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Hawg Engineering owner Gary 'Sarge' Sargeant assisting Arizona's SynCardia with hand sanitizer production

Stills being unloaded in Arizona »



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'It's like a family project'

East Elementary updating playground

Spiral spinners, or curve spinners, await installation at the East Elementary playground »



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MAGGIE DARNELL/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

– EDUCATION –

CATA Health Science staff 'pops' in on Hanceville Nursing and Rehab with thanks, Frios



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Shown are (front, left to right): Dianne Shipp, Kristin Munger and Tracey Burney; (back, left to right): CATA Health Science teachers Tracy Smith and Adrian Basch, CCBOE Special Projects Coordinator T.J. Franey, Amy Parrish, Amber Johnson, Linda Taylor and Tamara Fulenwider.

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – On Wednesday afternoon, staff at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab received a special treat in the form of Frios pops and thank-you cards delivered by Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) Health Science teachers Tracy Smith and Adrian Basch. The instructors came by to thank the nursing home's staffers for their recent assistance to 12 graduating CATA students in gaining their certification as nursing assistants. With COVID-19 shutdowns affecting educational programs, the students' opportunities to become certified in time for graduation were up in the air until the nursing home staff stepped in.

Smith told The Tribune, "We've had a relationship with them for over six years. They helped us with our nursing program, and this year they really stepped up and ensured that our seniors were able to get their certification, due to the coronavirus."

Basch added, "They were willing to host them here at their facility, in their classroom, of course using social distancing and masks, and different things like that, but these students are able now to get a job because they're certified.

"In this day and time, considering everything that's going on, it just usually would not have been that way."

Smith continued, "This is just another community outreach. Our students have really pushed community service this year, as always."

Hanceville Nursing and Rehab RN Unit Manager Linda Taylor said of CATA's nursing students, "They came down to Hanceville Nursing and Rehab to be checked off on their skills, and these students have done a wonderful job. I was very impressed with how much knowledge they had of taking care of residents. I just think that they did a great job."

Cullman County Schools Special Projects Coordinator Dr. T.J. Franey accompanied the teachers, and she told The Tribune, "We wouldn't be able to do a lot of opportunities for our students if it wasn't for partnerships we have with different organizations and businesses in our community, so we're very appreciative to them."

Three CATA 2020 seniors have already been hired to work at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab.

EDUCATION

'It is times like these when my school babies need me most'

Local educators share perspectives on distance learning

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CULLMAN, Ala. – COVID-19 has impacted virtually all areas of normal life, especially when it comes to education. With Alabama schools transitioning to distance learning back in March, teachers and students alike had to adjust quickly to learning online instead of in the classroom.

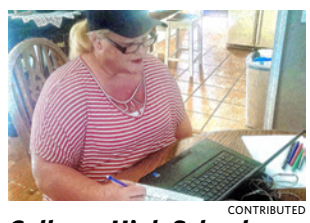
To get the educators' point of view, The Tribune reached out to a handful of teachers and asked them to expound on these four questions:

1. How has online learning differed from a normal classroom setting?

2. What materials or programs have helped make the online move smooth for you and your students?

3. Overall, what perspective can you give on distance learning with your students?

4. Do you feel there's an impact on your students not having your physical presence compared to your online presence?



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Cullman High School AP Language and Composition teacher Jennifer Calahan is seen working from home.

Stacey Gardner, Fairview Elementary Kindergarten teacher

1. "Online learning is definitely different than in our classroom setting. We aren't all able to be together even on our Google Meet. I wish I were able to just hug my kiddos up and love on each one of them!"

2. "We have been able to use Google Meet and that has been wonderful. At least I am getting to see most of my students or at least hear their voice on our meets. Some of us Kindergarten teachers did our ABC Countdown to Summer even though we aren't in school. We got all materials needed for letters A-Z and delivered to all our students' porches. These include different » PAGE 8

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

As of early Wednesday evening, from Alabama Public Health: Up until now, there have been 10,617 cases of COVID-19 in Alabama, and 449 deaths have been confirmed.

Cullman County has had 67 cases and 0 deaths.

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

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Colony Town Council pushing for census participation, new service contracts

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Colony Mayor Donnis Leeth and Councilmen Samuel Ashford and Melvin Hammond are seen Tuesday night at Colony Town Hall.

COLONY, Ala. – The Colony Town Council did not hold a formal meeting Tuesday, but still had two big items on the agenda for its work session. Mayor Donnis Leeth and council members hope to see an increase in the number of Colony residents responding to the 2020 Census and want to revamp the Town's approach to contracting with outside providers for repairs and other services.

Census 2020

Councilman Melvin Hammond presented for review a first draft of a flier that will be mailed out to Colony residents to encourage census participation.

The flier, which will be mailed out after finalization and council approval, emphasizes the relationship of the numbers included in the census report to federal and state funding for things like road repairs, mowing and weeding of public thoroughfares, repairs to Town facilities and reduction of Town debts.

Residents, who can respond to the census online but have not done so, are called on to fill out and mail in census forms if they receive them in the mail.

They can also contact any member of the town council for personal assistance.

Leeth reported that he has received a laptop computer to use for the census, and that he and Councilwoman Ethel Alexander will be making door to door visits this Saturday to help residents complete the census in their own homes.

Updated service contracts

Hammond also presented a draft of a service contract that will, once finalized, become the standard contract for repairs to Town facilities and other services for which the Town must hire an outside service provider.

Hammond and Leeth pointed out issues with previous providers, including asking for partial payment up front then not completing work, as well as taking on other jobs while working on a project in Colony and not showing up to work for extended periods of time, leading to jobs not being completed in a timely manner.

Under the updated contract:

• Contractors and the Town will agree on a set time for completion of the job. If the job is not finished within that time, the contractor will forfeit 5% of the final payment per day. In the council discussion, the need was presented for allowances to be made for work shutdowns caused by bad weather.

• The contractor will be responsible for up-front material/equipment costs and any cost overrides, as well as personal injury and property damage resulting from his/her activities or those of the contractor's employees. Payment will be made by the Town at the completion of the job, after an inspection has been completed.

Other discussion topics

• The library water system needs to be repaired.

• Timber needs to be cut behind town hall and the Educational Complex.

• Hammond located a source from which the Town can purchase gravel for local road repair for $150 per load.

• Hammond and Alexander discussed the possibility that the Town's summer children's program may have to be canceled this year due to health concerns.

• Leeth reported that the Town's food pantry is currently doing well, due to recent arrivals of items from the Food Bank of North Alabama and the North Alabama Agriplex.

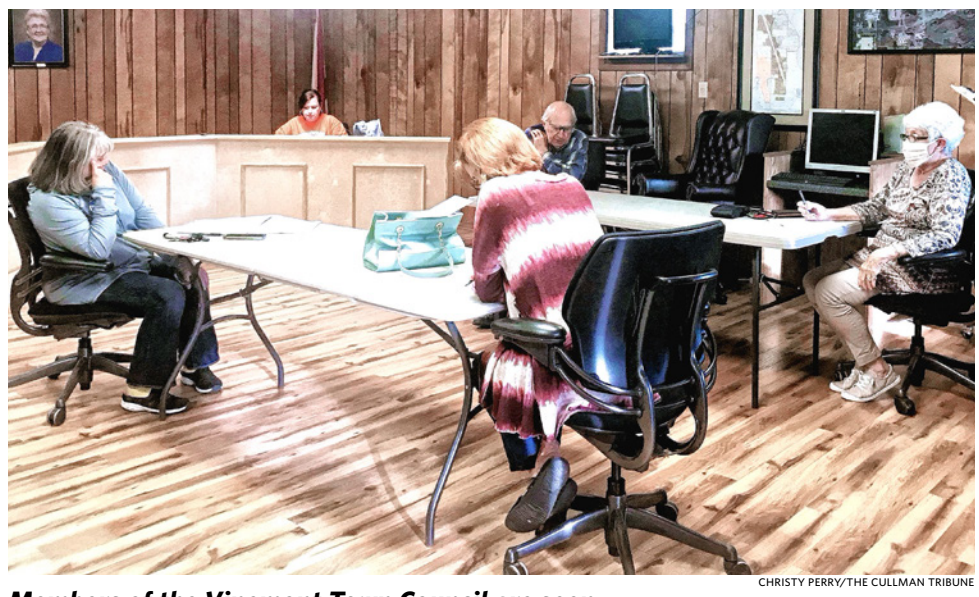
• Due to soil damage near the gym caused by four-wheelers, the Town may ban vehicles from the area behind the building.

• Leeth said that he has not decided if he will run for reelection this year, but he did say that if he does, he will make bringing a Jack's to Colony a major goal of his next term.

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

Vinemont council considers pavilions, food pantry, summer ball

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Members of the Vinemont Town Council are seen Tuesday evening, May 12, 2020.

VINEMONT, Ala. – The Vinemont Town Council on Tuesday evening and discussed the addition of two pavilions and a food pantry.

Council members said the two pavilions were approved by a previous council more than 20 years ago. One will be located near the community center and one at the sports complex.

"The one at the community center needs to run south from the existing bathrooms. It would be about 42 feet long and about 24 feet wide," said Mayor Radginal Dodson. "The roof would match the existing roof on the bathroom facility and we figure you can put eight 8-foot tables in it."

There is a shed near the bathrooms, but it will be moved elsewhere. The estimated cost of the first pavilion is between $13,000-$15,000.

As for adding a pavilion at the sports complex, the exact location has not been determined. Several members of the council favor putting a pavilion over a bleacher area.

Public Works Director Mike Graves said, "If we put a shaded roof over our bleacher area, where people sit in their lawn chairs, that would act as a pavilion plus protect against foul balls and everything else."

The council said a major consideration regarding the placement of a pavilion at the sports complex is truck access to the ball field's lights.

No estimate was given for the cost of the second pavilion.

No decisions were made Tuesday night regarding the pavilions. The council said it will revisit the topic at its June meeting.

The Town is also working toward the addition of a food pantry. Keeping the pantry stocked and location are the two biggest concerns, but Dodson said it was suggested to him that the pantry be put in the shadiest area possible.

"I checked with the lawyers," he said. "The Town cannot use Town money to buy food to put in this thing. It's against ethics and such as this so it's going to have to be a donation type situation."

The Town is hopeful that the community will help keep the food pantry maintained once it's built and placed.

"I think there is a demand in this community for this situation. It's been exhibited to me that there are folks in this town that are hungry and they are only this high (gesturing). That's the ones that hurt me," Dodson said.

"It's immaterial where this thing is put as long as it's put somewhere, and I am absolutely positively that there are people in this town that could use this and probably would use this if they knew it was somewhere."

Councilwoman Shirley Arnett said she has the materials and resources to have the pantry completed possibly within a week.

One location being considered for the pantry is next to the storm shelter near the community center, but the council made no decision.

Graves said he is still awaiting an announcement from Governor Kay Ivey before making any decisions about the summer ball season.

He said, "The said Friday that hopefully by mid-week they would have a decision made."

Current guidelines would not allow the selling of concessions at ballparks, but Graves said he believes he has a solution to that.

"I don't think that's financially feasible for us to open a sports complex without a concession stand. We went and looked at the restaurant guidelines and we feel we can meet those pretty easily.

"Every concession stand in the state is not built like ours, so they have to deal with a variety of situations and that's why I think there has been a blanket recommendation of how it's done."

Graves also reported that he and Town employees have been busy during the COVID-19 crisis. They have been mowing, cleaning up the town and making repairs to the senior/community center. They have also sanitized buildings, restrooms and storm shelters each week and will continue to do so.

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Pilot Club 2020 Fashion Show/Luncheon Canceled

The Pilot Club regrets to cancel this year's event. With the public health recommendations for social distancing, donning face masks and limiting large gatherings, it would be impossible to comply with these guidelines for an event with 400-plus attending.

Festhalle Farmers' Market

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Cullman Grown Drive Up Market

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Spirit Life Church of God

• 1650 St. Joseph St. NW, Cullman
• In-person services have resumed. 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 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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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported May 13

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 13, 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 9

- harassment; person
- third-degree burglary, fourth-degree theft of property; person; 1st Ave. SE; bicycle; $200
- third-degree burglary, fourth-degree theft of property; person; Graffenstatte St. NW; air compressor, weed eater; $400

May 10

- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $308

May 11

- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; St. Joseph Dr. NW; miscellaneous; $300
- fourth-degree theft of property; Southern Eats; 2nd Ave. SE; smoker; $240
- harassing communications; person
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, fourth-degree theft of property; Stanley Black & Decker; Hwy. 157; tools

May 12

- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; person; Hwy. 157
- third-degree criminal trespassing; City of Cullman; Morgan Ave. SW

May 13

- third-degree domestic violence- harassment; person; Schneider Road SE

ARRESTS

May 12

Barnett IV, Chesley A., 49

- DUI
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Maze, Shannon D., 45

- fourth-degree theft of property

Farrow, Chelsea R., 31

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- no tag light
- FTA- running a stop sign
- FTA- insurance violation

Addison, Byron T., 45

- fourth-degree receiving stolen property

Hicks, Timothy L., 35

- attempting to elude
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Susskin, Kenya B., 31

- third-degree criminal trespassing

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Playground (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – With on-campus instruction suspended for the rest of the academic year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some schools are taking advantage of this time to do maintenance and make improvements to their campuses. East Elementary School's in the city of Cullman has recently purchased playground equipment, thanks to the school's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO).

Principal David Wiggins shared some details on what students can expect when they return to campus.

"We are putting new borders around the playground to keep the pea gravel in. Pea gravel of course is a safety precaution for the kids, in case they were to fall at full speed, so they can't have too many accidents on the playground. We're most excited about the spiral spinners, or curve spinners; some companies call them a vortex. Students stand up on them and spin. It's one of the things our kids really wanted from surveys we did years ago," he said.

"We are also adding shade. If you've ever been out to the East Elementary playground, we only have one shade tree on the east side; the others were blown down by the (April 2011) tornado. We always wanted to have shade back, though. We do have shade trees being grown now thanks to an Eagle Scout from a few years ago, but until they reach full maturity, we needed some shade, so our PTO bought a massive shade piece to put up."

Speaking of the PTO, Wiggins wants the community to know how much the group helps the school.

"Our PTO is doing beautiful stuff at school," he smiled. "The equipment was purchased through and by our PTO. I can't say enough about this group of men and women. They have set their minds to something when the school identified a need. We met with the PTO and they get moving on the project. Our school's cookie dough fundraiser was the primary source of revenue, but they've done other things like the school supply sale-that's going on now- and of course our Shamrock Shuffle, our 1K and 5K run. They take funding from those things and put it directly into areas that benefit our students first, and then our teachers. I can't say enough on what they're doing!"

Wiggins said East has utilized the school system's maintenance department for the playground upgrade.

"The big thing about this is to save up on costs," he said. "We have a phenomenal Cullman City Schools Maintenance Department. They have taken on the task of installing the new equipment.

"They're pouring the concrete down, digging the holes, putting in the braces and attaching everything in a safe manner. They're doing that themselves, so we don't have to hire an outside company to come and do the work, so it's all hometown Cullman!"

Wiggins is confident the new equipment will be a real benefit to his students.

"More active play! What we have found is, over the years, we track injuries on the playground through the nurse's office and we remove those pieces that were most detrimental to student health, or those pieces that were antiquated," he said.

"We do so safety inspections of our equipment. When something gets old, something gets rusted, it's time to be removed. We took three pieces away, and we're slowly adding things back. All the kids will benefit from this.

"When you take something away, there are less things for more kids to play on, so putting these new pieces will spread out more adequately and appropriately and they'll have more fun with their friends."

He continued, "It's been about two years we've been looking at getting shade. Again, first of all you decide what you need, then you send out ideas of how it would look, do some estimates on what it would cost. Our students are involved; they're asked what they want and how they'd like it to look, so it's like a family project."

LEGALS

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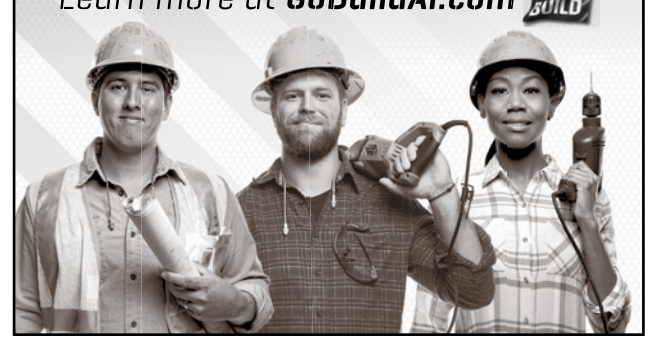
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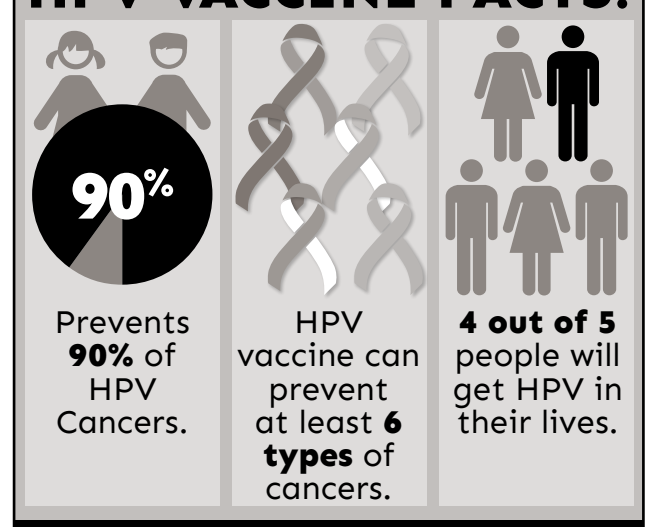


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SPORTS COLUMN: 'The best games I've ever covered' vol. 1

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CULLMAN, Ala. – COVID-19 has forced the cancellation of spring sports and during this unprecedented time, I've compiled a list of some of the best games I've seen in my years with The Cullman Tribune. I've seen a lot of exciting games so far that had us all on the edge of our seats so feel free to add any games that you would include on your list as well.

September 23, 2016
The Good Hope Raiders and Cold Springs faced off against each other in Bremen in their first meeting since 2005. A low-scoring first half quickly turned into a shootout in the second half as both teams traded scores and a late rushing touchdown by Cayde Elliott gave the Eagles a 42-39 win at home.

November 12, 2016
Good Hope traveled to take on Danville in varsity basketball action. It was a tight contest for the whole game as each team switched the lead a few times in the final period before a late three by Kallen Sharpton with 22 seconds left gave the Raiders the 48-45 win.

December 21, 2016
Good Hope and Cold Springs faced off against each other in what turned out to be an exciting close contest. Cold Springs led for most of the game, but the Raiders tied the game to start out the final period, which saw several ties, before Isaac McDonald drilled the game-winning three from the right wing to give Good Hope a 42-39 win.

January 14, 2017
Hanceville took on Oakman at home with a chance to host the area tournament on the line. Despite trailing for most of the contest, the Bulldogs launched a furious rally to get the game into overtime and wound up taking over in the extra period to defeat the Wildcats, 99-93.

January 18, 2017
West Point hosted Walker in what turned out to be an instant classic. Each team looked to end the contest in regulation, but that wasn't the case as it took five overtimes before the Warriors ended up falling to the Vikings, 80-76.

January 20, 2017
St. Bernard hosted J.B. Pennington in a game that came down to the last possession. The Saints jumped out to a quick lead, then the Tigers got back in the game in the first half. It was close the rest of the way until Christian Peterson got fouled shooting a three with two seconds remaining in the game and he calmly drilled all three to give St. Bernard a 46-44 win.

January 31, 2017
West Point's varsity boys traveled to take on Lawrence County and the first half was dominated by the Red Devils as they held a 38-20 advantage at the half and took a 50-35 lead into the final period. A three-point barrage by the Warriors in the fourth period helped get them back in the game as they cut it to 61-59, but couldn't get any closer than that as they wound up dropping the game by just two points.

February 10, 2017
The girls' area championship game featured West Point and Fairview and in a contest that was dominated by the Lady Warriors through three periods, the Lady Aggies started out the final period on a 13-0 run to take the lead in the final period. Despite a late mini rally by West Point, huge points by Abbi Taylor, Taylor Yeager and Jada Golden gave Fairview a 58-52 win and their first area championship in 21 years.

February 11, 2017
The boys' area championship game saw Fairview take on West Point at Hayden and the Aggies led for most of the contest, leading by as many as 10 at one point in the game. The Warriors got back in the contest as they traded the lead with the Aggies several times in the final period before some key free-throwing shooting by Luke Yarbrough and Bryson Fletcher gave Fairview a 67-64 win.

February 15, 2017
A spot in Regionals was on the line as Hanceville hosted Locust Fork. It was closely contested for most of the game and a Brendan Flanigan trey from the right wing tied the game and sent it into overtime, but they couldn't quite get it done in the extra period as some key-free throwing by the Hornets late sealed Hanceville's fate and they wound up falling, 68-64.



BILL PIPER
West Point's Kobe Bowers (left) and Holly Pond's Zach Shaw (right).

April 11, 2017
Cullman hosted their rival Hartselle in a huge softball game. In what turned out to be a pitchers' duel, the Lady Tigers took a 3-2 lead into the bottom of the seventh, but the Lady Bearcats rallied in their half and a game-winning single by Bailey Swann gave them a 4-3 win.

April 12, 2017
It was Senior Night for Cullman as they hosted Brewer in a huge area game. The contest saw both starters rack up a combined 33 strikeouts, but the Bearcats wound up taking the game, 1-0, on a one-out sacrifice fly by Weston Norton.

December 5, 2017
It was an exciting game at West Point as they hosted Holly Pond in a huge boys match-up. The Warriors led for a majority of the contest before the Broncos took control of the game behind their defense and some huge free throws late gave them a 76-74 win.

December 8, 2017
Addison hosted Sumiton Christian in what turned out to be a low-scoring affair. The Lady Bulldogs led by double digits in the fourth period before the Lady Eagles cut it to two at one point, but three free throws by Macey Butler helped seal the 35-30 win for Addison.

January 28, 2018
The JV boys county championship game saw the Holly Pond Broncos take on the West Point Warriors. In what was an exciting game between both teams, Holly Pond held a six-point lead late in the fourth period, but West Point made it a one-point contest and had a chance to win the game with two seconds left at the line, but they only made 1-of-3 from there as the Broncos went on to take the championship game, 44-43.

Perry Roth named interim head coach for 2020-21 baseball season

Ted Feeley
UAB Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The UAB Department of Athletics has promoted former assistant head coach and recruiting coordinator Perry Roth to interim head coach for the 2020-21 baseball season. Roth steps into the position following 14 years as an assistant on the Southside alongside recently retired Brian Shoop.

"I am thankful and humbled to be the head baseball coach at the University of Alabama at Birmingham," said Roth. "I am so appreciative to Director of Athletics Mark Ingram for trusting me with this opportunity to lead at this time."

Roth joined the Blazers in 2007 with Shoop after serving as an assistant under the legendary coach at Birmingham Southern. "It has been a privilege and an honor to work alongside Brian Shoop all these years," Roth said. "He has been and will continue to be a mentor for me, just as he will continue to be for so many people. I value his friendship and our relationship, and I am grateful he trusted me to partner with him in his career. I owe so much to him."

Upon joining the UAB ranks, Roth facilitated immediate success at the plate and behind it as he guided catcher Danny Sawyer to All-America honors and lifted the team batting average from .267 to .296 in his first year. The Blazers saw further success through Roth's guidance in 2009 as he also helped catcher Digger Towe earn All-America honors and led the team to records in runs scored (461) and doubles (129). In 2012, Roth was integral in a historic run that led to the program's only Conference USA Baseball Championship as the team hit .333 throughout the Conference USA Tournament on its way to claiming the conference crown.

Under Roth's tutelage at the plate in 2014, UAB won 35 games to tally the most wins for the program since 1993. Roth also helped fuel the Blazers to the Conference USA Championship game a year later in 2015.

Along with guiding the Blazers to collegiate achievements, Roth has also propelled multiple former players to professional success such as Adam Lau, Brewer Hicklen and Tyler Tolbert. Lau, a 37th round draft selection by the Boston Red Sox in 2015 and current member of the AAA affiliate Pawtucket Red Sox, is a pitcher that shined for the Blazers as a two-way player. He was selected to the John Olerud Two-Way Player of the Year Award watch list and the All-Conference USA Second Team while donning the Green and Gold.

Hicklen, a seventh round draft selection by the Kansas City Royals in 2017 and current member of the A (Advanced) affiliate Wilmington Blue Rocks, also earned an All-Conference USA Second Team selection as a Blazer and is still sixth in career triples in UAB history.

Tolbert, a 13th round selection by the Kansas City Royals in last year's 2019 MLB draft and current member of the Rookie Advanced affiliate Idaho Falls Chukars, sits tied for third in career steals in the Blazer record books with 76 and improved drastically at the plate each season under Roth going from a .151 average at the plate as a freshman to batting .283 as a junior and being drafted. "We will work hard to create an environment that reflects the mission of the UAB Department of Athletics while trying our best to honor much of the foundation created by Brian Shoop and the past players and teams of UAB Baseball," added Roth. "I am excited to lead a group of men who are invested in becoming better on and off the field, and in the classroom, as evidence by their 24th straight semester with a team GPA of 3.0."



UAB ATHLETICS
UAB's Perry Roth will serve as the interim head baseball coach for the Blazers this season.

With Roth's track record of bolstering team success, developing players and working alongside two legends in their own right in Shoop and Ron Polk, the newly proclaimed interim head coach is well prepared to man the reins of the UAB baseball program.

For more information on the UAB baseball team, follow @UAB_Baseball on Twitter and Instagram.

Auburn Gymnastics celebrates another solid season

Kendra Willard
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – The Auburn gymnastics team held a virtual end of the year banquet and celebrated another solid season for the program.

The Tigers finished the shortened 2020 season at No. 17 in the national rankings with a 196.490 NQS. The squad reached a season-best 196.7 on two occasions and kicked off their home schedule with a 196.625 victory over Alabama in Auburn Arena (Jan. 10).

Auburn enjoyed being at home this season as the team set the program attendance record. The Tigers saw an average of 6,364 fans inside Auburn Arena over five meets competed. That included a sellout (7,424) vs. the Crimson Tide.

The team added another record to its list this season as the Tigers reached their highest total of season ticket holders as well.

Two Tigers were awarded the team's MVP honor in junior Drew Watson and sophomore Derrian Gobourne. The pair earned All-America honors at the conclusion of the year as well as All-SEC recognition.

Watson was a first team All-American and All-SEC performer on vault, finishing with a 9.92 NQS in the event. She scored 9.9 or higher seven times, including a 9.975 at Arkansas (Feb. 21).

Gobourne was second team All-American and All-SEC performance on bars after concluding the year with a 9.905 NQS. She reached a career-best 9.925 in the event three times, including in the team's win over Alabama.

Freshman Aria Brusch had a fantastic first season for the Tigers, competing in three events for the squad. She scored a 9.8 or better in nine of 10 meets competed on bars, while adding eight meets of 9.8 or higher on floor. In addition, she went 9.8 or better six times on beam.

For her efforts this season, Brusch was given "The Rock" award, which is presented to the gymnast who demonstrates consistency and excels in competitions. The Cincinnati product went 29-for-30 over three events, seeing career highs of 9.9 on bars and floor and a 9.875 on beam.

Winning the Most Improved Award was freshman Adeline Sabados. The Castle Rock, Colo., native earned a spot on the bars lineup in all 10 meets. She reached a career-best 9.85 on the road at Georgia (Feb. 2) and closed out the season with back-to-back 9.825s. In addition, Sabados was making big strides on beam and floor as she secured exhibition spots in both events vs. TWU (Feb. 28).

Senior Gracie Day was awarded the team's Sarah Wentworth Award, which is given to the gymnast who best exemplifies the Auburn Creed. The San Antonio product has represented Auburn on vault and bars consistently throughout her career and has been a contributor on floor. This season, Day tied her career best on vault with three 9.925s and added a 9.9 on both floor and bars. She was named the SEC Specialist of the Week following an outstanding performance vs. Florida (Feb. 14).

Earning Student-Athlete of the Year was freshman Cassie Stevens, who exceled at balancing the life of a full-time student and a full-time athlete. Stevens is a computer science major that also competed in the all-around nine times this season. She earned SEC All-Freshman recognition for her efforts on vault.

Junior Meredith Sylvia was named the Most Valuable Teammate, showing an unwavering team spirit and selfless attitude. She earned a spot on the beam lineup in all meets and had three 9.9s on the season.

The Bob Ritenbaugh Award was given to senior Emma Slappey. The honor is presented to the individual that goes out of their way to help the team in all ways possible. Slappey has been a rock-solid competitor during her time on the Plains, providing consistent numbers on both beam and floor.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Jacobs proclaims Peace Officers Memorial Day May 15, Police Week May 10-16

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Cullman Police Chief Kenny Culpepper and Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs

CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs on Wednesday officially proclaimed May 15, 2020 "Peace Officers Memorial Day" and the week of May 10-16, 2020 "Police Week" in the city of Cullman. On hand to accept the proclamation from Jacobs was Cullman Police Chief Kenny Culpepper.

"We are grateful for our police officers," said Jacobs. "They are out there every day protecting our lives and property, knowing the risks involved."

Since 1962, May 15 of every year has been designated "Peace Officers Memorial Day," and the calendar year in which that day falls is designated "Police Week," to honor law enforcement officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty and to recognize the service of current law enforcement officers.

Normally, various events are held throughout the country to observe the occasion, but this year many events have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, flags will be lowered to half-staff throughout the nation from sunrise to sunset May 15, 2020 in honor of peace officers who have died in the line of duty.

"I appreciate this recognition of our law enforcement officers," said Culpepper. "Our officers are very well trained and do a tremendous job serving our community. We also have a great working relationship with the sheriff's department, Hanceville Police and other agencies throughout the state."

The Cullman Police Department has a total of 53 full-time officers, 19 reserve officers, two code enforcement officers and six police clerical employees.

A staff of 19 emergency dispatchers also provides support for the department. Culpepper has served as police chief since Oct. 3, 1988. Craig Montgomery serves as assistant police chief.

"We are fortunate that we serve a community that is very supporting of law enforcement," Culpeper added.

"Police officers in other parts of the nation face challenges that, thankfully, we don't have to face here. The support of our citizens and elected officials is greatly appreciated."

According to the Officer Down Memorial Page (odmp.org), a total of 565 law enforcement officers have died in the line of duty in Alabama's recorded history.

So far this year, 73 law enforcement officers have died in the line of duty nationwide: Approximately 26 of those died after contracting COVID-19 in the line of duty.

"Our law enforcement officers know every time they go to work that they may face danger," said Jacobs.

"With the coronavirus, they have faced additional challenges. We are thankful for them every day, but I am proud to issue this proclamation today to publicly recognize them for their service."

For more information about the Cullman Police Department, visit www.cullmanal.gov/depts/cpd or www.facebook.com/cullmanpd.











Sports

1:00 p.m. FSEE College Tennis Nebraska at Oklahoma.
11:30 p.m. FS1 The Best of WWE
12:30 a.m. FS1 The Best of WWE Rediscover the matches that carved out Ric Flair's spot on WWE's Mt. Rushmore, including winning the historic 1992 Royal Rumble match, teaming with Evolution to battle The Rock & Mick Foley and more.
1:30 a.m. ESPN2 Korean Baseball SK Wyverns at LG Twins.
FS1 The Best of WWE Edge's greatest WrestleMania matches. His opponents include The Undertaker, John Cena and more.
2:30 a.m. FS1 WWE Friday Night SmackDown
4:25 a.m. ESPN2 Korean Baseball Doosan Bears at KIA Tigers. (Live)

Movies

6:00 a.m. FX "Only the Brave" ★★★ (2017, Drama) Josh Brolin, Miles Teller. 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. (180 mins.)
7:15 a.m. TCM "All Through the Night" ★★★ (1942, Drama) Humphrey Bogart, Conrad Veidt. A Broadway gambler and his colorful cronies thwart a suave Nazi spy's gang of fifth columnists. (120 mins.)
SHOW "My Best Friend's Wedding" ★★★ (1997, Romance-Comedy) Julia Roberts, Dermot Mulroney. A writer realizes that she is in love with her best friend and tries to stop him from marrying another woman, a guileless heiress. (105 mins.)
7:20 a.m. MAX "Lowriders" ★★½ (2016, Drama) Gabriel Chavarria, Theo Rossi. (99 mins.)
7:30 a.m. HBO "Signs" ★★★ (2002, Suspense) Mel Gibson, Joaquin Phoenix. With the help of his brother, a Pennsylvanian investigates the appearance of 500-foot-diameter circles in his crop fields. (106 mins.)
9:00 a.m. FX "The Expendables 3" ★★ (2014, Action) Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham. (150 mins.)
MAX "Alfie" ★★½ (2004, Comedy-Drama) Jude Law, Marisa Tomei. (106 mins.)
SHOW "Failure to Launch" ★★ (2006, Romance-Comedy) Matthew McConaughey, Sarah Jessica Parker. (Premiere) (97 mins.)
9:15 a.m. TCM "The Hard Way" ★★★ (1942, Drama) Ida Lupino, Dennis Morgan. A scheming small-town woman uses men to get her sister-in-law on Broadway. (120 mins.)
9:25 a.m. AMC "Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer" ★★ (2007, Science Fiction) Ioan Gruffudd, Jessica Alba. (120 mins.)
10:00 a.m. FREE "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1" ★★ (2011, Romance) Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson. (150 mins.)
TMC "The Legend of Bagger Vance" ★★★ (2000, Drama) Will Smith, Matt Damon. A golf caddy shows a disillusioned young war veteran how to master challenges and find meaning in life. (126 mins.)
10:40 a.m. SHOW "She's All That" ★★ (1999, Romance-Comedy) Freddie Prinze Jr., Rachael Leigh Cook. (91 mins.)
11:05 a.m. HBO "Starter for 10" ★★½ (2006, Romance) James McAvoy, Alice Eve. (96 mins.)
11:15 a.m. TCM "Old Acquaintance" ★★★ (1943, Drama) Bette Davis, Miriam Hopkins. Two best friends from girlhood clash over the years as serious writer and racy novelist. (120 mins.)
11:25 a.m. AMC "Gangster Squad" ★★ (2013, Crime Drama) Josh Brolin, Ryan Gosling. (150 mins.)
11:30 a.m. FX "300" ★★★ (2006, Action) Gerard Butler, Lena Headey. Sparta's King Leonidas and his badly outnumbered warriors fight to the death against King Xerxes' massive Persian army at the Battle of Thermopylae. (150 mins.)

THURSDAY EVENING

MOVIES

MAY 14, 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 couple's murder leaves police puzzled.		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Assassin" Political martyr.		Law & Order: Criminal Intent A killer slays parents.		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 Repairing leaded glass windows.		Spotlight on Agriculture		Muscle Shoals to Music Row "Sun Records Tribute 1" (N)		Subcarrier "Hand Habits"	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 Robin contemplates romantic life. (N)		Blindspot The team contacts Patterson's father. (N)		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	Inside Edition (N)	Celebrity Watch Party (N)		Mental Samurai The best contestants return to compete.		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 "Daddy Issues" (N)	S.W.A.T. "Bad Faith" A leader of an infamous doomsday cult.		CBS42 News 10pm (N)	Late Show-Colbert
WTTO-CW	9	The Goldbergs	2 Broke Girls	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Katy Keene (Season Finale) Katy needs Gloria's help. (N)		In the Dark Dean tries to keep Chloe from Murphy. (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. "Outrage" Halstead puts his career at risk.		Chicago P.D. Atwater's allegiances are tested.		Chicago P.D. Upton and Burgess enter a bad situation.		Chicago P.D. Intelligence works with the CFD.		Chicago P.D. A criminal informant disappears.		Chicago P.D. A mayoral candidate is shot by a sniper.	
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 Catherine O'Hara; Dr. Phil. (N)		Station 19 The crew works to evacuate a doctor.		(:01) How to Get Away With Murder "Stay"		ABC 33/40 News at 10PM	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!
A&E	42	The First 48 A hip-hop promoter is gunned down.		The First 48 "Lost Boys" A grandmother is gunned down.		The First 48 An Oklahoma cyclist is gunned down.		The First 48 A football player is gunned down.		The First 48: The Case That Haunts Me "Shattered Glass"		The First 48 Woman killed with knife; patriarch shot.	
AMC	53	(3:55) ★★ "White House Down" (2013) Channing Tatum, Jamie Foxx. Paramilitary soldiers take over the White House.				★★★ "The Hangover" (2009, Comedy) Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis. Three pals must find a missing groom after a wild bash.					(:20) ★★ "Major League" (1989, Comedy) Tom Berenger, Charlie Sheen, Corbin Bernsen.		
ANPL	47	Deadliest Catch Cornelia Marie may lose its captain.		Deadliest Catch "No Season for Old Men" A Hail Mary play.		Deadliest Catch "Storm Season" Dual storm.		Deadliest Catch "Blow Up"		Deadliest Catch A typhoon turns its gaze on the sea.		Deadliest Catch: Bloodline Phil Harris' fishing grounds.	
BET	55	(4:30) ★★★ "Coach Carter" (2005, Drama) Samuel L. Jackson, Robert Ri'chard, Rob Brown. A high-school basketball coach pushes his team to excel.						★★ "Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins" (2008, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, James Earl Jones. A talk-show star returns to his Southern hometown.				Martin "Movin' On In"	
BRAVO	58	The Real Housewives of New York City "Say It Ain't So"		The Real Housewives of New York City		The Real Housewives of New York City "Just the Sip"		The Real Housewives of New York City (N)		Top Chef "Cabin Fever" The chefs' outdoor grilling Quickfire.		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)		Special Report: Markets (N)		Shark Tank Guest shark Ashton Kutcher.		Shark Tank Shirts for men less than 5'8 tall.		Shark Tank A guilt-free sweet treat.		Shark Tank Guest shark Ashton Kutcher.	
CNN	37	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer (N)		Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Coronavirus: Facts and Fears: A CNN Global Town Hall (N) (Live)				Cuomo Prime Time (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)	
COM	56	The Office	The Office "The Injury"	The Daily Show	(:45) The Office	(:10) The Office	(:35) The Office	Workaholics "Fry Guys"	Workaholics	Workaholics	Workaholics	The Daily Show	(:45) The Office
DISN	49	(:05) Raven's Home	(:35) Raven's Home	(:05) Bunk'd	(:35) Bunk'd "Lake Rancid"	Big City Greens	(:25) Big City Greens	(7:50) Bunk'd "Inn Trouble"	(: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 Clashing strategies plague survivalists.		Naked and Afraid Survivalists face extreme temperatures.		Naked and Afraid: Uncensored "Naked and Afraid of Sharks" Survivalists are stranded on an island.				Naked and Afraid "Twinning" The two survivalist are twin sisters.			
E!	21	(:05) Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	(5:55) Chrisley Knows Best	(:20) Chrisley Knows Best	(:10) Total Bellas A date night gone wrong.		Total Bellas "Bella Vs. Bella" Nicole might be pregnant. (N)		Botched A boxer's crushed nose.		Nightly Pop (N)	Total Bellas
ESPN	29	SportsCenter (N) (Live)		ESPN Original Documentaries		College Football						SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N) (Live)	
ESPN2	30	Jalen & Jacoby (N)	(:20) Highly Questionable	The Last Dance		The Last Dance		The Last Dance		The Last Dance		NFL Live (N)	
FOOD	45	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Restaurant: Impossible		Restaurant: Impossible "Saving a Pastor's Passion"		Opening Night Brian helps Jen Royle open restaurant. (N)		Amy Schumer Learns to Cook	
FREE	48	(3:00) ★★★ "Jurassic Park" (1993) Sam Neill.		★★ "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" (1997, Adventure) Jeff Goldblum, Julianne Moore, Pete Postlethwaite. An expedition returns to monitor dinosaurs' progress.						Siren Ryn, Ben and Maddie fight Tia's army. (N)		The 700 Club Miracles and answered prayers. (N)	
FS1	20	NASCAR Race Hub (N)		NASCAR Race Classic	Home Game	Greatest Games: NFL NFC Divisional round featuring the infamous 4th and 26 play during the fourth quarter. (N Taped)						Home Game	FOX Football Now
FSEE	32	Let's Fish Southeast (N)	Silver Kings "Captain Jack"	Braves Pennant Week Game 6 of the National League Championship Series. (N)						P1 AquaX USA 2019		Braves Pennant Week	
FX	28	(4:00) ★★★ "Furious 7" (2015) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. A dead man's brother seeks revenge on the Toretto gang.				★★ "Kingsman: The Golden Circle" (2017, Action) Colin Firth, Julianne Moore, Taron Egerton. British spies join forces with their American counterparts.						★★ "Kingsman: The Golden Circle" (2017, Action)	
GOLF	82	Golf Central (N) (Live)	Golf Central	Golf From Sept. 30, 2012.									
HALL	72	"Love at the Shore" (2017) Amanda Righetti, Peter Porte. An author's plans are disrupted by an unconventional surfer.				"Winter Castle" (2019) Emilie Ullerup, Kevin McGarry. Jenny is attracted to the best man at her sister's wedding.				The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls
HGTV	46	Windy City Rehab Alison faces a tough decision.		Windy City Rehab A converted four-unit historic home.		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 VW buses are under threat from vandals.		American Pickers A stuntman from Hollywood's Golden Age.		American Pickers A trio of vintage Fords.		(:02) American Pickers "Midwest Mayhem"		(:05) American Pickers A joyride in a DeLorean.		(:05) American Pickers "Motorcycle Gold"	
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	Border Wars Corrupt employees on a cruise liner.		Border Wars Buy and bust operation in San Juan.		Drug Lords: The Next Generation "Escobar's Apprentice"		Drug Lords: The Next Generation		(:03) Drug Lords: The Next Generation "A Narco Speaks"		(:03) Drug Lords: The Next Generation	
PARMT	57	(:04) Two and a Half Men	(:32) Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	★★ "Grumpy Old Men" (1993, Comedy) Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau, Ann-Margret. Feuding neighbors vie for the affections of a nearby widow.					★★ "Grumpier Old Men" (1995, Comedy) Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau, Ann-Margret.		
TBS	25	Family Guy	Family Guy	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Misery Index (N)	Conan "Nikki Glaser" (N)	The Misery Index
TCM	79	(4:30) ★★★ "The Young Philadelphians" (1959, Drama) Paul Newman. Ambitious lawyer swims in cold social waters.				★★ "The Whole Town's Talking" (1935, Comedy) Edward G. Robinson, Jean Arthur.			(:45) ★★★ "A Slight Case of Murder" (1938, Comedy) Edward G. Robinson, Jane Bryan, Allen Jenkins.				★★ "Larceny, Inc."
TLC	24	My 600-Lb. Life "Cillas' Story" Cillas has a dangerous food addiction.				My 600-Lb. Life "Supersized: Ashley T's Story" Ashley is 24 and lives alone. (N)				Dr. Pimple Popper Melissa has a huge lipoma for years.		My Feet Are Killing Me Using a cadaver bone to fix a foot.	
TNT	26	Bones Science-fiction enthusiast is murdered.		Bones Corpse at the bottom of a gorge.		★★★ "Wonder Woman" (2017, Action) Gal Gadot, Chris Pine, Connie Nielsen. Wonder Woman discovers her full powers and true destiny.						★★ "Divergent" (2014) Shailene Woodley, Theo James.	
USA	27	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Gridiron Soldier"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Criminal Stories"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Beast's Obsession"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Post-Mortem Blues"		Modern Family "Up All Night"	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
WE	71	Law & Order: Criminal Intent Aging revolutionary.		Growing Up Hip Hop Egypt is ambushed by her family.		Growing Up Hip Hop Chaos at Lil Twist's birthday party.		Growing Up Hip Hop Fists fly between Egypt and Briana. (N)		(:10) Growing Up Hip Hop "The Master Demand" Fists fly between Egypt and Briana.			(:19) Love After Lockup
HBO	518	Run "Jump"	★★★ "Cast Away" (2000, Drama) Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt, Nick Searcy. A courier company executive is marooned on a remote island. 'PG-13'			We're Here (N)				Insecure	(:31) Betty	(:05) We're Here	
MAX	549	"Fantastic Fear"	★ "The Darkest Hour" (2011, Science Fiction) Emile Hirsch, Max Minghella. 'PG-13'			★★★ "The Hurt Locker" (2008) Jeremy Renner. Members of an elite bomb squad pull hazardous duty in Iraq. 'R'				(:10) "The Operative" (2019, Suspense) Diane Kruger, Martin Freeman. Mossad recruits a woman to become an agent. 'NR'			
SHOW	578	(4:53) ★★ "Real Steel" (2011, Action) Hugh Jackman. A boxing promoter and his son build a robot fighter. 'PG-13'				Shameless "Casey Casden" Debbie steals a little boy.		Billions Chuck wrestles with his demons.		Desus & Mero	Californication	Desus & Mero "Infobars" (N)	VICE
TMC	598	(:15) "What Keeps You Alive" (2018) Hannah Emily Anderson. Venomous betrayals engulf a female married couple. 'R'				★★★ "Twelve Monkeys" (1995, Science Fiction) Bruce Willis. A prisoner goes back in time to avert a deadly plague. 'R'				(:10) ★★ "Species" (1995) Ben Kingsley. A scientist leads a hunt for a deadly beauty who morphs into a monster. 'R'			

12:30 p.m. FREE "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2" ★★½ (2012, Romance) Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson. (150 mins.)
12:45 p.m. HBO "Fast Five" ★★½ (2011, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. (130 mins.)
1:15 p.m. TCM "Adventures of Don Juan" ★★★ (1948, Adventure) Errol Flynn, Viveca Lindfors. The Spanish swordsman joins the royal fencing academy and duels a duke who wants to be dictator. (120 mins.)
SHOW "Charlie's Angels" ★★★ (2000, Action) Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore. Three private detectives try to rescue a kidnapped computer pro whose voice-ID software would threaten global security. (98 mins.)
1:55 p.m. AMC "Hitman" ★★ (2007, Action) Timothy Olyphant, Dougray Scott. (120 mins.)
MAX "Halloween" ★★½ (2018, Horror) Jamie Lee Curtis, Judy Greer. (106 mins.)
2:00 p.m. BET "Madea's Family Reunion" ★★½ (2006, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Blair Underwood. (150 mins.)
FX "Mechanic: Resurrection" ★★ (2016, Action) Jason Statham, Jessica Alba. (120 mins.)
3:00 p.m. FREE "Jurassic Park" ★★★½ (1993, Adventure) Sam Neill, Laura Dern. An entrepreneur invites scientists, a mathematics theorist and others to his jungle theme-park featuring dinosaurs regenerated from DNA. (180 mins.)
HBO "Friday Night Lights" ★★★ (2004, Drama) Billy Bob Thornton, Derek Luke. A high-school football coach in Odessa, Texas, tries to lead his players to the state championship. (117 mins.)
3:15 p.m. TCM "The Return of Doctor X" ★★ (1939, Horror) Wayne Morris, Humphrey Bogart. (75 mins.)
3:45 p.m. MAX "A Fantastic Fear of Everything" ★★ (2012, Comedy) Simon Pegg, Amara Karan. (99 mins.)
3:55 p.m. AMC "White House Down" ★★ (2013, Action) Channing Tatum, Jamie Foxx. (185 mins.)
4:00 p.m. FX "Furious 7" ★★★ (2015, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. 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. (180 mins.)
4:30 p.m. BET "Coach Carter" ★★★ (2005, Drama) Samuel L. Jackson, Robert Ri'chard. A high-school basketball coach turns a losing team around, then faces criticism for pushing the athletes to put grades first. (210 mins.)
TCM "The Young Philadelphians" ★★★ (1959, Drama) Paul Newman, Barbara Rush. An ambitious lawyer's claim to a prominent family name is open to the glare of a murder trial. (150 mins.)
4:53 p.m. SHOW "Real Steel" ★★½ (2011, Action) Hugh Jackman, Evangeline Lilly. (127 mins.)
5:30 p.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.)
6:00 p.m. FREE "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" ★★½ (1997, Adventure) Jeff Goldblum, Julianne Moore. (180 mins.)
7:00 p.m. AMC "The Hangover" ★★★ (2009, Comedy) Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms. After a wild stag party in Las Vegas, three hazy groomsmen must find their missing friend and get him back to Los Angeles in time for his wedding. (140 mins.)
FX "Kingsman: The Golden Circle" ★★½ (2017, Action) Colin Firth, Julianne Moore. (180 mins.)
PARMT "Grumpy Old Men" ★★½ (1993, Comedy) Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau. (150 mins.)
TCM "The Whole Town's Talking" ★★ (1935, Comedy) Edward G. Robinson, Jean Arthur. (105 mins.)
TNT "Wonder Woman" ★★★ (2017, Action) Gal Gadot, Chris Pine. After leaving her all-female island for the first time, Wonder Woman discovers her full powers and true destiny while fighting alongside men in a war to end all wars. (180 mins.)
MAX "The Hurt Locker" ★★★½ (2008, War) Jeremy Renner, Anthony Mackie. Members of a bomb-disposal unit in Baghdad face increasingly perilous situations as their tour-of-duty winds down. (127 mins.)
TMC "Twelve Monkeys" ★★★ (1995, Science Fiction) Bruce Willis, Madeleine Stowe. A psychiatrist finally believes a patient who claims to be a time-traveler sent to 1996 to prevent a virulent holocaust. (131 mins.)
8:00 p.m. BET "Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins" ★★½ (2008, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, James Earl Jones. (150 mins.)
8:45 p.m. TCM "A Slight Case of Murder" ★★★ (1938, Comedy) Edward G. Robinson, Jane Bryan. A reformed Prohibition-era beer runner finds a corpse hidden in his country home. Based on a Damon Runyon story. (105 mins.)
9:10 p.m. TMC "Species" ★★ (1995, Science Fiction) Ben Kingsley, Michael Madsen. (108 mins.)
9:20 p.m. AMC "Major League" ★★½ (1989, Comedy) Tom Berenger, Charlie Sheen. (150 mins.)
9:30 p.m. PARMT "Grumpier Old Men" ★★½ (1995, Comedy) Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau. (150 mins.)
10:00 p.m. FX "Kingsman: The Golden Circle" ★★½ (2017, Action) Colin Firth, Julianne Moore. (180 mins.)
TNT "Divergent" ★★ (2014, Science Fiction) Shailene Woodley, Theo James. (180 mins.)
10:30 p.m. TCM "Larceny, Inc." ★★½ (1942, Comedy) Edward G. Robinson, Jane Wyman. (105 mins.)

Best Bets

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

Veteran character actress Nancy Lenehan ("The New Adventures of Old Christine") reprises her guest role as Alice, Adam's (Matt LeBlanc) tightly wound mother-in-law, as the character makes a totally unexpected visit to the Burns household. Moreover, she comes bearing some shocking news. Liza Snyder, Kevin Nealon, Kali Rocha, Stacey Keach, Matt Cook and Grace Kaufman also star.

8 p.m. on WVTM
Blindspot

Jane, Weller (Jaimie Alexander, Sullivan Stapleton) and the rest of the team reach out to Patterson's (Ashley Johnson) father, hoping he can help them gain access to a high-level and extremely exclusive conference in Finland. If they're able to gain admittance to this gathering, they further hope they can persuade Matthew Weitz (guest star Aaron Abrams) to join their side. Rob Brown, Audrey Esparza and Ennis Esmer also star in the new episode "We Didn't Start the Fire."

8 p.m. on WABM2
Station 19

Andy (Jaina Lee Ortiz) goes to her Aunt Sandra (guest star Laura Ceron) for answers when she realizes she no longer can ignore her suspicions about the circumstances surrounding her mother's death in the Season 3 finale "Louder Than a Bomb." Meanwhile, the rest of the crew eventually find themselves in a life-threatening situation when they try to evacuate a doctor from Pac-North Hospital, and Sullivan (Boris Kodjoe) undergoes surgery for his chronic leg pain. Ellen Pompeo guest stars in her "Grey's Anatomy" role.

8 p.m. on FOOD
Restaurant: Impossible

Host Robert Irvine returns to open Season 17 of this upbeat restaurant makeover show with a premiere called "Saving a Pastor's Passion," which finds Irvine and his team in Titusville, Fla. The featured restaurant in crisis is Loyd Have Mercy, a no-frills seafood, barbecue and fried chicken eatery that owner Andrew Loyd — also the pastor and founder of Greater Glory Life Center in Orlando — bought for $200,000. Currently losing $4,000 a month, Loyd has lost hope of ever saving his homestyle eatery.

9 p.m. on BRAVO
Top Chef

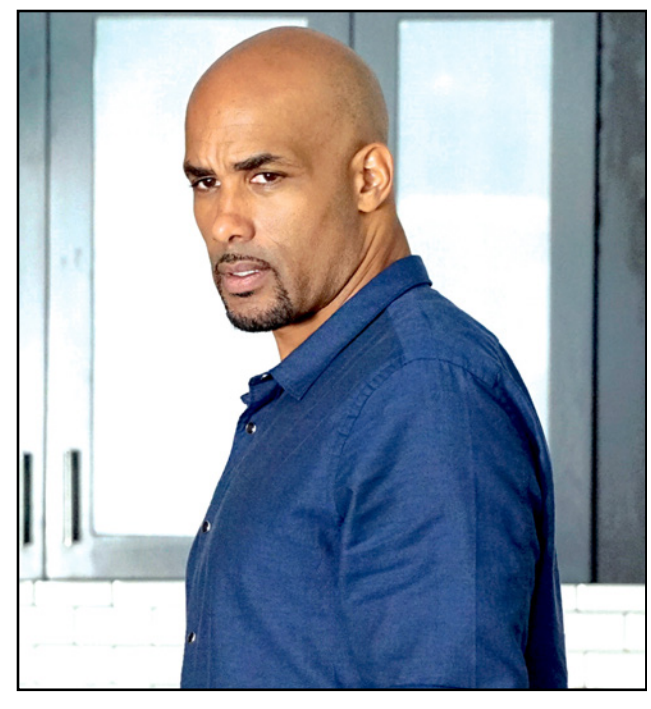
In the new episode "Cabin Fever," the chefs travel to the mountains a few hours outside Los Angeles for a "summer camp" outdoor grilling Quickfire challenge with Padma and chef Kelsey Barnard Clark, who won the Kentucky season of "Top Chef." Later, the chefs must rise before the sun to prepare for an elimination challenge that involves fixing an upscale brunch for 200 moms at the camp, using ingredients from a very limited stock pantry. Brooke Williamson, who won the Charleston season of the show, is a guest judge.

9:01 p.m. on WABM2
How to Get Away With Murder

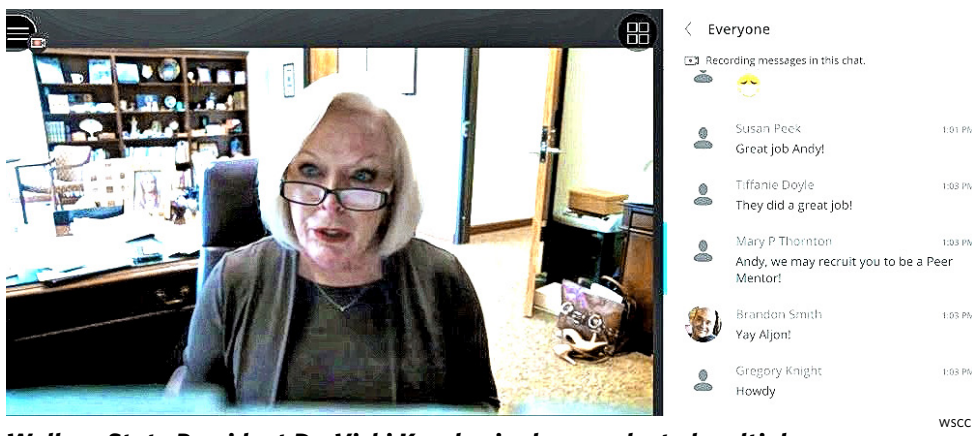
Peter Nowalk's twisty, kinky thriller entered the Shonda Rhimes TV multiverse in 2014, just as its leading lady, Viola Davis, was about to go supernova, winning an Emmy among other honors for her role here as law professor Annalise Keating, as well as an Oscar and Tony Award for other projects. That certainly didn't hurt this diabolically clever series, which has startled fans by killing off principal characters. Does that include Annalise in tonight's series finale? Liza Weil, Conrad Ricamora, Jack Falahee, Aja Naomi King and Charlie Weber also star.

9:30 p.m. on TBS
The Misery Index

Host Jameela Jamil ("The Good Place") and members of the cast of "Impractical Jokers" return for a second season of this unconventional comedy competition series, which endeavors to unite the world in celebrating one another's misery. Tonight's season premiere explores why online dating essentially is dead, and another segment features a hapless gent dealing with a botched surgery. An office flasher and a clumsy partier vie to be masters of misery and claim the $30,000 grand prize.



Boris Kodjoe stars in "Station 19" on ABC.



Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics has conducted multiple employee meetings virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic.

EDUCATION

Virtual classroom tools used at Wallace State make remote learning engaging and seamless

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – They say necessity is the mother of invention. That was certainly the case at Wallace State during the spring semester, as the COVID-19 pandemic spurred unprecedented innovation in classroom instruction. Like so many colleges across the country, Wallace State transitioned abruptly to totally online delivery and remote work in mid-March. Luckily, the college already had many classes and programs already being taught online, with systems in place and peer mentors to smooth the transition for others.

Wallace State instructors used multiple options to connect through virtual classrooms, including Blackboard Collaborate Ultra, a real-time video conferencing tool that allows instructors to connect face-to-face with students, share applications and documents, and teach as if the class was in a live setting. If students aren't comfortable with online face-to-face interaction, there are Chat features to connect, and instructors are capable of recording the classroom sessions and posting them for students who missed class as well as for those who want to go back and view it again.

Most instructors scheduled these virtual class meetings with their classes at the same time they met during the traditional setting.

Math instructor Melissa Arnold transitioned her Math 098, 100 and 112 courses to a virtual setting.

"Math isn't the easiest subject to transition to if you're comfortable with a traditional setting, but my students responded well. It's important to keep the same classroom times available as if we were on campus, and the students seemed to benefit from watching the recordings, even if they were present for the session. It's a good review tool," Arnold said.

"I enjoy students completing math equations and the problem solving required, so I missed the evaluation part of math equations and questions. Because it wasn't planned, I altered the format of my tests, relying more on other question formats like multiple choice. That was different."

Coincidentally, Arnold is pursuing her doctorate degree in distance learning.

"When we made the switch, I emailed my instructors and thanked them for preparing me for a situation like this," Arnold said.

Wallace State's traditional classes already had some online components offered on Blackboard. Computer Science provides just one example.

"We have many videos embedded and posted in Blackboard, and Blackboard Collaborate Ultra is a great way to calm the fears of those students who need the face-to-face interaction and instruction. It's an excellent tool that I can see being utilized in the future for all classes, no matter if it's traditional, online or hybrid," said Penny Aldridge, a Wallace State Computer Science instructor. "It's user-friendly and easily accessible through our Blackboard learning management platform. It's a great place to record and save lectures for all class formats."

Among the Wallace State academic programs at Wallace State, biology and anatomy classes were previously offered in a live classroom setting.

That virtual transition was also successful after incorporating new methods.

"It was an instantaneous change. We didn't have time to prepare, but my students rose to the occasion. Communication was key in a time like that. With biology, there are going to be challenges. You have logistical things to work on. It's hard to put a scalpel in someone's hands in the middle of March and expect them to succeed without hands-on instruction," said Wallace State biology instructor Connie Briehn, who has transitioned multiple BIO 103 and BIO 104 courses.

"Our department relied heavily on the Blackboard Collaborate feature. We used it to share tests, online labs and other teaching tools. I don't think you can properly replace a true lab setting online, but all of those avenues helped our students succeed."

Wallace State student Peter Howell was enrolled in three traditional courses (Biology 202 – Human Anatomy and Physiology II, Freshman Seminar – ORI 110 and Fundamentals of Oral Communication – SPH 106) before the virtual shift.

"The transition was definitely different for each class, especially for Biology 202. For the lab part, we had to rely on more pictures than live examination, but it didn't inhibit my ability to understand the information presented," Howell said. "The main positive was simply having more time to devote to my classes and being able to focus on them more specifically. I think it will help all education systems become more virtually efficient and adaptable." The biggest adjustment, he said, was in the style of communication. "You don't realize how much communication takes place in an in-person class. Nonetheless, all of my instructors were great during the transition, keeping students updated with the information we needed to succeed."

Howell added his instructors used both Blackboard Collaborate and Zoom to set up virtual classrooms. Other departments on campus incorporated Zoom meetings, Loom how-to videos, chats, and other ways to connect.

Briehn credits Wallace State's Information Technology Department for its considerable efforts in assisting during the conversion and McGraw Hill for allowing students to access many of its online resources for free during the pandemic.

Wallace State has conducted virtual employee meetings on Blackboard Collaborate, Facebook and Instagram Live sessions for students, and Zoom sessions related to mental health, student services and other support services. These interactive sessions, especially those led by Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics, are always popular, and have garnered hundreds of views.

Student services staff and others are also available virtually to assist students with enrollment issues, and other needs they may have as a result of the crisis.

Registration for summer semester at Wallace State is currently underway. Whether classes will begin online and transition to campus later in the semester is still being determined. The summer 10-week full term and 5-week mini-term classes will begin May 20. A second 5-week mini-term will begin June 25.

For updates on Wallace State's response to COVID-19 period and related links, visit www.wallacestate.edu/coronavirus.

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Obituary Announcements May 14

Larry James Swearingen, 56, of Cullman died Sunday, May 10, 2020. He was preceded in death by his father John Terry Swearingen. Larry is survived by his daughters Kayla Davis (Jon) and Jessica Tanner (Mark); grandchildren Braxton Davis, Brently Davis, Ethan Thomas, and Peighton Tanner; mother Josephine Swearingen; sisters Suzie Willis (Scott) and Elizabeth Swearingen; brothers Tim Swearingen (Sandy), D.J. Swearingen (Cheryl) and Patrick Swearingen (Anita); ex-wife Sue Sparkman and a multitude of nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank Burgess and Mullin's body shops for standing by Larry and his family and being Larry's "other" family. The family would also like to thank Larry Rowlette for officiating Larry's funeral and providing the eulogy. The family will receive friends Saturday, May 16 from noon until the Celebration of Larry's life which will begin at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Please visit www.mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Mary Tillman Clark, of Cullman passed away Saturday, May 9, 2020 at the age of 85. She was born Sept. 23, 1934 in Simcoe, AL to Benjamin and Lesta Bea Smith Tillman. After the death of her father, Mary and her mother moved from Simcoe to Cullman in her teenage years. Her mother worked at a grocery store nearby and they became active in 7th Street Baptist Church. Mary loved roller skating and spent a lot of time at the skating rink, where she eventually met her future husband. They skated their way right into marriage, but Pat was soon called to the Korean War. Mary then worked as a hair dresser until she realized that her calling was to be a stay-at-home mother. Pat continued his father's work at Cullman Savings & Loan, which gave the couple many opportunities to enjoy traveling to meetings together. Mary also worked as a teller there. While her children were attending Sacred Heart School, Mary was baptized and became a member of Sacred Heart Church, where she has been a lifetime member and was a part of many functions with her family there. She was much like a backstage worker, keeping her household running smoothly, meeting her children's needs and preparing all the props for the next event. She really enjoyed flowers: planting them, caring for them, and watching them grow. Her courtyard could have easily been featured in Better Homes and Gardens. Mary and Pat enjoyed dancing together and could easily take over the dance floor and put on a show for family and friends. She enjoyed playing cards and board games with the whole family. Her true joy in life was her children and grandchildren. After the loss of her husband, she decided to move to Morningside Assisted Living, where she enjoyed her last four years. She was loved deeply by her family and many friends and will be greatly missed. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Patrick Clark; sister Gwynith Tillman and brother Wiley Tillman. Her survivors include her children Cheri Christopher of Cullman, Greg (Cathy) Clark of Hoover and Marcus (Jennifer) Clark of Cullman; grandchildren Jason (Melissa) McEntire, Mandy (Brad) Wilson, Zac (Marina) McEntire, Sally Clark, Andrew Clark, Joey (Callie) Clark, Colby Clark and Cory Clark; and great-grandchildren Owen McEntire, Evan Wilson and Molly Wilson. Visitation will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Rosary Service at 7:30 p.m. The Memorial Mass for Mrs. Mary Tillman Clark will be held Monday, May 18, 2020 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial to follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Flowers will be accepted or donations in Mary's memory may be made to St. Bernard Preparatory School, Benedictine Sisters-Sacred Heart Monastery or Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

Private graveside services for Robert Quill Griffith, 72, will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 14, 2020 at Cullman City Cemetery with John Richter officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Griffith passed away Sunday, May 10, 2020 in Atlanta, Georgia. He was born to Kenneth J. and Frances Griffith in Cullman, Alabama June 8, 1947. Mr. Griffith graduated from Auburn University in 1969 and obtained a Master of Fine Arts in 1972 from the Instituto Allende in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. He served as treasurer of the Tucker Arts Guild in Tucker, Georgia. Mr. Griffith was preceded in death by his parents and brother Stephen K. Griffith. Survivors include his sister Janice Griffith (Clark) DeJonge; sister-in-law Jackie Griffith; nephew Wyles (Brandy) Griffith; nieces Laney Frances (Troy) DeJonge and Sarah Frances (Donovon) Lovell; and several great-nieces and nephews.

Gwendolyn Pruitt Monk, 83, of Cullman passed away Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at the Folsom Center. She was born Feb. 7, 1937 to Everett Collins and Lois Pansy Pruitt. She was preceded in death by her daughter Karen Monk and parents. Survivors include her daughters Myra (Woody) Sanderson, Crystal Askea, and Rebecca (Tom) Sweeney; son Thomas (Charlotte) Monk; grandchildren Sam Sanderson, Ben Sanderson, Eric (Lyndsie) Askea, Preston (Malaya) Monk, and Rachel Monk; great-grandchildren Harlow Sanderson and Harper Askea; brother Louis Pruitt (Suzanne Stratton); niece Riima Pruitt; nephe, Lou Pruitt; and a host of family and friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Graveside services for Reverend Theron Robertson, 82, of Holly Pond, Alabama will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday May 15, 2020 at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville. Reverend Randall Edmondson and Reverend Mark Dennis will be officiating. Visitation will be prior to the service from 9-11 a.m. Friday May 15, 2020 at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Robertson is survived by his wife Carol Robertson; daughter Sherry (Randall) Edmondson; grandchildren Amanda (Kevin) Guthrie and Adam (Lindsay) Edmondson; great-grandchildren Reese and John Luke Guthrie, and Mila, Titus, Willow, Elijah, and Annalise Edmondson; and sister Opal Twilley. Mr. Robertson is preceded in death by his son Steve Robertson and parents Lonnie and Cecil (Holmes) Robertson.

Ronald Monroe Wilkinson, 79, of Jasper passed away May 11, 2020 at Shades Crest Assisted Living in Jasper, Alabama. He was born Aug. 13, 1939 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Ronald proudly served his country in the United States Army for three years and seven months. He was a retired carpenter. Ronald is survived by his daughters Rhonda (Patrick) Kroeger and Lydia Wilkinson; grandchildren,\ Brittany Hammond (Alex) Johnson, Kasondra (Eric) Heimbach, Faith Hammond, Brooke Hammond, Michael (Sarah) Hensley, William Thomas (Megan) Hensley, and Sarah (Jesse) Owens; brother Erl (Sharon) Wilkinson; sister Gerri Hebert; uncle Billy (Sherri) Wilkinson; six great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Russell and Navilla Wilkinson; brother-in-law Claude Hebert; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. There are no services planned at this time. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.nicholsfuneralhomes.com.

Nickey Ray Lee, 65, of Addison passed away May 12, 2020 at Russellville Hospital. He was born Dec. 23, 1954 to Willie Lavoyd and Verler Geneva Lee. Nickey was a 1973 graduate of Addison High School. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed golfing, fishing, and hunting. Nickey also enjoyed sports and loved attending football games, basketball, and baseball games. He was a proud "Granddaddy" and enjoyed anything the grandkids were involved in. Nickey was a quiet man with a great sense of humor who loved his family. Visitation will be Thursday, May 14, 2020 from 6-8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where the service will be held Friday at 2 p.m. Minister Chris Barnett will officiate. Burial will be at New Mt. Zion Cemetery in Logan. Mr. Lee is survived by his loving wife Patricia Lee; children Chris Waldrep and his wife Bess and Tonya Barnett and her husband Chris; grandchildren Emily Barnett, Luke Waldrep, Micah Barnett, and Abby Waldrep; brother Mike Lee and his wife Teri; and nephew Jordan Lee and his wife Loren. He was preceded in death by his parents Lavoyd and Verler Lee.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Back in March, Gary "Sarge" Sargeant was just like many local business owners in Cullman. He worried about how COVID-19 and potential shutdowns would affect his motorcycle shop, Hawg Engineering. Little did he know that it would be his knowledge of stills and moonshine that would put him on a path of contributing to the hand sanitizer needs across the country. He is currently in Tucson, Arizona helping SynCardia Systems, LLC, the only producers of Total Artificial Hearts in the world, distill sanitizer for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Sarge explained how it all began, saying, "Rowdy Johnson, the musician, lives out here in Arizona and he's been working for SynCardia for 17 years. They went to Rowdy and said, 'Do you know where we can get a still?' and he said, "Yes, I do!'"

He laughed, "When Rowdy called me up, he said, 'This is going to be the weirdest conversation we've ever had and I am going to ask you something I've never asked you before.' I said 'Ooookay.' He said, 'I need to buy a still.'"

Sarge said the request didn't seem weird to him. That's when Rowdy explained the still was for his company because FEMA had contacted them for hand sanitizer. Sarge was put on a conference call with the vice president of the company and he learned they needed to produce 800 gallons of hand sanitizer a day.

Sarge said he informed the company, "You don't need a still. You need a distillery."

Before long, Sarge was loading up his large, 120-gallon copper still into the back of his pickup truck, pulling his Harley behind on the trailer and making his way across the country to Arizona.

"So, you got a truck with a still pulling a Harley, and me, looking like me," he laughed. "On the day that I left, I stopped at a rest stop in Mississippi and I came out and thought, 'How shady is this? This doesn't look too shady does it?' I wondered how many times I would get pulled over, but I never did. But, every time I pulled in for gas, and I'm at the gas pump? BOY, did I have some conversations!"

He smiled, "An old broke-down biker moonshiner from Cullman had to come out here to help a multimillion-dollar company make sanitizer."

He added, "These are all extremely educated, multiple master's degrees, every one of them. Molecular biology, electrical engineering and all kinds of good stuff, and they've got me thrown into the mix and I'm supposed to lead them and show them how to do all this. It is hilarious!"

When Sarge returns home to Cullman in a couple of weeks, he plans to continue producing high-quality FDA-approved hand sanitizer under his new LLC, Wolf Creek Sanitizer.

He writes on the Wolf Creek website (www.wolfcreekusa.com): "The combination of decades of old-world moonshining and state-of-the-art medical manufacturing provides you with the peace of mind that our products perform at the highest level of safety and will continue to do so day in and day out."

"It's very gratifying that I'm out here being able to do something to help rather than sitting around complaining," said Sarge. "That means everything in the world to me. Everybody just needs to chip in and do their part. A lot of people in Cullman have. Cullman has some really, really great people, from the people making masks and everything else. People have stepped up, and the people in Cullman are good people. I am proud of Cullman and I am proud of Alabama and I can't wait to get home."



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Perspectives (from Front)

fun activities for the kiddos to do each day. We didn't want them to miss out just because of COVID-19. They've already missed out on enough. We also set up a Facebook page just for our classroom parents so we can post pictures of what we've done and keep up with each other. It's been really nice seeing everyone's faces most each day!

"Some of us also did a project based off of the book 'Flat Stanley.' For instance, mine was 'Flat Mrs. Gardner.' We mailed them a letter explaining everything and a picture of ourselves so they could take us with them sometimes. Some of us have also been mailing our kiddos letters each week!"

3. "Distance Learning is definitely tough; however, God has allowed us time to slow down and make the best of things. It may be tough, but it is definitely something we will make it through and something we will make the best of."

4. "Yes, I do! I feel that students missing the last nine weeks of school will have an impact on them; however, we will begin a new year making sure each child is taught what they would have been taught during that last nine weeks. We all miss our students and wish that we were able to have this last nine weeks with them. This is a major bonding time, a time that you see just how much your babies have grown from the beginning of the year.

"This is a time that you realize although you are the teacher and have made a major impact on their lives... this is a time that I always realize what a blessing they are and how much they have actually taught me throughout the school year. God places each one of our students in our classrooms for a reason, and my students will never really know how much they mean to this teacher. I hate that we have missed these last weeks with them but very thankful that we have still been able to keep in touch!"

Jennifer Tidwell, West Elementary fourth-grade English and history teacher

1. "Online learning can pose as a challenge opposed to a normal classroom setting. This is because as a school system we have to make sure every student has a device and internet to complete online learning assignments. In a normal classroom setting you already have internet and devices for your students. I feel this was the biggest hurdle to get over through this whole process, but Cullman City Schools and our administration worked very hard to make this happen. If a student doesn't have the right tools to complete assignments how can we expect them to be successful? It's just like being in the normal classroom setting with no school supplies. No pencil, no paper... more than likely, no completed assignment. In a normal classroom setting I am able to see my students and look closely at their work. If they are struggling, I can pull them into a small group and work one-on-one with them.

"There will never be anything in this world that can take the place of a normal classroom setting. Every morning, while I'm drinking my coffee of course, I greet my students with, "Good morning! How are you?" Seeing their smiles and hearing their responses will never get old. As an educator you learn so much in the morning from your students that you cannot get over distance learning.

"During this time students and their families are in tough situations, losing jobs, needing food etc. It is times like these when my school babies need me most. For some, school is a place to escape, to some I am their 'mother.' With distance learning you just cannot be there 24/7 like you wish. Yes, with distance learning you can call or touch base, but there is absolutely nothing that can replace a hug from a student. For me, the biggest difference between distance learning and a normal classroom setting is my daily interactions with my 'kids.' Nothing beats a student telling you they love and appreciate you."

2. "Google Classroom, this helps teachers organize assignments for students and helps better foster communication. Google classroom aims to simplify creating assignments for students, distributing those assignments and grading those assignments without using paper. Screencastify is a Chrome extension that records your screen, voice and face. I have used this extension to show my students how to access different assignments and websites.

"It's a game changer for sure! And KAMI is another Chrome extension. It allows you to take any existing document, including scanned PDFs, and write, draw, type, annotate, comment and enhance – all within your browser. This has been great because I can upload an assignment, for example, a worksheet on identifying elements in a story (plot, characters, setting, problem, solution, etc.) Students can then go into Google Classroom, click on the assignment, go straight to KAMI, and voila! Students can now type in their answers and submit the worksheet back to me."

3. "Distance Learning with my students has been exactly what it sounds like. TOUGH. Yes, in today's society we have all kinds of technology that we have been blessed with that take the place of face-to-face interactions, BUT kids need those face-to-face interactions. In my opinion, today's society is lacking in social skills.

"Kids need those skills to function throughout life and eventually into the workforce. Although distance learning can pose a challenge, there are benefits as well. During this time of COVID-19 distance learning has kept my family safe and my students' families safe. Education is always a challenge, but that is what I signed up for. Distance learning has pushed me to learn more about technology. It has pushed my students and their parents to learn more about technology. In the end, we WILL WIN this battle.

"As an educator it is my duty and responsibility to learn something new every day, and with distance learning I have done just that. People may think we as educators just sit at home all day, but we don't. I am constantly grading, reading assignments, replying to parents' questions/concerns, researching, etc. I do this because I want my students to have the BEST opportunity to feel successful while practicing distance learning."

4. "I do feel like there is an impact on my students not having the ability to see me every day compared to my online presence. My students need me just like I need them. I, personally, have always been a visual learner. I need to see it to believe it. A lot of my students are like this. When you are in the normal classroom setting you can jump, sing, do cartwheels to help your students learn. Distance learning can sometimes 'put a cap' on that. I am the type of teacher who brings as much energy as possible to the classroom (hence the reason I drink coffee). I feel if students watch me enjoy learning, they will enjoy it too. Like I said before, I teach ELA (English Language Arts). Reading is a huge part of my class. I have students who love it, hate it and who are stuck in between."

"For the students who are stuck or hate reading, my goal is to help them find books/genres that suit them. For example, I love mystery books. A big part of my job has to do with library day. As students are turned loose to find their 'just right books,' I am there to help guide them if they need help finding a book. Our librarian and her assistant do a wonderful job helping students as well, but as you know it takes a village. That being said, physical presence is so different as to distance learning. I can't just go meet students at the library to help them find a book, but what I can do is give them resources to help foster their love of reading!"

Tidwell added, "I am extremely thankful for all of the parents who have worked so hard to help teach their children during this difficult time. They are true heroes! I am also thankful for my colleagues. We have worked tirelessly to give our students the best education possible considering the circumstances. I also want to give a shout-out to Cullman City Schools and administration for their persistence in leadership throughout this pandemic."

Jennifer Calahan, Cullman High AP language and composition teacher

1. "Online learning is different in so many aspects from what I am accustomed to at CHS. I can't greet my students as they enter my classroom, which I miss so very much. Classroom discussions are vital to learning, and the online discussions are just not the same. Being able to see students' faces as they listen, read and work independently is also imperative to knowing when they are in need of more guidance, and that is a situation that is impossible to replicate online."

2. "I have used Google Classroom, Zoom Online meeting, YouTube AP lessons and an online discussion forum to continue my assignments."

3. "The perspective I am able to offer is the need to stay self-motivated and schedule daily time to access the assignments and email. The greatest downfall from my vantage point is that we tend to skim instead of read, which causes us to miss information. Distance learning requires careful reading for details and a strict adherence to the schedule."

4. "I am a strong advocate of 'face-to-face' classrooms. I know this has been completely necessary and am so thankful CHS had the resources to continue educating; however, the lack of social interaction among students during learning has been a deficit."

Calahan is also the sponsor of Cullman High School's student newspaper, The Hilight.

When asked how that has been affected, she said, "Sadly, our publishing programs are only on our school computers, not the take-home devices; therefore, the newspaper staff did not get to publish our last two editions."

Superintendents' takes

For further comment, The Tribune reached out to Cullman City Schools Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson and Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette.

Barnette praised the teachers, saying, "Online learning is a challenge for much of Cullman County. While we have good connectivity at all of our schools, many of our students only have internet service through their parents' phones at best. Some do not have any access at all. Thankfully for those students, our teachers have worked hard to provide hard copies of lessons that they have picked up, completed and returned to school. Of course, with these lessons, extra protocols had to be taken to reduce potential exposure to the virus. Overall, the experience had gone smooth, but mainly because of our excellent educators and understanding parents."

Patterson echoed Barnette, and shared, "During this unprecedented time, our teachers have been giving an amazing effort to support their students' continued progress through distance learning. Many have found ways to connect with their students and parents through social media, virtual meetings and online learning platforms as well as traditional methods of email, phone calls, cards and work packets. The most difficult part for our teachers, as they have expressed, is how much they miss the classroom and one-on-one interactions with their students. For teachers, not being with their 'kids' is heartbreaking, because over the course of a school year they get to know them and love them as their own.

"As superintendent, I have witnessed firsthand the coming together of our teachers, administrators, support personnel and community as all have worked hard to make a positive impact throughout this pandemic. We are truly blessed to have outstanding educators and community support that have pulled together resources and implemented plans to benefit our students with little prior notice over an extended period of time."

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