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BUSINESS

For the record...

A new spin on Hanceville business



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Neal Watts holds one of the vinyl records for sale at Blue Moon Records inside the Mud Creek Trading Company in downtown Hanceville. » PAGE 3

AGRIPLEX UPDATE

Center closed to public programs, building unavailable for rent through July



MAGGIE DARNELL/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The North Alabama Agriplex still offers online classes. » PAGE 8

– BUSINESS –

Get to know La Michoacanita



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

La Michoacanita Ice Cream Owner Alejandra Espinoza poses for a photo in her shop on Main Avenue in Cullman.

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The Tribune is highlighting small businesses around Cullman County during the COVID-19 pandemic. Know of one we should feature? Email christy@cullmantribune.com.

CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman has some great options for beating the heat this summer. For those looking for something a little different, La Michoacanita has some delicious treats with a little Mexican flair. Owner Alejandra Espinoza opened her ice cream shop in 2018 and has homemade ice cream, popsicles, drinks and other snacks and treats.

Espinoza said she knew since she graduated from Susan Moore High School in Blount County that she wanted to start her own business.

"Michoacán is a state in Mexico and is known for having the best popsicles and ice cream," she explained. "My mom worked in ice cream shops when she was in high school and until she graduated from college, and all her brothers have ice cream shops. It came up unexpected and I had always wanted a business but I didn't know what kind of business I wanted but I knew I wanted to be self-employed."

When the opportunity came about for her to start her ice cream shop, she was working for a dentist's office in Cullman and said she wasn't sure at first. But she took a chance, and with a little help and advice from family, she has perfected her creamy ice creams and delicious popsicles.



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Michoacán is a state in Mexico and is known for having the best popsicles and ice cream.

Running the colorful and happy ice cream shop is fun for Espinoza, and her young nephew definite- » PAGE 8

STATE

May Unemployment: Alabama's rate drops to 9.9%, Cullman County's to 7.6%

Tara Hutchison
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Alabama Department of Labor Secretary Fitzgerald Washington on Friday announced that Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted May unemployment rate is 9.9%, down from April's REVISED rate of 13.8%, and above May 2019's rate of 3.0%. May's rate represents 221,811 unemployed persons, compared to 302,535 in April and 68,057 in May 2019.

Cullman County's rate has fallen to 7.6% for May, down from April 2020's rate of 11.7% and up from May 2019's rate of 2.2%

"This month's decrease in the unemployment rate reflects that people are returning to work following the pandemic-related shutdown," said Gov. Kay Ivey. "While we are nowhere near pre-pandemic levels, a monthly decrease of nearly four percentage points is certainly a positive. Alabama, along with the rest of the nation, will be feeling the impacts brought on by this virus for months to come. My administration is committed to helping return Alabamians to their jobs safely, and to helping Alabama businesses to reopen and grow."

"While we are still far short of last year's economic markers, we did show significant improvement over the last month," said Washington. "More than 80,000 fewer people were counted as unemployed last month, while the number of employed rose by more than 128,300."

Wage and salary employment increased in May by 42,500. Monthly gains were seen in the leisure and hospitality sector (+23,600), the education and health services sector (+9,600), and the other services sector (+5,400), among others. Over the year, wage and salary employment decreased 161,500, with losses in the leisure and hospitality sector (-64,600), the professional and business services sector (-27,700), and the education and health services sector (-16,700), among others.

Average weekly earnings increased to a record high in May, rising to $905.25 per week, representing » PAGE 8

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

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

- Cumulative no. of cases in Alabama: 28,583
- Cumulative no. of deaths in Alabama: 812
- Cumulative no. of cases in Cullman County: 298
- Cumulative no. of deaths in Cullman County: 1
- Total tested in Alabama: 330,906
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 8,895
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 98,318
- • Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 2,416
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 15,974

Find the latest numbers at https://bit.ly/2VjCQbP.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 19

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 19, 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

June 13

• first-degree criminal mischief; Catoma Package Store; County Road 1435; damaged property; $5,000

June 18

• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $30

• unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; person; Katherine St. NW

• fourth-degree theft of property; person; Warnke Road NW; bicycle; $100

ARRESTS

June 18

Fortenberry, Lukas W., 21

• disorderly conduct

Martin, Dakota J., 20

• FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing (3 counts)

• FTA- third-degree criminal mischief

• FTA- failure to register vehicle

• FTA- driving while suspended

• FTA- driving without a license

• FTA- speeding

Brooks, Lauryne K., 28

• fourth-degree theft of property

Graves, Kevin D., 34

• third-degree criminal trespassing

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

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LEGALS

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice IN-N-OUT Self Storage located at 106 13th St., Cullman, AL 35055 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the facility by the below occupants whom are in default at an auction. The sale will occur or otherwise disposed as an online auction via www.storageauctions.com on 7/7/2020 at 10:00am. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings.

Tristian Stancil, unit #532: 1606 Edawrd North East, Hanceville, AL 35077.

Nicholas S. Turner, unit #619: 2621 Co Rd 223, Cullman, AL 35057.

Alisha Bsingh, unit #726: 152 Robinson St., Cullman, AL 35058.

This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

PB ADT BK 55 PG 434 - 05/29/2020 09:18 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE

PETITION OF PAUL RODEN and BELINDA RODEN FOR THE ADOPTION OF

CASE NO: AD2020-019

C.Z.B. A MINOR.
D.O.B. 08/14/2015

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: GABRIELLE MICHELLE CASPER NICOLE YEAGER, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER,
AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF C.Z.B. A MINOR CHILD, BORN TO GABRIELLE MICHELLE CASPER NICOLE YEAGER

The Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Paul Roden and Belinda Roden, Petitioners. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioners, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 28th DAY OF May, 2020.

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

Jerry Kilgo
Attorney for Petitioners
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
WILLIAM J. DANIEL, JR. *
Deceased. *

CASE NO PC 2020-134

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: Susan Diane Setser a.k.a. Susan Hill, Debra K. Daniel, Sandra Schmitz, Ellen Culver, Ophia Stevens, Kelly Daniel, Ricky Daniel, Keith Daniel, Olen Daniel, Manyla Daniel, Jason Young, Javan Young, Christy Moran, Courtney Campbell and any known or unknow next-of-kin or interested party

Please take notice that a Hearing on the Petition for Probate of Will for the estate of William J. Daniel, Jr. has been set for the 18th day of August 2020, at 10:30 a.m., before the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

DONE this the 4th day of June, 2020.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper

Alex J. Chaney
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Cullman, AL 35056

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JAMES J. GUNTER, *
Deceased. *

Case No.: PC2020-167

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to JESSI LANE MAST as Personal Representative of the Estate of JAMES J. GUNTER a/k/a JAMES JEFFERSON GUNTER, deceased, on the 4th day of June, 2020, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Jessi Lane Mast
Personal Representative

J. Richard Duke
Attorney for Personal Representative
1572 Montgomery Highway
Suite 205
Birmingham, AL 35216

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

Please publish the above Notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
HOWARD Z. CARRINGTON *
Deceased. *

CASE NO PC 2011-116

NOTICE OF HEARING
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT AND AMENDED PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

TO: LARRY DAVID LEGG
JAMES CAMPBELL LEGG, JR.
HOWARD Z. CARRINGTON, JR.
HELEN ELAINE CARRINGTON

Please take notice that a Hearing on the Personal Representative's Petition for Final Settlement and Amended Personal Representative's Petition for Final Settlement for the estate of Howard Z. Carrington has been set for the 27th day of August 2020, at 11:00 a.m., before the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

DONE this the 4th day of June, 2020.

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to wendy@cullmantribune.com

ATTENTION SENIORS

• The Cullman County Commission on Aging has been distributing food as part of the USDA's Farm to Families program. The distributions take place Wednesdays.

• There are no restrictions and no eligibility requirements.

• 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".

• This is first come, first served until gone. Please see the schedule below for pick-up in your area. Each location will have a pallet (56 boxes) to give away- one box per household.

• Baileyton Senior Center- 10 a.m.

• Cold Springs Community Center- 10 a.m.

• Colony Educational Complex- 10 a.m.

• Dodge City Senior Center- 10 a.m.

• Fairview Senior Center- 10 a.m.

• Hanceville Civic Center- 10 a.m.

• Holly Pond's Guy Hunt Museum- 10 a.m.

• Jones Chapel Fire Department- 10 a.m.

• Vinemont Town Hall- 10 a.m.

• West Point Town Hall- 10 a.m.

NOTICE: Cullman County Schools Break for a Plate Summer Feeding Program

• Dates: Wednesdays through July 15

• Times: 10 a.m.-noon

• Locations: Hanceville, Vinemont, Fairview and West Point High Schools

• Breakfast and lunch boxes will be available for pickup. We will continue with the drive-thru pick-up plan to send six breakfast meals and six lunches per child. We hope to see you!

CPRST NASP Social Distancing Archery Tournament

• Through June 30 at the CPRST Indoor Archery Center, 1913 Second Ave. SW, Cullman

• Mondays 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. flights

• Tuesdays through Fridays 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. flights

• Call 256-734-9157 to reserve a flight time.

Ride for Justice

• Free motorcycle ride in honor of National Crime Victims' Rights Week 2020

• Saturday, June 20- Registration at 9 a.m. at Hawg Engineering, 230 U.S. Highway 278. Kickstands up at 11 a.m. Ending location: Daystar Church, 200 Daystar Dr.

• This is a free event!

• Pre-register by June 13 to receive PRIZES!

• State-mandated social distancing guidelines will be followed. Call 256-775-2600 for more info.

Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation Mastectomy Bra and Prosthesis Sale Fundraiser

• Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m.-noon at the Cullman VFW, 112 Veterans Dr. SW

• We will have new mastectomy bras, in various sizes, for a minimum donation of $10. New, in the box, prosthesis, in various sizes, for a minimum donation of $25. All proceeds benefit the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation, Inc.

Back the Blue Rally

• Saturday, June 20 from 2-6 p.m.

• 1670 County Road 437 in Good Hope

• Officers and families will receive barbecue sandwiches, chips and drinks.

Juneteenth Community Cookout

• Saturday, June 20 from 3-6 p.m.

• Veterans Park in Hanceville

• "Join us as we celebrate Juneteenth with food, fun, and community discussion on how we can work together to form A Better Cullman"

Haunted Downtown Cullman City Ghost Walk & Paranormal Investigation

• Friday, June 26, 8-11 p.m. at Depot Park

• TV personality & psychic medium Lesley Ann and her professional team of guides and paranormal investigators The Southern Ghost Girls will lead you on an interesting and interactive haunted ghost walk of historic haunted downtown Cullman. This is a family-friendly event, but please use discretion when bringing small children. We will be on the sidewalks of Cullman, so it is handicap accessible.

• Learn more and buy tickets at https://bit.ly/2Y71jm9.

Community Celebration

• Come join us as we celebrate re-opening our children's ministry!

• Free food, drink, games and music

• When: Saturday, June 27

• Time: 4-8 p.m.

• Where: Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph's Dr., Cullman

• A firetruck and a police car will be on display.

• Sponsored by Traditions Bank

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.

United Way's Stuff the Bus Supply Drive

• July 17-24, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Help us get Cullman children off to a strong start academically. Take advantage of tax-free weekend! Contact us at 256-739-2948 to volunteer or donate supplies.

• Drop off school supplies at the Cullman County Courthouse parking lot, 500 2nd Ave. SW.

Items needed:

• Papermate pencils (10-12 Pack)

• Elmers clear glue sticks

• Crayola crayons 24 Count

• Fiskars scissors

• Multi-color Expo markers pack of 4

• Wide ruled notebook paper

• Crayola colored pencils

Funny Things from Yesterday: The paisley tie

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Most everyone has been in a small group of people, either family or friends, talking and laughing at funny things that were said. I enjoy these times.

I have some friends who are real comedians but just have not been put on stage as yet. This story is about one certain friend who is usually quiet, but when he says something, it is usually really funny.

One time Rudene and I, along with some of our special friends, had dinner at a Chinese restaurant.

At the end of the meal each of us received a fortune cookie.

As each person opened a cookie the fortune was read aloud to the group. It just so happened that our comedian friend was the last one to have his turn to open his cookie.

He cracked the cookie open, pulled out the little strip of paper with his fortune written on it and read aloud, "You may not know it, but you have a terrific sex life."

Needless to say, this made the group break out in laughter. Of course, this was not his fortune - only his version of it.

On another occasion, this same group of friends was visiting in a home to have lunch.

After the meal we were talking and remembering our old times together. One of our out-of-town friends noticed that our comedian host had on a paisley tie.

She said, "I see you have on a paisley tie and I didn't think you liked paisley ties."

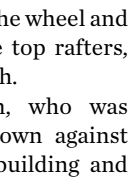
Our host replied, "Oh, no, it's paisley suits that I don't like."

It is good to have wonderful friends to enjoy and always have fond memories of being with them.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Back When Eating Out was a Rare Treat

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



I can remember a time in my life when eating-out was a rare treat. Let's see, that would have been back around most of 2020, so far. Miss Corona has brought about quite a few changes in our lives. One of those changes has been not eating out. Jean is a wonderful cook, so we have enjoyed eating at home, even before the coronavirus lockdown, but we have also missed getting to eat out.

I can remember another time, long ago, when getting to eat out was a rare treat. When I was a boy, I thought eating out meant a picnic out in the yard. Seriously, about the only times we ate out in a restaurant back then was when we traveled.

Since we hardly ever traveled... we hardly ever ate out. Now that I think about, even when we did travel, Mama usually packed stuff for us to eat on the road. Well, not literally on the road, but by the side of the road. We ate at those roadside picnic areas with the concrete tables. You could get hurt on those things.

Playing chase too close to those edges could cause the loss of a limb. The limb might be an arm, or a hickory, or both! Mama usually brought a vinyl table cloth to "cover that nasty table where everybody else has eaten." You might think Mama feared the coronavirus way back then. The covering also served to protect rambunctious kids from injury.

When we were home, Mama cooked. Occasionally, Daddy cooked. He was a good cook. In my earlier years, actually until after Daddy passed away, Mama did not work outside the home. She cooked two-meals each day. That included breakfast, which I usually did not eat.

She rolled out biscuit dough and cut it out with a tin cup. She cooked eggs, bacon or ham, and grits or gravy. What on earth was I thinking by not eating that? That was back before it would kill you. Soon after breakfast, she cooked what she called "dinner."

That was the mid-day meal that city-folks called lunch. We called the three meals breakfast, dinner, and supper. Mama did not usually cook supper. She cooked a big mid-day meal which usually included a meat and several homegrown vegetables, left-over breakfast biscuits, and fresh cornbread.

That may sound like a lot of food for a small family, but she never knew exactly how many, or who, she would be feeding. That's because Dad ran a business, and he closed down for an hour at dinner. Whoever happened to be there at lunch got a free, home-cooked, hot meal. Dad said, "Y'all come on. Let's go eat."

For some reason, business was always good right before lunch. Jean would kill me! For supper, Mama gave us a choice. We could eat

leftovers from lunch or we could go hungry. Sometimes, I ate a banana sandwich for supper and dad had a glass of fresh milk with left-over cornbread crumbled up in it and an onion.

Since Jean and I have been homebound, we have done what Mama did. Jean cooks a big lunch and we eat leftovers or a banana sandwich at supper. I still don't do cornbread and milk. With the loosening of restrictions, Jean and I have been out a few timers. For our anniversary, we ate "high on the hog." We slipped over to Ocean Springs, Mississippi, and ate at The Shed. That's some of the South's best barbecue. It's called The Shed because it's in one...literally, and not because you'll shed a few pounds.

We may have gotten out of the house, but we aren't out of the woods yet. Let's keep on - keep praying, keep being careful, keep covering, and keep your distance.

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Files from Yesteryear: 1954

From the Files of 1954

Killed instantly at 6:30 Wednesday morning was Carl Milligan, 35, of Bangor.

The accident occurred at the Garden City Heading Company, where he was employed.

A fly wheel broke and threw pieces of the wheel and belt through the top rafters, about 30 feet high.

Mr. Milligan, who was nearby, was thrown against a rafter of the building and killed instantly.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Eula Milligan; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Milligan, of Bangor; five sisters, Mrs. Anita Gardner, Mrs. Eldrell Watson, Mrs. Wynelle Reid and Mrs. Nora James, all of Birmingham and Mrs. Corene Lewis, of Hayden.

Funeral services will be held on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Bangor Baptist Church, with Reverend Mack Howell officiating and Moss Service of Hanceville directing interment in the Bangor Cemetery.

Eighty 4-H Club officers met on October 30 at Klein's Creamery for the first County Council meeting of the year. They elected the following Council officers: President, Marie Peinhardt, Vice-President, Allan Fox, Secretary, Annette Gibbs, Song Leaders, Sue Whaley, Patricia Peinhardt and Martha Nell Webb and Reporter, Fred Harbinson.

Sunday Fire Victim

Jesse Thomas Woodard, 86, died at his residence in the high school addition about 9 o'clock on Sunday morning, the victim of a fire.

Mr. Woodard was found at the door. It is believed that he was trying to escape the burning building and when he opened the wood door the flames enveloped him. The screen door was still fastened.

Mr. Woodard, whose wife died two years ago, lived alone.

He was a Mason, past worshipful master of the Falkville Lodge, an Odd Fellow and a deacon of the Etha Baptist Church.

Surviving are twelve of his thirteen children. They are Paul and Homer Woodard, Mrs. Cora Smith and Mrs. Esther Lewis, all of Cullman; Tom Woodard, of Tuscumbia; Buster Woodard, of Haleyville; Charlie Woodard, of Fort Payne; George Woodard, of Gadsden; Reuben Woodard, of Eva; Mrs. Minnie Long, of Hartselle; Mrs. Velma Boyd, of White City and Mrs. Lessie Clark, of Huntsville. One son, Robert Woodard, is deceased. Also surviving are 42 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Etha at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, with Reverend P.U. Green and Reverend Jimmie Rodgers officiating and Moss Service directing interment in the Etha Cemetery.

Dennis Woodard, a grandson, sang "Going Home."

Record (from Front)

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The Tribune is highlighting small businesses around Cullman County during the COVID-19 pandemic. Know of one we should feature? Email christy@cullmantribune.com.

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Hanceville's Neal Watts has always been a huge music fan. He's turned that love of music into a great retirement pastime at Blue Moon Records inside the Mud Creek Trading Company in downtown Hanceville.

Watts and his wife, Laura, are both originally from Huntsville and went to school together.

"We went to school together and didn't date or anything. She was too cool for me," he laughed. "I always had a crush on her in junior high school. I moved to Cullman when I was 16 in 1974. A year later, she moved to Texas and we hadn't seen each other in 38 years."

The two reconnected on Facebook in 2012, and several months later they were married.

Watts always loved music and began collecting records at 12 years old.

He said, "I probably kept every record I ever bought until I started buying used ones at Charlemagne Records in Birmingham. In 1977, I bought my first used album there, I don't have the same one, but it was Neil Young's "Decade," a compilation three-record set.

"Back then a new record was $15-$20; I think I gave $6 or $7 for it."

Charlemagne Records closed its doors last year.

Said Watts, "It was on after that. I was getting records I didn't listen to anymore and taking them down there and coming home with three or four records at a time.

"I started going to record shows in Birmingham, Atlanta, Chattanooga and Huntsville."

His tastes in music have evolved over the decades and his collection continued to grow.

He loves the Beatles and got into country rock and fell in love with the band Little Feat when he had the opportunity to see a show in Birmingham. He's also a huge fan of Widespread Panic and Gov't Mule.

Watts had his first record store in Cullman during the late 90s and early 2000s near the old Cullman Feed and Seed.

He's had booths at a few flea markets but mostly packed everything up until the resurgence in the popularity of vinyl records around the time he and Laura were married.

They rented a booth in the basement of Finder's Keepers where, he said, "The records started selling. People were buying them at what I thought were ridiculously high prices."

He was also in the jewelry industry, but after opening a new jewelry business, he said he was quickly reminded why he had left the business in the first place.

"It's too expensive to keep stock, and in the jewelry business you make most of your money in the month of December and the rest of the time you hope you made enough to survive," he said.

He soon returned to buying, selling and trading records and CDs.

Last year, Watts decided to open a retail location in Hanceville, and he is enjoying it.

"This is my retirement," he said. "I also worked voter registration at the courthouse so I was able to retire."

He said he's happy as long as they are able to cover the overhead, and he finds Hanceville to be the ideal location for Blue Moon.

Watts wouldn't give away any collector's secrets for finding great albums, but laughed about yard sale finds, "Most of the time it's easy listening, Lawrence Welk, bad country, and that's why they are in the yard sale.

"Most people when they have them, older people, their kids go through and get all the good stuff out that they wanted."

He added, "The best records I have ever got were people who were real collectors and sold their whole collection."

He recently bought a collection of 1,200 albums, complete with a card file listing all the albums, from an old buddy from school.

Mud Creek Trading Company is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. It is located at 108 Main St. SE, Hanceville, AL 35077.

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POET'S CORNER

The Road Not Taken

By: Robert Frost

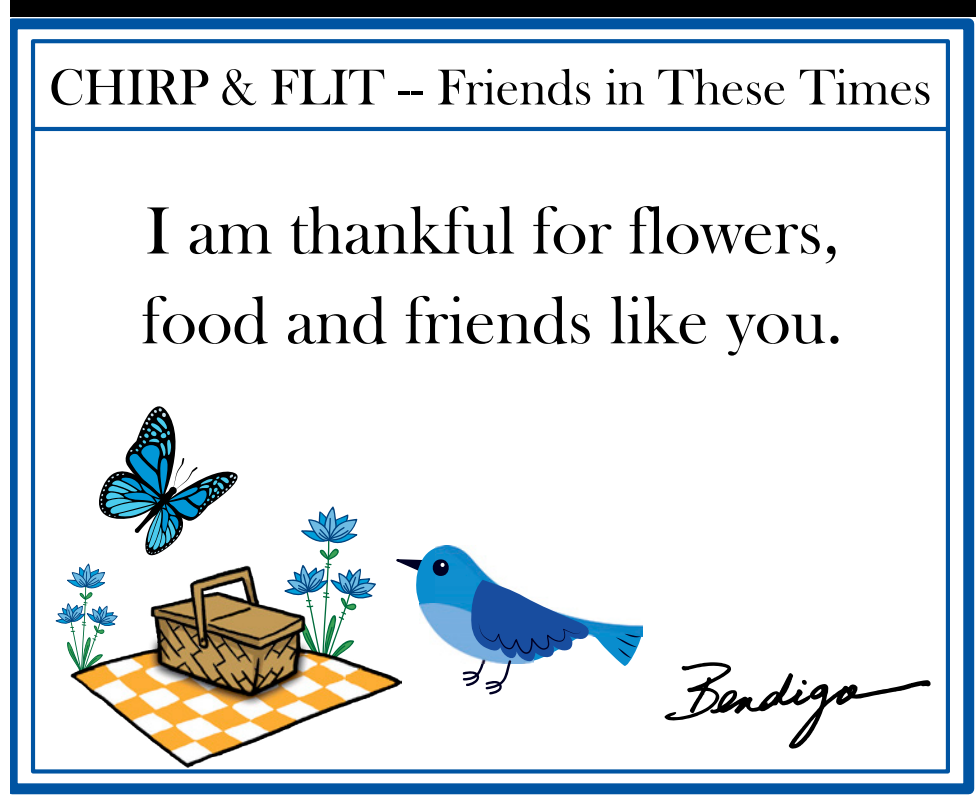
Two roads diverged in
a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one
as far as I could
To where it bent in the
undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps
the better claim,
Because it was grassy
and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really
about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way
leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in
a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

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EDUCATION

Cullman County Board of Education prepares to reopen classrooms Aug. 20

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) on Thursday afternoon discussed plans to reopen schools and return to classrooms this fall. Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette presented board members a three-tiered preliminary plan for the restart of traditional classroom instruction beginning Aug. 20.

According to the proposed plan, classroom instruction will be the preferred method. If cases of COVID-19 increase, the system will shift into the second tier of blended instruction, a mix of face-to-face and online curriculum.

Then, said Barnette, "If they continue to increase and the need arises, we will be prepared to do a virtual-move into a virtual setting. At the same time, because we've been requested by the State Department (of Education) to offer some- if kids decide to do a full-time virtual, they can choose that option and stay at home and have their lessons sent to them virtually if they'd like to do that. But me and my staff and all of our schools, we're letting the public know that we want students in school Aug. 20, face-to-face. I am confident that kids learn better sitting in a classroom with a teacher than they do reading or watching a video screen."

Barnette told board members the State will give local school boards the authority to set many of their own safety standards for reopening, and to apply standards set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at their discretion, based on local conditions and needs.

Said Barnette, "All of those recommendations that came down from CDC are not requirements. We will decide as a local school board which of those restrictions or those recommendations that we decide to use for our school system. (State Superintendent of Education) Dr. (Eric) Mackey assured me that those are recommendations, but not all of them are feasible for every school system. So some we will be doing, but many of those we will not.

"COVID-19 is not as bad, or it hasn't hit us as bad here in Cullman County as it has many places, so it would be foolish of us to abide by all these restrictions that Birmingham City or wherever it may be, that they're abiding by."

The State Department of Education is scheduled to release more directives on reopening Monday, June 22. CCBOE is currently polling parents via school websites for their intentions for the fall: whether they want their children to attend face-to-face or receive virtual instruction. Barnette cautioned that the poll is a preliminary survey, and would not bind families to either course of instruction.

New principals
The board approved the transfer of Micah Rice from assistant principal at Cold Springs Elementary School to contract principal of Cold Springs Elementary School to replace Vicky Johnson, and approved the transfer of Blake Thompson from assistant principal at West Point Middle to contract principal of West Point Middle School to replace Vicky Butler.

Summer workers
The board approved the following summer workers:

• Matthew McCulloch, Central Office Maintenance (Student Group Leader)

• Ethan S. Barnette, Central Office Maintenance (Student Group Leader)

• Noah Landon Barnette, Central Office Maintenance

• Jackson Taft Dillashaw, Central Office Maintenance

• Braxton Lane Ekes, Central Office Maintenance

• Levi H. Farley, Central Office Maintenance

• William J. Flynt, Central Office Maintenance

• Peyton L. Hall, Central Office Maintenance

• Deakon B. Hembree, Central Office Maintenance

• Whitt A. Laney, Central Office Maintenance

• Zachary (Eli) Phares, Central Office Maintenance

• Austin W. Riddle, Central Office Maintenance

• Brody W. Rusk, Central Office Maintenance

• Branson L. Smith, Central Office Maintenance

• Robert (Tripp) Richard Taylor, Central Office Maintenance

• Dylan L. White, Central Office Maintenance

Contract/Salary Changes
• Ulonda Renee Collins, upgrade to Master's degree

• Katherine Mae Meigs, upgrade to Education Specialist

• Robert C. Strane, upgrade to Master's degree

• Carrie Alana Bookout, upgrade to Master's degree

Contract Extension for Summer 2020
• Bridgett Arnold, Secretary, Hanceville Elementary, part-time, as needed

• Susan Peinhardt, Custodian, Harmony, as needed

• Cristi Easterwood, Summer secretarial work, Welti Elementary, part-time as needed

• Rebecca Glass, Summer janitorial/maintenance work, Welti Elementary, as needed

• Phillip Gay, Summer Work, Cullman Area Technology Academy, as needed

• Child Development Center Special Education Teachers - Karlie Baker, Breann Prince

2020-2021 Non-Faculty Coaches
• Charlie Lee Parris, Boys & Girls Cross Country, Boys & Girls Track, Cold Springs High, volunteer

• Ron Collett, Boys & Girls Cross Country, Boys & Girls Track, Cold Springs High, volunteer

• Todd Calvert, Boys & Girls Cross Country, Boys & Girls Track, Cold Springs High, volunteer

• Nathan Brian Finley, Boys Basketball, Holly Pond Middle

• Jason Widner, Sr. High Softball, Holly Pond High

• Ty Wilson, Sr. High Football Assistant, Holly Pond High

Other board items
• Teachers paid for teaching summer reading camp - Teresa Looney, Ashley Uhrig, Kristy Harris, Kristi Seal

• Request approved for Selina Butts, Phyllis Jo Harris and Michele Robertson to assist the Technology & Curriculum departments with parents/guardians during Kindergarten Registration, paid substitute rate of $75 a day

• Request approved for West Point Middle to pay the following $1,000 each to clean and wax floors this summer: Toby Denson, Nick White, Bryant Farley

• Request approved for West Point Middle to pay Greg Burrow $500 for summer maintenance needs

The board also approved the 2020/21 salary schedule, but has not released that information.

The Tribune will present that information, along with other personnel items, when they are available.

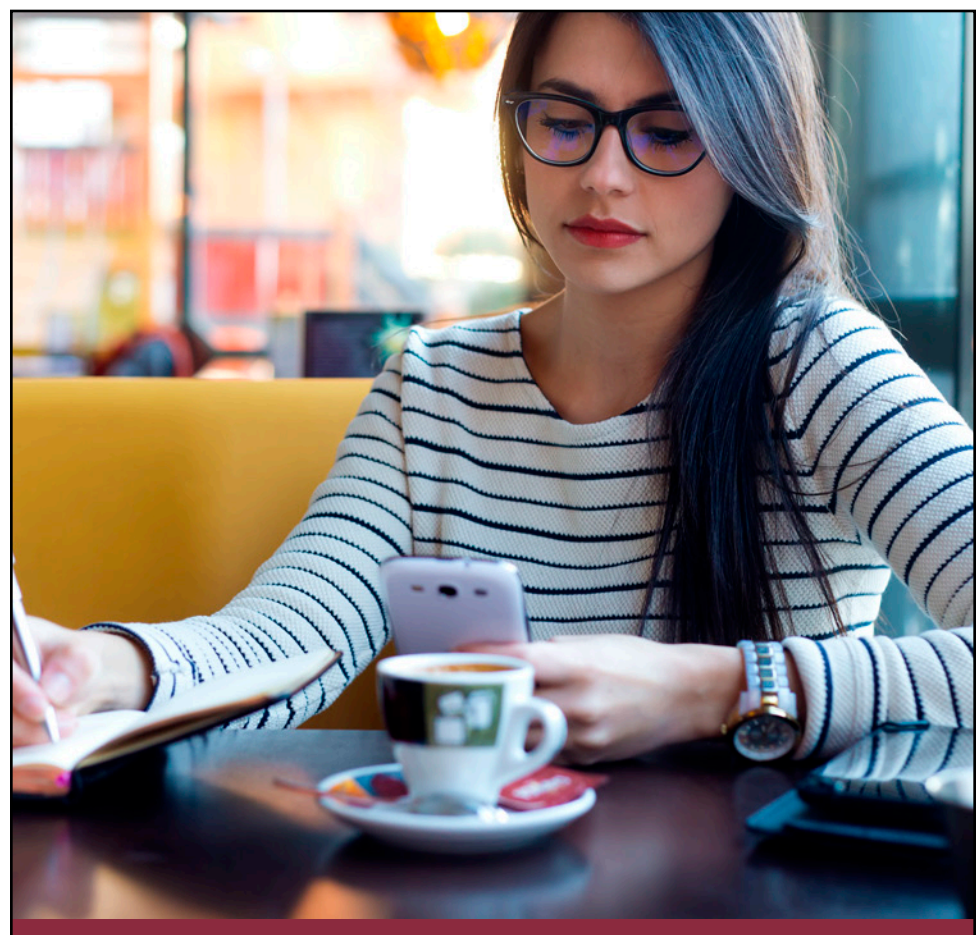
The CCBOE will meet next on Thursday, July 16, 2020 in the board room at the central office.

Attendance may be restricted due to COVID-19.









Sports

7:00 a.m. FSEE Women's College Volleyball Houston at Texas Tech.
8:00 a.m. WVTM Horse Racing Royal Ascot. (Live)
8:20 a.m. FS1 Bundesliga Soccer FC Bayern Munich vs Freiburg. (Live)
9:00 a.m. FSEE College Baseball California at TCU.
10:30 a.m. FS1 Horse Racing America's Day at the Races. (Live)
11:00 a.m. ESPN2 The Race All-Star Series (Live)
11:30 a.m. WVTM Premier League Soccer West Ham vs Wolverhampton Wanderers. (Live)
12:00 p.m. FSEE Horse Racing America's Day at the Races. (Live)
GOLF PGA Tour Golf RBC Heritage, Third Round. (Live)
1:00 p.m. FS1 ARCA Racing Series Talladega. (Live)
2:00 p.m. WVTM 152nd Belmont Stakes (Live)
WIAT PGA Tour Golf RBC Heritage, Third Round. (Live)
4:00 p.m. ESPN UFC Fight Night: Blaydes vs. Volkov - Prelims (Live)
4:30 p.m. FS1 NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series MoneyLion 300. (Live)
5:00 p.m. FSEE Horse Racing America's Day at the Races. (Live)
6:00 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf RBC Heritage, Third Round.
7:00 p.m. ESPN UFC Fight Night: Blaydes vs. Volkov (Live)
10:00 p.m. ESPN Boxing Top Rank: Main Card. (Same-day Tape)
FS1 AFL Premiership Football Gold Coast Suns vs Adelaide Crows. (Live)
10:30 p.m. ESPN2 Super Rugby Hurricanes vs Crusaders. (Live)
11:30 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf RBC Heritage, Third Round.

Movies

10:15 a.m. TMC "Sleepless in Seattle" ★★★½ (1993) Tom Hanks A recently engaged newswoman becomes obsessed with meeting a grieving widower she heard on a late-night radio call-in show.
11:00 a.m. TBS "Ready Player One" ★★★ (2018) Tye Sheridan. In 2045, the creator of a virtual reality universe promises his fortune to the first person to discover a digital Easter egg. Soon, young Wade Watts finds himself in a reality-bending treasure hunt through the mysterious and fantastical world.
TCM "The Picture of Dorian Gray" ★★★ (1945) George Sanders. Corrupted by a lord, Oscar Wilde's London aristocrat stays young, but his portrait begins to age.
11:05 a.m. MAX "The Beguiled" ★★★ (2017) Colin Farrell An injured Union deserter finds refuge at an all-female Southern boarding school during the Civil War. Soon, sexual tensions lead to dangerous rivalries as the women tend to his wounded leg while offering him comfort and companionship.
11:30 a.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.
12:00 p.m. TMC "A River Runs Through It" ★★★½ (1992) Craig Sheffer Two Montana boys become different men under the influence of fly-fishing and their minister father.
12:25 p.m. PARMT "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" ★★★ (1984) Harrison Ford. In 1935 archaeologist Jones, a lounge singer and a Chinese orphan search for mystical stones stolen from an Indian tribe.
12:40 p.m. MAX "The Family Fang" ★★★ (2015) Nicole Kidman An actress and her brother investigate the mysterious disappearance of their parents, two performance artists known for their elaborate hoaxes.
1:00 p.m. FREE "Despicable Me" ★★★ (2010) Voices of Steve Carell. Animated. As he tries to execute a fiendish plot to steal the moon, a supervillain meets his match in three little orphan girls who want to make him their dad.
TCM "Blackboard Jungle" ★★★ (1955) Glenn Ford. A dedicated teacher attempts to restore order in an inner-city high school where teenage lawlessness has taken root.
1:30 p.m. AMC "Ocean's Eleven" ★★★ (2001) George Clooney. A parolee organizes a gang to steal $150 million from three Las Vegas casinos in a single heist.
COM "Men in Black" ★★★ (1997) Tommy Lee Jones. A veteran agent and a rookie protect mankind from dangerous extraterrestrials roaming the Earth.
1:35 p.m. 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.
2:05 p.m. TMC "Kill Bill: Vol. 1" ★★★ (2003) Uma Thurman Awaking from a coma, an assassin seeks vengeance against her former boss and his ruthless gang.
2:45 p.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.
3:00 p.m. PARMT "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" ★★★½ (1989) Harrison Ford. Archaeologist Jones rescues his kidnapped father, and the two race the Nazis to find the Holy Grail.
TCM "Lawrence of Arabia" ★★★★ (1962) Peter O'Toole. Controversial British officer T.E. Lawrence learns the culture of Arabs and unites their tribes against the Turks.
3:05 p.m. FREE "Despicable Me 2" ★★★ (2013) Voices of Steve Carell. Animated. Just as Gru settles into his new role as a suburban family man, the ultrasecret Anti-Villain League sends him on a mission to nab the perpetrator of a spectacular heist.
4:00 p.m. 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.
4:15 p.m. AMC "Ocean's Twelve" ★★★ (2004) George Clooney. To pay back casino boss Terry Benedict, Danny Ocean and his team of criminals plan an elaborate heist in Europe.
4:30 p.m. TBS "Ant-Man" ★★★ (2015) Paul Rudd. Armed with a suit that allows him to shrink in size but grow in strength, Ant-Man must prevent Dr. Hank Pym's former protégé, also known as Yellowjacket, from perfecting the same technology and using it as a weapon for evil.
4:45 p.m. HBO "X-Men: First Class" ★★★ (2011) James McAvoy Charles Xavier and Erik Lehnsherr work with other mutants to prevent a nuclear nightmare, but a situation soon tears the close friends apart.
5:00 p.m. E! "Jurassic Park" ★★★½ (1993) Sam Neill. Premiere. An entrepreneur invites scientists, a mathematics theorist and others to his jungle theme-park featuring dinosaurs regenerated from DNA.
5:55 p.m. SHOW "Almost Famous" ★★★★ (2000) Billy Crudup An aspiring teenage rock journalist gets his big break when he follows an up-and-coming band on its tour.
6:00 p.m. PARMT "Raiders of the Lost Ark" ★★★★ (1981) Harrison Ford. Globe-trotting archaeologist Indiana Jones races the Nazis for possession of a legendary religious artifact.
7:00 p.m. TBS "Black Panther" ★★★½ (2018) Chadwick Boseman. Black Panther's mettle as king gets tested when an old enemy draws him into a conflict that puts his nation and the world at risk. The king must soon rally his allies and release his full power to defeat his foes and secure the safety of his people.
TCM "A Matter of Life and Death" ★★★½ (1946) David Niven. A British airman escapes death by mistake and resists the messenger who keeps summoning him to the beyond.
TNT "Wonder Woman" ★★★ (2017) Gal Gadot. 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.
HBO "Ford v Ferrari" ★★★½ (2019) Matt Damon (Premiere) Automotive designer Carroll Shelby and race car driver Ken Miles build a revolutionary vehicle for the Ford Motor Co. to compete against the race cars of Enzo Ferrari at the 24 Hours of Le Mans in France in 1966.
7:15 p.m. AMC "Ocean's Thirteen" ★★★ (2007) George Clooney. Danny Ocean and his gang plot revenge against a casino owner who wronged one of their own.
7:20 p.m. FREE "Coco" ★★★½ (2017) Voices of Anthony Gonzalez. Animated. Accompanied by a charming trickster, a young musician embarks on an extraordinary journey through the colorful Land of the Dead to unlock the real story behind his family's history.
8:00 p.m. COM "Men in Black" ★★★ (1997) Tommy Lee Jones. A veteran agent and a rookie protect mankind from dangerous extraterrestrials roaming the Earth.
SHOW "Boogie Nights" ★★★½ (1997) Mark Wahlberg A producer guides a young man to success in the 1970s porn industry, but greed and egotism lead to his downfall in the '80s.
8:30 p.m. PARMT "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" ★★★½ (1989) Harrison Ford. Archaeologist Jones rescues his kidnapped father, and the two race the Nazis to find the Holy Grail.
9:50 p.m. FREE "The Parent Trap" ★★★ (1998) Lindsay Lohan. An 11-year-old meets her California twin, and they plot to reunite their divorced parents.

SATURDAY EVENING

MOVIES

JUNE 20, 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	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Ring of Honor Wrestling		⋆ **"Domestic Disturbance"** (2001) John Travolta, Teri Polo. A divorced man investigates his son's murderous stepfather.				World's-Weath	World's-Weath	The Immortals	The Short List
WBIQ-PBS	4	This Old House	PBS NewsHour Weekend	The Lawrence Welk Show Chiri-biribin; Begin the Beguine.		Classic Gospel Country and gospel singer Josh Turner.		Alabama Gospel Roots		Keeping Up Appearances	As Time Goes By	Austin City Limits Country singer Chris Stapleton.	
WVTM-NBC	5	WVTM 13 News at 5p	NBC Nightly News - Holt	WVTM 13 News at 6p (N)	Soledad O'Brien	Dateline NBC				Saturday Night Live (N)		WVTM 13 News at 10p	(:29) Saturday Night Live
WBRC-FOX	7	Judge Judy	Paid Program	Judge Judy	Paid Program	Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back		LEGO Masters A movie-themed challenge.		WBRC FOX6 News at 9pm	WBRC FOX6 News	WBRC FOX6 News at 10pm	Ultimate Tag
WIAT-CBS	8	Paid Program	CBS Weekend News (N)	CBS42 News 6pm (N)	Paid Program	NCIS: Los Angeles "Answers" A computer virus is stolen.		48 Hours		48 Hours (N)		CBS42 News 10pm (N)	(:35) Jeopardy!
WTTO-CW	9	Modern Family "Mother!"	Modern Family "The Escape"	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Family Guy	Family Guy "Farmer Guy"	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	The Andy Griffith Show	Alabama Upstarts
WPXH-ION	11	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Hothouse"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A girl is kidnapped.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Transitions"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A pediatrician is murdered.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Hell"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Baggage"	
WABM2-ABC	12	Paid Program	ABC World News	ABC 33/40 News at 6PM	Wheel of Fortune	The Last Dance		(:01) The Last Dance		(:02) The Rookie The rookies are in the final stretch.		ABC 33/40 News at 10PM	(:35) America This Week (N)
A&E	42	Live Rescue "Live Rescue -- 11.04.19"				Live Rescue "Live Rescue -- 01.20.20"				Live Rescue "Live Rescue -- 01.27.20"			
AMC	53	(4:15) ⋆⋆⋆ **"Ocean's Twelve"** (2004) George Clooney, Brad Pitt. Indebted criminals plan an elaborate heist in Europe.				(:15) ⋆⋆⋆ **"Ocean's Thirteen"** (2007, Comedy-Drama) George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon. Danny Ocean and his gang seek to right a wrong.						Line of Duty	
ANPL	47	The Zoo Magani is paired with Kweli.		The Zoo: Bronx Tales Welcoming an Atlantic puffin chick. (N)		The Zoo A device is built for a Red River hog. (N)		(:01) Saved By The Barn Rescuing a group of pigs. (N)		To Be Announced		(:01) The Zoo Willow the red panda has foot problems.	
BET	55	(2:30) BET Star Cinema	BET Star Cinema					⋆⋆ **"Harlem Nights"** (1989, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Richard Pryor, Redd Foxx. Two 1930s nightclub owners turn the tables on a crime boss.					
BRAVO	58	(:12) ⋆⋆ **"Home Again"** (2017) Reese Witherspoon, Pico Alexander, Nat Wolff. Premiere. A single mother develops a budding romance with a young man.					(:22) ⋆⋆ **"Sweet Home Alabama"** (2002, Romance-Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas. A New York fashion designer has a secret in the South.					(9:56) ⋆⋆ **"Sweet Home Alabama"** (2002) Josh Lucas	
CMTV	61	(4:00) ⋆⋆ **"17 Again"** (2009, Comedy) Zac Efron, Leslie Mann, Thomas Lennon.			⋆⋆ **"The Internship"** (2013, Comedy) Vince Vaughn, Owen Wilson, Rose Byrne. Old-school salesmen finagle internships at Google.						⋆⋆ **"Paul Blart: Mall Cop"** (2009, Comedy) Kevin James, Jayma Mays, Keir O'Donnell.		
CNBC	35	Undercover Boss "Kamp-grounds of America"		Undercover Boss Wheel Parts CEO Greg Adler.		Undercover Boss: Celebrity Edition "Deion Sanders"		Undercover Boss "Maaco" Maaco President Jose Costa.		Undercover Boss An employee is too flirtatious.		Undercover Boss Utah Jazz CEO Greg Miller is undercover.	
CNN	37	CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)		The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer (N)		The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer (N)		The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer (N)		1968 The pressure of the presidential race. (N) (Part 3 of 4)		1968 Richard Nixon secures the presidency. (N) (Part 4 of 4)	
COM	56	(3:30) **"Men in Black II"**	⋆⋆ **"Men in Black 3"** (2012, Action) Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones, Josh Brolin. Agent J must go back to the past to save mankind's future.					⋆⋆⋆ **"Men in Black"** (1997, Action) Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith. Secret agents monitor extraterrestrial activity on Earth.				⋆⋆ **"Men in Black II"** (2002) Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith.	
DISN	49	(4:30) **"Zombies 2"** (2020) Meg Donnelly, Milo Manheim. 'NR'		(:05) **"Descendants 2"** (2017, Children's) Dove Cameron. The pressure to be perfect gets to be too much for Mal. 'NR'				(:05) **"Descendants 3"** (2019, Children's) Dove Cameron. Mal and her friends face an unfathomable dark force. 'NR'				(9:50) Raven's Home	(:40) Raven's Home
DSC	43	Dirty Jobs Mike joins forces with a barrel-maker.		Dirty Jobs "Date Palm Pollenator" Mike answers viewer mail.		Dirty Jobs "Chicken Busters" Chickens and chicks.		Dirty Jobs "Worm Grunter" Mike harvests clams in Florida.		Dirty Jobs Mike takes on his 150th dirty job.		Dirty Jobs Some of the dirtiest jobs in New York.	
E!	21	⋆⋆⋆ **"Jurassic Park"** (1993, Adventure) Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum. Premiere. Cloned dinosaurs run amok at an island-jungle theme park.						⋆⋆ **"The Lost World: Jurassic Park"** (1997, Adventure) Jeff Goldblum, Julianne Moore, Pete Postlethwaite. Premiere. An expedition returns to monitor dinosaurs' progress.					
ESPN	29	(4:00) UFC Fight Night: Blaydes vs. Volkov - Prelims (N) (Live)				UFC Fight Night: Blaydes vs. Volkov Curtis Blaydes vs. Alexander Volkov, heavyweights. From UFC APEX Facility in Las Vegas. (N) (Live)						Boxing Top Rank: Main Card. (N Same-day Tape)	
ESPN2	30	The Last Dance		The Last Dance		Weightlifting			Johnsonville ACL Cornhole Championships Singles Championship.				Super Rugby
FOOD	45	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
FREE	48	(:15) ⋆⋆ **"Hotel Transylvania"** (2012) Voices of Adam Sandler, Andy Samberg. Animated. Dracula invites famous monsters to a special birthday party.					(:20) ⋆⋆⋆ **"Coco"** (2017) Voices of Anthony Gonzalez, Gael García Bernal. Animated. A boy embarks on a journey to discover his family's history.					(9:50) ⋆⋆⋆ **"The Parent Trap"** (1998) Lindsay Lohan.	
FS1	20	(4:30) NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series MoneyLion 300. From Talladega Superspeedway in Talladega, Ala. (N) (Live)				Greatest Games: MLB From Oct. 14, 2015. (N Taped)						AFL Premiership Football Gold Coast Suns vs Adelaide Crows.	
FSEE	32	Horse Racing America's Day at the Races. (N) (Live)		MLS Soccer Game 2 of the Eastern Conference Semifinals. (N)				3 Wide Life	Sports Stars of Tomorrow	Fight Sports: Boxing			
FX	28	⋆⋆ **"Daddy's Home"** (2015, Comedy) Will Ferrell. An insecure man competes with his stepchildren's freewheeling father.				⋆⋆ **"Transformers: Age of Extinction"** (2014, Action) Mark Wahlberg, Stanley Tucci, Li Bingbing. Optimus Prime and the Autobots face fearsome challengers.							Better Things "Nesting"
GOLF	82	Golf Central (N) (Live)		PGA Tour Golf RBC Heritage, Third Round. From Harbour Town Golf Links in Hilton Head, S.C.									Golf Central
HALL	72	(4:00) **"Royal Matchmaker"** (2018) Bethany Joy Lenz.		**"Love in the Forecast"** (2020, Romance) Christopher Russell. Sparks fly between an aspiring meteorologist and a neighbor.				**"Love Under the Olive Tree"** (2019) Gardiner Millar. Premiere. Sparks fly between a feisty woman and a competitive man.				**"A Summer to Remember"** (2018) Catherine Bell.	
HGTV	46	Love It or List It A couple bought a home sight unseen.		Love It or List It Shelly and Zahid love the pond.		Love It or List It "The Impossible Dream Home"		Love It or List It Parents want a bigger home for the boys.		(:01) Love It or List It Empty nesters debate locations.		(:01) Love It or List It A family looks for expansion options.	
HIST	40	Ancient Aliens Alien visitors and deadly disasters.		Ancient Aliens Living sea plankton in space.		Ancient Aliens Natural disasters in the ancient world.		(:02) Ancient Aliens Remote islands may hold evidence.		(:05) Ancient Aliens "Aliens B.C."		(:05) Ancient Aliens Alien contact in the recent past.	
LIFE	23	**"Twisted Twin"** (2020, Suspense) Jennifer Taylor, Lorynn York. A murderous woman tries to steal her twin sister's identity.				**"Birthmother's Betrayal"** (2020) Tanya Clarke. Premiere. A woman becomes suspicious of her adopted daughter's mother.				(:03) **"The Au Pair Nightmare"** (2020, Suspense) Anne Heise. A young au pair uncovers a wealthy couple's dark secret.			
MSNBC	36	MSNBC Live (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		All In With Chris Hayes		The Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word With Lawrence O'Donnell		The 11th Hour With Brian Williams	
NGC	22	World's Deadliest Covert assassins of the animal kingdom.		World's Deadliest Aquatic and terrestrial creatures.		World's Deadliest "Nature's Most Wanted"		World's Deadliest Clans and armies of the animal kingdom.		(:03) World's Deadliest Highly feared predators.		(:03) World's Deadliest The underdog fights back.	
PARMT	57	(3:00) ⋆⋆⋆ **"Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade"**		⋆⋆⋆⋆ **"Raiders of the Lost Ark"** (1981, Adventure) Harrison Ford, Karen Allen, Paul Freeman. An archaeologist races Nazis to find a powerful relic.					⋆⋆⋆ **"Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade"** (1989, Adventure) Harrison Ford, Sean Connery. Indy's hunt for his missing father leads to the Holy Grail.				
TBS	25	(4:30) ⋆⋆⋆ **"Ant-Man"** (2015) Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas. Ant-Man uses his shrinking skills to battle Yellowjacket.				⋆⋆⋆ **"Black Panther"** (2018, Action) Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan, Lupita Nyong'o. Black Panther springs into action when an old enemy returns.						Full Frontal	**"Alice Through"**
TCM	79	(3:00) ⋆⋆⋆⋆ **"Lawrence of Arabia"** (1962) Peter O'Toole. A controversial British officer unites Arab tribes against the Turks.				⋆⋆⋆ **"A Matter of Life and Death"** (1946) David Niven, Kim Hunter. An RAF pilot is saved from death by a twist of fate.				⋆⋆ **"A Guy Named Joe"** (1943, Fantasy) Spencer Tracy, Irene Dunne. A pilot's girlfriend has a premonition of his death.			
TLC	24	Hoarding: Buried Alive Jahn is an extreme hoarder.		Hoarding: Buried Alive A couple's home is a heap of trash.		Hoarding: Buried Alive A matter of life and death.		Hoarding: Buried Alive A woman has been sent to jail.		Hoarding: Buried Alive Mold, mice and flea infestations.		Hoarding: Buried Alive "This Is Unreal" Milton; Louise.	
TNT	26	(4:30) ⋆⋆ **"The Accountant"** (2016, Suspense) Ben Affleck. An agent tracks an accountant who works for criminals.				⋆⋆⋆ **"Wonder Woman"** (2017, Action) Gal Gadot, Chris Pine, Connie Nielsen. Wonder Woman discovers her full powers and true destiny.						⋆⋆ **"Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice"** (2016)	
USA	27	Chicago P.D. "Black and Blue"		Chicago P.D. Upton and Burgess enter a bad situation.		Chicago P.D. Intelligence works with the CFD.		Chicago P.D. "Sacrifice" The team tracks drug robberies.		Chicago P.D. Antonio struggles with his conscience.		Dirty John "No Fault" Betty thinks she can't be divorced.	
WE	71	Criminal Minds The BAU interrogates a terrorist.		Criminal Minds "Sex, Birth, Death" Possible serial killer.		Criminal Minds "No Way Out" A prolific serial killer.		Criminal Minds A wealthy couple's murder.		Criminal Minds "Revelations" A serial killer kidnaps Reid.		Criminal Minds "Distress" Construction-site murders.	
HBO	518	(4:45) ⋆⋆⋆ **"X-Men: First Class"** (2011) James McAvoy. The early years of Charles Xavier and Erik Lehnsherr. 'PG-13'				⋆⋆⋆ **"Ford v Ferrari"** (2019, Historical Drama) Matt Damon, Jon Bernthal. Premiere. A designer builds a car to race against the Ferrari in 1966. 'PG-13'					(:35) **I Know This Much Is True** "Episode 6" Dominick seeks reconciliation.		
MAX	549	(4:20) ⋆⋆ **"Pathfinder"** (2007, Adventure) Karl Urban. 'R'		Trackers "Episode 3" Lemmer is a few steps behind Inkunzi.		⋆⋆ **"Project X"** (2012, Comedy) Thomas Mann, Oliver Cooper. 'R'			⋆⋆ **"Contraband"** (2012, Action) Mark Wahlberg, Ben Foster. A former smuggler finds he has to get back in the game. 'R'				(:20) Trackers "Episode 3"
SHOW	578	(4:55) Billions "The Limitless S..." Axe makes big plays.		(5:55) ⋆⋆⋆⋆ **"Almost Famous"** (2000) Billy Crudup. A teenage rock journalist goes on tour with a rising band. 'R'				⋆⋆⋆ **"Boogie Nights"** (1997, Drama) Mark Wahlberg, Burt Reynolds, Julianne Moore. A porn star's ego leads to his downfall. 'R'					Best in Sex: AVN Awards
TMC	598	(4:00) ⋆⋆⋆ **"Kill Bill: Vol. 2"** (2004, Action) Uma Thurman, David Carradine. 'R'			⋆⋆ **"Carriers"** (2009) Lou Taylor Pucci. Four friends seek refuge from a viral pandemic.			**"Redcon-1"** (2018, Horror) Oris Erhuero, Carlos Gallardo. Soldiers battle bloodthirsty zombies to rescue a scientist. 'NR'				⋆ **"Cell"** (2016, Horror) John Cusack. 'R'	

Best Bets

7 p.m. on LIFE
Movie: Birthmother's Betrayal

At 16, Tara discovers the name of her birth mother, Grace, on a DNA website and reaches out to the older woman. In short order, Grace comes crashing into the life of the daughter she gave up years ago, much to the consternation of Amy, who subsequently adopted Tara and gave her a stable home. "Stable," however, is the last word to describe Grace, who has both a needy love for Tara and a poisonous resentment toward Amy. Tanya Clarke, Aria Pullman, Monica Rose Betz and Matthew Pohlkamp star.

7 p.m. on HBO
Movie: Ford v Ferrari

James Mangold's 2019 sports drama emerged as one of that year's winners from every perspective, earning big bucks at the global box office, cheers from critics and multiple accolades, including an Oscar nomination as best picture and wins in two editing categories. Matt Damon and Christian Bale head the cast as, respectively, automotive designer Carroll Shelby and British driver Ken Miles, leaders of an American team determined to build a new racing car that can break the Ferrari winning streak at Le Mans. Jon Bernthal also stars.

7 p.m. on OWN
Love & Marriage: Huntsville

The hit unscripted series about the lives of three influential North Alabama couples returns with the first in a series of "couples specials" spotlighting the featured relationships on the show. First up, Melody and Martell Holt open up to give viewers the inside scoop on some of the behind-the-scenes events in Season 1. Among their topics are their pregnancy, his surgery, that notorious yacht fight and a preview of some events coming up in Season 2.

8 p.m. on HALL
Movie: Love Under the Olive Tree

Nicole Cabella (Tori Anderson) yearns to expand her family's Northern California olive oil business, until her childhood crush, Jake Brandini (Benjamin Hollingsworth) — who also happens to be the heir apparent to a neighboring ranch — quite by accident discovers that his family owns the land Nicole wants to incorporate. Long-standing bad blood between the two families further complicates things, until a judge proposes awarding the property to whichever of the pair wins an upcoming olive oil competition. Gardiner Millar co-stars in this 2019 romance.

8 p.m. on SHOW
Movie: Boogie Nights

Director Paul Thomas Anderson was only a child during the 1970s, but he earned an Oscar nomination for his right-on depiction of the decade in this 1997 drama. Mark Wahlberg stars as the new kid on the adult movie block whose impressive anatomy brings him fame and fortune in the thriving porn industry of the time. Burt Reynolds received a Golden Globe and an Academy Award nomination for his supporting performance as a pretentious producer. Julianne Moore also was Oscar-nominated in the supporting actress category.

9 p.m. on TRVL
Terror in the Woods

The new episode "It Was Just Like a Nightmare and We're Not Gonna Make It Out" delivers more first-person accounts of wilderness outings cut short by an unwanted brush with the spirit realm. The past comes back to haunt a group of Civil War re-enactors in the Virginia woods, while in another segment, two brothers encounter an aggressive Bigfoot while exploring an abandoned building in the Iowa wilderness.

10 p.m. on TRVL
My Paranormal Nightmare

The new episode "Possession" delivers more deeply unsettling paranormal takes as chronicled by first-person witness accounts. Demonic entities seek control of their victims through possession in one segment, and an evil spirit follows a father and daughter home from church. A pair of cousins learn the sinister risks of trying to interact with the dead after they unleash hell when they play with a spirit board. Finally, shadowy creatures wreak havoc on a young girl's life.



Tori Anderson stars in "Love Under the Olive Tree" on Hallmark Channel.



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From left to right are Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Executive Director Zac Wood, Alex Wood, Assistant Athletic Director Ashley Dye, Director of Operations Kyle Clark, Recreational Development Director Christy Turner, Board Chairman Rusty Turner and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Rickey Self.

Celebration: Heritage Park receives 'facelift'

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CULLMAN, Ala. – After months of planting, painting, roofing and hail damage repair, a celebration was held at Heritage Park Thursday evening to commemorate the completion of renovations to the baseball fields and main office/concessions stand building. The work started last November after the last season ended, and Assistant Athletic Director Ashley Dye said that the finished product was like the park had "been given a facelift."

The extent of the changes includes upgrading the backstops around the fields from chain fences to brick walls, adding new nets around all the fields, putting new roofs and paint on the pavilions and office/concessions building (all now sleek gray instead of green), removing the carpet from the offices and installing wood flooring, and new landscaping.

One of the offices also has an art wall where pictures of the park colored by children are on display.

Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Executive Director Zac Wood said there are more projects coming, and Dye said one of the projects will include re-paving and painting the park's parking lots.

Said Wood, "Renovations have gone well. It's been a lot of work, lot of hard work and sweat.

"Lot of sweat equity in it as well, but it's been very good and we're very pleased. There's a few things that we wanna do, but we'll get to those."

Dye also commented, "We're excited to get everything going and just see people again! It's been hard to not see everyone's faces, especially in Parks & Rec. We miss them, and I'm sure they miss us as well."

Both said the turnout for the celebration was better than expected, estimating about a hundred visitors coming and going during the two-hour period.

On a short tour around the park, Dye described the process they went through during the renovations.

"November of last year, we had the Parris Fence Company come in, and they tore down every fence post and fence that we had and started from scratch. While they were working on the outside fencing, we had people working on the backstops," she stated.

"As soon as the backstops were done and the concrete caps were poured, we put up the nets. The nets were fun to watch because as you can see, these large black poles are huge, and they came all in one piece instead of multiple sections.

"It's just been awesome to watch the park's transformation."

The park will be hosting a USSSA softball tournament Saturday and Sunday, June 20-21, as well as the fireworks show on the 4th of July. Dye said the department has been looking at ways to make the show completely drive-in due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases, and the size of the show has been doubled.

Obituary Announcements June 20

Pauline Elizabeth Smith, of Cullman passed away Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at the age of 88. She was born April 6, 1932 in Cullman, AL to John and Myrtle Couch Haynes. Pauline was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She loved working in her flower and vegetable gardens, baking, reading her Bible and coloring. She gifted her grandchildren with a special coloring book that she had completed. She was a member of Friendship Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Barney "Junior" Smith; son Dale Smith; two sisters, and five brothers. Her survivors include her son Mike (Sandra) Smith; daughters Connie (Jackie) Camp and Melissa (Johnny) Smith; daughter-in-law Denise Smith; sister Kathy Wilhite; grandchildren Talitha (Jeff) Fleming, Rachael (Steven) Myrick, Stephanie (Justin) Burden, Rebecca (Sam) Gregory, Joshua (Ashley) Smith, Jonathan Smith (Joni Johnson), Jaclyn Smith (Jonathan Gant) and Dana (Keith) Allen; and 22 great-grandchildren. Visitation will be held at Moss Service Funeral Home Sunday, June 21, 2020 from 5-8 p.m. The Celebration of Life Funeral Service for Pauline Smith will be in the chapel of Moss Service Funeral Home Monday, June 22, 2020 at 1 p.m. with burial to follow at Flint Creek Cemetery. Her grandsons and great grandsons will be serving at pallbearers. Moss Service Funeral Home directing. Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

Private graveside services for James Virgil Wise, Sr., 71, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 20, 2020 at Simcoe Methodist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Wise passed away Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at Cullman Regional. He was born May 12, 1949 to Earl Edwin Wise and Ethel E. Brown. He was preceded in death by his daughter Danielle Dawn Wise; parents Earl Edwin Wise and Ethel E. James Brown; and grandparents William O. Batton, Mary Wise Batton, Jim Claus James, and Emilie Morgan James. Survivors include his wife Gloria June Wise; sons James Virgil (Tammy) Wise and William Edwin Wise; grandson Nathan Virgil Wise; great-grandson Damien Virgil Wise; stepson Chuck Denton; and sisters Earla (Tommy) Harrington and Glenda Morgan. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

O.D. Carter, 89, of Double Springs entered into rest Friday, June 19, 2020 at Lakeland Community Hospital. Mr. Carter was born May 10, 1931 in Double Springs, Alabama. O.D. loved the outdoors, especially hunting. He enjoyed getting visits from his kids and grandkids. He loved the Lord, going to church and his dog, Bella. Visitation will be held Monday, June 22, 2020 from 6-8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, where the service will be Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 2 p.m. Brother James Hood will officiate. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery in Double Springs. O.D. is survived by his wife Clora Christine Carter; sons Thomas Freeman and his wife Connie, Billy Carter and his wife Sandra, Teddy Carter and his wife Marylynn, and Allen Carter and his wife, Angie; daughters Retia Walker and her husband T.E., Anita Benford and her husband Lonzo, and Freda Salter and her husband Timmy; 23 grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and sisters Gladys Stewart, Inez Waid, and Joann Buckelew. He was preceded in death by his parents John Lloyd Carter and Bunia Seymore Carter; brothers Lloyd, J.B., F.M., L.V., Virgil, James, Walker, Irving, Russell and John Jr.; sisters Beatrice, Mona and Margie; and great-grandson Adam Hendrix.

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3 Dads and the Father

Melinda Haynes James
Contributor

This is a true story of three ordinary, yet extraordinary, dads...and their great Father.

First, a little information pertinent to each dad.

First, Rev. Buford W. Haynes, of the Bethsaida/ Trimble area, was the son of James Haynes who was an orphan at an early age then grew up to be a cotton and poultry farmer.

When Buford was a teenager, the family house burned. He took off from school one year to help rebuild the home. He grew up to farm poultry, cattle, potatoes and vegetable plants.

Foremost though, he was a Baptist minister for over 35 years, ministering to churches and people in spiritual matters as well as physical needs. He entered Heaven when he was 80.

Second, Mr. Reaford M. James, of the Good Hope area, was the son of sharecropper Mr. Ira James.

Reaford spent his life in the U.S. military, retired, then worked as a rural U.S. postal carrier, retiring again.

He was a deacon at Southside Baptist Church for many years. He entered Heaven at 85.

Also, there is Mr. Charles Quattlebaum, of the Logan area, whose father Mr. Raymond Quattlebaum, was a farmer. Charles is a welder by trade, a cattle farmer and an active deacon at Logan Baptist Church.

He is 81 years young.

These three dads above share the following common traits/values:

• Born and raised in Cullman, Alabama

• Never forgot their roots and humble beginnings- "Didn't forget where they came from."

• Married a Proverbs 31 woman, raised a large family, and each had/have over 50+ years of marriage to their respective brides...Barbara, Wanda and Brenda

• Became a family man to three generations (Psalms 127: 1-5)

• Served God and/or Country (I Corinthians 12:5)- Reaford and Charles in the military and Buford in the Baptist ministry

• Known by the company they keep (Proverbs 11 :14)

• Open heart surgery- Reaford and Charles each underwent the surgery at some point. Buford opened his heart to those hurting/ suffering.

• Knew the value of suffering=perseverance=character=hope (Romans 5: 3-4).

• Enjoyed/enjoying a long life.

These three dads are more alike than different. Moreover, all three knew/know about grace and mercy which leads to the birth into a living hope (I Peter 1: 3-4).

They all knew this because they knew of a Servant named Jesus and his Father (abba), God.

Would that more Dads be raised up like the One, our Father (abba). Happy Father's Day!

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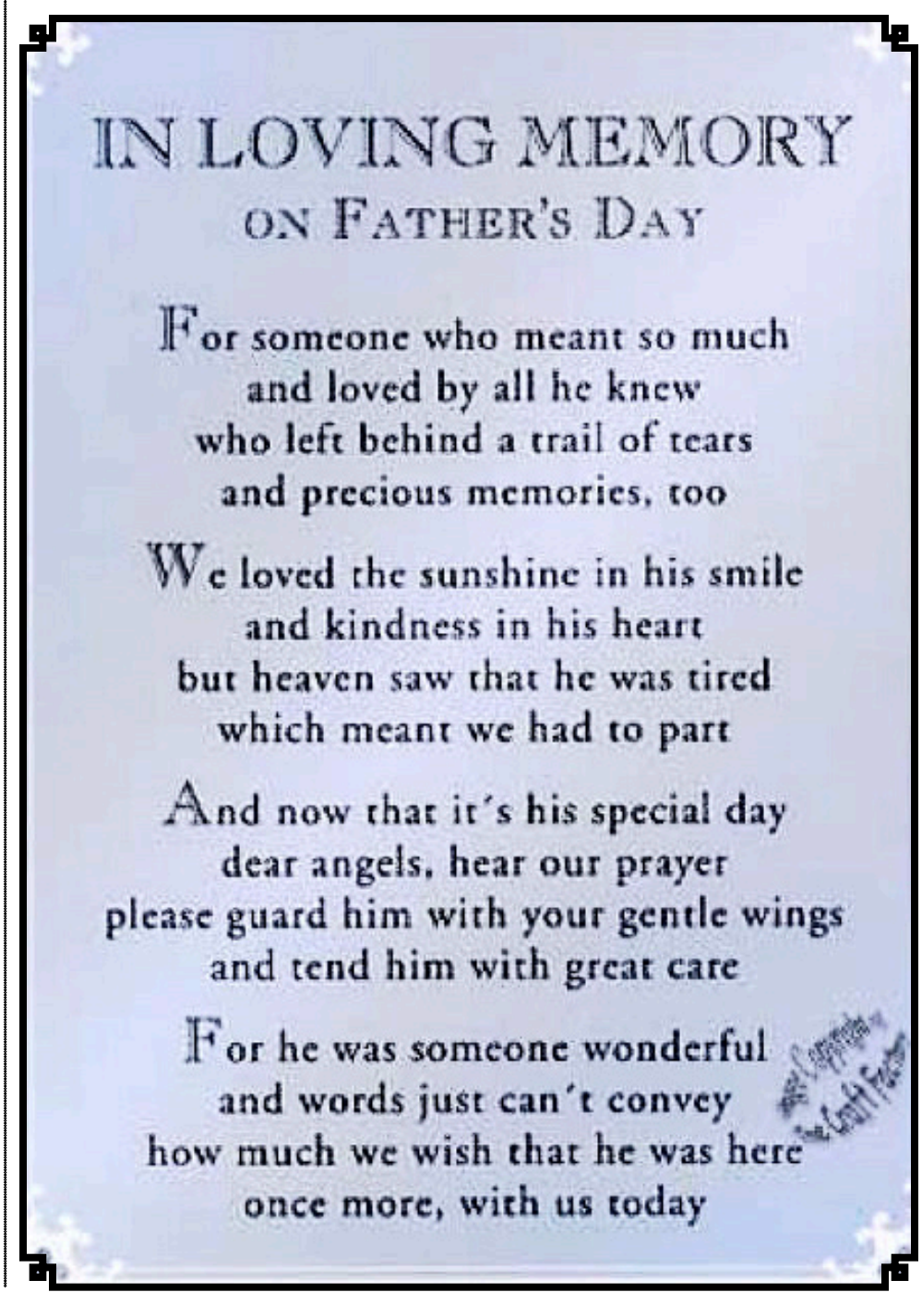
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We love you and miss you, Jenny and Chris



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Blakeney, Lucas, Thomas represent Troy on College Football Hall of Fame ballot

Adam Prendergast
Troy Athletics

TROY, Ala. – Troy is well represented on the 2021 College Football Hall of Fame Ballot as legendary head coach Larry Blakeney, the late Al Lucas and Freddie Thomas return to the ballot, which features 78 players and seven coaches from the Football Bowl Subdivision and 99 players and 33 coaches from the divisional ranks.

To be eligible for the ballot, players must have been named a first team All-American by a major/national selector as recognized and utilized by the NCAA for their consensus All-America teams; played their last year of intercollegiate football at least 10 years prior; played within the last 50 years and cannot be currently playing professional football.

The announcement of the 2021 Class will be made in early 2021, with specific details to be announced in the future. The 2021 College Football Hall of Fame Class Presented by ETT will be officially inducted during the 64th NFF Annual Awards Dinner on Dec. 7, 2021, at the New York Hilton Midtown. They will also be honored at their respective schools with an NFF Hall of Fame On-Campus Salute, presented by Fidelity Investments, during the 2021 season.

Blakeney, who retired as Troy's head coach following the 2014 season, was included on the ballot in his first year eligible. He led Troy to 178 wins over his 24 years as head coach and guided the Trojans from NCAA Division II status to the highest level of college football during his career.

The all-time winningest coach in Sun Belt Conference history, Blakeney earned four conference coach of the year honors (two Sun Belt and two Southland), led his team to eight conference championships in 16 seasons as a member of a conference, five bowls games and trips to the FCS Playoffs in seven of eight seasons. Blakeney coached 14 All-Americans during his career and 86 of his players earned first team all-conference honors.

A two-time All-American and the 1999 Buck Buchanan Award winner, Lucas was a true force on Troy's defensive line during the late 1990s. A unanimous All-America selection following his senior year in 1999, Lucas finished the season with 129 tackles and 20 tackles for loss, which rank as the ninth and third most in a single-season in school history, respectively.

Lucas earned All-America honors as a junior after recording 65 tackles, 13 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks.

The Trojans also used Lucas on offense in goal line situations and he rushed for nine touchdowns on 26 carries. Lucas, who played 20 games for the Carolina Panthers in the NFL, tragically passed away at the age of 26 from an injury suffered on April 10, 2005, in an AFL game. The AFL renamed its Hero Award to the Al Lucas Award, while the Maxwell Football Club has named its AFL Player of the Year award in his honor.



TROY ATHLETICS

Troy legends Larry Blakeney, the late Al Lucas and Freddie Thomas.

From walk-on to two-time All-American, Thomas is a true success story in the history of Troy Athletics. Simply known as "Bootsy", Thomas earned Kodak All-America honors his junior season after recording 85 tackles, five interceptions, eight pass break ups and a blocked punt.

He parleyed his outstanding junior season into an even better senior campaign where he was named captain of the 1987 NCAA Division II National Championship squad. Thomas was a Consensus All-American that season as he finished with 85 tackles and an interception from his safety position. Thomas currently ranks 12th all-time in Troy history with 11 career interceptions, while checking in at 18th in total tackles and 20th in assisted tackles.

Matt Scheffler agrees to terms with Seattle

George Nunnelley
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – Senior catcher Matt Scheffler agreed to a free agent deal with the Seattle Mariners Tuesday.

Scheffler is the fourth member of the 2020 team to pursue his goal of playing professional baseball, joining Tanner Burns and Bailey Horn, who were drafted last week, and Ryan Watson, who also signed a free agent contract Sunday.

"It's hard to put into words how amazing Auburn has been," Scheffler said. "From a junior college kid coming out of Washington, the campus and community welcomed me with open arms. My coaches and teammates made me a better baseball player and a better man and have prepared me as much as possible to take on the next level. I know I have all the support from the Auburn Family, and I cherished my time on The Plains. I can't wait for this next opportunity."

In parts of two seasons on The Plains, Scheffler made 77 appearances and started in 75 contests, 74 of which came behind the plate. A transfer from Pierce College prior to the 2019 season, Scheffler was instrumental in the Tigers' run that culminated in Omaha, Nebraska, for the first time since 1997. The senior backstop was a .289 career hitter and tied for the team lead with a .412 average through 18 games in 2020.

"He's made everybody on our team better, our coaching staff better," head coach Butch Thompson said. "Yeah, he can run for a catcher, way above average, and he has a great arm and can block, but his leadership to serve everybody on our pitching staff and on our team has been exceptional. People see the tools, but what puts him over the top is that the intangibles are off the charts and create a chance for him to have a long professional career."

The Kirkland, Washington, native turned in a .989 fielding percentage behind the plate and threw out 14 would-be base stealers while picking off four others in his career. He handled a pitching staff that turned in 777 strikeouts and 12 shutouts during the last two seasons.



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Auburn catcher Matt Scheffler agreed to a free agent deal with the Seattle Mariners Tuesday.

La Michoacanita (from Front)

ly approves.

She smiled, "He's 4, and he's always asking if I am leaving. I say, 'Yeah, I'm going to the ice cream shop.' He's like, 'I want to go to the ice cream shop!' Every time he gets in here, he is the happiest kid ever."

This is the third summer La Michoacanita has been open for business. Espinoza said she had hoped to sell her ice cream and treats at the Strawberry Festival, but COVID-19 intervened. She was able to keep her store open during the shutdown, but said she hopes to bring her products to special events soon.

Some of the unique flavors La Michoacanita offers include: spicy mango, rompope c. pasas (eggnog with raisins), arroz con leche (rice pudding), tamarind, guava, mammee fruit, marzipan and many more. It also has a variety of drinks including Jamaica (Hibiscus flower) and Horchata (rice and cinnamon) as well as Crazy Doritos, Frito pies and tostados de ceviche (on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays).

La Michoacanita Ice Cream is located at 507 Main Ave. SW in Cullman across from the post office. It is open seven days a week from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. It also has catering options, including tubs of ice cream and discounts on large orders of popsicles.

To see a full menu, visit www.Lamichoacanita2018.wixsite.com/icecreamshop or follow the shop on social media:

- Instagram @ Lamichoacanitaicecream
- Facebook @ La Michoacanita Ice Cream

Agriplex (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The North Alabama Agriplex normally has a bounty of programs for children and adults to enjoy throughout the year. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, however, that schedule has been disrupted. The Tribune spoke with Agriplex Director Rachel Dawsey for an update.

"We will still be doing some online options (sic), but otherwise all in-person meetings are canceled," she said. "The Agriplex will be closed to public programs through July. The building will also remain unavailable for rent through July as well. After much thought, we have decided on no camps this summer. We will reevaluate Aug. 1. We are staying busy with gleaning, produce redistribution and the USDA food boxes!"

Dawsey said one program will pick back up at the Festhalle Farmers' Market in July. "We plan to start POP (Power of Produce) at Festhalle in July," she said. "Power of Produce is where kids come to taste local produce and then receive market money to spend on fresh produce at the Festhalle. We reimburse our farmers thanks to our sponsors."

The Agriplex is still offering online classes. A Food Preservation Workshop hosted by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System will be held June 23, 30 and July 7. Find out more at www.facebook.com/events/276638847041488.

Dawsey encouraged those interested to stay up-to-date on programs and other resources at www.Facebook.com/NorthAlabamaAgriplex.

Unemployment (from Front)

an increase of $66.43 over the year.

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are: Clay County at 5.6%, Geneva County at 6.3%, and Shelby County at 6.5%. Counties with the highest unemployment rates are: Wilcox County at 19.3%, Lowndes County at 18.3%, and Greene County at 16.4%.

Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are: Vestavia Hills at 5.2%, Homewood at 5.4%, and Madison at 6.2%. Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are: Prichard at 18.6%, Selma at 17.1%, and Gadsden at 15.7%.

For more information regarding how the Bureau of Labor Statistics calculates the unemployment rate, visit https://www.bls.gov/bls/blscovid-19-questions-and-answers.htm. NOTE: Data users must be cautious about trying to compare or reconcile the UI claims data with the official unemployment figures gathered through the household survey. The unemployment data derived from the household survey in no way depend upon the eligibility for or receipt of UI benefits. In some cases, UI claims data exclude people who would be identified as unemployed in the household survey, like new entrants to the labor force with no prior work experience. In other cases, UI data may include individuals who do not meet the CPS definition of unemployment. The recent Emergency Unemployment Insurance Stabilization and Access Act of 2020, signed on March 27, 2020, allowed states to temporarily modify or suspend the "actively seeking work" requirement to respond to the spread of COVID-19.

