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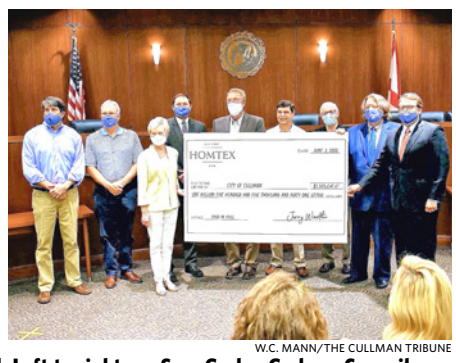
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HomTex repays $1.5M, plus interest, to City of Cullman

Company to be largest domestic producer of disposable face masks in North America



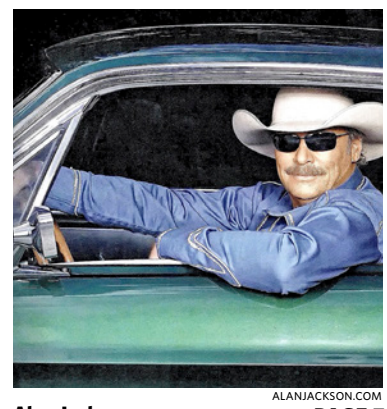
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Cullman officials receive repayment of the loan made to HomTex in April. Left to right are Sen. Garlan Gudger, Councilman David Moss, Council President Jenny Folsom, Councilman Clint Hollingsworth, Mayor Woody Jacobs, Councilman Johnny Cook, Councilman Andy Page, HomTex owner/CEO Jerry Wootten and HomTex President Jeremy Wootten. » PAGE 8

– ENTERTAINMENT –

ALAN JACKSON CONCERT POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE 12

Threat of tropical weather on the Alabama Coast forces date changes; All tickets will be honored



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– FEATURE –

Local business owners talk about protests, safety concerns



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As protests continue at Depot Park, local business owners voiced both support for the protesters' rights and concern for the security of their facilities. » PAGE 7

FEATURE

Sen. Doug Jones: 'This is for long-term economic investment in a state like Alabama'

Senator talks about his proposed Build Health Care Equipment in America Act

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Recently, U.S. Senator Doug Jones, D-Alabama, a member of both the Senate Health and Banking Committees, introduced legislation to encourage businesses to build medical equipment in America. Jones has advocated jumpstarting this new sector within Alabama's economy by incentivizing the reopening of idle factories and putting them to use producing critical health supplies.

"The coronavirus pandemic has caused millions of Americans to lose their jobs and has created a national health care crisis. It has also shined a spotlight on how dependent the United States is on other countries for the health care supplies that we need to fight this virus and to keep Americans safe," Jones said. "By incentivizing companies to build medical equipment here at home, we can bring countless jobs back, breathe life into shuttered factories and ensure that our communities have the crucial COVID-19 tests, masks, ventila- » PAGE 8



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U.S. Sen. Doug Jones, D-Alabama speaks at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville in October 2019.

HAPPENING FRIDAY: Annual City, County blood drive

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Every summer, LifeSouth hosts a friendly blood drive "competition" between the City of Cullman and Cullman County. This year's drive is different. Now called the "Cullman United Blood Drive," this year's event will take place tomorrow, Friday, June 5.

LifeSouth bloodmobiles will be stationed at four locations around Cullman from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.: the Cullman County Courthouse, DICK'S Sporting Goods, Wal-Mart on Olive Street and Wal-Mart on Alabama Highway 157.

Leanne West, from the office of Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, said, "They're referring to it as the 'Cullman United Blood Drive' this year. City and County are banding together this year, instead of doing a City v. County blood drive like they normally do. So, they just have four locations that anyone can use."

According to LifeSouth, a unit of blood has the potential to save up to three lives. Last year's drive brought in 152 units (more than 450 lives) for local hospitals. All donations collected stay in the community.

Cullman County Commission Chairman Kenneth Walker shared, "It's (been) a competition between the City of Cullman and Cullman County that is beneficial to everyone. It's a great thing because » PAGE 5

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

As of early Wednesday evening, from the Alabama Department of Public Health:

- Cumulative no. of cases in Alabama: 18,554
- Cumulative no. of deaths in Alabama: 651
- Cumulative no. of cases in Cullman County: 150
- Cumulative no. of deaths in Cullman County: 1
- Total tested in Alabama: 231,297
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 5,560
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 75,922
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 1,900
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 11,395
- Find the latest numbers at https://bit.ly/2V-jCQbP.

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Reports: Cullman demolition company helps dismantle Confederate monument in Birmingham

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CULLMAN, Ala. – As protests and riots sweep the nation in the aftermath of the death of George Floyd's in Minneapolis, the city of Birmingham saw residents take it upon themselves to try to take down the Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Linn Park Sunday night. During the protests, Birmingham Mayor Randall Woodfin approached the crowd and announced that he would finish the job they started if they would leave peacefully, and the crowd agreed to give the city until noon June 2. Despite a large number of protestors staying in the area to pull down the statue of Charles Linn, the Confederate veteran for whom the park is named, the City honored the promise and called in a demolition crew to remove the monument Monday evening.

While Woodfin did not identify the company hired to perform the demolition, an eagle-eyed Twitter user posted a photo of crews from Cullman-based company Britt Demolition at the site and tagged WBRC Fox 6 News in Birmingham.

Crew members appeared to be preparing to cover the company logo on their vehicle. WBRC's Cassie Fambro tweeted the image with the text, "These crews are covering up their logos near the Linn Park Confederate statue.

"They're a demolition team from Cullman." The tweet has since been deleted. Britt Demolition declined to comment.

The monument has been the source of controversy in recent years. In 2017, the State of Alabama sued the City for previous mayor William Bell's decision to conceal the base of the monument with plywood, citing a law that prohibits the removal or alteration of historical monuments that have stood for more than four decades.

In January 2019, Jefferson County Circuit Judge Michael Graffeo overturned the law and ruled that it violates the free speech rights of local communities.

However, the Alabama Supreme Court reversed that decision in November 2019 and fined the City $25,000.

Attorney General Steve Marshall on Monday released the following statement:

"The Alabama Monuments Preservation Act provides a singular avenue for enforcement — the filing of a civil complaint in pursuit of a fine, which the Alabama Supreme Court has determined to be a one-time assessment of $25,000. The Act authorizes no additional relief.

"Should the City of Birmingham proceed with the removal of the monument in question, based upon multiple conversations I have had today, city leaders understand I will perform the duties assigned to me by the Act to pursue a new civil complaint against the City.

"In the aftermath of last night's violent outbreak, I have offered the City of Birmingham the support and resources of my office to restore peace to the City."

A GoFundMe was set up for the City to help pay for any fines that would be imposed due to the monument's removal; as of 3:30 Tuesday afternoon, the fundraiser had achieved its goal of $50,000 and had nearly $10,000 in excess.

The organizers, White Clergy for Black Lives Matter, stated on the page that the original goal will be donated to the City and everything beyond that will go to Faith in Action Alabama, a "multi-faith and multi-racial grass roots organization that works to end systemic racism in Alabama."

Marshall announced Tuesday that his office has filed a new lawsuit against the City.

POLITICS

Shirley Arnett announces candidacy for mayor of Vinemont

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VINEMONT, Ala. – Vinemont Councilwoman Shirley Arnett on Tuesday night announced her candidacy for mayor of the town. The Municipal Election will be Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020.

Below is Arnett's statement, in full:

Shirley is a 29-year resident of the town of South Vinemont and town councilwoman, place 5, for the last eight years, serving under three mayors. Shirley serves on the Board of Directors for WellStone (Cullman Area Mental Health), as a representative of Vinemont.

She is also on The WellStone Foundation Board and works to raise money for mental health awareness. She serves on the Perkins Place Board.

She has been a volunteer for The Link mentoring program at Vinemont Elementary School for several years.

She supports and attends Vinemont Fire Department monthly meetings.

Shirley is dedicated to her town and has been involved in many community projects. She would be honored to serve as mayor.

She plans to donate a portion of her salary to Vinemont School, and is committed to providing conservative fiscal leadership for the community.

Shirley and her husband of 45 years, Steve, have one daughter, Dr. Stephanie Arnett, a professor at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.



CONTRIBUTED

Candidate for mayor of Vinemont, Shirley Arnett

The South Vinemont Municipal Election will be held at Vinemont Community Center Aug. 25, 2020.

POLITICS

Reggie Dodson seeking 2nd term as mayor of Vinemont

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VINEMONT, Ala. – Vinemont Mayor Radginal "Reggie" Dodson announced Wednesday morning that he will seek a second term. This is the first election in which he will face opposition, as Vinemont Councilwoman Shirley Arnett announced her candidacy for the office Tuesday night. The Municipal Election will be Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020.

A graduate of West Point High School, Dodson moved to Vinemont in 1965 with his wife Judy. Dodson joined the United States Navy in 1966 and served until 1970. Radginal and Judy recently celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary.

Dodson has been mayor for the past four years and served on the council for four years prior. His wife Judy also served 16 years on the council prior to that.

Dodson said, "I have been to five ribbon cuttings since I have been mayor of businesses in the town. The biggest one now is the Shaddix Company. He has started his building, and we got a grant to redo Park Drive that is going to his business."

Dodson said he would like one more term.

"I turn 75 this year and I will be 79 after one more term," he said. "I'd like four more years as the mayor. Then someone else can be the mayor and I will bow out."

If re-elected, Dodson said he hopes to add a new pavilion at the walking trail and find ways to better utilize the space around the town's walking trail.

He said, "I'm up for suggestions of something to use to make more utility out of the walking trail but not interfere with those who choose to walk.

"I know this walking trail is utilized by many people on the north end of the county. I'd like that walking trail to be used as much as possible by those in and around the town."

He said he would like to find activities that younger people might enjoy.

Dodson said he is also proud of the town's ballpark and the revenue it generates for Vinemont by attracting local and out-of-town teams to the many tournaments and league play.

"This year has been up in the air (due to COVID-19), but the park is due to be reopened on June 19," said Dodson.

He added, "The Town has no debt at all. We don't owe anybody any money. For a town of 750 people, we are doing the best we possible could."



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Vinemont Mayor Radginal Dodson and his wife, Judy, pose for a photo in May 2019.

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ATTENTION SENIORS
• The Cullman County Commission on Aging will be distributing food as part of the USDA's Farm to Families program. There are no restrictions and no eligibility requirements. Anyone who wants a box must come by the Commission on Aging office starting Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 9 a.m. and repeating every Tuesday thereafter.
• Each box will contain 8 pieces of fresh fruit bagged, weighing approximately 4 pounds (such as apples or oranges); 5 pounds of precooked meat, packaged separately (chicken or pork); assorted fresh vegetables, bagged, weighing approximately 4 pounds (such as two potatoes, stalk of celery, two onions and two pounds of carrots); 12 ounces of cheese (such as American cheese); 1 pound of butter; and the equivalent of one half gallon of milk (such as 2 quarts or 8 half pints). All will be packed in a cardboard box measuring approximately 17" x 13-1/2" x 8".
• The truck will only be here for a couple of hours or until the food is gone.
• Commission on Aging, 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW, Cullman, AL 35055

NOTICE: Guthery Reunion Cancellation
The Guthery reunion that was scheduled for Saturday, June 13 has been canceled. For more information, call Jackie Parker at 256-734-2098.

NOTICE: Oak Level Baptist Church Decoration
• There will be no services the second Sunday in June at Oak Level Baptist Church because of Decoration Day.
• Donations can be mailed to church treasurer C/O the church at 3711 County Road 730, Cullman, AL 35055.

NOTICE: 85th Annual Sandlin Reunion Canceled
Due to the current day circumstances and the restrictions associated with COVID-19, we have decided to cancel the 85th Annual Sandlin Reunion this year (Saturday, Aug. 1, 2020). This message is going to email contacts only (no postcards) so please share with other Sandlins you know that we will not be gathering together this year. Also, it will be on Facebook "All Things Sandlin." We'll miss our time visiting together, and of course all the potluck dishes that are so wonderful, but those favorite desserts that are so delightful, but even though we must cancel this year, we'll be back next year more excited to see one another. Please mark your calendar for the first Saturday in August which will be Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021. As usual, for next year, I will send email invitations or postcard invitations to those who do not have email addresses reminding you of the reunion date, time, location, etc.
Regretfully,
Patsy Medlock
Secretary -Sandlin Reunion
patsymedlock@bellsouth.net

Alan Jackson Small Town Drive-In Concert RE-SCHEDULED to June 12
• Friday, June 12 at York Farms, 1872 County Road 469, Cullman, AL
• Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Show starts at 7:45 p.m.
• VIP: $199.99 (closest access to stage)
• General Admission | Car (up to two passengers): $99.99
• VIP Additional Passenger: $59.99
• GA Additional Passenger: $39.99
• Cooler Fee (to bring in a cooler): $10
• www.alanjackson.com/drive-in

"A Midsummer Night's Dream"
• The inaugural performance of Cullman Civic Ballet
• Saturday, June 6, 2020 at 6 p.m.
• Recognition Garden at Heritage Park
• Free to the public
• Guests are encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs, etc.
• For more information, call 256-734-9157 or email info@cprst.org.

Links for Literacy 4 Man Shamble Golf Tournament
• Monday, June 8 at Terri Pines Country Club; 11 a.m. lunch and registration check-in; Noon tee time
• Cost is $750 per team. The Link of Cullman County is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Contributions are tax-deductible.
• Sponsors can register or get more information on sponsorship levels at https://bit.ly/2ATn4MW or by calling 256-775-0028.
• Teams can register at https://bit.ly/2X0tp1D or by calling 256-775-0028. Due to COVID-19, the tournament is limited to 30 teams.
• Payments can be mailed to The Link of Cullman County, 708 Ninth S. SE, Cullman, AL 35055. Credit cards can also be processed by calling Melissa Betts at 256-775-0028.

Cullman County Republican Women Meeting
• Tuesday, June 9 at 6 p.m. at the Cullman VFW, 112 Veterans Dr. SW
• The speaker will be retired Air Force Colonel Ken Brown.
• A light supper will be served to all who attend.
• Public is always welcome!

Saints MC of Cullman County Annual Miracle League Ride
• Saturday, June 13
• Registration 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Cullman Elks Lodge, 1609 Brantley Ave., Cullman. Kick stands up at 11. Ride ends at Saints MC Clubhouse, 141 Doc Clemmons Road, Cullman. Several stops along the scenic route. 50/50 prize, raffle items/door prizes, food and fun.
• All proceeds go to support our Miracle League athletes.
• Contact any Saints MC of Cullman County member or Brandi Evans at 256-531-3171 for more info.

Time Lab Vacation Bible School at Redeeming Grace Church
• June 28 - July 1, from 6-8:30 p.m.
• Ages 2-12
• 7549 County Road 222, Cullman, AL 35057
• Pre-register at www.redeeminggracecullman.com.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 3

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 3, 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
No incidents reported.

ARRESTS

June 2
Shepherd, Andrea L., 24
- fourth-degree theft of property

Valdez, Roger D., 52
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hyjek, Kayla L., 30
- fourth-degree theft of property

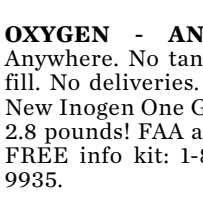
Joslyn, Troy M., 37
- FTA- failure to register vehicle
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- insurance violation

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
P.C.B.)
A Minor Child, 09/17/2004) CASE NO. JU 2009-285.07

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of P.C.B., born on or about 09/17/2004 to Ashley Hyde Bauer, respond to the Petition by the 25th day of June, 2020, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: J. Bradley Wilson, 206 Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 13 day of May 2020

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
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Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

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A Minor Child, 09/17/2004) CASE NO. JU 2009-285.07

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Mother of P.C.B., born on or about 09/17/2004, respond to the Petition by the 9 day of July, 2020, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: J. Bradley Wilson, 206 Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
A.J.,)
A Minor Child, 03/14/2016) CASE NO. JU 2018-111.06

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that TRISHA MARTIN, the Mother of A.J., born on or about 03/14/2016, respond to the Petition by the 9 day of July, 2020, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: Michael J. Baggett, 206 Ninth Street SW, Suite 102, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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Steven C. Smith, Personal Representative (Administrator),

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: Michael J. Baggett, 206 Ninth Street SW, Suite 102, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

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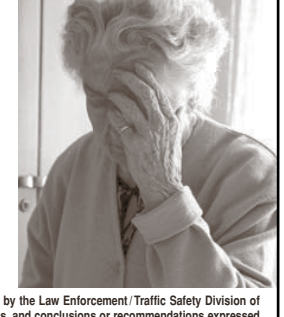
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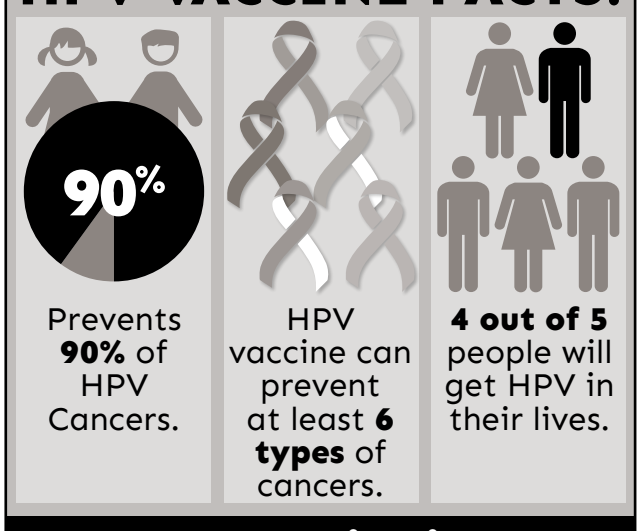
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PREP SPORTS

Senior Recognition held at St. Bernard

Joyce Nix
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. -- For the first time in eight weeks, Senior athletes gathered at St. Bernard on May 21 with their families to be recognized for their outstanding participation in Spring athletics for the 2019-20 academic year.

Athletic Director, William Calvert welcomed those in attendance followed by an opening prayer from Headmaster, Fr. Linus Klucsarits, OSB. Senior athletes were escorted by their parents onto the soccer field. Coaches recognized athletes for their outstanding performances, and wished them well as several are planning on running and participating at the collegiate level.

Following the recognitions, the Fr. Luke Fazi Award which is the highest athletic recognition presented annually at the honors and awards event was presented to Emma Tafazoli and Caleb Guthery. This award is given in recognition of leadership and performance as well as academic excellence, to the best of one's ability.

OTHER AWARDS WERE PRESENTED AS FOLLOWS:

Girls Soccer

• **Bridget Gallegos** was presented the Impact Player 2020 Award - Midfielder - Alabama HS All State Soccer Team 2020; 2nd Team 1A - 3A; Honorable Mention 1A - 7A.

• **Emma Tafazoli** - Best Defender 2020 Award; MVP 2020; Defender- 1st Team 1A - 3A; and Honorable Mention 1A - 7A.

• **Dani Hernandez** - Best Midfielder 2020 – Team Captain; Alabama HS All State Soccer Team 2020; 2nd Team 1A - 3A; Honorable Mention 1A - 7A.

• **Olivia Brown** - Best Goalkeeper 2020.

• **Yessi Pascual** – Defender - Alabama HS All State Soccer Team 2020; 2nd Team 1A - 3A; Honorable Mention 1A - 7A

• **Carly Tombo** – Defender - Alabama HS All State Soccer Team 2020; Honorable Mention 1A - 7A.

Boys Soccer

• **John Christian Rose** served his team as captain and received the Golden Boot Award.

• **Alex Shoaff** – was recognized for his leadership as captain as well.

Girls Track and Field Awards

• **Jenna Pechon** - 6 Years Letterman- Competed in Shot Javelin Discus 100m 200m 400m; Served as Student Mentor and Workout Leader for Throwers; 2018 2A State Runner-Up Team - 2019 1A State Runner-Up Team; 2020 1A State First Place Team (Season ended in March due to coronavirus pandemic).

• **Aria McMillan** - 2 Years Letterman - Competed in 6 Events 300H ,400m, 800m HJ 4 x400m Relay 4 x 800m Relay; 2019 1A State Champion in 800m Relay (10:58.05); 2019 1A State 300M Hurdles 9th Place (51.70) 1A High Jump 6th Place (4'4"); SBP School Record in 300 Hurdles (51.70); 2019 1A State Runner Up Team; 2020 1A First Place Team (Season ended in March due to coronavirus pandemic).

• **Claire Sanders** - 6 Years Letterman - Competed in 9 Events 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1600m, 3200m, LJ , 4 x400m Relay , 4 x 800m Relay; Qualified for State Meet in 5 Events 2016-2019 880m, 1600m, 3200m, 4 x400m 4 x 800m; 2017 2A State Champion in 4 x800m Relay (10:53.48); 2018 2A State Champion in 4 x 800m Relay 2018 2A 800m 3rd Place (2:35.26); 2019 1A State Champion in 4 x 800m Relay (10:58.05) 1A State 5th Place in 1600 and 3200m; Personal Records: 400m (1:11.04) 800m (2:35.26) 1600m (6:03.95) 3200m (13:32.91); 2018 2A State Runner-Up Team 2019 1A State Runner-Up Team; 2020 1A State 1st Place Team (Season ended in March due to coronavirus pandemic).

Boys Track and Field Awards

• **Ian Sidley** - 4 Years Letterman-Qualified for State Meet in 4 Events - 200m , 400m , 4 x 100m Relay, 4x 400m Relay; 2019 1A State Bronze Medal in 4 X 400m Relay (3:40.25); SBP School Record Holder in 200m Dash (23.35 HT) (24.39) 4 x 100m Relay (47.33); Personal Record 100m 12.13 200m 23.25 400m 55.02; 2017 2A State Runner –Up Team 2018 2A State 5th Place Team 2019 1A State Runner –Up Team; 2020 1A State 1st Place Team (Season ended in March due to coronavirus pandemic).

• **John Christian Rose** - 3 Years Letterman- Competed in 9 Events 100, 200, 400, TJ, LJ, PV, JAV, 4 x100, 4 x400; Qualified for State Meet in 4 Events 200m , Triple Jump, 4 x 400m Relay, 4 x100m Relay; 2019 1A State Champion in Triple Jump (43-2.25); 2019 1A State Bronze Medal in 4 x400m Relay (3:40.25); SBP School Record Holder in 100m 11.85 Triple Jump 43-2.25 4 x100m Relay 47.33 4 x 400m Relay (3:38.78); 2018 2A State 5th Place Team 2019 1A State Runner-Up Team; 2020 1A State 1st Place Team (Season ended in March due to coronavirus pandemic).

• **Caleb Guthery** - 5 Years Letterman - Qualified for State Meet in 6 Events 2016-19 800m, 1600m, 3200m, 4 x800m Relay , 4 x400m Relay 4 x 100m Relay Scored 70 Points in State Meets 2017-2019;2019 1A 800m State Champion (2:02.78) 2019 1A 3200m State Champion (10:31.82) 2019 1A 1600m State Runner Up ((4:46.11) 2019 1A 4 x 800m Relay State Runner-Up (8:52.52); 2018 2A 4 x 800m Relay State Champion (8:46.06) 2018 2A 800m 5th Place (2:07) 1600m 6th Place (4:51); 2017 2A 4 x 800m Relay State Champion (8:46.07) 2017 2A 3200m 5th Place (10:40) 1600m 6th Place (4:49);SBP School Record Holder in 4 x 400m Relay (3:38.78) 4 x800m Relay (8:31.11); Personal Record 800m 2:02.27 1600m 4:40.52 3200m 10:31.82; 2016 1A State Champion Team 2017 2A State Runner-Up Team 2018 2A State 5th Place Team; 2019 1A State Runner-Up Team; 2020 1A State 1st Place Team (Season ended in March due to coronavirus pandemic).

• **Alex Shoaff** - 1 Year Letterman- Competed in 100m 400m High Jump and 4 x 400m Relay; SBP School Record Holder in 4 x 400m Relay (3:38.78); 2020 1A 1st Place Team (Season ended in March due to coronavirus pandemic).

• **Jordan McCormick** - 1 Year Letterman -Competed in Discus, Javelin and Shot Put; 2020 1A 1st Place Team (Season ended in March due to coronavirus pandemic).



JOYCE NIX

St. Bernard Prep Athletic Director, William Calvert is shown with the Luke Fazi Award winners Emma Tafazoli and Caleb Guthery, along with Fr. Linus Klucsarits, Headmaster.

PREP BASKETBALL

Former Lady Eagle Bailey West named Addison head coach

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ADDISON, Ala. – Former Cold Springs standout Bailey West is taking over as the new head coach of the Addison Lady Bulldogs. West is replacing Head Coach Franklin Graham after two years on the bench. She won numerous awards during her time as a player at Cold Springs including the Bill Shelton Award and All-State honors before graduating in 2016. She was the junior high and JV girls coach at Addison two years ago and served as a varsity assistant and head JV coach last season. West will continue to coach the JV squad this year as well.

"I had coached the junior high and JV girls there two seasons ago," West said. "I was the assistant coach with the varsity alongside Mr. Graham. Mr. Graham started mentioning that he wasn't sure if he was going to be doing it this upcoming season, and he had mentioned it to me and said that he thought that I would be a good fit there. He had mentioned my name to Mr. Smothers, the high school principal. I talked to Mr. Smothers and Mr. Graham both about it. I loved being there two seasons ago. I loved the girls, their work ethic, and the community and it seemed like a really good fit. The school is great, and you couldn't ask for better people and a better community."

Bailey is now the third West family member to join the local head coaching ranks, alongside her mother, Tammy, and older sister Hayden. West learned an awful lot about coaching basketball from her family to get to where she is now.

"It's a blessing. This is something that I've wanted to do since I was a little girl. I've grown up watching and playing for my mom and also my dad when I was younger. This is all I know. I've practically lived in a gym my whole life," West said. "I wouldn't have it any other way. I just feel extremely blessed, because this is my dream. I have so many people who have influenced me and who have led me to this point in my career, and I am so grateful. My mom, dad, and papa have taught me so many aspects of the game and I hope to be able to teach my players in the future. I wouldn't be where I am without the guidance and knowledge that I have learned from my mom, dad, and papa. It's a great feeling knowing that I have someone like my mom, who knows so much about the game and who is one of the best and so good at what she does in my corner. I am extremely lucky and blessed to have been given this opportunity to coach at such a great school and to have such great people around me to ask questions when I need it."

West collected her fair share of accolades during her playing days at Cold Springs and she learned a lot during her time there. That's the style of play that she hopes to implement in Addison.

"I learned a lot about the style of play I want to hopefully maintain one day. Cold Springs is an extremely successful program and I learned a lot about how to work hard at what you do. I wouldn't change a thing about where I went to school and type of program and community that I was blessed to play for. I watched my mom work extremely hard and that's what she expected from her players," West said. "That's what I hope to bring is dedication and loving what you do, and therefore your players will. Playing at Cold Springs, I had the opportunity to play for someone who loved what they did and that showed. I developed a deeper love for basketball because I got to play at a school like Cold Springs. I was able to learn how to love what you do, and success will follow. Addison already is known for their sports programs and I hope to continue where Mr. Graham left off and build off of his success. I want to be able to bring my love of the sport to Addison as well."

The style of play that West will bring to Addison will be very simple and one that her team might get used to very quickly once the season begins.

"The girls are super athletic, and so I am hoping to be able to play fast and really pick up the pressure on defense on defense," West said.

"Your style of play depends on the personnel that you have, but I think that the girls will invest in what we want to do. I know that they will work hard and do whatever is asked of them. They are a great group of girls, and they want to win, which goes a long way."

Bailey played under her mom at Cold Springs before graduating in 2016. Now she'll be on the other side of the bench coaching against Tammy and despite some nerves at the start, they are both excited about this amazing opportunity that will happen two or three times this season.

"We've talked about it several times, and at first I had a lot of nerves about it, but I think we're both actually really excited about it now! It's not just me and my mom coaching against each other, I'll also be coaching against my younger sister, Toni. Me and Toni joke around with each other all the time, and joke about what our plans are when we play. I tell her that we are going to shut her down," West joked. "It will be weird when we do play. You know I've been able to learn from one of the best. There will be a lot of what I'm going to try to do that I have learned from her over the years and for the first time ever, I'm going to be on the opposite side from her. Regardless of the side or where we're coaching, we will still always be each other's biggest fan. It's just two or three nights out of the year that we'll be on the opposite side of each other. It is funny because we are two of the biggest competitors that I know, our whole family knows that. But at the end of the day, we are family over everything. It's a blessing to have learned from her over the years. How lucky am I to have been able to have had her and learn and watch her over the years. I've learned so much from the conversations that she and my dad have had discussing games and players. It will be different, but at the same time, I know that whatever happens, we're all still each other's biggest fans. I can't wait to continue learning from her and my dad both in the future. I've been blessed, that's for sure."

West can't wait to get started at Addison as the new head coach and she's already found a lot to look forward to next season.

"I'm looking forward to being with the girls again," West said. "I know all of them and I know how hard they work and how good they are, and I'm excited. I look forward to being at the school and being a part of the community. It is a great school and a great community, and they have already been so welcoming. I'm looking forward to getting better each game and working hard. Being successful requires a lot of effort, but I think both myself and the girls are willing to put the work in to be successful. I plan on us all being able to grow and learn together."

Sullivan Garners Freshman All-American honors

Andy Stubblefield
Troy Athletics

TROY, Ala. – William Sullivan garnered Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-American honors, the publication announced Tuesday. This is the third-straight season - and fifth time in the last seven seasons - a Trojan freshman has received the honor.

Sullivan becomes the third Troy All-American this season and the 59th in program history.

The Orlando Fla., native posted a .396/.468/.547 slash line to go along with 12 RBIs in 2020. His .396 average was the seventh highest in the Sun Belt and was the best among league freshman this season.

Sullivan also hit six doubles – which ranked sixth in the conference – and a triple and was one of four players in Division I to record four doubles in a single game this season.

It didn't take long for the freshman to find success in a Troy baseball uniform. In his first collegiate at-bat, Sullivan hit a two-RBI double to left field on Opening Night against Northern Kentucky.

Fellow teammates Levi Thomas and Caleb Bartolero were named second and third team All-Americans, respectively, last week by Collegiate Baseball.

Quotable – Head Coach Mark Smartt

"William quickly established himself as a quality hitter and earned this special recognition.

"He has a mature hitting approach for a young hitter and will only continue to improve over time.

"The sound off his bat is different and he hits the ball as hard as anyone I've coached."

Troy Freshman All-Americans (Last Seven Seasons)

- ***William Sullivan (1B) \| 2020***
- Logan Cerny (OF) \| 2019
- Rigsby Mosley (OF) \| 2018
- Reid Long (OF) \| 2015
- Marc Skinner (P) \| 2014



TROY ATHLETICS

Troy Baseball's William Sullivan

Cullman Connect: City of Cullman app launched

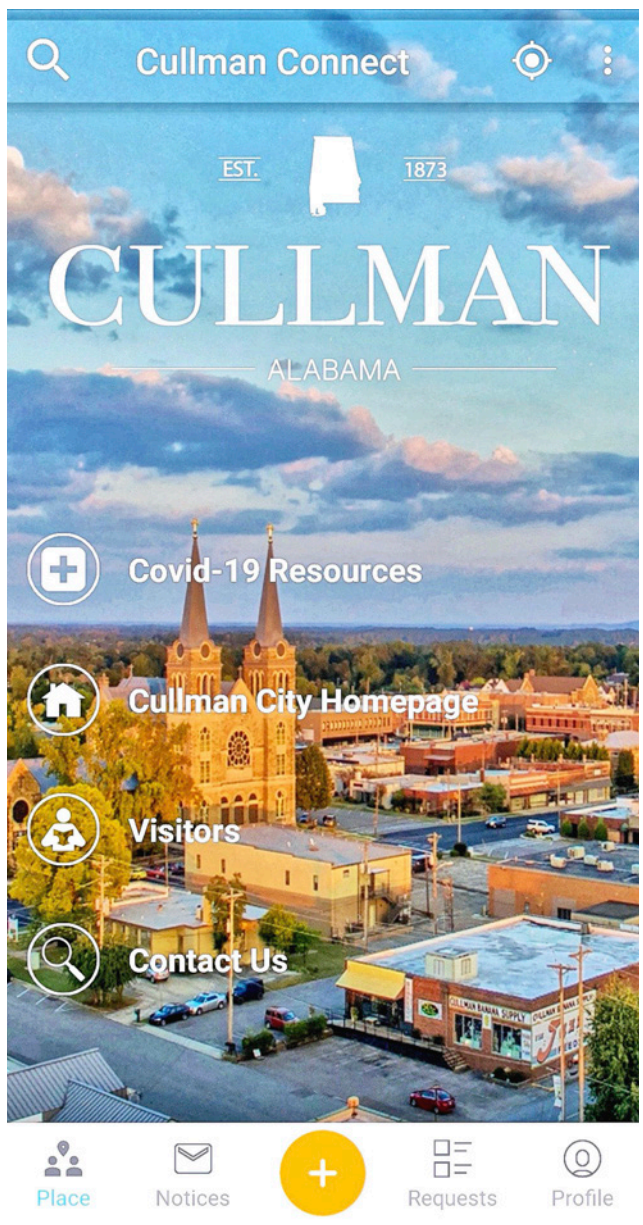
Wendy Sack, W.C. Mann
Contributors

CULLMAN, Ala. – The new City of Cullman app, "Cullman Connect," is now live. It's called "SeeClickFix" in the app stores.

The app will help citizens get help for problems they discover around town and help streamline the process for bringing City resources to the problem-solving process. Photos and reports sent in through the app will be routed automatically to whichever City department is charged with responding to that type of problem. Residents can report potholes, street lights out, abandoned cars and more. The City can send out notices via the app, too, about road closings, water outages, etc.

According to the City, "There is now a new and easy way to report non-emergency issues in the City of Cullman. Common issues such as potholes, water leaks, malfunctioning traffic signals, missed garbage pickups and so forth can be reported using this tool! You also have the option of checking the status of your report on the website or through email alerts."

The app is free to use. Find out more at https://cullmanal.gov/cullman-connect/.



WENDY SACK/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Screenshot of the new City of Cullman app, "Cullman Connect," available in app stores by searching "SeeClickFix"

Drive (from Front)

people are needing blood at a critical time such as we are in."

"I urge everyone who is able to give blood to participate in this year's city/county blood drive on June 5. Due to the coronavirus, blood donations are down, but the need for blood hasn't changed. The City and County aren't competing this year.

"Blood donations made during the city/county blood drive stay in Cullman County, so we're working together this year to encourage people to donate blood in our community," said Jacobs, echoing Walker.

Donors must be 16 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and show photo ID. Sixteen-year-olds require written parental permission.

For more information on donating blood, visit www.LifeSouth.org or call 1-888-795-2707.

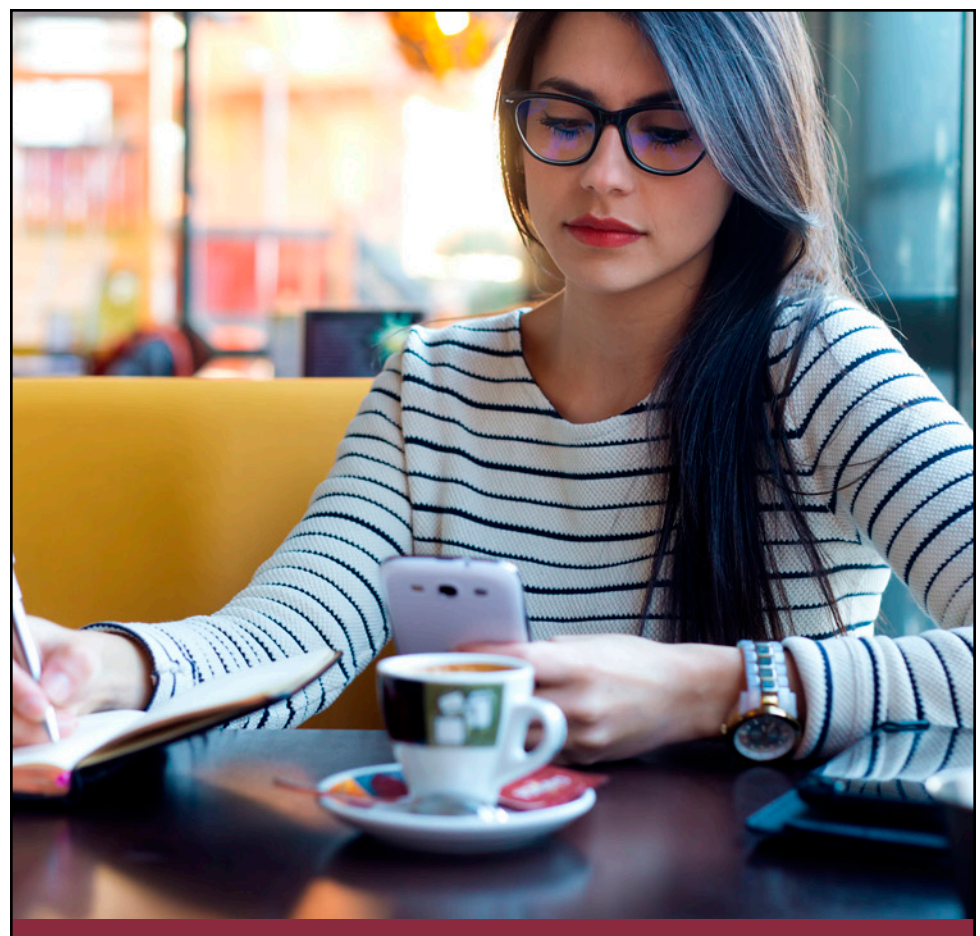












Sports

8:00 a.m. FSEE College Basketball Kennesaw State at Creighton.
11:00 a.m. ESPN2 Red Bull Homestretch (Live)
12:00 p.m. ESPN2 Korean Baseball Lotte Giants at KIA Tigers.
2:00 p.m. FSEE Horse Racing America's Day at the Races. (Live)
7:00 p.m. FS1 WWE Royal Rumble
11:00 p.m. FS1 WWE Backstage
1:00 a.m. ESPN2 Korean Baseball Lotte Giants at KIA Tigers.
2:00 a.m. ESPN Red Bull Homestretch (Taped)
3:00 a.m. FSEE College Basketball Sacred Heart at Providence.
4:25 a.m. ESPN Korean Baseball NC Dinos at Hanwha Eagles. (Live)
5:00 a.m. FS1 NRL Rugby Melbourne Storm vs South Sydney Rabbitohs. (Live)

Movies

6:15 a.m. TCM "Sister Kenny" ★★★½ (1946) Rosalind Russell. Australian Elizabeth Kenny graduates from nursing school and becomes famous for her treatment of polio.
6:45 a.m. HBO "Little Boy" ★★ (2015) Jakob Salvati
7:05 a.m. MAX "Déjà Vu" ★★★ (2006) Denzel Washington A time-folding federal agent falls in love with a New Orleans woman who is targeted to be murdered.
7:10 a.m. TMC "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" ★★ (2003) Cameron Diaz
7:15 a.m. SHOW "Back to the Future Part II" ★★★ (1989) Michael J. Fox A young man and his inventor friend must take a DeLorean time machine to 2015.
8:30 a.m. AMC "A Bronx Tale" ★★★½ (1993) Robert De Niro. The son of an honest bus driver looks up to a local mob boss amid racial tension in 1960s New York.
FX "Don't Breathe" ★★★ (2016) Jane Levy. Three trapped thieves must fight for their lives after breaking into the home of a blind veteran.
TCM "Design for Scandal" ★★½ (1941) Rosalind Russell.
8:35 a.m. HBO "The Recruit" ★★½ (2003) Al Pacino
9:00 a.m. TMC "Indecent Proposal" ★★½ (1993) Robert Redford
9:15 a.m. MAX "Bad Times at the El Royale" ★★½ (2018) Jeff Bridges
SHOW "Unforgiven" ★★★★ (1992) Clint Eastwood An old gunslinger, his ex-partner and a quick-draw kid go bounty hunting in a town called Big Whiskey.
10:00 a.m. FREE "Good Burger" ★★½ (1997) Kel Mitchell.
TCM "The Citadel" ★★★½ (1938) Robert Donat. With his wife, a Scottish doctor treats impoverished Welsh miners for TB but, dispirited, forsakes them for London's rich.
10:30 a.m. FX "Free State of Jones" ★★½ (2016) Matthew McConaughey.
11:00 a.m. AMC "Blackhat" ★★½ (2015) Chris Hemsworth.
11:30 a.m. HBO "War of the Worlds" ★★★ (2005) Tom Cruise A New Jersey man and his two children face an epic battle for survival when hostile aliens invade Earth.
SHOW "Seven" ★★★½ (1995) Brad Pitt A meticulous detective and the young officer about to replace the veteran probe serial murders based on the seven deadly sins.
11:40 a.m. MAX "The Favourite" ★★★½ (2018) Olivia Colman In early 18th-century England, a frail Queen Anne occupies the throne and her close friend Lady Sarah governs the country in her stead. When new servant Abigail arrives, her charm endears her to Sarah.
12:00 p.m. TCM "Mourning Becomes Electra" ★★½ (1947) Rosalind Russell.
1:30 p.m. FX "World War Z" ★★★ (2013) Brad Pitt. When a zombie pandemic threatens to destroy humanity, a former United Nations investigator is forced back into service to try to uncover the source of the infection.
HBO "Shaft" ★★ (2019) Samuel L. Jackson
1:40 p.m. MAX "Reclaim" ★★ (2014) John Cusack

THURSDAY EVENING

MOVIES

JUNE 4, 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 Police investigate a woman's death.		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Playing Dead"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent A young hipster is stabbed.		Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing
WBIQ-PBS	4	Splash and Bubbles (El)	Peg & Cat (El)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Iconic Women of Country A tribute to female artists.			Linda Ronstadt: Live in Hollywood Linda Ronstadt performs.			The Bee Gees One for All Tour -- Live in Australia 1989	
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 Charlotte needs emergency surgery. (N)		Blindspot The team must stop a terrorist group. (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 Lindsay Lohan, Jodie Sweetin. (N)		Labor of Love Two men are chosen for one-on-one dates.		WBRC FOX6 News at 9pm	WBRC FOX6 News	WBRC FOX6 News at 10pm	(:35) TMZ (N)
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 "Sammy's Project"	S.W.A.T. "Track" Thieves steal a high-tech thermal lance.		CBS42 News 10pm (N)	Late Show-Colbert
WTTO-CW	9	The Goldbergs	2 Broke Girls	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Burden of Truth "No Fathers and Sons" (N)		In the Dark Felix finds himself in a predicament. (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. "Now I'm God" Patients with chemo overdoses.		Chicago P.D. Voight helps a former acquaintance.		Chicago P.D. The unit targets a cocaine supplier.		Chicago P.D. A cop targets women leaving a casino.		Chicago P.D. An escaped killer heads to Chicago.		Chicago P.D. Halstead takes an off-duty security job.	
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 (Season Finale) (N)		Holey Moley An author; an aspiring pro golfer. (N)		To Tell the Truth Jason Alexander; Dermot Mulroney. (N)		ABC 33/40 News at 10PM	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!
A&E	42	The First 48 Mass shooting in the French Quarter.		The First 48 Two young men are gunned down.		The First 48 A young man shot dead in his van.		The First 48 "Tracked" A father of three is executed.		(:01) The First 48: The Case That Haunts Me "The Grudge"		(:04) The First 48 A social activist is killed at a bar.	
AMC	53	★★ "Rambo" (2008) Sylvester Stallone, Julie Benz. A clergyman persuades Rambo to rescue captive missionaries in Burma.				★★ "Major League" (1989, Comedy) Tom Berenger, Charlie Sheen, Corbin Bernsen. A ragtag team tries to turn its poor performance around.					★ "Major League II" (1994, Comedy) Charlie Sheen, Tom Berenger. Premiere.		
ANPL	47	Deadliest Catch Great catch outweighs risks.		Deadliest Catch The 2007 crab season comes to a close.		Deadliest Catch "A Brotherhood Tested" A Bairdi quota increase.				Deadliest Catch The fleet goes into a fishing frenzy.		Deadliest Catch Huge waves test Josh's mettle.	
BET	55	★★ "Love Don't Cost a Thing" (2003, Romance-Comedy) Nick Cannon, Christina Milian, Kenan Thompson. A teen hires a cheerleader to pose as his girlfriend.						★★★ "Coach Carter" (2005, Drama) Samuel L. Jackson, Robert Ri'chard, Rob Brown. A high-school basketball coach pushes his team to excel.					
BRAVO	58	The Real Housewives of New York City		The Real Housewives of New York City		The Real Housewives of New York City "Hurricane Leah"		The Real Housewives of New York City (N)		Top Chef "Lucca" The final five chefs travel to Italy. (N)		The Real Housewives of New York City	
CMTV	61	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls
CNBC	35	Mad Money (N) (Live)		CNBC Special Report: Markets in Turmoil (N)		Shark Tank Trying to save a pretzel business.		Shark Tank A reality interface for video gamers.		Shark Tank A life jacket; an infant pacifier.		Shark Tank Trying to save a pretzel business.	
CNN	37	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer (N) (Live)		Erin Burnett OutFront (N) (Live)		Coronavirus: Facts and Fears: A CNN Global Town Hall (N) (Live)				Cuomo Prime Time (N) (Live)		Cuomo Prime Time (N) (Live)	
COM	56	The Office "Vandalism"	The Office	The Office "Moving On"	The Office "Moving On"	The Office "The Farm"	The Office "Promos"	Key & Peele	Key & Peele	Key & Peele	Key & Peele	The Daily Show	(:45) The Office
DISN	49	(:05) Jessie	(:35) Raven's Home	(:05) Raven's Home	(:35) Bunk'd	Sydney to the Max (N)	(:45) Raven's Home	(:15) Raven's Home	(:40) Bunk'd	(:05) Bunk'd	Gabby Duran	(9:55) Sydney to the Max	Coop & Cami Ask the World
DSC	43	Naked and Afraid Pop-Up Edition (N)		Naked and Afraid Pop-Up Edition "African Hunting Ground"		Naked and Afraid XL: Banished "Ready Set Go" (N)						Naked Castaway Ed struggles with dehydration.	
E!	21	(4:55) Chrisley Knows Best	(:20) Chrisley Knows Best	(:10) Chrisley Knows Best	(:35) Chrisley Knows Best	Total Bellas "Sweat It Out" Brie and Bryan try to heal.		Total Bellas Nicole, Brie, and family head to France. (N)		Total Bellas Nicole, Brie, and family head to France.		Nightly Pop (N)	Sex and the City
ESPN	29	SportsCenter (N) (Live)		College Football Colorado scores two touchdowns in the last 2:16 for a one-point victory. From Sept. 24, 1994.								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	
FOOD	45	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Restaurant: Impossible Owner can't stand up for herself. (N)		Summer Rush Foy family prepares for the big weekend.		Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay
FREE	48	★★ "The Break-Up" (2006, Romance-Comedy) Vince Vaughn, Jennifer Aniston. A couple end their relationship, but neither is willing to move.					★★ "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby" (2006, Comedy) Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly, Sacha Baron Cohen. A NASCAR driver has a new rival.					The 700 Club	
FS1	20	NASCAR Race Hub (N)		FOX Indoor Soccer	Home Game	WWE Royal Rumble Men's Royal Rumble match; Women's Royal Rumble match; The Fiend Bray Wyatt vs. Daniel Bryan.							
FSEE	32	Let's Fish Southeast (N)	Silver Kings "Big Mike"	MLB Baseball From July 4, 2019.						P1 AquaX USA 2019		MLB Baseball From July 4, 2019.	
FX	28	(4:00) ★★ "The Dark Tower" (2017, Fantasy) Idris Elba.		★★★ "Hidden Figures" (2016, Historical Drama) Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe. Mathematicians help launch astronaut John Glenn into space.						★★★ "The Martian" (2015, Science Fiction) Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain. A stranded astronaut tries to survive on Mars.			
GOLF	82	Golf Central (N) (Live)	Golf Central	Watch Along with Champions							Golf Central	Golf Central	Watch Along
HALL	72	"Royal Hearts" (2018, Comedy) Cindy Busby, James Brolin. Hank learns that he's the heir of the late King of Merania.				"Matching Hearts" (2020, Romance) Taylor Cole, Ryan Paevey. A matchmaker must find a mate for an entrepreneur.				The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls
HGTV	46	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop (N)	(:05) Flip or Flop	(:32) Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	(:31) House Hunters (N)	(:01) House Hunters	House Hunters International
HIST	40	Mountain Men Tom turns coyotes into cash.		Mountain Men "The Bus Stop Bandit" Jake hunts a lion.		Mountain Men Tom builds an authentic bull boat.		Mountain Men "Hunt or be Hunted / Bloody Harvest" (Season Premiere) Jake's first lion hunt. (N)				(:05) Mountain Men "The Bus Stop Bandit" Jake hunts a lion.	
LIFE	23	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	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	Tijuana Drug Lords The Arellano-Felix Organization.		Drug Lords: The Next Generation "Escobar's Apprentice"		Drug Lords: The Next Generation "A Narco Speaks"		Drug Lords: The Next Generation "Smuggler Down Under"		(:03) Drug Lords: The Next Generation "High Demand"		(:03) Drug Lords: The Next Generation	
PARMT	57	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	★★★ "Catch Me if You Can" (2002, Comedy-Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hanks, Christopher Walken. Premiere. A teenage scam artist poses as a pilot, surgeon and lawyer.						★★ "The Hitman's Bodyguard" (2017) Ryan Reynolds.	
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 (N)	The Misery Index
TCM	79	(:15) ★★★★ "His Girl Friday" (1940) Cary Grant, Rosalind Russell. Comedy erupts in this reworking of The Front Page.				★★ "Cabin in the Sky" (1943, Musical) Ethel Waters. Emissaries from heaven and hell vie for a gambler's soul.				★★★ "Stormy Weather" (1943, Musical) Lena Horne, Bill Robinson, Cab Calloway.			★★★ "All Night Long"
TLC	24	Long Island Medium Theresa travels to Hollywood.		My Strange Addiction	My Strange Addiction	My Strange Addiction	My Strange Addiction	My Strange Addiction	My Strange Addiction	My Strange Addiction	My Strange Addiction	My Strange Addiction	My Strange Addiction
TNT	26	Bones The remains of a hoarder are discovered.		Bones The team helps Cam solve a case.		★★ "Jack Reacher" (2012, Action) Tom Cruise, Rosamund Pike, Robert Duvall. A former military investigator probes a sniper attack.					(:45) ★★★ "Lone Survivor" (2013, War) Mark Wahlberg, Taylor Kitsch, Eric Bana.		
USA	27	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Daydream Believer"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Net Worth"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Guardian"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Mama"		Chicago P.D. Suspects hold Olinsky's wife hostage.		Chicago P.D. Burgess recuperates in the hospital.	
WE	71	Law & Order: Criminal Intent Three Hispanic men are killed.		Growing Up Hip Hop Romeo's sit-down sparks an uproar.		Growing Up Hip Hop The Simmons family strikes back.		Growing Up Hip Hop "A Treacherous Heart" (N)		(:14) Untold Stories of Hip Hop (N)			(:33) Growing Up Hip Hop
HBO	518	(3:35) ★★★ "Bohemian Rhapsody" (2018) Rami Malek.		(5:55) ★★★ "Joker" (2019) Joaquin Phoenix. A comedian becomes a criminal mastermind known as the Joker. 'R'				We're Here (Season Finale) (N)		(:15) Insecure Issa and Lawrence talk about life.		(9:50) Betty "Perstephanie"	(:20) We're Here
MAX	549	(:05) ★★ "Femme Fatale" (2002) Rebecca Romijn-Stamos. A sexy jewel thief double-crosses her violent partners. 'R'				★ "Robin Hood" (2018, Action) Taron Egerton. Robin Hood leads a revolt against the Sheriff of Nottingham. 'PG-13'				★★★ "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow" (2004) Gwyneth Paltrow. An aviator and a reporter fight gigantic robots.			
SHOW	578	★★★ "Back to the Future" (1985) Michael J. Fox. A boy travels through time to his parents' teenage years. 'PG'				Shameless Fiona agrees to a night away with Steve.		Billions "Contract" Chuck plots against Axe.		VICE	Californication	★★ "Drive Angry" (2011, Action) Nicolas Cage. 'R'	
TMC	598	(:15) ★ "Twisted" (2004, Suspense) Ashley Judd. An inspector investigates the deaths of her ex-lovers. 'R'				★★★ "Kill Bill: Vol. 1" (2003, Action) Uma Thurman, Lucy Liu. An assassin seeks vengeance against her attackers. 'R'				★★★ "Kill Bill: Vol. 2" (2004, Action) Uma Thurman. An assassin confronts her former boss and his gang. 'R'			

1:45 p.m. SHOW "Almost Famous" ★★★★ (2000) Billy Crudup An aspiring teenage rock journalist gets his big break when he follows an up-and-coming band on its tour.
2:00 p.m. AMC "Fury" ★★★ (2014) Brad Pitt. During World War II, a battle-hardened Army sergeant leads the crew of a Sherman tank on a deadly mission behind enemy lines to strike at the heart of Nazi Germany.
2:30 p.m. BET "The Perfect Match" ★★ (2016) Terrence J.
2:45 p.m. TCM "The Women" ★★★½ (1939) Norma Shearer. Catty New York socialites gossip about a friend and her husband's girlfriend.
3:20 p.m. MAX "Brothers" ★★★ (2009) Tobey Maguire After his brother is presumed dead in Afghanistan, a drifter and his sister-in-law are drawn together through their grief and unexpected attraction.
3:35 p.m. HBO "Bohemian Rhapsody" ★★★½ (2018) Rami Malek Singer Freddie Mercury defies stereotypes and convention to become one of history's most beloved entertainers. After leaving Queen to pursue a solo career, Mercury reunites with the band for one of the greatest performances in rock 'n' roll history.
4:00 p.m. FX "The Dark Tower" ★★ (2017) Idris Elba.
5:00 p.m. AMC "Rambo" ★★ (2008) Sylvester Stallone.
BET "Love Don't Cost a Thing" ★★ (2003) Nick Cannon.
FREE "The Break-Up" ★★ (2006) Vince Vaughn.
SHOW "Back to the Future" ★★★½ (1985) Michael J. Fox A teen takes a crackpot's DeLorean time machine to 1955 and sees his parents in high school.
5:05 p.m. MAX "Femme Fatale" ★★ (2002) Rebecca Romijn-Stamos
5:15 p.m. TCM "His Girl Friday" ★★★★ (1940) Cary Grant. An ace reporter's editor tries to stop her from remarrying in this remake of director Lewis Milestone's The Front Page.
5:55 p.m. HBO "Joker" ★★★½ (2019) Joaquin Phoenix Isolated, bullied and disregarded by society, failed comedian Arthur Fleck begins a slow descent into madness as he transforms into the criminal mastermind known as the Joker.
6:00 p.m. FX "Hidden Figures" ★★★½ (2016) Taraji P. Henson. NASA mathematicians Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson cross gender and race lines to help launch astronaut John Glenn into outer space.
7:00 p.m. AMC "Major League" ★★½ (1989) Tom Berenger.
PARMT "Catch Me if You Can" ★★★ (2002) Leonardo DiCaprio. Premiere. An FBI agent pursues Frank Abagnale Jr., a con man who assumes various identities and commits forgery.
TCM "Cabin in the Sky" ★★½ (1943) Ethel Waters.
TNT "Jack Reacher" ★★½ (2012) Tom Cruise.
TMC "Kill Bill: Vol. 1" ★★★ (2003) Uma Thurman Awaking from a coma, an assassin seeks vengeance against her former boss and his ruthless gang.
7:30 p.m. FREE "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby" ★★½ (2006) Will Ferrell.
8:00 p.m. BET "Coach Carter" ★★★ (2005) Samuel L. Jackson. A high-school basketball coach turns a losing team around, then faces criticism for pushing the athletes to put grades first.
9:00 p.m. FX "The Martian" ★★★½ (2015) Matt Damon. Left behind by his crew, a stranded astronaut must find a way to survive on Mars, while NASA and a team of international scientists work tirelessly to bring him home.
TCM "Stormy Weather" ★★★ (1943) Lena Horne. A veteran entertainer recalls his wife, his colleagues and his career from 1911 to 1936.
MAX "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow" ★★★ (2004) Gwyneth Paltrow A daredevil aviator and an ace reporter fight an evil mastermind and his army of gigantic robots.
TMC "Kill Bill: Vol. 2" ★★★ (2004) Uma Thurman Before confronting her former boss, an assassin goes after the man's younger brother and her one-eyed counterpart.
9:45 p.m. TNT "Lone Survivor" ★★★ (2013) Mark Wahlberg. In the mountains of Afghanistan, a squad of Taliban fighters ambushes four Navy SEALs, who are there on a mission to eliminate a high-ranking al-Qaeda operative.
10:00 p.m. PARMT "The Hitman's Bodyguard" ★★½ (2017) Ryan Reynolds. Premiere.
SHOW "Drive Angry" ★★ (2011) Nicolas Cage
10:30 p.m. TCM "All Night Long" ★★★ (1962) Patrick McGoohan. A jealous jazz drummer at a party tries to make his bandleader think his wife is unfaithful.
10:50 p.m. MAX "The Sentinel" ★★ (2006) Michael Douglas
11:20 p.m. HBO "Good Boys" ★★½ (2019) Jacob Tremblay
11:30 p.m. TMC "Grosse Pointe Blank" ★★★ (1997) John Cusack (Premiere) A hit man returns to his hometown for a high-school reunion and meets the prom date he stood up years before.
11:45 p.m. SHOW "Eyes Wide Shut" ★★★ (1999) Tom Cruise (Premiere) A doctor explores his relationship with his wife by delving into a sensual underworld.
12:00 a.m. FX "Let's Be Cops" ★★ (2014) Jake Johnson.
12:15 a.m. TCM "A Song Is Born" ★★★ (1948) Danny Kaye. A think-tank professor studying jazz falls for a gangster's girlfriend on the run.
12:30 a.m. PARMT "The Hitman's Bodyguard" ★★½ (2017) Ryan Reynolds.

Best Bets

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

The revisited vintage episode "Risky Business: Money Mirage" finds hosts Christina and Tarek taking a gamble on a house in Irvine, Calif., which they decide to buy sight unseen. They soon start to get nervous about the viability of this flip, though, because after opening up the tiny kitchen and updating the master bedroom, there's still a lot left to do with a rapidly shrinking budget.

8 p.m. on WBRC
Labor of Love

Kristy knows that her perfect mate will need to have both intelligence and mental flexibility, so the men submit to a variety of challenges designed to prove whether they have those qualities in the new episode "10 Things Kristy Likes About You." Later, Kristy gets to know the men on a deeper level while spending time in the father-to-be house. Two men are chosen for another set of romantic one-on-ones with her. Kristin Davis is the host.

8 p.m. on HIST
Mountain Men

This rugged reality series opens Season 9 with a two-hour premiere that opens with "Hunt or Be Hunted." As winter arrives in the Tobacco Root Mountains of Montana, tracker Jake Herak's first lion hunt nearly ends in tragedy. Meanwhile, in the Northwest, trapper Tom Oar and his wife, Nancy, confront a major surge in the local population of coyotes. Immediately following is "Bloody Harvest," in which Eustace Conway of North Carolina and his apprentice, Raleigh Avery, try to restore an antique buzz saw.

9 p.m. on FOOD
Summer Rush

Filmed before the coronavirus pandemic turned the restaurant world upside-down, this new four-part reality series follows a family of restaurateurs in Lake George, N.Y., as they work to keep their three restaurants running smoothly during their busiest time of year. Husband and wife Buddy Foy Jr. and Jennifer Foy frequently disagree over decisions at Chateau by the Lake, the high-end eatery specializing in international flavors. Jesse Foy and wife Jessica run Diamond Point Grille, a burger and fish joint, and parents Buddy Foy Sr. and wife Cate own Cate's Italian Garden.

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

A charming new episode called "The Grandma's Special" features a segment on an unforgettable group of older friends who may be senior citizens, but by golly, no one can say they haven't truly lived. Other stories examine what happens when a young bull charges, and what bodily function made a girl lose 10 years of her memories.

10 p.m. on SYFY
Vagrant Queen

Syfy hasn't made a formal announcement yet, but it looks like it's going to be "one and done" for this series adaptation of a comic book series by Magdalene Visaggio and Jason Smith, starring Adriyan Rae as Elida, a former queen whose throne was stolen during her childhood. After airing three ratings-challenged episodes, Syfy moved "Queen" out of its primetime schedule, prompting speculation the remaining episodes were being burned off in late-night. In tonight's Season 1 finale, Elida makes a last push to stop the villainous Lazaro (Paul Du Toit).

10:30 p.m. on TCM
Movie: All Night Long

Airing as part of TCM's June "Jazz in Film" movie series, Basil Dearden's 1962 British drama takes Shakespeare's "Othello" and updates it to the London jazz club scene of the 1960s. Patrick McGoohan ("The Prisoner") plays the scheming character based on the Bard's Iago, but for many modern-day jazz fans, the movie's main attraction will be performances by such British music greats as John Dankworth and Tubby Hayes, as well as Americans Dave Brubeck and Charles Mingus.



Adriyan Rae stars in "Vagrant Queen" on Syfy.

Concert (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – County star Alan Jackson's Small Town Drive-In concert scheduled for June 5 in Cullman has been rescheduled for June 12.

The following statement is from Jackson's website:
"Country music superstar Alan Jackson's "Small Town Drive-In" concerts – planned for this week in Cullman, AL and Fairhope, AL – are being rescheduled for next week due to the weekend threat of tropical weather on the Gulf Coast. Jackson's June 5 performance in Cullman will now take place next Friday, June 12. His Fairhope (Mobile area) concert will be held Saturday, June 13. With potential tropical storm conditions in the forecast for the Alabama coast on Saturday, organizers determined it's in the best interest of safety for fans and event staff that the Fairhope show be rescheduled. Given the unique nature of the staging and set up for these events, the Cullman concert is being rescheduled in conjunction with this decision. All purchased tickets will be honored at the rescheduled dates. Additional info about tickets and about Alan Jackson's "Small Town Drive-In" concerts can be found at alanjacksondrivein.com."

The City of Cullman confirmed the rescheduling.

Protests (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Just after protests in Nashville and Birmingham over the death of George Floyd in Minnesota turned into violent riots, a group of young protesters appeared in Cullman's Depot Park, sparking concern among local residents and especially among nearby downtown business owners. The protests have gone on for four days without any incidents, but some are still worried about outside groups coming in causing trouble.

The Tribune talked to three downtown business owners to get their feelings about the protest, protesters and the possibility of civil unrest in Cullman.

One business owner, who agreed to speak only on condition of anonymity due to concerns for safety and security, told The Tribune, "Everything I've seen that's going on, whether it's nationally or even in some of the cities here in Alabama, I'll admit it's really quite frightening, to be honest with you; not so much just from the aspect of the businesses, but some of the stuff that you're seeing, some of the people that claim to be there for the protest, but end up being rioters there, trying to do harm to police officers- and they're just doing their job. They didn't do what that one police officer did in Minnesota; they had nothing to do with that. It's just a job that they have, that they choose to provide for their family, and I hate that for them.

"I 100% agree that what that police officer did in Minnesota was wrong, and he should be charged with murder, in my opinion. But I also think we need to support our police officers because, man, they are in a tough spot, right now. I mean, they're in a tough spot. I've got friends that are county sheriff's deputies, I've got friends that are city police officers, and it's just a crazy thing to think about."

The businessman has been in touch with local law enforcement, and was considering whether he should spend nights at his place of business to defend the facility.

The owner continued, "Being a small business owner is something I had dreamed of for so long . . . It's very frightening, because you know how much that you have sacrificed, whether it's money or sacrificed time away from your kids or your wife to try to get things in order, so that your idea can be successful"

His wife said she did not want him staying at their place of business at night, out of fear for his safety.

Reflecting on her concern, the businessman noted, "You know, that's what one of my buddies that's a police officer for the city does every day, and that's how his wife feels probably every day that he leaves, that he could not come home."

He added, though, that if unrest does begin, he will likely act to defend his property, saying, "We try each day to put in a good day's work, and to build the brand of the store, so that we get people that come in, they want to tell their friends. I was telling my wife, 'This could all be gone so quick.'"

The business owner has held a concealed carry permit for many years, and said, "I believe in the Second Amendment; I carry every day . . . It's not something that I want to do, by any means. I mean, I understand that, when you have a pistol, you don't have a pistol because you're going deer hunting. You know what I'm saying? It's self-defense, and I take that very seriously."

He told The Tribune that he has never felt a need to reach for his weapon in the time that he has owned his business.

Reflecting on the riots that have been seen in numerous cities recently, the businessman said, "They're using this time to cause a ruckus that has nothing to do with the protest at hand. People are just crazy, man, and it's very, very frightening."

He concluded, "Cullman is such a great place to live; it is a great place to live, in my opinion. It's the only place I've ever lived, but I go other places, I see other things. And sure, a long, long time ago, Cullman had a bad rap for dealing with racial issues. I do not feel like that is the case, now, in my personal opinion. I don't have any qualms with anybody that's not Caucasian like myself. I just hope that something good comes out of this and it's not wasted, because there's a lot of stuff going on, a lot of people that's hurting, that have nothing to do with that murder in Minnesota."

Donnie Handley
Donnie Handley, owner of Cullman SnoBiz told The Tribune, "I don't care if people protest; people protest all over the world, whether it's criminal, biblical, whatever, churches or this. But it's the stupid things they do after that: if they start vandalizing or if they start breaking into businesses and stealing stuff, burning things. I mean, if they want to protest over there, I've got a business here. They're not hurting my business as long as they're over there, and I don't care, because they're protesting for what they believe in and they have a right to do that.

"But that's all they have the right to do. They don't have the right to mess with my business, or my employees or anything of ours. And even when these other groups that are up here, and they're kind of co-protesting against it, as long as they do that safely and correctly, I don't have a problem with that. But when they start mixing it up- and it has been mixed up a couple of times; not much, it's been pretty safe, but in other towns- the citizens of this town are worried about what might happen here that's happened in other places.

"Now, we have a small police force and sheriff's office, so the citizens of this town, they're not going to let this happen to our town. We're going to back the police and we're going to protect our own.

"As far as them protesting over there, as long as they do it peacefully, I don't have a problem with it."

Handley addressed a very active local rumor mill, saying, "The people in Cullman are getting scared; they're getting nervous. When people get scared and nervous, you know what they're going to do? They're going to load up. And it don't matter who it is that comes on their property, they're going to shoot them because they're scared. We don't need to be scared."

Wayne Gardner
Wayne Gardner, owner of Gardner's Texaco, told The Tribune, "What I'm seeing about the actual protesters is their rights to protest, that they've done it in the proper way. I've not noticed anything, that they've done anything out of the ordinary, that they've done anything wrong, you know, just exercising their constitutional right to protest. Whether I agree or disagree with them, that's what our country was founded on, that everybody has an opinion.

"We've got to a point where, I think, that we have lost our respect for other people. We don't respect other people's opinion. Some things are just flat out wrong, but if it's just an opinion and things, then we've lost the respect to listen to those other people, to their concerns. And everybody's got concerns.

"But they've done everything right, I'd say."

Of the counterprotesters, Gardner remarked, "Everything I've seen, they've listened to the police, they've done what the police have asked them to do. You know, they've stayed away, from what I've seen. I've heard a few things; I've not seen it, so I'm not going to speak about that. From what I see, they stay at their vehicles like the police have told them to, and just sitting there watching on that."

Despite the peaceful nature of the event so far, Gardner was still worried, saying, "I'm very concerned about that. And honestly, I'm not concerned about the people that I see here right now. From what I see right now, there's really no concern. It's what we can't see: that, if a group decided to come up here, you know, to cause mayhem and chaos.

"Our police guys, I think, do an awesome job. I think we're lucky to live in a place like Cullman. Do we have things that we need to change, some ways of thinking? Sure, everybody does. But, for the most part, I think we come to Cullman to feel safe, no matter where you come from or what you do. Our police guys do a great job protecting everybody. I don't think they pick and choose who they protect. I think they do a great job protecting everybody.

"And, like I said, my biggest concern is outside people coming in to cause chaos in here. That's my biggest concern."

Gardner smiled as he concluded, "I do want to say, though, I miss the days when all we had to worry about was are you an Alabama or Auburn fan!"

A customer chimed in, "War Eagle," but Gardner, under the watchful gaze of the portraits of Bear Bryant, Nick Saban and other Tide legends on his wall, kept the peace.

Obituary Announcements
June 4

Frank A. Potter was born April 26, 1950 and passed away June 3, 2020 and is under the care of Moss Service Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Mary McSwain of Hanceville, Alabama will be at 1 p.m. Friday, June 5, 2020 at Hanceville Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Shelton Grove Cemetery. Reverend Scott Guthery will be officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home. Mrs. McSwain passed away at the age of 86 June 2, 2020. Mary Welch was born July 26, 1933 in Cullman, Alabama. She grew up in the Shelton Grove community in Cullman. She was the daughter of George and Mamie Welch and was a sister to seven siblings. On September 10, 1952 she married Elvin (Doc) McSwain and was a devoted mother to two daughters, Joan and Nina. Mary, along with her husband, owned and operated several businesses in Dodge City. In her life, Mary Emily McSwain was known for many things. Gardens trimmed neatly and blooming bright. A welcoming home decorated to a T. She was never too busy for a visit from family or friends. Her artwork showing the love of her family, children, and grandchildren she painted with smiles and rosy cheeks. She played the piano, made porcelain dolls, and her kitchen stayed full of homemade goodies and treats. Mary was well-known for all of these things, yet her disposition and character outshined them all. Always happy. Always sweet. Her smile and her laughter were contagious. Her strong faith showed through with grace and love for everyone. She was a delight and rare treasure. She will be deeply missed and wonderfully remembered. Mary is preceded in death by her husband Elvin (Doc) McSwain; her parents George and Mamie Welch; and her siblings Ed Welch, Gilbert Welch, Clifford Welch, Tracy Welch, Eunice Welch, Catherine Welch, and Woodrow Welch. She is survived by her daughters Joan (Jerry) Lynn and Nina (Billy) Harvison; grandchildren Jennifer Lynn, Jason (Mandi) Lynn, Jani Judkins, Trent (Brittany) Judkins, and Clay Judkins; great-grandchildren Rebecca Lynn, Cody Lynn, Levi Lynn, Brody Lacey, Ben lacey, Olivia Drake, Madison Lambert, Brailey Judkins, and Emma Judkins; and a host of nieces and nephews.

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HomTex (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Textile manufacturer HomTex on Wednesday afternoon presented a check to the City of Cullman to repay a $1.5 million loan made by the City in mid-April to help the company begin production of filtered face masks at its facility in the city.

Jerry Wootten, HomTex CEO, said, "The temporary financial commitment by the community allowed us to make the down payment to hold the equipment when our bank and other financial institutions simply could not process a loan application quickly enough to secure the equipment. Once we had the down payment, we were assured no other company could jump ahead of us and buy the machines. HomTex had the time to work through a typical loan application and secure the entire $5 million for this project.

"We are here today to thank the city and the two industrial development boards. A minimum of 100 new jobs will be created in Cullman because of your trust in us.

"And maybe just as important, literally millions of people around the world will have better protection against this pandemic because you took a chance on a local company," Wootten added.

"Today HomTex is here to repay the $1.5 million loan with interest for a total of $1,505,041.67. Allowing HomTex to have the loan for 55 days made this all possible because we had the expertise and the building to make it happen."

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs said the support of the Cullman City Council and two industrial development boards is typical of the type of cooperative spirit that has made Cullman a leader in new and expanding industry in Alabama.

"Partnerships create great opportunity," said Jacobs. "We had the State of Alabama encouraging us to take advantage of this opportunity and help make this project happen.

"We felt the risk was worth the reward for our community and state. I am proud we could make it happen but also pleased we are being repaid two years earlier than expected."

Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman said part of the thought process on the state level was the need for masks in Alabama and the desire to reduce America's dependence on foreign production of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE).

"The Department of Commerce and Governor's Office was excited a Cullman company could potentially be the largest disposable mask producer in the U.S. and have a Made in Alabama label on every package," he said.

From the fact sheet

• HomTex is making a $5 million capital investment for production of face masks to protect against the coronavirus.

• This investment will fund 15 automatic ultrasonic welding machines.

• Installation of the machinery will occur at the HomTex manufacturing facility at 2125 Second Ave. SW, Cullman.

• HomTex is scheduled to be in full production by mid-July 2020 with the capacity to produce and package 400 million disposable face masks per year.

• HomTex Cullman will become the largest domestic producer of disposable face masks in North America.

• New production lines will create 100 new manufacturing jobs in Cullman at an average wage exceeding $17.

• The City of Cullman, Cullman County Industrial Development Authority and the Industrial Development Board of the City of Cullman loaned HomTex $1.5 million April 7, 2020 to make the down payment securing the equipment.

• HomTex repaid the $1.5 million loan June 3, 2020, plus 2.2 % interest of $5,041.67, for a total repayment of $1,505,041.67.

• In March 2020, HomTex converted 75% of its bedding production to a DreamFit washable, reusable cotton face mask.

• The disposal face mask project is the second shift by HomTex to PPE production in 2020.

• HomTex has manufactured and shipped nearly 1.5 million DreamFit BFE95 masks to date.

• HomTex is a family-owned company founded in Cullman by Jerry Wootten in 1987 as a contract sewing operation.

• Wootten still serves as CEO and his son, Jeremy, serves as president.

• HomTex manages 350 employees at manufacturing plants in Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina from its corporate headquarters in Cullman.

• Company showrooms are located in New York, Las Vegas, Atlanta and Cullman.

HomTex began production of its reusable DreamFit mask in early April.

At that time, Jeremy Wootten told The Tribune, "The main reason is that we not only saw a need, but it was becoming quite clear from speaking with local officials like Mayor (Woody) Jacobs and Dale Greer and Senator (Garlan) Gudger that the local industry and the state was not prepared, in the sense of having the face masks. The need was probably greater than we realized.

"We do a little medical business: we manufacture hospital pillows and we do a little bit in the fabrics.

"We were a little familiar with it and we knew there was going to be a need. But I think over the last week or two weeks, I think people didn't realize how big a need, and we certainly didn't.

"And then all the issues that surround what the Chinese is doing and what they're allowing to come out of the country.

"I think one thing that's become obvious is people have seen, for particular textile products and especially medical protective gear, how much of us are dependent on foreign production, especially China."

Wootten said that officials made him aware that a need also existed among local businesses and industries, explaining, "They made us really aware how really necessary the private industry need was, and that's what we didn't really see."

Wootten added a second reason for the company's shift: "We realized that we were uniquely prepared to make a product that we were not familiar with, and that's a washable, reusable face mask.

"As we began to talk to people week before last, we learned more and more about how we know the disposables are in great need, but a lot of private industry wants something they can take home and wash, and reuse for longer use, especially when you have a limited capacity.

"We're primarily a home textile manufacturer, so we're unique in that we have a large stock of sheeting fabric, cotton goods, in the country.

"(We're) probably one of the few people in the country who holds as much fabric: a couple of million yards of cotton sheeting fabric at any given time. We had the machinery.

"We sat down- I have a good staff- and we designed what we thought was a comfortable, usable, reusable, washable face mask. And, in a few days, we had something put together.

"After showing it around earlier this week, the feedback was fantastic. Because of what we do in the medical world, we were able to secure the BFE-95 bacterial filtration equipment- and a lot of people probably can't; it's in high demand, but because of our relationships, we were able to.

"We've been uniquely positioned to produce this product."

Jones (from Front)

tors and other supplies they need to protect themselves from this disease."

The Build Health Care Equipment in America Act would:

• Create tax deductions for businesses to repurpose existing facilities or to build new ones to manufacture medical supplies

• Provide tax credits for employers who hire workers from declining fields

• Increase education tax benefits for health care workers in short supply fields

• Create grants to communities to improve broadband access around facilities to be used as health care manufacturing sites

In April, Jones encouraged Alabama Governor Kay Ivey to establish a health care manufacturing task force to explore ways for Alabama to move to the forefront of health care manufacturing for the United States.

The Tribune spoke with Jones this week about the legislation.

"I think that coming out of this crisis, we're going to see the need more and more health care protective equipment, there is no doubt about that. Even after this pandemic may have subsided and is over, we are not going back to a situation where we have not enough and so we have got to lessen our dependence on foreign countries and foreign manufacturers," said the senator.

"This legislation is designed to do just that. It will be federal tax incentives for a business to either revitalize or repurpose existing facilities that are in the country, and I'd love to see them in Alabama; we've got a number of shut down facilities. It will give tax credits to hire and train workers, especially workers who have been laid off and furloughed in declining industries, and for the communities that need it, they can get grant money to help bolster their internet service, so they can have better broadband to meet these needs. It's a really good piece of legislation that I'd love to see passed this year."

He added, "There's companies that have already done some of this like HomTex right there in Cullman, that can take advantage of the tax incentives and tax credits for this tax year, and I think going forward we've got incredible opportunities in the state of Alabama to do this."

He elaborated on the benefits for companies.

"It's going to give them incentives; it's going to help with tax breaks to give them incentives to invest in those facilities that are out there. They would have to repurpose them, they would have to have additional machinery, they would have to be brought up to specifications and environmental concerns that are out there," Jones said. "But rather that standing up a whole new building, there are so many facilities that are out there."

As to how the legislation could potentially support and affect smaller, rural communities, he said, "Well one, we've got to convince and got to be looking for the rural areas- and local areas like that have any number facilities that may have closed. There are places dotted throughout the state of Alabama with facilities that have closed over the last few years. Those are perfect opportunities, the perfect places to come in and bring these businesses to get people working in those areas, to bring down the unemployment that is so high in those areas. These incentives would really help that and I think that Alabama needs to make a concerted effort. We do a really great job and have done a very good job of attracting business in industry, but sometimes these rural areas get overlooked. I think if we can get those manufacturing facilities up and going again in these areas, it would really help those local economies, rather than concentrating our economies in Huntsville, Birmingham and Mobile."

Jones said it's important Alabama seizes this opportunity now.

"I think as we go forward, we're going to continue to have high unemployment. Remember that right now, our unemployment has jumped by 10% and it is likely to go higher. Unemployment will come down as the economy opens, but it's not going to get down to the historic lows that we saw for a long, long time, and it's not going to get down to that level without some investment and help with the various companies that need to both reopen and build out. We're going to lose some companies, there's no question about that, so what we need to do is to be focusing on new areas that we can expand our economy, new areas where new businesses can be brought in and start it up in addition to those businesses that we're trying to save right now," he said. "So, I think Alabama really has got a unique opportunity right now. If you look around the state at the various communities that could benefit from something like this, they are all over the place, and I think it's going to depend on both state officials and local governments to take a real good hard look at this and look at the work force in their area and see if it's a need and try and get those jobs."

When asked to estimate how many jobs this bill could bring to the state, Jones answered, "It's going to depend on how many we can attract. I think the sky's the limit on that. Back when I was growing up, I never dreamed that Alabama would be the fifth largest manufacturer of automobiles in the country; I thought only Detroit was going to do that, and now look at the automobiles that we turn out.

"There are some 57,000 jobs in Alabama that are directly tied to automobile manufacturing, and that number is only growing. So, if we start this program now, I think the sky's the limit, and I think we have the ability to do that. It's going to depend on what the State can do if we get this legislation passed- what the State can do is they can supplement those incentives, because this has to be really a federal-state partnership on the local level- and how aggressive the local chamber of commerce will be. Because one of the things that I've heard from folks is, 'Well, these might not be the best-paying jobs and they may not stay here; we're afraid they may come and then they may go,' and I completely disagree with that. I think any job right now is a going to be a good-paying job, and number two is I really believe that health care manufacturing is going to come back to this country to stay. I don't think it's going to be outsourced like it was; it is just too important to us going forward."

So, what's the estimated time frame from potential bill passage to repurposed factories manufacturing PPE in Alabama?

Said Jones, "The time frame is going to depend on whether or not we can get it to the Senate floor. I would love to get it in the package of legislation; I would especially love to get it passed this year. It will depend on the companies themselves. Are they going to take an existing business and kind of redo their line, to some extent the way HomTex in Cullman has done? They kind of repurposed some of their lines that they were doing to build masks and some things like that; that's one way to do it. Other ways are to take these buildings, to try to renovate them, put them in and get the equipment in and get the workers trained. This is not going to be like flipping a switch. You're not going to see this bill pass and all of a sudden, these things are going to pop up left and right. Remember, though, that the goal of this is not just the immediate need in this pandemic, but it is the long-term need for personal protective equipment the country is going to have to have going forward, even as we come out of this crisis.

"We are going to be in a new world when it comes to this; health care workers are going to need more than in this pandemic. Schools, businesses, first responders all are going to need more. We've got to replenish the stockpile. What this bill is, this is for long-term economic investment in a state like Alabama."

Of potential investment from the State to implement the bill, Jones said, "It's going to depend on locality, probably. Normally their investments are made through tax rebates or forgiveness of certain taxes, whether its local property taxes, certain employment taxes or corporate taxes, maybe.

"That's how the state usually tries to invest. So, that's going to depend on the locality, and it's going to depend on the size of the operation that's being proposed in the specific locality."

In an op-ed Jones recently wrote: "Let's build America's health care equipment in Alabama." He said he asked Alabama Governor Kay Ivey to, "consider creating a task force that would bring together the business community and experts to look at Alabama's existing manufacturing infrastructure and leverage our world-class medical research capabilities alongside my legislation."

When asked if Ivey has responded, he answered, "I've talked to the governor's office and I've also talked to Greg Canfield, who's the Economic Development director, and I think they are looking at this. I think they already began to look at existing businesses. Again, I think HomTex is an example, but there's some others that have repurposed to do some mask development and manufacturing. I do think they are going to be looking at this, but I believe they are certainly going to look at this with greater emphasis should there be a tax incentive from the federal government that I think we can provide with this bill."

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