilion and parking lot May 16, 2020 with a Swamp John's drive-through fundraiser from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., followed by an evening worship event with music, testimonies and prayer from 6-9 p.m. The City's approval covers noise only; The Crossing will have to get approval from the Cullman County Commission for use of the site.

• Resolution No. 2020-83, authorizing the mayor to approve general liability, property and workers compensation insurance.

• Resolution No. 2020-84, to extend the existing bid for various types of rock with Blount Springs Materials Company until March 31, 2021.

• Resolution 2020-85, to authorize the mayor to enter into a sublease with Cullman Christian School for the continued use of its basement at the Beech Center, 1803 Beech Ave. SE as a storm shelter.

The Cullman City Council will meet next Monday, May 18 at 7 p.m. in the Cullman City Hall Auditorium. The public is invited to attend, subject to occupancy restrictions.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Garden City sets new fire dues, votes to start town hall roof work

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GARDEN CITY, Ala. – The Garden City Town Council on Monday night officially set the new fire dues it voted on at its March meeting. The dues, billed to customers through the Cullman Electric Cooperative are now $5 for residents and businesses within town limits (up from $3) and $10 for residents and businesses outside town limits (up from $5).

In other business, the council accepted a bid of $15,690 for materials and labor from Keith Whitley Construction and Roofing to negate a water leakage problem at town hall. The council voted to pay $9,555 after the Town's insurance paid for a portion of the bill. Mayor Tim Eskew noted the job with Whitley will cover "everything but concrete and gutters."

Said Eskew, "What we're doing is we're changing the roof. We're putting actually a porch on it, out about a 10-foot section in front of the building. We're trying to get rid of a roof leak problem. Over the years it's been tracking water behind a false wall and we're extending the roof level to get the water off the building."

The council voted to table a flood damage prevention ordinance it received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Council members said they want to get more information and see if any land within town limits is affected by flood damage and want to obtain maps to answer the question.

The council also voted to purchase a four-wheel drive utility cab Kubota tractor for $30,000.

Members reviewed Garden City's Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) report and accepted a resolution stating so.

The council then voted to adopt an ordinance changing the water rates inside and outside town limits. The council originally voted to change the water rates at its Sept. 16, 2019 meeting. At that meeting, Eskew shared a letter from the Blount County Water Authority saying its operating costs were increasing. The council voted to raise the rates from $21 per 2,000 gallons to $22 per 2,000 gallons.

Garden City will participate in the annual Back to School Sales Tax Holiday July 17 -19, 2020.

Garden City Volunteer Fire Department Chief James Johnson told the council his department recently participated in training with the Hanceville Fire Department. He said once the COVID-19 pandemic subsides, the department will have three new EMTs.

Cullman County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Jeff Rainwater provided his township deputy report, listing 140 incidents from Nov. 12, 2019 until May 11, 2020.

Garden City Mayor Pro-Tempore Scott Arnold asked Rainwater if he could work with the Town on certain hours Rainwater isn't covering, to which Rainwater responded, "I'm willing to work with you."

The Garden City Freedom Celebration, as of right now, is still on for the last Sunday in June.

Arnold said of the event, "That's a big thing for this town."

The Garden City Town Council meets the third Monday of each month. The next regularly scheduled meeting is June 15 at 6 p.m.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Good Hope Council welcomes public back to in-person meetings

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – The City of Good Hope took a step toward a return to normal Monday night at its first council meeting open to the public since the state's Stay at Home Order went into effect in March. The meeting was short due to a light agenda, but spirits were high as the council met and attended to business.

The council approved a $2,000 donation to Cullman Caring for Kids to help during the COVID-19 crisis.

Councilwoman Susan Eller said, "I know there's a lot of people who need (help) during this time (and) maybe we could do a little extra at this time for Cullman Caring for Kids."

Mayor Jerry Bartlett added, "I know that we do have a lot of people from this area who go up there and I just think that (Director) Javon (Daniel) and his staff do a fabulous job."

Eller also urged the citizens of Good Hope to complete the 2020 Census. The City has begun having drawings from area businesses as incentives. As of Sunday, Good Hope has the highest percentage response rate in the county at 64%. Eller said there are still hopes of having community events in the near future to help people with registering.

To enter into the drawings for prizes, citizens are asked to send screenshots of their census registration confirmations and screenshots of the listed household members counted (each will be entered into the drawings) to admin@goodhopeal.com.

PUBLIC NOTICES
May 13

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

Cullman Grown Drive Up Market
• Online farmers' market with drive-thru produce pickup.
• "We distribute produce from local farmers. You order the produce you want from Monday noon to Tuesday noon and you can pick up your order Wednesday between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex. The products we distribute change week by week – depending on the weather and availability."
• The Agriplex is located at 1714 Tally Ho St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055.
• Order at https://cullmangrown.company.site/.

Spirit Life Church of God
• 1650 St. Joseph St. NW, Cullman
• In-person services resume Wednesday, May 13. Services will still be aired live on Facebook and can be viewed when convenient. The State's guidelines regarding social distancing, cleaning, etc. will be followed. If attendees wish to wear a mask, please bring your own. No bus ministry will be provided until further notice due to COVID-19.
• Wednesdays May 13, 20 and 27 @ 6 p.m. Bible study class by Pam Dodd
• Sundays May 17, 24 and 31
• 10 a.m. Children, youth and adult Small Group classes
• 11 a.m. Praise & Worship, sermons by Pastor Bobby Dodd, children's church and youth ministry
• 6 p.m. Messages by Pastor Bobby Dodd

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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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Courthouse, County offices reopening Wednesday

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Commission voted Tuesday morning to reopen the courthouse beginning Wednesday, May 13. The commission was in full agreement to reopen the courthouse and county offices, but said social distancing guidelines and other safety protocols must be adhered to at all times.

Said Chairman Kenneth Walker, "We are going to be required for the public safety and by the requirements of the State of Alabama, so that means everybody's going to have to keep a social distance of 6 feet. That's what we've decided to do.

"We just ask everybody to be patient with all the departments because of the 6-foot social distancing and just everybody be safe and abide by the laws."

Revenue Commissioner Barry Willingham explained his department's plans, saying, "I'm going to put somebody out front to coordinate and only let so many people in and communicate with walking talkies how many people are in the office." The probate and driver's license offices will be open, but the courts have not yet been given the OK to resume. Circuit Judge Gregory Nicholas told the commission an order to reopen the courts is anticipated soon.

Senior centers are not expected to reopen until at least June 1; however, Cullman County Commission on Aging Director Dusty Baker announced that drive-thru meal services will resume at full-time centers Monday, May 18.

Cullman Sheriff Matt Gentry said the sheriff's office recently negotiated a new contract with the federal government regarding federal prisoners. Gentry explained, "Since 2007, the contract for the federal inmates has not been renegotiated. Chief Deputy (Brett) Holmes contacted the attorneys in Washington that renegotiate those contracts for the federal government and we were able to renegotiate our contract with the feds."

Holmes reported that under the new contract, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) will receive $50 per day per federal inmate.

It was receiving $40.26 per day. Gentry asked the commission to adjust the current 60-40 split of the funds received between the CCSO and the commission to an even 50-50 split.

Holmes added, "They agreed to raise our capacity to where we could have up to 90. Right now, they aren't currently moving federal inmates, so we house in the 30s."

The commission approved Gentry's request.

The City of Hanceville and the White City community will each be receiving $25,000 from the Cullman County Commission to help with the construction of new senior centers. The City of Hanceville requested the help and Commissioner Kerry Watson reminded everyone that the White City community lost its senior center to a tornado in 2019.

Walker said, "In the past we have given $25,000 to senior centers, so I am OK with giving them $25,000."

In other business, the commission:

• Ratified the City of Cullman abatement for BBLU, Inc. and RCHK Partners LLC. in the amount of $615,000 for a major addition to the existing facility

• Ratified the City of Cullman abatement for Royal Technologies Corporation in the amount of $2 million for major addition to the existing facility.

• Passed Resolution 2020-23 changing the speed limit on County Road 437 from 45 mph to 35 mph

• Authorized a request by Cullman County Human Resources to resume normal personnel procedures

• Authorized Walker to sign a deed in favor of Randy Graves for an easement for ingress/egress to property

• Authorized Cullman County EMA Director Phyllis Little to sign the State Local Disaster Assistance Agreement on behalf of the Cullman County Commission

• Authorized Willingham to sign a contract with GovEase Auction, LLC. on behalf of the Cullman County Commission

• Authorized the removal of a warning siren located at the old Logan Fire Station 3 that is now private property

• Authorized St. John & Associates to let bid for the sewer grinder pump at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center

• Approved acceptance of an appropriation from the City of Cullman to Commission on Aging and EMA and authorized Baker to enter into a service agreement to receive the appropriation

• Approved purchase of mobile radios for the CCSO from Decatur Electronics Communications, LLC. in the amount of $8,857

• Approve purchase of two vehicle video camera systems for the CCSO from Kustom Signals, Inc. in the amount of $10,916

• Approved purchase of software for all parks for online reservations and transactions

• Accepted a donation of a 2008 Silver Ford Expedition from Cullman County e911

• Ratified the payment of $20,964 to Mobile Communications America for the Radio Communications Agreement with Cullman County Association for Volunteer Fire Departments

• Ratified payment for purchase of HVAC for Cullman Caring for Kids in the amount of $6,700

• Ratified rental of a 324EL Excavator and H140 Hammer from Thompson CAT Rental in the amount of $5650.20 for the road department. The road department has requested reimbursement from FEMA.

• Ratified the purchase of an Extreme Duty Root Grapple from KA Fabrications, LLC. in the amount of $9,400 for the road department. The road department has requested reimbursement from FEMA.

• Approved plat for Deer Valley Estates subdivision (resurvey of Lot 5 of Valley View Subdivision), a minor subdivision with 7-10 lots located in District 3 off County Road 1329

• Approved plat for Grand Vista Pointe subdivision, a minor subdivision with 23 lots located in District 2 off County Road 51

• Approved plat revision of Shady Cove subdivision (removal of Lot 8, splitting Lot 1 and adjusting Lots 2-4) located in District 2 off County Road 51

• Surplussed miscellaneous electronics from EMA to be disposed

• Accepted bid no. 1324- hauling of aggregate, asphalt and other various materials- award to all bidders

A public hearing scheduled for Tuesday's commission meeting to discuss Cullman Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS) operations for FY2021 was postponed and rescheduled for the next commission meeting May 27, 2020 at 10 a.m. in the commission conference room. Commission meetings will resume being open to the public at that time.

CRIME: Arrests and incidents reported May 12

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 12, 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 7
• duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; 2nd Ave. NW; damage to '17 Infiniti; $1,000

• third-degree domestic violence- harassment; person; Morgan Ave. SW

May 10
• fourth-degree theft of property; person; Morgan Ave. SW; tag; $30

May 11
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; clothing; $34

ARRESTS
May 11
Oden, Cary J., 24
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• third-degree criminal trespassing

Dornberger, Billy G., 36
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Motley, Barron R., 38
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Lambert, Jimmy W., 41
• third-degree criminal trespassing

• possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

LEGALS

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD2020-009**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF L.R.B
D.O.B.10/19/2008
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **JESSICA EDEN BURDICK**

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

DONE THIS 4th DAY OF May, 2020.

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
STEVEN DEWAIN PARRIS,) CASE NO PC 2018-282
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR FINAL DISCHARGE

TO: SHEREE PARRIS
BRANDON DEWAIN PARRIS
MEGHAN PARRIS
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN OR INTEREST PARTIES

Please take notice that a Petition of Personal Representative for Final Discharge, was filed on the 20th day of March, 2020, by J. Bradley Wilson, as Successor Administrator. A hearing on said Petition has been **SET FOR THE 25th day of June, 2020, AT 9:00 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 27th day of April, 2020.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

TO THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Please publish once a week for three (3) successive weeks and send Proof of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

J. Bradley Wilson
Successor Administrator
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Cullman, AL 35055

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF **CASE NO: PC2020-102**

R.S.W.
D.O.B. 08-02-2015
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR MINOR NAME CHANGE

TO: **JODIE WASHBURN BIOLOGICAL MOTHER.**

A PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR CHILD WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY JASON COUCH, BIOLOGICAL FATHER. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS NAME CHANGE, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. THE RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, ROOM 101, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

DONE THIS 11th DAY OF May, 2020.

Tammy Brown
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE MATTER OF **CASE NO: PC2020-103**

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
WILLIE JEWELL ROPER, * CASE NO.: PC2020-150
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to SABRINA WAGNON, as Personal Representative of the Estate of WILLIE JEWELL ROPER, deceased, on the 11th day of May, 2020, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Sabrina Wagnon
Personal Representative

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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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MAY 13, 2020

Cullman County native, Auburn University student lands Alabama Farmers Federation internship

Jeff Helms
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Cullman County native and Auburn University senior Kaycee Wright is spending her summer educating students about the importance of agriculture as an intern with the Alabama Farmers Federation.

An animal sciences major with a concentration in equine science, Wright is working with the Ag in the Classroom (AITC) program and Federation Women's Leadership Division.

"We are thrilled to have Kaycee with us this summer," said Federation Women's Leadership Division Director and AITC Chairman Kim Earwood.

"Her background in agriculture, diverse work experience and creativity will be huge assets to the Ag in the Classroom and the Federation."

Wright, whose minor is communications, began her internship May 11 at the Federation headquarters in Montgomery. She is expected to finish her work there July 10. Wright is on track to graduate in May 2021 with a bachelor's degree.

"I am excited for this opportunity and look forward to meeting new people and making connections in the agriculture industry," said Wright. "I already have a photography business and hope to develop other skills that will help me with a career in agricultural communications."

Wright's work background includes serving as photographer and social media specialist for the Auburn University College of Agriculture and two summers as a camp counselor and intern at Quail Creek Resort in Hartselle.

She also has experience working on a cattle and horse farm and volunteering at Storybook Farms, a therapeutic riding center in Opelika. Wright is president of the Auburn University Young Farmers and a member of Collegiate Cattlemen and Ag Hill Communicators.

As part of her internship, Wright will help develop educational materials for AITC, which equips teachers with tools to incorporate lessons about agriculture into their daily lesson plans. The Women's Leadership Division is engaged in agricultural education and promotion; advocacy; and leadership development.

The Federation is Alabama's largest farm organization with more than 340,000 member families.



CONTRIBUTED

Kaycee Wright

Commission on Aging's Jamie James retiring after 22 years

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman County Commission on Aging employee Jamie James is retiring after 22 years. James was recognized at Tuesday's meeting of the Cullman County Commission.

Shown left to right are Commissioner Kerry Watson, Chairman Kenneth Walker, James and Commissioner Garry Marchman.



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Commission on Aging Director Dusty Baker shared, "Jamie is a great employee and brings such great energy to our office. She is dependable and such a hard worker that she will be hard to replace. She truly cares about the people we serve and it shows. Jamie has such a bright personality and really made the office fun. The seniors really love her and she definitely left her mark. She will always be considered a part of the COA family!"

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Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview (right) and Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman (left), members of Cullman County's legislative delegation, visited Rumors Deli Tuesday afternoon to celebrate the most recent step in the re-opening of Alabama. It was the first time inside a restaurant for both officials since the Stay at Home Order went into effect. Shedd and Gudger are pictured with Rumors Owner Annette Harris.



AHSAA update regarding Safer at Home Order

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MONTGOMERY, Ala – Today, Gov. Kay Ivey announced that beginning Monday, May 11, 2020, the COVID-19 Safer at Home Order will be amended by opening other facilities across the state. While the amended order does open gyms and other athletic facilities to 50% capacity, the order does not open schools. Per Dr. Eric Mackey, Superintendent Alabama State Department of Education, ALL Alabama public school campuses remain CLOSED and will remain closed through June 5, 2020. As a result, all previous guidelines regarding high school athletics including, but not limited to, summer workouts, private instruction, conditioning, team practices, team competition, tryouts, etc., remain in effect until school facilities are opened.

The AHSAA is scheduled to meet with contingency committees for football, fall sports, and summer activities next week to seek input from coaches and administrators on "best-practices" and develop plans for when school campuses and facilities are reopened.

Once schools are reopened and plans are in place, the AHSAA will communicate the information to our membership.

Please continue to check the AHSAA website for UPDATES as well as continue to practice the safety guidelines as directed by the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Alabama Gymnastics celebrates 2020 season with year-end awards

Roots Woodruff
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – The 2020 Alabama gymnastics team celebrated its season Monday night with its annual Medalist Club Awards presentation. In the time of social distancing, the Crimson Tide used a video conference to gather the team, coaches and staff together and virtually hand out its season honors.

"At the end of what became a very different season, we absolutely wanted to celebrate this amazing team that was on the cusp of a truly spectacular championship season," UA head coach Dana Duckworth said. "Team 46 had such dedication, drive and heart and the way they came together as a team and as a family was inspiring."

Tony Giles, the voice of Alabama gymnastics, served as MC for the evening, and started things off by recognizing a slew of season award winners, including freshman Makarri Doggette, who capped a stellar season by becoming the 75th UA gymnast to earn All-American honors, as well as senior Shea Mahoney and junior Alonza Klopfer, who were named the SEC Gymnastics Scholar-Athlete of the Year and to the SEC Community Service Team, respectively.

Duckworth was named the WCGA Region 1 Head Coach of the Year, while Bill Lorenz and Ryan Roberts earned the region's Assistant Coaches of the Year accolades. Robin Kelley was honored as the WCGA Region 1 Administrator of the Year.

The last award of the evening and the highest honor bestowed upon an Alabama gymnast each season, The Lewis Each Courage Award, went to Griffin James. The sophomore had battled her way into the floor exercise lineup in 2020, only to have her season cut short by a midseason knee injury. The Virginia Beach, Va., native kept a positive, team-first spirit throughout and was honored by her teammates with the Each Award.

"I am thrilled that Griffin was honored by her teammates in this way," Duckworth said. "We all witnessed Griffin's transformation from freshman year, through the summer and into the pre- and regular season to become a part of our competitive lineup. She is a team-first person, she is confident and owns her voice and in the wake of her injury she showed all of us the mindset it takes to persevere and continue to be there for her sisters as a team leader."

OTHER AWARDS INCLUDED

Team Captains
- Scholastic All-American Wynter Childers
- Scholastic All-American and All-SEC gymnast Shea Mahoney

Dana Dobransky Commitment to Excellence Award
- Volunteer Assistant Coach Aja Sims

David Dutton Memorial Award
- Assistant Marketing and Promotions Director Meaghan Hall

David Desantis Community Service Award
- Scholastic All-American Jensie Givens

Newcomer of the Year:
- SEC All-Freshman Luisa Blanco

Fern Hampton Academic Award
- Three-Year Scholastic All-American and two-year All-SEC gymnast Maddie Desch

David Patterson Work Ethic Award
- Scholastic All-American, NCAA Regional and SEC Champion and All-SEC gymnast Lexi Graber

In a season that was cut short one meet prior to the end of the regular season, the Crimson Tide was ranked eighth, marking the 39th season in a row that Alabama has finished among the top-12 teams nationally.

The Tide was also one of just six teams in the nation and one of just two in the Southeastern Conference, to post better than a 197.000 season average.

For all of the latest information on Alabama gymnastics, follow @BamaGymnastics on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook and head coach Dana Duckworth on twitter and Instagram at @UACoachDana.

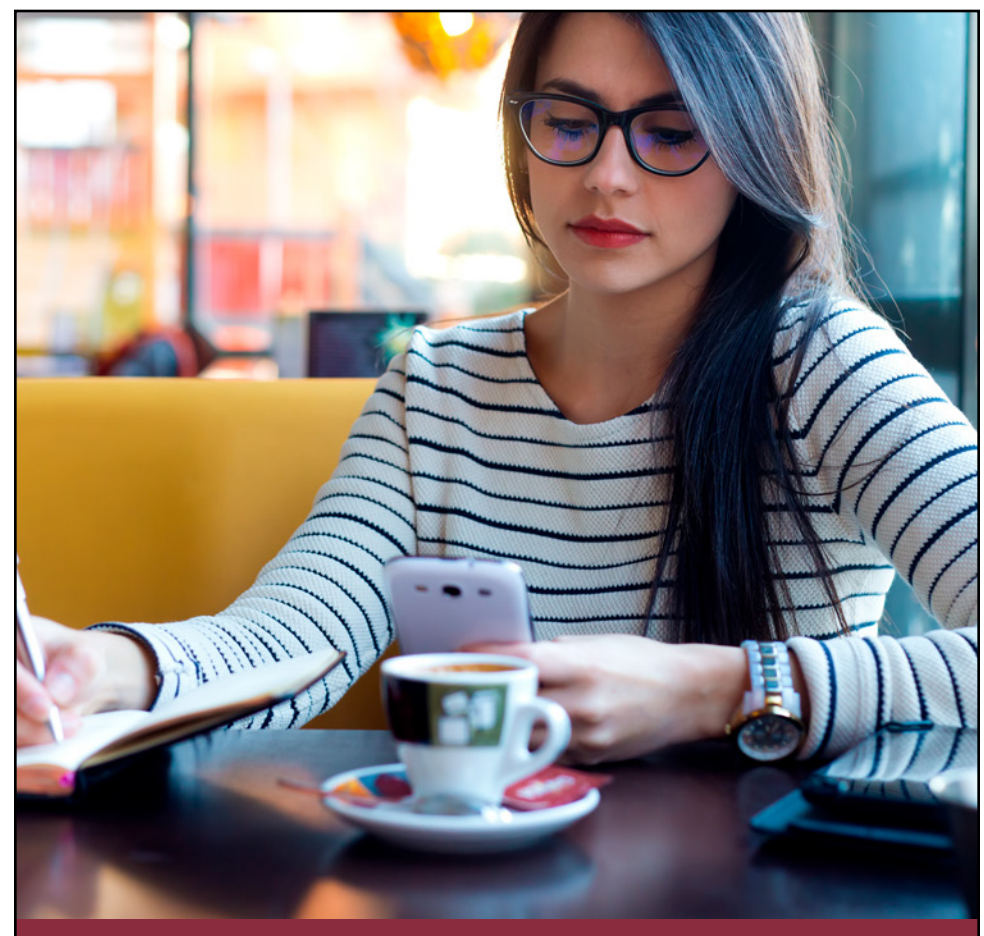
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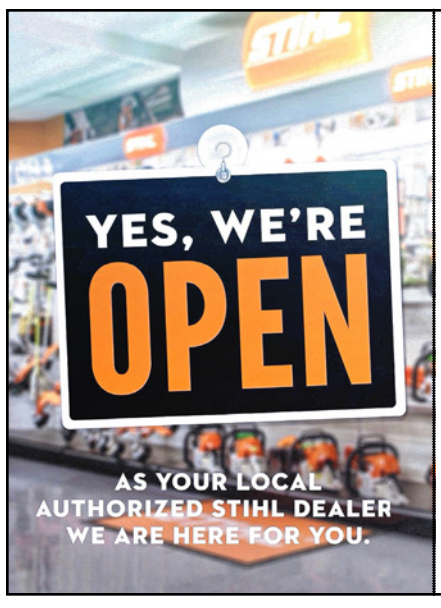


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Sports

8:30 a.m. FSEE Sports Stars of Tomorrow Five-star guard Sharife Cooper; point guard D.J. Steward; interview with top prospect Evan Mobley.
1:00 p.m. ESPN2 Korean Baseball SK Wyverns at LG Twins.
2:00 p.m. FSEE Women's College Volleyball Colorado State at TCU. From University Recreation Center in Fort Worth, Texas.
7:00 p.m. TNT All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite Matt Hardy/Kenny Omega vs. Santana/Ortiz; Chris Jericho in action. (Live)
USA WWE NXT (Live)
9:00 p.m. FSEE Sports Stars of Tomorrow Five-star guard Sharife Cooper; point guard D.J. Steward; interview with top prospect Evan Mobley.
12:00 a.m. ESPN UFC Fight Night 36: Smith vs. Teixeira - Prelims Andrei Arlovski vs. Philipe Lins, heavyweight bout. From Jacksonville, Fla. (Same-day Tape)
1:00 a.m. FSEE Powerboat Racing Nationals, Knoxville, Tenn.
2:00 a.m. FSEE Women's College Basketball Kansas State at Kansas. From Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan.
3:00 a.m. ESPN UFC Fight Night 36: Smith vs. Teixeira Anthony Smith vs. Glover Teixeira, light heavyweight bout. From Jacksonville, Fla. (Same-day Tape)
4:25 a.m. ESPN2 Korean Baseball SK Wyverns at LG Twins. (Live)
4:30 a.m. FSEE Sports Stars of Tomorrow Five-star guard Sharife Cooper; point guard D.J. Steward; interview with top prospect Evan Mobley.

Movies

6:00 a.m. FX "Warcraft" ★★ (2016) Travis Fimmel.
TCM "Devotion" ★★★ (1946) Ida Lupino. Emily Bronte and her sister Charlotte form a triangle with a curate in 1830s Yorkshire.
SHOW "The Big Chill" ★★★½ (1983) William Hurt Ex-college friends reunite in a big house after a funeral, to play old records and talk.
TMC "The Flying Scotsman" ★★½ (2006) Jonny Lee Miller
6:10 a.m. MAX "Jeepers Creepers 2" ★★ (2003) Ray Wise
7:20 a.m. HBO "The Adjustment Bureau" ★★½ (2011) Matt Damon
8:00 a.m. TCM "The Barretts of Wimpole Street" ★★★ (1957) Jennifer Jones. Victorian poet Robert Browning courts invalid poet Elizabeth Barrett despite her stern father.
SHOW "Back to the Future" ★★★½ (1985) Michael J. Fox A teen takes a crackpot's DeLorean time machine to 1955 and sees his parents in high school.
8:15 a.m. AMC "Spider-Man 3" ★★½ (2007) Tobey Maguire.
9:10 a.m. HBO "The School of Rock" ★★★ (2003) Jack Black Fired from his group and desperate for money, a guitarist poses as a teacher for students who play in a school band.
9:20 a.m. MAX "Ski School" ★★ (1991) Dean Cameron
9:30 a.m. FX "Only the Brave" ★★★ (2017) Josh Brolin. The Granite Mountain Hotshots become one of the most elite firefighting teams in the country. Watching over lives, homes and everything people hold dear, they forge a unique brotherhood that comes into focus with one fateful fire in Yarnell, Ariz.
10:00 a.m. FREE "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse" ★★½ (2010) Kristen Stewart.
TCM "The Diary of Anne Frank" ★★★½ (1959) Millie Perkins. A German-Jewish girl and her family spend two years in an Amsterdam attic hiding from the Nazis.
SHOW "Back to the Future Part II" ★★★ (1989) Michael J. Fox A young man and his inventor friend must take a DeLorean time machine to 2015.
10:50 a.m. MAX "Welcome to Marwen" ★★ (2018) Steve Carell
11:00 a.m. HBO "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" ★★★ (2004) Vince Vaughn The owner of a gym and an overbearing entrepreneur form dodgeball teams to compete for $50,000 in Las Vegas.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

MOVIES

MAY 13, 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 mother never returns from jogging.		**Dateline** An alleged abuser's behavior devolves.		**Dateline** A wife is found dead of a gunshot wound.		**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**
WBIQ-PBS	4	**Xavier Riddle and the Secret**	**Molly of Denali** (El)	**PBS NewsHour** (N)		**Spy in the Wild: A Nature Mini-series** "The Islands" (N)		**NOVA** Stopping the spread of COVID-19. (N)		**Expedition With Steve Backshall**		**Sun Studio Sessions**	**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**	**Chicago Med** Dr. Charles sinks his teeth into a case.		**Chicago Fire** Severide makes a tough career choice.		**Chicago P.D.** Locals won't talk to police.		**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**	**Inside Edition** (N)	**The Masked Singer** Jay Pharoah; one singer is unmasked. (N)				**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)	**Survivor** "It All Boils Down to This" (Season Finale) Castaways fight to get back in the game. (N)						**CBS42 News 10pm** (N)	**Late Show-Colbert**
WTTO-CW	9	**The Goldbergs**	**2 Broke Girls**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**Penn & Teller: Fool Us** Javi Benitez; Rebecca Herrera.		**Bulletproof** Pike and Bishop must take down a gang.		**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**The Andy Griffith Show**	**The Andy Griffith Show**
WPXH-ION	11	**Blue Bloods** Frank tries to reinstate an officer.		**Blue Bloods** A medium claims to have information.		**Blue Bloods** Danny goes against a direct order.		**Blue Bloods** Danny encounters a gas station robbery.		**Blue Bloods** A woman is murdered in her apartment.		**Blue Bloods** Frank learns about an upcoming exposé.	
WABM2-ABC	12	**ABC 33/40 News at 5PM**	**ABC World News**	**ABC 33/40 News at 6PM**	**Wheel of Fortune**	**The Goldbergs**	**Schooled** "Clueless"	**American Housewife**	**Single Parents**	**Shark Tank** An ingenious line of office products. (N)		**ABC 33/40 News at 10PM**	**(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!**
A&E	42	**Ghost Hunters** Paranormal activity in Albion, N.Y.		**Ghost Hunters** Perry-Mansfield Performing Arts Camp.		**Ghost Hunters** The Galena Marine Hospital in Illinois.		**Ghost Hunters** The Wendover Airfield in Utah. (N)		**Celebrity Ghost Stories** Paranormal encounter in a theater.		**Ghost Hunters** Paranormal activity in Alaskan hotel.	
AMC	53	**(4:00) ★★★ "Star Trek"** (2009) Chris Pine. Chronicles the early days of the starship Enterprise and her crew.				**★★ "White House Down"** (2013, Action) Channing Tatum, Jamie Foxx, Maggie Gyllenhaal. Paramilitary soldiers take over the White House.						**(:05) ★★ "Hitman"** (2007, Action) Timothy Olyphant.	
ANPL	47	**Northwest Law** Elderly boaters; a prospector.		**North Woods Law** Hunting without bait is the law.		**North Woods Law** An unusual vehicle in a speedy chase.		**North Woods Law: Still Hunting** "Needle in a Haystack" (N)		**North Woods Law** An ATV accident on a mountain summit.		**North Woods Law** Investigating a missing persons case.	
BET	55	**"The Family That Preys"**	**★★ "Madea's Family Reunion"** (2006, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Blair Underwood, Lynn Whitfield. A matriarch must keep the peace through family strife.					**Tyler Perry's The Oval** Barry makes a shocking discovery.		**Tyler Perry's Ruthless** Brian's new case hits close to home.		**Tyler Perry's The Oval** Barry makes a shocking discovery.	
BRAVO	58	**The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills**		**The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills**		**The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills** "Let the Mouse Go!"		**Summer House** Never-before-seen footage from Season 4.		**Watch What Happens Live**	**The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills** "Let the Mouse Go!"		**Cash Cab** (N)
CMTV	61	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**
CNBC	35	**Mad Money** (N) (Live)		**Special Report: Markets** (N)		**Shark Tank** Energy bars with protein from crickets.		**Shark Tank** A large database of Santa entertainers.		**Jay Leno's Garage** Crazy and dangerous experiences. (N)		**Jay Leno's Garage** Terry Bradshaw; Billy Crystal.	
CNN	37	**The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer** (N)		**Erin Burnett OutFront** (N)		**Anderson Cooper 360** (N)		**Cuomo Prime Time** (N)		**CNN Tonight with Don Lemon** (N)		**CNN Tonight with Don Lemon** (N)	
COM	56	**South Park** "The Damned"	**South Park** "Wieners Out"	**The Daily Show**	**(:45) South Park**	**(:10) South Park**	**(:35) South Park**	**South Park**	**South Park**	**South Park** "Board Girls"	**Crank Yankers** (N)	**The Daily Show**	**(:45) Crank Yankers**
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	**Expedition Unknown**		**Expedition Unknown: Uncovered** (N)		**Expedition Unknown: Uncovered** "Mysteries of Jesus" (N)		**Expedition Unknown** (N)		**(:01) Expedition Unknown** "True Cross of Christ"		**(:01) Expedition Unknown** "Gold Rush of the Atlantic"	
E!	21	**Botched** A mother has to duct tape her breasts.		**Botched** A woman whose nose needs repair.		**Botched** Dr. Nassif helps a mother.		**Botched** Blowfish lips; crab claw breasts.		**Botched** Fixing a collapsed nose.		**Botched** A patient gets the nose she wants.	
ESPN	29	**SportsCenter** (N) (Live)		**2015 NBA Finals** The Warriors and Cavaliers battle to end long championship droughts.					**2017 NBA Finals** From June 7, 2017.				
ESPN2	30	**MLS Soccer** From Aug. 24, 2018.				**MLS Soccer** From June 28, 2015.				**MLS Soccer** From June 25, 2017.			
FOOD	45	**Guy's Grocery Games** Food truck chefs battle it out.		**Guy's Grocery Games** International chefs battle it out.		**Guy's Grocery Games** "GGG vs. Iron Chefs"		**Guy's Grocery Games** "Dessert Games" (N)		**Guy's Grocery Games** Bringing life partners to Flavortown.		**Guy's Grocery Games** Burger masters compete.	
FREE	48	**The Simpsons** "Pay Pal"	**The Simpsons**	**★★★ "Matilda"** (1996, Children's) Mara Wilson, Danny DeVito. A child uses her amazing abilities against uncaring adults.				**Motherland: Fort Salem** "Coup" (N)		**Motherland: Fort Salem** "Coup"		**The 700 Club** God's intervention and blessing. (N)	
FS1	20	**NASCAR Race Hub** (N)		**Greatest Races: NASCAR** From May 7, 2011. (N Taped)						**FOX Football Now** (N)	**Greatest Races: NASCAR** From March 24, 2013. (N Taped)		
FSEE	32	**(4:00) Fight Sports: Boxing**		**Braves Pennant Week** Game 7 of the National League Championship Series. (N)						**Sports Stars of Tomorrow**	**3 Wide Life**	**Braves Pennant Week**	
FX	28	**(3:00) ★★★ "Spider-Man 2"** (2004, Action) Tobey Maguire.		**★★★ "Furious 7"** (2015, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Dwayne Johnson. A dead man's brother seeks revenge on the Toretto gang.						**What We Do**	**What We Do**	**What We Do**	**(:41) "Spider-Man 2"** (2004)
GOLF	82	**Golf Central** (N) (Live)	**Golf Central**	**Celebrating the PGA Championship**		**Celebrating the PGA Championship**		**Golf's Greatest Rounds** Lee Trevino and Jack Nicklaus stage an epic showdown at Tanglewood Park in N.C.					**PGA TOUR: The CUT**
HALL	72	**"Just My Type"** (2020) Bethany Joy Lenz, Brett Dalton. A pop culture writer lands the interview of a lifetime.				**"The Perfect Bride: Wedding Bells"** (2018, Romance) Pascale Hutton, Kavan Smith, Leanne Lapp.				**The Golden Girls**	**The Golden Girls**	**The Golden Girls**	**The Golden Girls**
HGTV	46	**Property Brothers: Forever Home**		**Property Brothers: Forever Home** "Family Friends"		**Property Brothers** (N)		**Property Brothers: Forever Home** (N)		**House Hunters** (N)	**House Hunters International**	**Celebrity IOU** Surprise for Rebel Wilson's hairstylist.	
HIST	40	**Forged in Fire** A Damascus blade; the steel crossbow.		**Forged in Fire** Four smiths get ready for a cage match.		**Forged in Fire: Meet the Judges** "Judge's Favorite Weapons" A Damascus European dagger. (N)							
LIFE	23	**The King of Queens**	**The King of Queens**	**Married at First Sight** The top moments from honeymoons.		**Married at First Sight** Memorable family moments. (N)		**(:03) ★★ "Madea's Witness Protection"** (2012, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Eugene Levy, Doris Roberts. Madea uses tough love on a Wall Street banker and his family.					
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	**Borderforce USA: The Bridges** "Cocaine Crackdown"		**Borderforce USA: The Bridges** "2,000 Miles From Home"		**Borderforce USA** Smuggling prescription pills.		**Borderforce USA** Officers face a situation on a bridge. (N)		**(:03) Drug Lords: The Next Generation** "A Narco Speaks"		**(:03) Borderforce USA** Officers face a situation on a bridge.	
PARMT	57	**(:04) Two and a Half Men**	**(:32) Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**★★★ "Ghostbusters"** (1984, Comedy) Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Harold Ramis. Four paranormal investigators battle mischievous ghouls.				**★★ "Ghostbusters II"** (1989, Comedy) Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Sigourney Weaver.			
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**	**Full Frontal**	**Conan** (N)	**Full Frontal**
TCM	79	**(3:15) "Saratoga Trunk"**	**(:45) ★ "The Expert"** (1932) Charles "Chic" Sale. Elderly man lives with son's family.			**★ "The Crimson Kimono"** (1959, Crime Drama) Victoria Shaw, Glenn Corbett.			**★★ "House of Bamboo"** (1955) Robert Ryan. A gang of former soldiers is behind a crime wave in Japan.				**"Love-Splendored"**
TLC	24	**My 600-Lb. Life** "Dottie & Cynthia" Dottie faces an unexpected challenge.				**My 600-Lb. Life** "Charity & Charly & Teretha" Charity must do something. (N)				**My 600-Lb. Life** "Brianne's Story" Brianne begins a weight-loss journey.			
TNT	26	**★★ "Non-Stop"** (2014) Liam Neeson, Julianne Moore. An air marshal contends with a dire threat aboard a plane.				**All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite** Matt Hardy/Kenny Omega vs. Santana/Ortiz; Chris Jericho in action. (N) (Live)				**Shaq Life**		**★★ "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice"** (2016)	
USA	27	**NCIS** A sailor needs a bone marrow transplant.		**NCIS** "Spinning Wheel" Ducky is attacked.		**WWE NXT** (N) (Live)				**NCIS** Abby's brother falls under suspicion.		**NCIS** "Deja Vu" A storm causes power outages.	
WE	71	**Law & Order** Hit is linked to Russian underworld.		**Law & Order** Cancer treatment causes toxic fumes.		**Law & Order** "Coma" Removing bullet may kill patient.		**Law & Order** A Japanese businessman's murder.		**Law & Order** A body is found in the East River.		**Law & Order** "White Rabbit" Underground activist found.	
HBO	518	**(:10) Betty**	**(:40) ★★★ "Fight Club"** (1999, Suspense) Brad Pitt, Edward Norton. Men vent their rage by beating each other in a secret arena. 'R'					**I Know This Much Is True** "Episode 1"		**★★ "X-Men: Dark Phoenix"** (2019) James McAvoy. The X-Men unite to save Jean Grey from a powerful force. 'PG-13'			
MAX	549	**(3:15) ★★ "Red Tails"**	**(:20) ★★ "Reality Bites"** (1994) Winona Ryder. Four friends face life after college in Texas.			**★★★ "The Mask"** (1994) Jim Carrey. An ancient mask animates a drab bank clerk. 'PG-13'			**(:45) ★★ "Grudge Match"** (2013, Comedy) Robert De Niro. Retired boxing rivals return to the ring for one last fight. 'PG-13'				**(:40) "Mystery, Alaska"** (1999)
SHOW	578	**(4:55) ★★★★ "Almost Famous"** (2000) Billy Crudup. A teenage rock journalist goes on tour with a rising band. 'R'				**The Affair** "104" Noah and Alison grow closer.		**Couples Therapy** "104"	**Work in Progress**	**"Ophelia"** (2018, Drama) Daisy Ridley. Premiere. Ophelia comes of age as lady-in-waiting for Queen Gertrude. 'PG-13'			
TMC	598	**★★ "The Prince & Me"** (2004, Romance-Comedy) Julia Stiles, Luke Mably. A collegian and a Danish prince fall in love. 'PG'				**★★★ "Superbad"** (2007, Comedy) Jonah Hill. Premiere. Co-dependent teens hope to score booze and babes at a party. 'R'				**★ "Good Luck Chuck"** (2007) Dane Cook. A cursed dentist cannot find true love. 'R'			**(:40) ★★ "Booty Call"**

11:15 a.m. AMC "Fantastic Four" ★★ (2005) Ioan Gruffudd.
11:30 a.m. TMC "Barbershop" ★★½ (2002) Ice Cube
12:00 p.m. SHOW "Back to the Future Part III" ★★★ (1990) Michael J. Fox A young man takes a DeLorean time machine to the Old West, where his inventor friend is courting a schoolmarm.
12:30 p.m. FX "The Expendables 3" ★★ (2014) Sylvester Stallone.
12:35 p.m. HBO "Devil" ★★ (2010) Chris Messina
12:50 p.m. MAX "First Man" ★★★½ (2018) Ryan Gosling Engineer Neil Armstrong spends years in training after joining NASA in the 1960s. On July 16, 1969, the nation and world watch in wonder as Armstrong and fellow astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins embark on a historic mission to the moon.
1:00 p.m. FREE "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1" ★★ (2011) Kristen Stewart.
1:15 p.m. TCM "Dinner at Eight" ★★★★ (1933) Marie Dressler. At least one of the guests misbehaves at a New York society party held for nobility.
TMC "The Brothers" ★★★ (2001) Morris Chestnut Four friends question women, relationships and honesty after one of them becomes engaged.
2:00 p.m. HBO "Unstoppable" ★★★ (2010) Denzel Washington When an unmanned locomotive roars out of control, two railroad employees must find a way to bring it to a halt before it crashes and spills its toxic cargo.
SHOW "Varsity Blues" ★★ (1999) James Van Der Beek (Premiere)
2:30 p.m. BET "The Family That Preys" ★★½ (2008) Kathy Bates.
3:00 p.m. FX "Spider-Man 2" ★★★ (2004) Tobey Maguire. Tormented Peter Parker battles a sinister scientist who uses mechanical tentacles for destructive purposes.
TNT "Taken 2" ★★ (2012) Liam Neeson.
TMC "I Feel Pretty" ★★ (2018) Amy Schumer
3:15 p.m. TCM "Saratoga Trunk" ★★★ (1945) Gary Cooper. A gold-digger meets a rich Texas gambler in 1875 New Orleans and follows him to upstate New York.
MAX "Red Tails" ★★½ (2012) Cuba Gooding Jr.
4:00 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.
4:55 p.m. SHOW "Almost Famous" ★★★★ (2000) Billy Crudup An aspiring teenage rock journalist gets his big break when he follows an up-and-coming band on its tour.
5:00 p.m. TNT "Non-Stop" ★★½ (2014) Liam Neeson.
TMC "The Prince & Me" ★★ (2004) Julia Stiles
5:20 p.m. MAX "Reality Bites" ★★ (1994) Winona Ryder
5:30 p.m. BET "Madea's Family Reunion" ★★½ (2006) Tyler Perry.
5:40 p.m. HBO "Fight Club" ★★★½ (1999) Brad Pitt Two young professionals create an underground club where men can compete in hand-to-hand combat.
6:00 p.m. FREE "Matilda" ★★★ (1996) Mara Wilson. A little girl develops extraordinary mental abilities, despite neglectful parents and a brutal headmistress.
FX "Furious 7" ★★★ (2015) Vin Diesel. A smooth-talking government agent offers to help Dominic Toretto and his gang eliminate a dangerous enemy in exchange for their help in rescuing a kidnapped computer hacker.
7:00 p.m. AMC "White House Down" ★★ (2013) Channing Tatum.
PARMT "Ghostbusters" ★★★½ (1984) Bill Murray. Armed with proton packs, four paranormal investigators battle mischievous ghouls in New York.
MAX "The Mask" ★★★ (1994) Jim Carrey An ancient mask transforms a drab bank clerk into a grinning Romeo with superhuman powers.
TMC "Superbad" ★★★ (2007) Jonah Hill (Premiere) Separation anxiety poses a problem for two co-dependent high-school seniors who hope to score booze and babes at a party.
8:03 p.m. LIFE "Madea's Witness Protection" ★★ (2012) Tyler Perry.
8:30 p.m. TCM "House of Bamboo" ★★½ (1955) Robert Ryan.
8:45 p.m. MAX "Grudge Match" ★★ (2013) Robert De Niro
9:00 p.m. HBO "X-Men: Dark Phoenix" ★★ (2019) James McAvoy
9:30 p.m. PARMT "Ghostbusters II" ★★½ (1989) Bill Murray.
10:00 p.m. TNT "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" ★★ (2016) Ben Affleck.
10:05 p.m. AMC "Hitman" ★★ (2007) Timothy Olyphant.
10:30 p.m. TCM "Love Is a Many Splendored Thing" ★★★½ (1955) Jennifer Jones. A Eurasian doctor falls in love with a married U.S. war correspondent in Hong Kong.
10:40 p.m. MAX "Mystery, Alaska" ★★½ (1999) Russell Crowe
TMC "Booty Call" ★★½ (1997) Jamie Foxx
10:41 p.m. FX "Spider-Man 2" ★★★ (2004) Tobey Maguire. Tormented Peter Parker battles a sinister scientist who uses mechanical tentacles for destructive purposes.
11:00 p.m. FREE "Casper" ★★★ (1995) Christina Ricci. A teen who lost her mother befriends friendly ghost Casper while staying at a mean heiress's haunted mansion.
SHOW "Indecent Proposal" ★★½ (1993) Robert Redford

Best Bets

7 p.m. on WIAT
Survivor

The 40th anniversary edition of this venerable reality competition series launched with enormous fanfare, which was to culminate in an epic finale before a screaming studio audience. However, CBS hadn't reckoned with what is likely the biggest twist in "Survivor" history: a global pandemic, making it impossible to deliver a traditional finale while following "social distancing" protocols. At press time, host and executive producer Jeff Probst says the production team is still weighing its options, but presumably he will connect remotely to cast members in their homes.

7 p.m. on BRAVO
The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills

Garcelle marks a joyous milestone in the lives of her sons, but Lisa forces herself to stay in the shadows as her daughters launch their clothing line in the new episode "Let the Mouse Go!" Erika starts to notice some cracks in Denise's mellow facade as the latter is pushed to a new breaking point, while Dorit and Sutton get into a cat-and-mouse game over a misunderstanding. Elsewhere, Lisa and Teddi clash over Kyle's recent meltdown.

7:30 p.m. on WABM2
Schooled

In "Clueless," the Season 2 finale, Lainey (AJ Michalka) confronts a difficult choice between her romance with Barry Goldberg and her close friendship with teaching colleague C.B. (Brett Dier). Elsewhere, Coach Mellor and Julie (Bryan Callen, Valerie Azlynn) also have a tough situation to deal with when her son Toby (guest star Mason McNulty), a freshman, is invited to prom by a senior. Chloe Bridges guest stars; Tim Meadows and Haneefah Wood also star.

8 p.m. on WABM2
American Housewife

An upset Katie (Katy Mixon) confronts a classmate's mother when she suspects daughter Anna-Kat (Julia Butters) is being bullied at school in the Season 4 finale, "Prom." Meanwhile, Taylor (Meg Donnelly) resolves to complete the final item on her life-skills checklist by teaching dad Greg (Diedrich Bader) to shoot a three-pointer, so she can attend her senior prom. Elsewhere, Oliver (Daniel DiMaggio) feels the pain of a caller to Teen Help Line who confides no one invited her to prom. Carly Hughes and Ali Wong also star.

8:30 p.m. on WABM2
Single Parents

In the Season 2 finale, "No. Wait. What? Hold On.," Angie (Leighton Meester) struggles to remember through a hangover haze exactly what transpired during a heavily wine-centric night of packing with Will (Taran Killam), while Poppy (Kimrie Lewis) privately urges Will to share his true feelings. Meanwhile, Derek (recurring guest star Adam Brody) arrives to collect Angie and her belongings, while Miggy and Rory (Jake Choi, Devin Trey Campbell) are tasked with finding a hot guy to sublet the house. Brad Garrett also stars.

9 p.m. on A&E
Celebrity Ghost Stories

Season 1 of the new paranormal series wraps up with an episode spotlighting actor Taye Diggs ("Empire"), who returns to a New York City theater with psychic medium Kim Russo in tow. He's hoping to get to the bottom of an uncanny encounter he had on those premises several years ago, an experience he never has been able to forget. As they investigate, the pair discover that the night Diggs had his "haunted" incident actually is a crucial piece in a puzzle he couldn't put together.

9 p.m. on FX
What We Do in the Shadows

After a ruthless and vengeful enemy from the past suddenly reappears without warning, a justifiably terrified Laszlo (Matt Berry) is forced to flee his home in the vampire mansion and go deeply into hiding to avoid an almost certain — and ridiculously unpleasant — death in the new episode "On the Run." Natasia Demetriou, Kayvan Novak, Harvey Guillen and Mark Proksch also star.



Jeff Probst hosts "Survivor" on CBS.

Meeks (from Front)

criminally negligent homicide in cases in which reckless murder is charged.

The fatal head-on collision that claimed Curt Wilson's life occurred near 2045 County Road 222 in front of Van's Sporting Goods.

Nicholas could have imposed the three sentences to be served concurrently for a total of 10 years, but opted to impose them consecutively, to be served separately.

Before the sentence was issued Tuesday, Ashley Wilson and members of her family spoke to the judge from prepared statements, which they made available afterward to The Tribune.

Ashley Wilson said, "I want to start by saying I feel sorry for Bradford Meeks, not for the reasons you might think- because he will never get the chance to know my son, Curtis James Wilson. Curtis had a way to put a smile on your face no matter what was going on in your life. Curtis always put others before himself. Curtis would have instantly become your best friend the moment you met him. Curtis had a way to find your strengths and bring them out to better this world. Due to Meeks' actions on May 7, 2017, this entire world was robbed of such joy and the bright light Curtis brought to us all. We all lose here today because Curtis is no longer with us.

"I cringe when people call the tragic events that killed my son an accident. It was no accident. Meeks knew the risk of his action. He chose to put lives in danger and break the law yet again. Driving under the influence is a crime, one which holds punishments.

"No matter how hard I try, there are no words to describe the impact the crime committed against Curtis and myself has had on my life. It has dramatically changed my life for the worse: mentally, emotionally, physically and financially. You would have to experience such tragic loss to understand. But I would wish this on no one.

"Meeks has been given numerous times to change his life and to do better. Meeks has a family that loves him, as evidenced by the efforts that were apparently made to try to protect him and get him help. He has been given multiple opportunities through rehabs, probations, fines and mere slaps on the wrist. None has made a difference in the way he chooses to live his life. He has proven these consequences do not work. At the time Meeks killed my son he was on probation in two different counties, plus had a warrant for his arrest for a crime he committed the month before. Meeks feels he is above the law. All Americans should have faith and trust in our legal system to protect us from repeat offenders like Meeks; the system failed my son. I pray today you make the right decision to prevent another mother from this constant pain I live with daily. He must be given the max that the law allows. He must be given the consequences that equal his actions that will give him the overdue wakeup call he desperately needs.

"With Meeks' lengthy record from DUIs, hit and runs, domestic violence, to attempted murder of a county deputy, it was a matter of time before someone was hurt.

"Unfortunately, it was the life of my innocent 15-year-old son, Curtis James Wilson, while Meeks was driving three times over the legal limit. If anything but the max is given today for the crimes that he has been convicted of, in my eyes and the eyes of this community, it will just be another slap on the wrist and a matter of time before another innocent life is taken.

"My last memories of my son are ones no mother should have to endure for her lifetime. My last memories of Curtis haunt me daily: memories of seeing my precious son brutally crushed in a truck that only moments before we were laughing in, knowing you are watching your son die helplessly in front of you. Curtis paid the ultimate price that day, a death sentence, with Meeks being the judge and jury that day. Curtis was never offered a plea deal or a chance at a trial. Meeks made all those decisions for Curtis the moment he got behind the wheel and committed another crime. Meeks also sentenced my family and myself to a life sentence with no chance of parole.

"I have forgiven Meeks. I bear no grudge or ill will. Bitter talk and thoughts will not bring Curtis back. Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does change the future.

"Thank you, Your Honor, for taking the time to listen. I now leave it in your hands with great hopes and trust that Curtis is seen as more than just another lifeless victim. Curtis is my son, Curtis is Blaise's and Luke's brother, Curtis is a grandson, Curtis is a nephew, Curtis is a cousin, Curtis is a friend to all. Curtis deserved to live his life. Curtis deserves to be remembered and Curtis James Wilson deserves justice. This community deserves justice. Please give us all that justice today."

Dillon Lee, Ashley Wilson's brother, recounted portions of Meeks' criminal history, saying, "In January of 2015, Curt was studying hard to master the Rubik's Cube he had gotten for Christmas, hoping to best his uncle Derrick's solving time. Bradford Meeks was arrested for domestic violence and resisting arrest.

"In October of the same year, Curt took his mom on a date to watch the horror movie 'The Visit' in perfect celebration of the Halloween season. Mr. Meeks was failing out of his probation and rehabilitation, arrested for DUI, possessing an unlicensed firearm and attempting to escape custody.

"In December 2015, while Curt was preparing for mid-term exams and enjoying the mild winter days swinging in the backyard with my daughter Evie, Bradford Meeks continued his consistent behavior of violence and willful destruction, being arrested for harassment of his own family and firing a bow and arrow at a police officer. A charge that has been carelessly ignored by the justice system thus far, an action that any normal law-abiding citizen finds unthinkable.

"In April of 2017, Curt's school year was winding down and his beloved Bearcat baseball team played Sparkman High School. When not practicing, he still made time to join a family game of Dungeons and Dragons at his grandmother's house, while Bradford Meeks again ignored the law and civil society, caught on camera taking what he wanted from a local package store.

"I've omitted numerous other incidents of criminality by Mr. Meeks in which people and property were wantonly harmed both in this community and others. I've also omitted Curt's countless acts of kindness, great and small, to his classmates, accounts of infectious laughter and humor, and sweet moments between a mother and a son, as close as any I've known.

"But you've just heard two stories: one of an adult on a path of self-destruction, unconcerned by who he hurts in the process, one of a child, growing into a caring, funny, charming, self-assured young man that had boundless potential to share with the world. One entirely selfish at the expense of all others in his orbit, one entirely selfless for the happiness of his team, his friends and his family.

"Justice failed Curt years before the jurors in this trial erroneously reduced the charges against Bradford Meeks. Justice failed Curt by not holding a man accountable for his consistently reckless, violent, criminal behavior. It failed Curt by giving a narcissistic ingrate more chances that he deserved. Do not fail him again today in this court. Give Bradford Meeks the maximum sentence possible. Hold Mr. Meeks wholly responsible for his choices, choices that tragically culminated in a loss that has inexorably transformed the lives of all those that knew and loved Curtis James Wilson."

Chassi Waddell, Ashley Wilson's sister, gave an emotional account of the impact of Curt's death on his family, sharing, "Curt Wilson was the best person I ever knew. He was selfless, kind and generous. He was hilarious, both intentionally and unintentionally. He was attentive and considerate.

"He was somehow never angry a day in his life. He was a hardworking athlete. He was a devoted friend, an affectionate son and an admiring brother. He was tranquil. He was earnest. He was my nephew... And although I have seven nephews who I love equally, Curt would not miss an opportunity to quickly claim that he was my favorite.

"On May 7, 2017, I lost my nephew, the most inherently good human I've ever encountered. As if this sudden, heart-wrenching loss weren't enough to endure, I came to realize in the weeks that followed that I had lost a lot more than Curt. I lost my entire family.

"We have always been a tight-knit unit: family, but also friends. Every single holiday and birthday, and sometimes for no reason at all, we would gather at my mother's house, staying for hours, talking, laughing or playing games. We genuinely enjoyed each other's' company. Family functions were a pleasure, not an obligation, that we enjoyed at least once a month.

"Since Curt died just over three years ago, I can count on one hand the number of times we have all been in the same room...including Curt's funeral.

"The empty chair at the table is just too difficult. Curt isn't there cracking jokes, telling a rambling story or teasing his cousins. He's not there to 'play Santa' and pass out the Christmas presents. He's not there to rush outside to offer to help me unload my car, or challenge my husband to a Rubik's Cube race or critique my mom's cooking. He's not there, and it's just too hard.

"So my family gingerly navigates through life in a cloud of grief, keeping a modest distance because we know that if we're all together, what we're really thinking about is the one of us who isn't there. Losing your sense of family so suddenly is an incredibly lost and lonely feeling that I'm not sure I can accurately describe. No matter how much time passes, everything in our lives is tainted by a layer of grief. It infects anything positive and intensifies anything negative.

"An entire family lives in perpetual heartache because of one selfish act from someone who has never learned that his actions have consequences. As humans, we all make mistakes, but there are valuable lessons for us in those mistakes. Brad Meeks has never learned his lesson. He didn't learn it the first time he put someone's life in danger, or the second time, or the third, or the fifth or the 10th, and if his behavior since May 7, 2017 is any indication, he still hasn't learned it after taking the life of a child. I'm inclined to believe he never will. His actions are no longer 'mistakes.' They are the culmination of a lifestyle of self-centered, entitled debauchery.

"Brad Meeks has spent his entire life enabled to make poor decision after poor decision, with the help of his family and the legal system. He has benefited from bailouts, plea deals, minimum punishments and empty promises of reform and rehabilitation. That has to end today. He's been given enough chances.



ASHLEY WILSON

Curtis James "Curt" Wilson

"In his freedom, Brad Meeks has proven that he is a selfish, habitual, repeat offender with no regard for human life. The legal system that allowed him to be driving on May 7, 2017 has failed every single citizen who has crossed his path since his life of misdeeds began. The possibility that Brad Meeks 'might' hurt someone someday wasn't enough for people to demand justice. Unfortunately, my nephew paid the price for us all. Curt's life didn't matter enough to Brad Meeks, to the judges who sentenced Meeks on his multiple prior DUIs, to the Meeks family who continually enabled his behavior or to the jurors who determined this charge.

"Curtis deserved so much better from the community he loved. He was not protected. He was not defended. Please make sure the next 15-year-old is."

Meeks did not speak before sentencing. The Tribune reached out to a representative of the Cullman law firm Berry, Berry, Little, Brunner and Chaney, which defended Meeks; the representative said that the firm, by policy, will not issue a statement in the case.

Meeks will receive "jail credit" for time already served, but that amount of time was not immediately available.

After the hearing, Ashley Wilson told The Tribune, "There's no winners in this. We're all losers, because we have to live without Curt . . . And I just, I hope and pray that Meeks takes this time to better his life and to turn something positive out of all this."

Charge (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – A Cullman man has been charged after allegedly coercing a 15-year-old Texas girl to send him four sexually explicit videos.

According to WBRC in Birmingham, "Prosecutors say Bo Jack Kelley, (27), reached out to the girl through a social media account. Investigators say she told Kelley she was 14, and he told her he was 19. Court documents show the teenager sent Kelley four videos.

Throughout their conversations, Kelley told the girl she had to send him more pictures and videos or he would send the four he had to her family members.

That's when prosecutors say Kelley sent the videos to the girl's mother after she refused to send him anymore.

The mother immediately called law enforcement."

Cullman Police Sgt. Intae Suh said Kelley is charged with distributing child pornography.

Suh said the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Texas Rangers and the Cullman Police Department served a federal complaint May 8, 2020 with two search warrants in the city of Cullman. Kelley was arrested at one of the locations.

"This is an ongoing investigation and it is possible Mr. Kelley will receive more criminal charges," Suh said.

"The Cullman Police Department would like to thank the Special Agents with the FBI, the Texas Rangers and the Cullman County Sheriff's Office for their help.

"If anyone has any additional information on Mr. Kelley please call the Cullman Police Department at 256-775-7170."

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Obituary Announcements
May 13

Mary Charlene Koehler, of Vinemont passed away Friday, May 8, 2020 at the age of 77. She was born July 11, 1942 to Gustav and Elizabeth Stewart Koehler. She attended Kelly school and Cullman High School where she graduated from at the age of 16. Charlene spent many years as a homemaker before continuing her education at Cullman College where she earned her bachelor's degree. She taught second grade at Vinemont Elementary School for several years then later worked and retired from the State of Alabama as a social worker in the Food Stamp Division. Charlene attended Vinemont First Baptist Church. She loved animals and supported different wildlife foundations. She was a huge Alabama Football fan and loved reading. She is preceded in death by her parents; sisters Betty Gandy and Laura Mae White; and brother Ralph Koehler. Survivors include her daughter Jill (Kerry) Thompson; sons Stanley (Beth) Parker and Gary (Rhonda) Parker; sisters Clarice (Charles) Shafer and Dorothy (Tommy) Kelly; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. A private family funeral service will be Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Cullman Memory Gardens. Moss Service Funeral Home directing. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in memory of Charlene to the Cullman Animal Shelter. Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

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Awards (from Front)

committee overall, but this year the award was given to the top committee in each division, so as to give smaller counties a fairer shot at winning. Cullman falls into Division 1.

From 2013-2019, the Cullman Farm-City Committee was named the Overall Best Farm-City Committee, and while its seven-year winning streak was broken, members said they weren't disappointed with the way things turned out.

Speaking all at one time, multiple people expressed how excited they were to have received the awards that they did and having managed to place second out of at least 30 counties in the division.

Floyd commented, "We're not at all upset to receive that award. It's not first place, but it's still an honor. We just as easily could've gotten nothing."

Commission (from Front)

Christy Perry
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Alabama Senate last Friday passed House Bill 486, which would increase the Cullman County Commission from three members to five. The bill is now headed to the desk of Governor Kay Ivey to be signed.

House Bill 486 was sponsored by Representatives Randall Shedd, R-Fairview and Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope.

Shedd offered this summary:

• The legislative delegation believes Cullman County's population growth has outgrown the three-member county governing body concept, and therefore proposes to add elected representation for all four corners of the county.

• Upon being fully implemented this legislation would not add additional cost to the taxpayers.

• Rather than two full-time associate commissioners, this local legislation would add to the public's representation by having four part-time commissioners.

• Four associate commissioners would represent the four sections of the county: northeast, southeast, northwest and southwest areas of the county by residency requirements.

• To promote countywide unity, all commissioners would run countywide.

• The chairperson could reside anywhere in Cullman County and run countywide.

• The legislation changes the title from Chairman to a gender-neutral title of Commission Chair.

• The legislation would require at least one meeting per month be conducted in the evening to provide the working public an opportunity to attend commission meetings.

• To ensure continuity, terms of associate commissioners will be staggered, with the two new commissioners serving a two-year term, then four-year terms thereafter.

• Beginning with the new commissioners in November 2022, part-time commissioners' salaries will be $25,000 per year.

• No change in the Chairman's salary

• Current associate commissioners would be "grandfathered in" at their current pay.

Tuesday, The Tribune talked to members of the Cullman County Commission to get their thoughts on the bill, and they are mixed.

Chairman Kenneth Walker said, "I'm just opposed to it because of the cost.

"It isn't going to save the County any money. Plus, all it's doing is giving the local delegation more authority over the commission and they aren't elected for the commission."

He added, "By the time you get four commissioners, they'll want their own secretary and that will be four more full-time employees, plus they'll want their office in their district."

Walker also believes the citizens of Cullman County should have made the decision, saying, "The citizens should have voted on it."

Commissioner Garry Marchman is not in favor of the new structure.

"I don't like the structure at all," he said. "I sent Randall (Shedd) and them a letter, probably about a month ago, when it first became a discussion of, 'Hey, we are going to propose this to the legislators.' I don't like the structure. I think if you are going to a district commission system, it needs to be a district system where the people in that district elect that person."

He continued, "I know commissioners that are in office now that have been in office for years that have never been elected by their district.

"That's going to happen here and I don't think that's a good idea. I think we need to be under a district system rather than a unit system because the purpose of the district is to give you that representation.

"When we discussed it, I talked to them, it would be no different than the legislators having to run statewide. Why do they run by district? Because they represent the people in their district, so if they are making decisions that are affecting the whole state why don't they have to run statewide?"

Marchman is not concerned about the money or being part-time, but said, "There's no way you can be part-time in this business."

The system Marchman does like is the one in place in Mobile County, he said, sharing, "The one I like the most is a three-member commission. They have three districts; they have their county broken down into three districts and they all run in their district.

"Then they elect among themselves who is going to represent them for that period of time as a chairman or they have the options to rotate that chair seat."

Walker, Marchman and Commissioner Kerry Watson all agree that the people should have voted on change.

Said Watson, "I'm OK with it, but I think it would have been better to let the people of the county vote on it.

"I don't know how it's going to affect the finances of the County. I know they say $25,000 per commissioner, but it's hard to tell what's going to happen years down the road, if it's going to go up."

If signed off on by Ivey, the district breakdown would be as follows:

• **Commission District One**- The area of the county which lies to the east of U.S. Highway 31 and north of U.S. Highway 278

• **Commission District Two**- The area of the county which lies to the west of U.S. Highway 31 and north of U.S. Highway 278

• **Commission District Three**- The area of the county which lies east of U.S. Highway 31 and south of U.S. Highway 278

• **Commission District Four**- The area of the county which lies west of U.S. Highway 31 and south of U.S. Highway 278

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