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Alabama sees daily record-high 1,129 new cases of COVID-19

'This situation is likely to continue for many months' » PAGE 8

Dos and Don'ts for fireworks in your community



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Fat Boys Fireworks, one of many fireworks stands around the county, is located by the Marathon station in South Vinemont. » PAGE 5

Cullman siblings win 1st, 3rd place in APT Young Writers Contest



HEATHER MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Anna Kate Allcorn and her brother, John Luke Allcorn, pose with their Alabama Public Television Young Writers Contest awards. Anna Kate, in third grade, placed first, while John Luke, in kindergarten, placed third.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Ever since she was in pre-school, Anna Kate Allcorn has wanted to write. Now a third grader, she has placed in the top three winners (for her grade) of the Alabama Public Television's Young Writers Contest for the past four years. This year, her last year to compete, she brought home first place. Despite the fact that she can no longer compete, someone else is continuing the tradition: her younger brother, John Luke, won third place in the kindergarten bracket this year.

Anna Kate told The Tribune a bit about what the contest is, saying, "This contest is for young writers. It's a chance for them to write books."

She went on to talk about her experience competing for the past four years, saying, "When I was in preschool, I saw the commercial and I really wanted to do it, but I had to wait another year until I could actually enter it in kindergarten. After that I just kinda kept going, and the funny thing was that I said, 'I'm not gonna write another book,' but I wrote another book. I won third place in kindergarten, and then first place in first grade, and then second in second grade, and then first in third grade."

Her book this year, titled "Cherokee Girl," tells the story of two time-traveling girls - one from modern day, the other a Cherokee native from colonial days - meeting each other and becoming curious about each other's worlds. As a third-grade submission, her book had a limit of 300 words and needed at least five illustrations. Her family said she worked on this for about four months.

As a kindergarten submission, John Luke's book only needed three illustrations and was limited to 150 words. He described his book as being inspired by the "symbol of America" (which is also the title of the book), saying, "It's about an eagle, and it was kinda like something hit me from America and the flag. It just flew through me, and I put it in the book and it made me happy."

His family said he worked on his story for a month, though he himself said it only felt like a few days.

John Luke said he plans to follow in his sister's footsteps and enter the contest again next year, while Anna Kate said she will be looking for new contests and writing ventures.

"It's so much fun to compete, but we're also maybe thinking of doing other stuff with my writing," she said.

Tanya Higdon-Allcorn, the children's mother, said, "We're just going to continue and let her write. She'll come up with story ideas, and we're just going to go ahead and publish them » PAGE 8

'They are supported and they are appreciated'

Pepsi donates water, Gatorade to local law enforcement officers, firefighters



TERRY SHABEL

Pepsi Cola recently delivered cases of water and Gatorade to each officer at the Cullman Police Department. It also gave cases to officers at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and Hanceville Police Department, along with firefighters at Cullman Fire Rescue. » PAGE 2

Truth in Nature: An outdoor ministry to fatherless boys

New Cullman chapter's open house this Saturday at Sportsman Lake Park



TRUTH IN NATURE

Truth in Nature, which began in Georgia, teaches life skills and mentors boys without fathers or in need of positive male role models. » PAGE 6

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CULLMAN, Ala. – As a show of its continuing support of law enforcement, Pepsi Cola recently donated a case of Dasani Water and a case of Gatorade to law enforcement officers and firefighters in Cullman County. The cases of drinks were delivered to the Cullman Police Department, Cullman Fire Rescue, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and the Hanceville Police Department.

Sheriff Matt Gentry said of the donation, "We have been extremely blessed at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office. We have had so many companies, citizens and families stop by and support the sheriff's office through cards, food and just great fellowship. Terry Shabel and Pepsi are one of those companies that have not only supported us through these tough times, but have supported us for years at the sheriff's office. They are a major sponsor for our special needs rodeo and help with many of our events. We can't thank Pepsi and their employees enough for their support through these times and all the years before."

In total, Pepsi donated a case of water and Gatorade each to 148 officers at the CCSO, 15 officers at the HPD, 75 officers at the CPD and 50 Cullman firefighters.

General Manager of Pepsi Cola Decatur, LLC., Terry Shabel, said, "We just wanted to thank them for their service and show our appreciation for all they do. They are supported and they are appreciated."

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
HBH, * **CASE NO.: JU 19-116.02**
a minor, DOB: 11-18-2015. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

The unknown father of the above child born to Samantha Sue Cox on November 18, 2015, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources by the 31 day of July, 2020, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 23rd day of June, 2020.

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
PAUL DEWAYNE HUDSON, * CASE NO.: PC2020-004
* Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Debra Wallace Hudson, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Paul Dewayne Hudson, deceased, on the 24th day of June, 2020, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Debra Wallace Hudson
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF IVA ERNESTINE YOUNG, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Mark Allen Young on the 24th day of June, 2020, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Mark Allen Young
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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

Yard Sale
• Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Hwy. 31 North, (across from Cullman County Agricultural Center)
• Friday June 26, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Saturday June 27, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
• For more information call 256-338-1959

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. Times are tentative. Most will start as soon as truck arrives.
• 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.

Burden Family Reunion Canceled
Burden Family Reunion scheduled for July 11, 2020 at West Point Town Hall has been canceled. Hope to see you July 10, 2021.

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.

VFW Auxiliary Yard Sale
Friday-Saturday, June 26-27 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Cullman VFW, 112 Veterans Dr. SW

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.

Berlin Census Day and Berlin Volunteer Fire Department 45th Anniversary Celebration
• Saturday, June 27 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Berlin Community Center
• The Town of Berlin is hosting its 2020 Census event, as well as the fire department's 45th anniversary celebration. We invite every citizen to get counted and enjoy FREE food, fun and giveaways. This will be a drive-thru event. The fire department will also have its fire trucks on display.

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.

July 4 Events
Fireworks over Cullman
• 9 p.m. at Heritage Park
• Hosted by the City of Cullman and sponsored by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism
• The show will be set to music that will be broadcast on WKUL FM 92.1.
• Viewing from the Heritage Park soccer fields will be permitted, but guests are asked to maintain proper social distancing. Viewing from vehicles is strongly recommended.
• The fireworks will be able to be seen throughout the city of Cullman.

4th of July Celebration in Good Hope
• Begins at dark at Good Hope Municipal Park
• Hosted by Branded by Christ Cowboy Church and sponsored by the City of Good Hope
• Guests are reminded to maintain proper social distancing.
• 19th Annual Freedom Celebration in Fairview
• 8 p.m. at Randall Shedd Community Park; fireworks begin at 9 p.m.
• Sponsors include First Baptist Church of Fairview, Merchant's Bank, Walker Brothers, Brindley Mountain Barbecue, Welcome Baptist Church and Fairview Superette.
• There will be music, devotions and promotions broadcast of 102.9 FM.
• Guests are asked to stay in or near their vehicles to listen to the radio and to maintain safe social distancing.

Addison Fireworks
• 9 p.m. between the Addison football and baseball fields
• Sponsored by the Town of Addison.
• Guests are encouraged to watch from their vehicles or remain in family groups and maintain 6-foot social distancing.

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.

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PREP BASEBALL

West Point's Cochran joining teammates at ALABCA All-Star Event

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WEST POINT, Ala. – More good news just keeps rolling in this month for the West Point baseball team. A third standout Warrior will be on the field for this year's Alabama Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Event at Troy University, rising senior Will Cochran. Will is joining Eli Folds and Aubry Cleghorn at this year's event scheduled to take place at Troy University July 7-10 and will feature several games between 10 different teams made up of some of the top rising juniors and seniors in the state.

Cochran was off to a hot start at the plate in 2020 before the coronavirus pandemic brought an early end to the season. In just 15 games, Cochran was batting .426 with a .526 on-base percentage, a 1.037 OPS and he drove in 10 runs.

West Point Head Coach Drew Bryson is proud to have several Warriors representing the program at the event in a couple of weeks. He's excited to see Will get this opportunity and hopes that the chance to play on this stage get open up even more opportunities for him in the future.

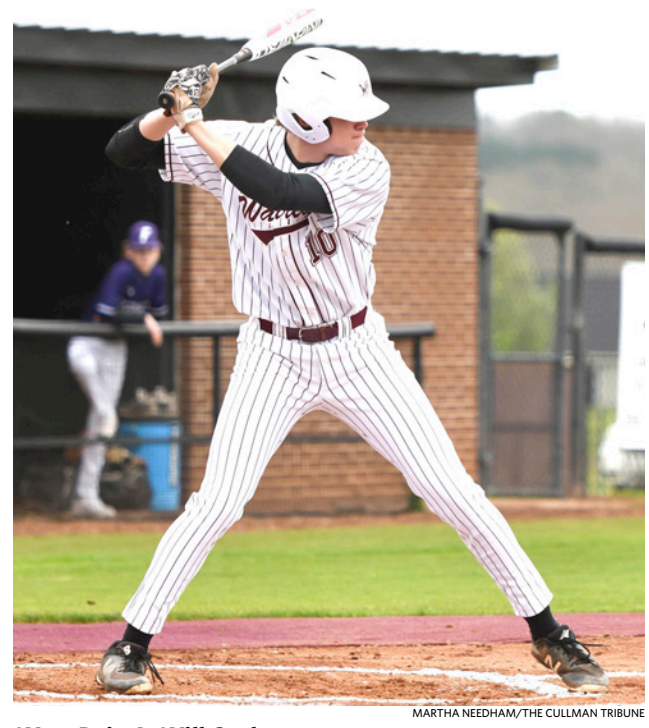
"We are excited for this opportunity for Will to join Aubry and Eli at Troy next month. Will's a solid ballplayer and being invited to this event will allow him to showcase his talent in front of a lot of coaches and maybe open the door for him to continue his playing career after high school," Bryson said. "He's been a steady force in the middle of our lineup for the last couple of seasons and has been a guy that's put his head down and went to work to continue to improve as a player. It's always great to see hard work pay off for a player and we are blessed at West Point to have three guys going to represent our program."

Cochran is excited for the chance to join his teammates at this event and he's hoping to show out and catch some eyes while he's down there playing too.

"I'm super excited. I'm excited to get to go down there with a couple of my buddies and just go have fun playing the great game of baseball again and trying to get better," Cochran said. "I hope I get to play and play in front of a bunch of coaches and scouts and hopefully kind of get my name out there and let them see what I can do."

Will's biggest impact in his career has been at the plate so far and he wants to make sure he's ready to swing it when next spring rolls around but he's aiming to improve in places all over the field as well.

"I'm really just trying to improve on my hitting and making sure that I'm staying right with that. I'm making sure my stick is ready to go in the spring when we get rolling," Cochran said. "I want to make sure I'm hitting it well and I also want to improve my play in the field and especially on the mound. I want to work on spotting up a little better and just improving on the mound."



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West Point's Will Cochran.

Men's Basketball Coach Allen Sharpe returns to Wallace State

Russell Moore
WSCC Athletics

HANCEVILLE, Ala.--Wallace State Community College is pleased to announce the return of Allen Sharpe as head men's basketball coach. Sharpe previously served as head coach of the Lions from 2005 to 2010, leading the program to its first conference title in 2010. During that time he posted an astounding record of 136-30, an average of 27.2 wins per season. He went 120-15 during his last four seasons at the college, an 89 percent winning percentage, and earned a No. 1 NJCAA poll ranking in 2008 after a 30-0 start.

"We are delighted to welcome Coach Sharpe back to campus. He's a coach with a great reputation, high standards for his players on and off the court and in the classroom, and he knows how to win. His university experience will serve us well," said Wallace State President Vicki Karolewics.

Sharpe left Wallace State for a head coaching position at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. In four years with the Boll Weevils, his record was 70-42. He coached the Great American Conference's Player of the Year and leading scorer two of his last three years there. He became the only coach in university history to have four straight winning seasons and achieved the institution's eighth 20-win season.

Coming back to Wallace State feels like a homecoming.

"Wallace State is a special place," Sharpe said. "We had some great teams and a lot of success. Two of our three kids were born in Cullman. It's a familiar place to us, and it does feel as though we're coming home."

In fact, his move was influenced by the desire to move closer to family, and because of the leadership of Wallace State's president, Dr. Vicki Karolewics.

"Like any organization, culture starts at the top – she's the reason this place is so special. Her being there has a lot to do with our coming back," he said. "In the coaching business it's not very often that you have the opportunity to go back somewhere you were before. It's humbling and a complement to me and my family that Dr. Karolewics would want us to come back, and we are elated."

Sharpe will waste no time planning for the upcoming season. He will be immediately contacting returning players and recruiting new ones.

"Anytime there is a new coach, unfortunately you sometimes lose a player along the way. We will see what we have and what we need. We know we still have a spot or two available for recruiting," he said. His goal is to pick up where he left off, right away. "We want to compete for conference championships."

"Moving is hard, but our transition to Wallace State is easier than most because we've been there before," he said.

This year brings an added level of challenge with the uncertainty surrounding the coronavirus pandemic. For the moment, athletics are expected to proceed as scheduled this fall.

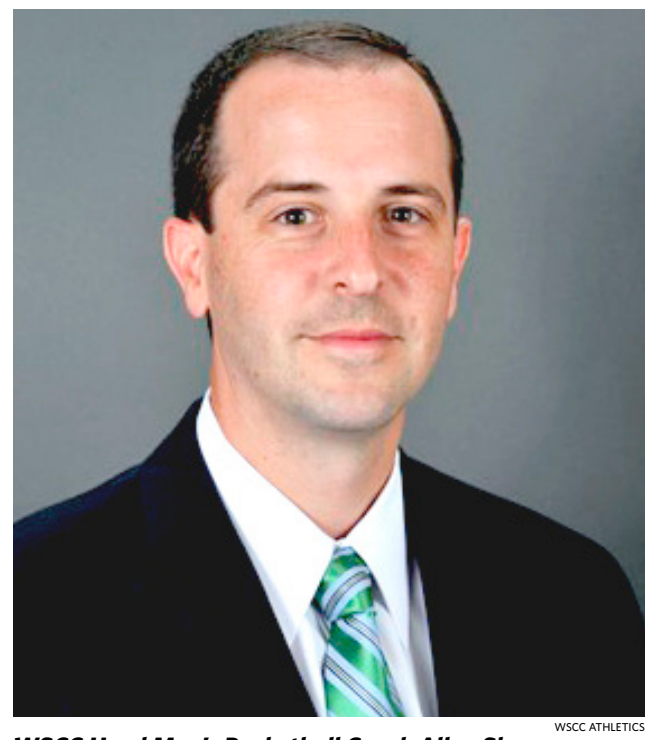
Before his return to Wallace State, Sharpe became head coach at the University of West Alabama, a move that brought him closer to home in 2014. In his first season at West Alabama, Sharpe led the program to a single-season record of 22 wins, breaking a record that had been in place since 1971, and earned the Tigers their first-ever consecutive bid to the NCAA Division II tournament. He broke his own record in 2019 with 23 wins and 8 losses. He ended his tenure there with a six-year record of 108-71. He was named Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year in 2019.

Sharpe began his coaching career as assistant coach at Piedmont College in Georgia. Prior to his earlier tenure at Wallace State, he was head coach at Truett-McConnell College, also in Georgia, where he went 70-25 in three years.

Sharpe played collegiate basketball at Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn., where he scored 1,431 career points under Coach Don Meyer, the winningest coach in the nation during the 90s.

He earned his Bachelor of Science from Lipscomb in 2000 and a Master of Arts from Piedmont College in 2002.

Sharpe and his wife, Susan, who also played basketball at Lipscomb, are parents to Garrison, Ally and Anderson.



WSCC ATHLETICS

WSCC Head Men's Basketball Coach Allen Sharpe.

Where are they now: Attorney Ben Obomanu

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – As a law student, Ben Obomanu was easy to spot on fall Fridays. On a crimson campus, he was the guy wearing orange and blue.

"I would always take law school shirts and incorporate my own orange and blue," said Obomanu, who graduated from the University of Alabama's School of Law in 2018. "I did a lot of cool stuff that made it comfortable, abstaining from the other team's colors at all.

"I had to make sure that my wife, my family, friends, everybody, old teammates, Auburn family, knew that I was still a diehard Auburn man and an Auburn fan, too. Lucky enough, there were a lot of Auburn alums in my law school class."

A star receiver for the Tigers from 2002-05, Obomanu spent seven seasons in the NFL with the Seattle Seahawks before attending law school. At an Auburn Football Lettermen Club event, Ben received conflicting feedback from former teammates when he told them the destination for his legal education.

"Some people said you're sacrilegious, don't come back," Obomanu said. "Others gave me the advice, 'You better make sure that they know, and we know, that you're always an Auburn Tiger.'"

Obomanu carried out that directive with gusto. When his wife, Marquinta, a Seattle native unfamiliar with the intensity of the Iron Bowl rivalry, selected a pattern she saw in a Tuscaloosa shop to decorate their apartment, Ben set her straight.

"'It's not checkerboard. It's houndstooth,'" he told her. "'It's a long story. I'll tell you about it later but for now, let's get the receipt and take this stuff back.' It was a lot of tutelage for my wife, too, to make sure that she knew she was on the right team as well."

Growing up in a family of teachers in Selma, Alabama, Obomanu prioritized education from the beginning.

"You couldn't get away with saying, 'When I grow up I want to play in the NFL,'" said Obomanu, Selma High School's 2002 salutatorian. "'That's okay, what do you really want to do?'

"That goal, for me, had always been being a lawyer. I wanted to be an attorney, I wanted to practice law. They always instilled, 'Yes, you may be good at sports, but we want to make sure that you focus academically because we're all educators.' My mom couldn't have her son and her daughter not do well academically while she's a teacher herself.

"I think that springboarded me throughout my career, that good balance between being a student in the classroom with good grades and good character skills off the field but also excelling on the football field. It started as a little kid and continues to today."

One of the state's top recruits in 2002, Obomanu considered several SEC schools before choosing Auburn.

"I wanted to stay close to home," he said. "Auburn was the best place for me to go. You go on the recruiting visit and talk to the players, one thing that stood out to me was a lot of those players who were from the state, how they appreciated their families being able to come to games, being able to go home and get a home-cooked meal, or see mom, or see family.

"I think that was the biggest thing for me was being able to stay in state, play for a team that needed some receivers but also created the best opportunity for me to excel as a student-athlete as well, having that family support, so the decision came naturally."

Obomanu contributed instantly, helping Auburn win four consecutive Iron Bowls on its way to a program-best six-game winning streak over Alabama. Only Terry Beasley has caught more touchdown passes for Auburn than Obomanu's 18. In 2004, he led Auburn's 13-0 SEC championship team with seven receiving touchdowns.

"Coming in and playing early on, playing on an undefeated team, that '04 team was special," said Obomanu, who made six receptions for 93 yards including a 43-yard TD catch in Auburn's 38-28 win over Tennessee in the 2004 SEC Championship Game. "That's probably the most special moment of my collegiate career.

"I played with some very good, upstanding men who are also Auburn greats, but we also had those unsung heroes. Devin Aromashodu, Anthony Mix, Courtney Taylor. We had four years together as receivers. Those were some good times in general, playing with some good Auburn men, but also some guys I consider a friend to this day." Drafted by the Seahawks in the seventh round in 2006, Ben and Marquinta met in Seattle.

"That's the thing that has me here in the Pacific Northwest, the longevity of a solid career for one organization, finding my spouse, and the next part of life is raising two young girls and wanting them to be around grandparents here in Seattle but also making a lot of trips back home to Alabama, too," he said.

After graduating from law school, the Obomanus returned to Seattle, where Ben works as a transactional attorney handling lender services documentation for real estate projects. Ben and Marquinta are raising two daughters, Savannah who turns 4 this summer, and 1-year-old Lauren.

"Trying to expand my tent a little bit more beyond sports," he said. "Washington State has a thriving real estate industry.

"Seattle is booming with a lot of new building construction. Most importantly, it was trying to strike that good balance of being a present father with little ones. Trying to figure out which legal career allows me to expand and learn the basic foundations of being in a law firm but also still be present at home with my wife and kids, and that's where I landed."

Ben envisions eventually merging his football experience with his legal skills to help other professional athletes.

"There's still an itch to get back into sports and connect this whole legal experience with sports," he said. "That's the end goal, I would say, to get foundation work now and then eventually find a way to merge it back to sports, more specifically, with student-athletes."

Attending high school two miles from the Edmund Pettus Bridge gave Obomanu a keen awareness of his hometown's role in the civil rights movement, sparking his interest in becoming an attorney.

"It was the history of my hometown, Selma's role in the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and seeing how judges and lawyers were doing work in the background on trying to advance civil rights issues," he said.

"You had your demonstrations, you had your protests, but then there were lawyers, the NAACP and other organizations coming in and trying to do the advocacy on the back end.

"I think today's moment in time harkens back to that same moment where this next generation of leaders is taking that history of protesting, of marching and trying to advance the ball forward and make the comfortable uncomfortable. That's what I see happening around the country.

"Student-athletes at Auburn, professional athletes are using their platform to say we can also effectuate change as well. We want to see the end of some of these issues that are plaguing our country. We can be more vocal, we can use our time, we can lend our voices and even lead.

"We're still marching, unfortunately over 50 years later we're still fighting for some of the same issues, but I think what you're seeing and experiencing in this moment in time is people going beyond just acknowledging there are some issues and now trying to effectuate some change and actually get a call for action.

"I'm glad that Auburn student-athletes, the campus, the university, a lot of our high-profile individuals but also a lot of businesses and organizations are all taking notice and trying to help move the ball forward. I'm excited for what comes out of this movement."



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POLITICS

Susan Eller announces re-election bid for Good Hope City Council, place 3

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – Susan Eller on Thursday announced her re-election bid for Good Hope City Council, place 3. The Municipal Election will take place Tuesday, Aug. 25.

Below is Eller's full, unedited announcement.

Susan Robinson Eller has announced she will seek re-election for the Good Hope City Council, Place No. 3 (Utilities).

Eller is a life long member of the Good Hope community. She graduated from Good Hope High School in 1980 and attended Wallace State Community College. She is married to Jim Eller and they have one child, Sarah, who graduated from Good Hope High School and is currently employed with Cullman Environmental. Her parents are Sue Neal Robinson and the late Elwin Robinson.

Eller works for the Cullman Economic Development Agency and has been involved in the recruitment of industry, recruitment of retail, workforce development programs, and the Duck River Reservoir Project.

All of these responsibilities have provided a better understanding of the importance utilities play in a community. "If a community is going to grow and provide for their citizens, the groundwork for growth in the utility area is vital."

Susan has been very active in Good Hope and Cullman County. She serves as a founding member of the Cullman Area Workforce Solutions (CAWS) Committee and has spoken to 9th graders at every school in Cullman County about the importance of education and the roles it plays in their career goals. She has served as a member of the Cullman County Easter Seals Board, a member of the Accreditation Team for Good Hope High School SACS Accreditation, a member of the Business/Industry Certification process for Cullman High School and Good Hope High School, and serves as a member of the Wallace State Community College Business Education Advisory Committee.

She was a member of the Good Hope Youth Basketball Association where she coached and served three terms as treasurer. Eller has served on the Board of Directors for the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce and is a graduate of Leadership Cullman County.

During the past four years, the City of Good Hope has been aggressive in addressing the upkeep of the sewer system by carrying out a preventive maintenance program where components vital for the performance of the treatment plant and sewer collection system are repaired as opposed to replaced.

This approach has generated a significant savings in capital costs while maintaining compliant performance as required by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM).

• In CY 2017 there were repairs performed on various pumps at the treatment plant some having over 30 years of service.

• CY 2018 repairs were made to the sewer lines along Willow Springs Road that allowed for repaving of that road. There were major repairs to treatment plant aeration rotors saving approximately $250,000 in lieu of replacing these components. In both cases local Cullman County businesses were engaged to make the repairs.

• CY 2019-The City conducted a flow study of the sewer system that identified areas of needed repairs; these repairs are underway at this time using the City's Maintenance Staff in lieu of contracting out for these services. In 2019 the City of Good Hope successfully renewed the NPDES Permit for the wastewater system with ADEM. This renewal was achieved without comment from ADEM based upon the City's excellent track record on water quality compliance.

• CY 2020-The aforementioned repairs to various manholes are underway as well an evaluation of future sewer needs for the City of Good Hope. Again, this proactive approach insures that Good Hope can respond when opportunities come along.

The potential for development both commercial and residential in Good Hope is evident as has been experienced in the last 8-10 years. The City of Good Hope is dedicated to maintain and improve the quality of life for all who work in and call Good Hope home.

During Susan's tenure:

• The community has grown from a Town to a City based on the 2010 Census Figures.

• The City of Good Hope has been very fortunate that we have been able to assist the school with:

o $27,000 per year to provide supplies and support for extracurricular activities.

o Provided the funds to furnish equipment for the new Athletic Training Facility for Good Hope School.

o Provided funding to assist with purchase of new band uniforms.

o Started a $15,000 annual grant program for Good Hope Schools where educators can request funds for special projects not covered by the Cullman County Board of Education.

• Proud to announce the first industry to locate in Good Hope, AGCOR Steel opened in 2019.

• Provided the Good Hope Fire Department funding to assist with the purchase of new equipment

• Purchased land to expand the Good Hope Municipal Park that will consist of multi-purpose trails for our citizens and the schools.

• Proud to be part of the Back to School Bash where the City of Good Hope provide free food, door prizes and games to local children.

• Proud to be part of providing free Thanksgiving Meals to the community where in 2019 we served over 1000 plates.



CONTRIBUTED

Susan Eller

• Proud to be a part of the annual Christmas Parade.

"I have lived in Good Hope most of my life and love this school and the community that is built around it. Good Hope Schools rank among the best in Cullman County, and I want to continue the partnership between the council and the schools for continuous improvement to the system."

"I ask for your support, prayers and the vote of Good Hope citizens on August 25 and my only promise is to continue to make decisions I believe are in the best interest of our City and our citizens. I think Good Hope will continue to grow and prosper and I would love to be a part of that success."

Fireworks (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Firework stands are beginning to appear throughout Cullman County in the days leading up to Independence Day. Depending on where a person lives in Cullman County, the use of consumer-grade fireworks may or may not be allowed.

While there are no ordinances in unincorporated areas of Cullman County or in the city of Good Hope restricting the sale and use of fireworks, the city of Hanceville has ordinances limiting the use of fireworks. The city of Cullman goes further with a total ban on the sale or use of consumer-grade fireworks.

City of Cullman

Cullman Fire Marshal Chris Chaffin explained, "In the city of Cullman, by ordinance, it has been on the books since 1920-something but also added in 1960, the use of fireworks in the city limits in the consumer-grade, like your normal fireworks you buy at the fireworks stands, that's been by ordinance, not allowed."

Fireworks can't be sold, manufactured or stored in the city limits of Cullman.

He added, "It's OK to go to a fireworks show. That falls under different parameters where those are not consumer-grade fireworks. They have higher charges and have to be shot by professionals with certifications and have been vetted by the ATF.

"They also have permits through the State Fire Marshal's Office that show they have had proper training; they've been to shooting schools.

"So, we recommend people just go watch those. One, you don't have to clean up the mess that's always in your yard, and it's normally a better display than you can buy at a consumer stand."

Chaffin said consumer stands do offer some fireworks that can produce a good display and he understands people are going to buy fireworks, but, he said, "Watching a show with music is what we recommend and is a lot safer."

He also recommends that fireworks be kept away from children, houses and any dry areas such as woods or hay fields.

"The smallest thing can start a fire," Chaffin said.

Every once in a while, a consumer may experience a firework that is a dud. Chaffin recommends not approaching it for at least an hour. Afterward, he said, soak it in water overnight to reduce the chance of it discharging.

Sparklers are also a big safety concern; Chaffin said, "If people read up on that, that sparkler burns at 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit. It's not easily put out, so handing that to a small child to run around in the yard- one, it's a metal stick, and two, it burns at 1,200 degrees. They get that on their skin and they are going to get burned."

Sky lanterns are also not allowed, due to the International Fire Code that was adopted by the City of Cullman several years ago. In fact, the use of sky lanterns is prohibited in the state of Alabama.

Chaffin explained, "Once you release that into the air, you have now ignited an uncontrolled burn. If it falls upon someone else's property and say, burns their hay field or burns their barn or any of that, you could be charged with a crime because you didn't take care of the fire."

The National Fire Protection Association recommends not using sky lanterns at all.

Chaffin added, "When it falls, there's still garbage and trash left over. It doesn't burn up, and some of them have metal rings in them and they can fall anywhere."

City of Hanceville

The City of Hanceville has restrictions on fireworks but does allow them to be used from 5 p.m. on the 4th of July through 1 a.m. July 5. Although the City does allow fireworks, there are still some limitations.

One such restriction is on the use of bottle rockets and similar fireworks. Ordinance 581 reads, "It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, throw, use, explode, detonate or shoot, within the City limits, bottle rockets, rockets of all types and size and any and all fireworks with an aerial trajectory having a cylinder or a cartridge that is not intended to be completely consumed before landing."

The ordinance also states that fireworks must be discharged on the consumer's own property and not toward anybody else's property or person. Fireworks cannot be used by anybody on City property or any parks or playgrounds.

Hanceville Fire Chief Roger Green said, "Of course, we don't allow shooting fireworks at parks, playgrounds, schools, churches or parking lots or anything like that. It has to be done on their own private property."

He reminds residents that all City ordinances are available on the City of Hanceville's website.

Public 4th of July events

Below are four events taking place, each on Saturday, July 4. If you know of an event we missed, please email christy@cullmantribune.com.

Fireworks over Cullman

- 9 p.m. at Heritage Park
- Hosted by the City of Cullman and sponsored by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism
- The show will be set to music that will be broadcast on WKUL FM 92.1.
- Viewing from the Heritage Park soccer fields will be permitted, but guests are asked to maintain proper social distancing. Viewing from vehicles is strongly recommended.
- The fireworks will be able to be seen throughout the city of Cullman.

4th of July Celebration in Good Hope

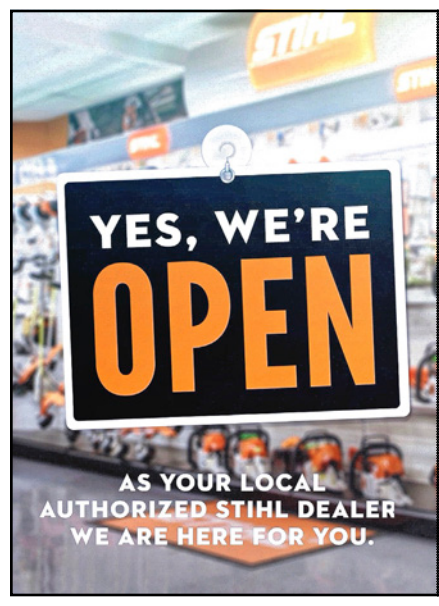
- Begins at dark at Good Hope Municipal Park
- Hosted by Branded by Christ Cowboy Church and sponsored by the City of Good Hope
- Guests are reminded to maintain proper social distancing.

19th Annual Freedom Celebration in Fairview

- 8 p.m. at Randall Shedd Community Park; fireworks begin at 9 p.m.
- Sponsors include First Baptist Church of Fairview, Merchant's Bank, Walker Brothers, Brindley Mountain Barbecue, Welcome Baptist Church and Fairview Superette.
- There will be music, devotions and promotions broadcast of 102.9 FM.
- Guests are asked to stay in or near their vehicles to listen to the radio and to maintain safe social distancing.

Addison Fireworks

- 9 p.m. between the Addison football and baseball fields
- Sponsored by the Town of Addison.
- Guests are encouraged to watch from their vehicles or remain in family groups and maintain 6-foot social distancing.

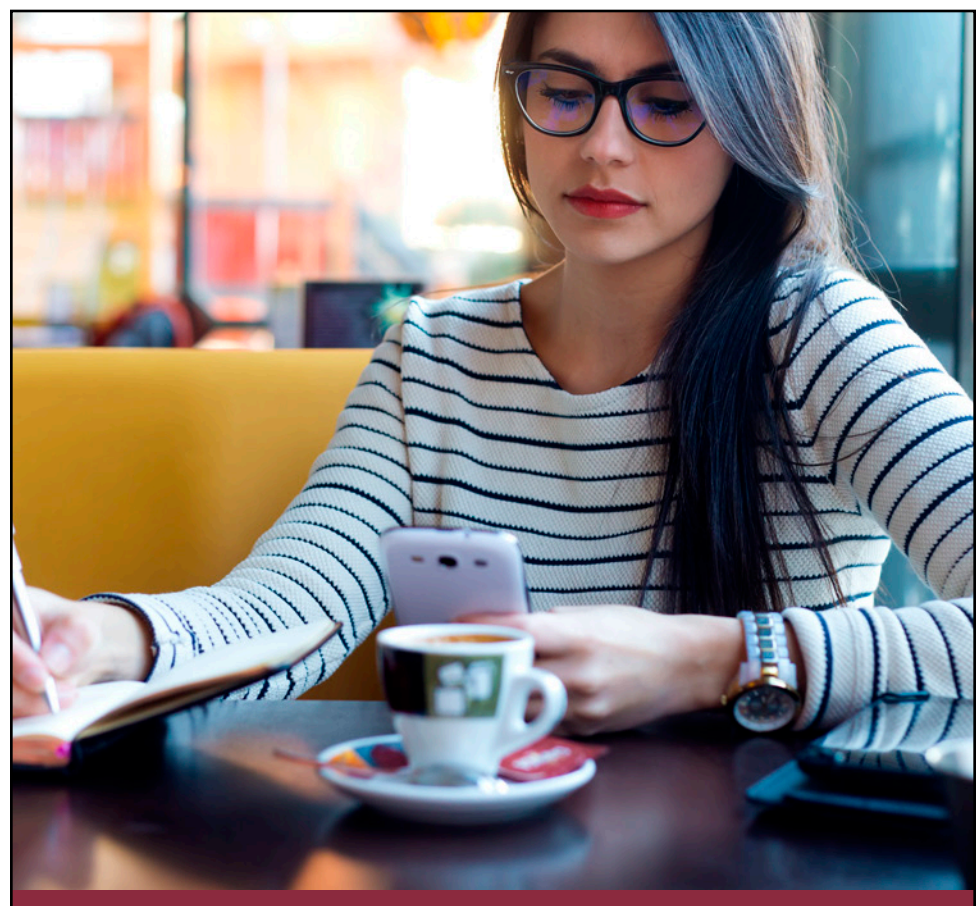


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12:00 p.m. FSEE Powerboat Racing Nationals, Guntersville, Ala.
1:30 p.m. FSEE Sports Stars of Tomorrow
2:00 p.m. FSEE Horse Racing America's Day at the Races. (Live)
GOLF PGA Tour Golf Travelers Championship, Second Round. (Live)
5:00 p.m. ESPN2 NBA2K League Week 7, Day 4. (Live)
FS1 ARCA Racing Series Pocono. (Live)
FSEE College Basketball Louisiana at TCU.
GOLF PGA Korn Ferry Tour Golf Utah Championship, Second Round. (Live)
7:00 p.m. WBRC WWE Friday Night SmackDown
8:00 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Travelers Championship, Second Round.
11:00 p.m. ESPN2 Boxing Jason Moloney vs. Leonardo Baez. (Taped)
GOLF PGA Tour Golf Travelers Championship, Second Round.
11:30 p.m. FS1 ARCA Racing Series Pocono.
2:00 a.m. ESPN2 Super Rugby Blues vs Highlanders. (Live)
2:30 a.m. FS1 NRL Rugby Brisbane Broncos vs Gold Coast Titans. (Live)
FSEE Sports Stars of Tomorrow
2:55 a.m. ESPN Korean Baseball Teams TBA.
3:00 a.m. FSEE Women's College Basketball Houston Baptist at Texas Tech.
GOLF PGA Korn Ferry Tour Golf Utah Championship, Second Round.
4:30 a.m. FS1 NRL Rugby Parramatta Eels vs Canberra Raiders. (Live)
5:00 a.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Travelers Championship, Second Round.

Movies

6:00 a.m. FX "All the Money in the World" ★★★ (2017) Michelle Williams. In 1973, kidnappers demand $17 million from billionaire J. Paul Getty in exchange for his grandson's release. When Getty refuses to pay, his former daughter-in-law and adviser become unlikely allies in a race against time to save the teen's life.
6:40 a.m. HBO "Valkyrie" ★★½ (2008) Tom Cruise
7:00 a.m. TCM "You'll Find Out" ★★ (1940) Kay Kyser.
TMC "The Eye" ★★ (2008) Jessica Alba
8:00 a.m. AMC "Footloose" ★★½ (1984) Kevin Bacon. Joined in Progress.
8:45 a.m. HBO "The Recruit" ★★½ (2003) Al Pacino
9:00 a.m. TCM "Strange Cargo" ★★½ (1940) Joan Crawford.
9:15 a.m. MAX "The Eagle" ★★½ (2011) Channing Tatum
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10:00 a.m. FREE "Free Willy" ★★★ (1993) Jason James Richter. An abandoned boy with a chip on his shoulder befriends an ill-fated killer whale at a water park.
TMC "A Knight's Tale" ★★½ (2001) Heath Ledger
10:45 a.m. HBO "Kin" ★★ (2018) Myles Truitt
11:00 a.m. TCM "Hotel Berlin" ★★★ (1945) Helmut Dantine. An escapee from Dachau, an actress and others hide in a grand hotel as the Third Reich falls.
11:10 a.m. MAX "A Kiss Before Dying" ★★½ (1991) Matt Dillon
12:00 p.m. AMC "National Lampoon's European Vacation" ★★ (1985) Chevy Chase.
12:15 p.m. SHOW "Sabrina" ★★½ (1995) Harrison Ford
TMC "The Cutting Edge" ★★½ (1992) D.B. Sweeney
12:30 p.m. FX "Kingsman: The Secret Service" ★★★ (2014) Colin Firth. A top-secret spy agency recruits an uncouth but promising street kid into its highly competitive training program, just as a twisted technological genius threatens the world.
HBO "Ford v Ferrari" ★★★½ (2019) Matt Damon 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.
12:45 p.m. MAX "The Thing" ★★ (2011) Mary Elizabeth Winstead
1:00 p.m. TCM "Scent of Mystery" ★★½ (1960) Denholm Elliott.
2:00 p.m. AMC "National Lampoon's Vacation" ★★½ (1983) Chevy Chase.
2:29 p.m. MAX "Bad Times at the El Royale" ★★½ (2018) Jeff Bridges
2:30 p.m. SHOW "My Best Friend's Wedding" ★★★ (1997) Julia Roberts A writer realizes that she is in love with her best friend and tries to stop him from marrying another woman, a guileless heiress.
3:00 p.m. TCM "The Maltese Falcon" ★★★★ (1941) Humphrey Bogart. Private eye Sam Spade encounters sundry characters, all seeking a coveted statuette.
3:05 p.m. HBO "Aquaman" ★★½ (2018) Jason Momoa
3:30 p.m. FX "Kingsman: The Golden Circle" ★★½ (2017) Colin Firth.
4:00 p.m. BET "Creed" ★★★½ (2015) Michael B. Jordan. Long-retired boxer Rocky Balboa agrees to train Apollo Creed's son to become a fighter, even as the former champ battles an opponent deadlier than any he ever faced in the ring.
4:15 p.m. SHOW "I Feel Pretty" ★★ (2018) Amy Schumer
4:52 p.m. MAX "Enemy of the State" ★★★ (1998) Will Smith A former NSA operative aids the innocent victim of a politically motivated assassination cover-up.
5:00 p.m. TCM "M" ★★★★ (1931) Peter Lorre. Fritz Lang's classic tells of the Berlin underworld's efforts to capture the loathsome murderer of a child.
5:05 p.m. TMC "While You Were Sleeping" ★★★ (1995) Sandra Bullock A lonely Chicago subway clerk falls for the brother of a comatose man she adored from afar.
6:00 p.m. AMC "The Karate Kid" ★★★½ (1984) Ralph Macchio. A New Jersey teen moves to California, meets bullies and learns karate from a handyman, Mr. Miyagi.
6:30 p.m. FX "Love, Simon" ★★★ (2018) Nick Robinson. Teenager Simon Spier hasn't told his family or friends that he's gay, and he doesn't know the identity of the anonymous classmate that he's fallen for online. Resolving both issues proves hilarious, terrifying and life-changing.
6:40 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.
7:00 p.m. ESPN "Angels in the Outfield" ★★½ (1994) Danny Glover. Premiere.
FS1 "Hoosiers" ★★★ (1986) Gene Hackman. A college basketball coach leaves the Navy in 1951 and becomes coach of an underdog Indiana high-school team.
PARMT "Beverly Hills Cop" ★★★ (1984) Eddie Murphy. A hip Detroit detective drives out to Los Angeles and shows local police how to catch a killer.
TCM "Madchen in Uniform" ★★★½ (1931) Hertha Thiele. Premiere. A student falls in love with her teacher at a strict Prussian girls school.
TNT "Semi-Pro" ★★ (2008) Will Ferrell.
TMC "Election" ★★★ (1999) Matthew Broderick When a school's goody-two-shoes runs for class president, a teacher/adviser schemes to keep her from winning.
8:00 p.m. FREE "Space Jam" ★★ (1996) Michael Jordan.
TBS "Transformers" ★★★ (2007) Shia LaBeouf. Humanity's fate rests in the hands of a youth when two races of warring robots make Earth their final battleground.
8:45 p.m. TCM "The Watermelon Woman" ★★ (1996) Cheryl Dunye.
TMC "Orange County" ★★½ (2002) Colin Hanks
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10:00 p.m. FX "Love, Simon" ★★★ (2018) Nick Robinson. Teenager Simon Spier hasn't told his family or friends that he's gay, and he doesn't know the identity of the anonymous classmate that he's fallen for online. Resolving both issues proves hilarious, terrifying and life-changing.
10:55 p.m. MAX "I, Robot" ★★½ (2004) Will Smith
11:00 p.m. FREE "Ice Age" ★★★ (2002) Voices of Ray Romano. Animated. A woolly mammoth, a saber-toothed tiger and a sloth find a human baby and try to reunite him with his tribe.
11:15 p.m. TCM "Orlando" ★★★ (1992) Tilda Swinton. A favorite of Queen Elizabeth I, an ageless aristocrat lives 400 years and experiences life both as a man and as a woman.
TNT "The Campaign" ★★½ (2012) Will Ferrell.

FRIDAY EVENING — MOVIES — JUNE 26, 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**	**America Says**	**Family Feud**	**Family Feud**	**Dateline** "The Killing in Cobb County"		**CSI: Miami** A blind man hears a girl's abduction.		**CSI: Miami** "Manhunt" Horatio's wife's killer escapes.		**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**
WBIQ-PBS	4	**Splash and Bubbles** (El)	**Peg & Cat** (El)	**PBS NewsHour** (N)		**Washington Week** (N)	**Capitol Journal**		**Great Performances** "Gloria: A Life" Gloria Steinem's quest for equality. (N)				**Subcarrier** "Holy Youth"
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**	**World of Dance** Acts have a last chance to advance.		**The Wall** Nellie and Taylor take on the wall.		**Dateline NBC** (N)		**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)	**WWE Friday Night SmackDown** (N)				**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)	**BADA Auto Show**	**47th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards** Saluting excellence in daytime TV. (N)				**Blue Bloods** Frank tries to help his ex-partner.		**CBS42 News 10pm** (N)	**Late Show-Colbert**
WTTO-CW	9	**The Goldbergs**	**2 Broke Girls**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**Masters of Illusion** (N)	**Masters of Illusion**	**Whose Line Is It Anyway?**	**Whose Line Is It Anyway?**	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**The Andy Griffith Show**	**The Andy Griffith Show**
WPXH-ION	11	**NCIS: Los Angeles** The NCIS team works an abduction case.		**NCIS: Los Angeles** A poisoned Homeland Security agent.		**NCIS: Los Angeles** The team searches the city for evidence.		**NCIS: Los Angeles** "Home Is Where the Heart Is"		**NCIS: Los Angeles** Callen looks for a missing NSA agent.		**NCIS: Los Angeles** A Navy weaponry designer is attacked.	
WABM2-ABC	12	**ABC 33/40 News at 5PM**	**ABC World News**	**ABC 33/40 News at 6PM**	**Wheel of Fortune**	**Shark Tank** A play-driven environment for kids.		**(:01) 20/20** (N)				**ABC 33/40 News at 10PM**	**(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!**
A&E	42	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**
AMC	53	**(4:00) ★ "Vegas Vacation"** (1997) Chevy Chase.		★★★ **"The Karate Kid"** (1984, Drama) Ralph Macchio, Noriyuki "Pat" Morita, Elisabeth Shue. A Japanese handyman teaches a teenager to defend himself.						**Friday Night In w/Morgans**	★★ **"Caddyshack"** (1980, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Rodney Dangerfield, Bill Murray.		
ANPL	47	**River Monsters** Russian fishermen go missing.		**River Monsters** A rare shark roams the Fitzroy River.		**River Monsters: Deadliest Man-Eaters** "Devil Fish Beneath the River" The search for two river monsters. (N)				**(:01) River Monsters** Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant.		**(:01) River Monsters** Wade faces one of his greatest fears.	
BET	55	**(4:00) ★★★ "Creed"** (2015, Drama) Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone. Rocky Balboa mentors Apollo Creed's son.				**2019 BET Awards** Regina Hall hosts.							
BRAVO	58	**Below Deck Mediterranean**	**(:44) Below Deck Mediterranean** The guests request a White Party.			**(6:46) Below Deck Mediterranean** "Love, Love Me Stew"		**(7:48) Below Deck Mediterranean** "Au Revoir, Sirocco"		**(8:50) Below Deck Mediterranean** Bonus extended scenes.		**(9:52) Below Deck Mediterranean**	
CMTV	61	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**
CNBC	35	**Mad Money** (N)		**CNBC Special Report** (N)	**CNBC Special Report: The**	**American Greed** A religious sect steals from tax payers.		**American Greed** Keisha Williams scams with med tech.		**American Greed** Aspiring Hollywood mogul cons investors.		**American Greed** A religious sect steals from tax payers.	
CNN	37	**The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer** (N) (Live)		**Erin Burnett OutFront** (N) (Live)		**Anderson Cooper 360** (N) (Live)		**Cuomo Prime Time** (N) (Live)		**CNN Tonight with Don Lemon** (N) (Live)		**CNN Special Report** Human infringement on bats' territory.	
COM	56	**(:15) South Park** "Sexual Harassment Panda"		**(5:50) South Park**	**(:25) South Park**	**South Park** "Cat Orgy"	**South Park**	**South Park** "Jewbilee"	**South Park**	**Kevin Hart: Seriously Funny** The comic's take on his family.		**South Park** "Freak Strike"	**South Park** "Canceled"
DISN	49	**(:05) Jessie**	**(:35) Raven's Home**	**(:05) Raven's Home**	**(:35) Sydney to the Max**	**Sydney to the Max**	**(:43) Bunk'd**	**(:15) Disney Fam Jam**	**(:40) Bunk'd**	**(:05) Bunk'd**	**Gabby Duran**	**(9:55) Sydney to the Max**	**Coop & Cami Ask the World**
DSC	43	**Bering Sea Gold** "Dredge Men Tell No Tales"		**Bering Sea Gold: Dredged Up** "Dive Hard With a Vengeance"		**Bering Sea Gold** Shawn confronts his dad. (N)		**(:03) Dino Hunters** "Million-Dollar Dino" (N)		**(:05) Homestead Rescue: Surviving the Wild** "Face the Fire" A failing Idaho farm. (N)			
E!	21	**(4:30) Las Vegas**	**Las Vegas** "Tainted Love" Sam's client cheats.		**Las Vegas** Ed enlists a friend.		**Las Vegas** Danny tries to defend a friend.		**Las Vegas** "Hit Me!" Ed relies on ingenuity to catch a thief.		**Las Vegas** Gestapolike police compromise security.		**Las Vegas**
ESPN	29	**(4:00) SportsCenter**		**ESPN Original Documentaries**		★★ **"Angels in the Outfield"** (1994) Danny Glover. Premiere. Spirits provide major-league hope to a lonely foster child.				**ESPN Original Documentaries**		**SportsCenter** (N) (Live)	
ESPN2	30	**NBA2K League** Week 7, Day 4. (N) (Live)								**The 2020 ESPYS** Celebrating inspiring humanitarian efforts and the year in sports.			
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	**Family Guy** "Bri, Robot"	**Family Guy** "Trans-Fat"	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	★★ **"Space Jam"** (1996) Michael Jordan, Wayne Knight. Live action/animated. Michael Jordan and Looney Tunes.				**The 700 Club**	
FS1	20	**ARCA Racing Series** Pocono. (N) (Live)				★★★ **"Hoosiers"** (1986) Gene Hackman, Barbara Hershey. The new high-school basketball coach meets with resentment.				**World Armwrestling League** "Supermatch Showdown Series" From Los Angeles. (N Taped)			
FSEE	32	**College Basketball** Louisiana at TCU.				**NBA Basketball** From Dec. 30, 2019.					**Hawks Live! Postgame**	**3 Wide Life** (N)	**Facing Waves**
FX	28	**(3:30) ★★ "Kingsman: The Golden Circle"** (2017, Action) Colin Firth, Julianne Moore.			★★★ **"Love, Simon"** (2018, Romance-Comedy) Nick Robinson, Josh Duhamel, Jennifer Garner. A gay teen falls for an anonymous classmate online.					**Pose-a-Thon for Pride** (N)		★★★ **"Love, Simon"** (2018) Nick Robinson, Josh Duhamel.	
GOLF	82	**PGA Korn Ferry Tour Golf** Utah Championship, Second Round. (N) (Live)				**Golf Central** (N) (Live)		**PGA Tour Golf** Travelers Championship, Second Round. Brooks Koepka, Rory McIlroy, Dustin Johnson, Sergio Garcia, Patrick Reed, Jason Day are scheduled to compete.					
HALL	72	**"My One & Only"** (2019, Romance) Pascale Hutton, Sam Page. A contestant on a dating show starts to fall for someone.				**"A Royal Christmas"** (2014, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Stephen Hagan. A queen does not want her son to marry a commoner.				**The Golden Girls**	**The Golden Girls**	**The Golden Girls**	**The Golden Girls**
HGTV	46	**Fixer to Fabulous**		**Fixer to Fabulous** Dave and Jenny renovate a dark house.		**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home** Face and hair conditioning masks.		**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**
HIST	40	**The UnXplained** Remarkable tales of human survival.		**The UnXplained** A dog that can detect cancer.		**The UnXplained** Protected by a deadly curse.		**(:02) The UnXplained** Unexplained weather mysteries.		**(:05) The UnXplained** The answer to unsolved questions.		**(:05) The UnXplained** Prayer, blood sports and voodoo.	
LIFE	23	**The King of Queens**	**The King of Queens**	**The King of Queens**	**The King of Queens**	★ **"What Happens in Vegas"** (2008) Cameron Diaz. Two strangers awake together and find they are married.				**(:03) ★ "Killers"** (2010) Ashton Kutcher, Katherine Heigl. A woman learns the hard way that her husband is a hit man.			
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	**Lockup: Santa Rosa: Extended Stay** "Warriors"		**Lockup: Wabash: Extended Stay** "Father Figure"		**Drain the Bermuda Triangle**		**Drain** "Gulf of Mexico" Gulf of Mexico's secrets are revealed. (N)				**(:03) Drain the Oceans** "Legends of Atlantis"	
PARMT	57	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	★★★ **"Beverly Hills Cop"** (1984, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Judge Reinhold, John Ashton. A Detroit cop goes west to avenge his friend's death.					★★ **"Beverly Hills Cop II"** (1987, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Judge Reinhold, Brigitte Nielsen.		
TBS	25	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Celebrity Show-Off** "Meet the Show-Offs"		**Tournament of Laughs** The tournament kicks off.		★★★ **"Transformers"** (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth.					
TCM	79	★★★★ **"M"** (1931, Suspense) Peter Lorre, Ellen Widmann. Police and criminals search Berlin for a killer of children.				★★★ **"Madchen in Uniform"** (1931) Hertha Thiele, Dorothea Wieck. Premiere.			**(:45) ★★ "The Watermelon Woman"** (1996, Comedy) Cheryl Dunye, Guinevere Turner, Valarie Walker. An aspiring filmmaker is intrigued by an obscure actress.				
TLC	24	**My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding**		**90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way** Ari leaves her life behind.		**90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After?** "More to Love: Caught in the Crossfire" Angela receives some shocking news. (N)				**90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever**	**90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After?**		**90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever**
TNT	26	**Bones** A roller derby skater is dismembered.		**Bones** "The Shot in the Dark" Brennan is hospitalized.		★★ **"Semi-Pro"** (2008, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Woody Harrelson. A '70s-era musician buys a basketball league's worst team.				★ **"Norbit"** (2007) Eddie Murphy, Thandie Newton. A henpecked husband's childhood sweetheart moves back to town.			
USA	27	**Chicago P.D.** Burgess recuperates in the hospital.		**Chicago P.D.** Burgess is relegated to desk duty.		**Chicago P.D.** An undercover officer goes missing.		**Chicago P.D.** Desk Sgt. Platt cares for a young girl.		**Chicago P.D.** A suspect wants a meeting with Lindsay.		**Modern Family** "Farm Strong"	**Modern Family**
WE	71	**Mama June: From Not to Hot**		**Mama June: From Not to Hot**		**Mama June: From Not to Hot**		**Mama June: From Not to Hot** (Season Finale) Mama's last chance at recovery. (N)			**(:31) Mama June: From Not to Hot** Mama's last chance at recovery.		
HBO	518	**(3:05) ★★ "Aquaman"**	**Perry Mason** Perry Mason and a kidnapping case.		**(:40) ★★★ "Bohemian Rhapsody"** (2018, Biography) Rami Malek, Lucy Boynton. Singer Freddie Mercury and Queen find success in the 1970s. 'PG-13'					**Real Time With Bill Maher** (N) (Live)		**Perry Mason** Perry Mason and a kidnapping case.	
MAX	549	**(4:52) ★★★ "Enemy of the State"** (1998) Will Smith. Rogue agents hunt a lawyer who has an incriminating tape. 'R'			**(:05) "Killerman"** (2019, Action) Liam Hemsworth. Premiere. An amnesiac money launderer dodges a crew of crooked cops. 'R'					**Trackers** (N)		**Trackers**	
SHOW	578	**(4:15) ★★ "I Feel Pretty"** (2018) Amy Schumer. 'PG-13'		**(:15) ★ "Peppermint"** (2018, Action) Jennifer Garner. A vigilante seeks justice against her family's killers. 'R'				**The Chi** "Foe 'Nem" Ronnie struggles to find his way.		**Showtime Boxing 2019**	**Boxing**		
TMC	598	**(:05) ★★★ "While You Were Sleeping"** (1995) Sandra Bullock. A lonely woman latches onto a comatose accident victim. 'PG'				★★★ **"Election"** (1999, Comedy) Matthew Broderick, Reese Witherspoon, Chris Klein. 'R'			**(:45) ★★ "Orange County"** (2002, Comedy) Colin Hanks, Jack Black. 'PG-13'			**(:10) ★ "21 and Over"** (2013) Miles Teller. 'R'	

Ministry (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Brain and Beth Burchett knew when they bought their farm adjacent to the Bankhead National Forest that God had a greater purpose for them. They soon learned of a program, Truth in Nature, started in Georgia to teach life skills and mentor boys without fathers or in need of positive male role models. The Burchetts now manage the Cullman chapter of the program, the 13th chapter and the first chapter in the state of Alabama of the growing Truth in Nature program.

Brian Burchett explained, "We are an outdoor ministry to fatherless boys. We bring them out and teach them to fish, hunt, hike and camp. That's the core values behind Truth in Nature all while trying to lead these boys to a relationship with the Lord."

Each program varies depending on location. Because Cullman is an agricultural area, the boys will also learn about horses, cattle and other lessons on the Burchetts' farm.

"I do construction and have a woodshop," said Burchett, "so we are also going to teach them basic carpentry and things they will need to know when they grow up to be able to do basic maintenance and repairs to their own homes"

The Burchetts bought their farm in 2018 after selling their home in Oxford, Alabama. The 105-acre farm is in the Jones Chapel/Water Valley Area.

"The back 40 acres of our property is wooded. It feels just like you are in the Bankhead," Burchett shared. "It's got creeks and rock cliffs and hemlock trees. We were hiking back there a couple of months after we bought the farm. Me and my wife both looked at each other and said that we knew the Lord brought us here for something other than us to just be living on this farm. We wanted to use it for ways to give back."

That's when the couple began searching and found Truth in Nature. The program was founded by a couple who could not have children of their own, each from fatherless homes. The Burchetts hoped to have their chapter up and going in the spring, but they were delayed due to COVID-19.

Truth in Nature is a free program for boys in grades 6-12. Burchett explained that many boys who graduate from the program end up becoming mentors for the younger boys still in or entering the program.

"They will come out once a month," he said. "Our first few, we are going to do a day-only program- come out Saturday morning and stay until that afternoon. That gives the boys a chance, and the moms, grandparents or whoever the guardian may be, to get comfortable before just dropping their kids off with somebody."

He added, "Then we'll start doing some camping trips, where they'll come out on Friday night. We'll have supper and do some devotionals. If we plan to do any hunting, we'll have a gun safety class on Friday night."

The Burchetts want to help teach boys to be good men.

"Without having a positive male figure at home, they can get into these groups with kids causing trouble. That's where they are learning to be a so-called man, from older boys who are not leading them down the right path," said Burchett.

"We just want to show them what it's meant to be- a good positive role model or a good male figure in their life. Show them what it means to respect others, to respect their mother, and when they get older, respect their wife and respect others. We just want to help change the way things are going in the world these days."

Not all the lessons will be outdoor "guy" stuff. The boys will also learn etiquette.

Burchett added, "The mentors and their wives will be there for supper and things like that to help us with the kids. They'll get to see how we are with our wives and the respect we show them. They need to be taught how to take a woman on a date and how to treat one."

Brain and Beth Burchett worked with the youth group at their church in Oxford. He served as a small group leader for their senior high youth group for many years. They participated in several mission trips to Haiti to work with the children through the Mission of Hope. They bring that experience, as well as several other mentors, to assist with the program's lessons. All mentors and leaders of Truth in Nature have undergone extensive background checks.

Open house this Saturday!

Cullman's Truth in Nature chapter will have an open house this Saturday, June 27 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Sportsman Lake Park on the stage and in the neighboring pavilion.

It will be cooking and serving barbecue sandwiches, chips, drinks and cookies. There will be fun activities and games including an inflatable slide and cornhole. The Burchetts hope to sign up some young men for the free program, as well as mentors and local businesses interested in partnering with Truth in Nature.

"This will be a great way for folks to stop by, grab a FREE BBQ plate, have a little fun, and learn more about Truth in Nature," reads the website.

For more information about the Truth in Nature program, visit https://truthinnature.org/cullman-al.

Groundbreaking for new subdivision near Berlin set for June 30

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BERLIN, Ala. – Real estate firm Retail Specialists will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for a new subdivision near the town of Berlin Tuesday, June 30. Kingfisher

The new neighborhood, Kingfisher, will have 280 homes, according to the firm, which said the homes are estimated to sell in the $190,000 to $250,000 price range. Prominence Homes has been selected as the home builder for the development.

"We are thrilled to have this new development coming to Cullman County," said Cullman County Commissioner Kerry Watson. "With the way our county is growing, this is something that has been needed for a long time. Our hope is this will serve as a catalyst for future development in our area."

In a media release, Retail Specialists said, "Located at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 278 E and County Road 1616, the Kingfisher subdivision will feature new streets and sidewalks. Community leaders feel that this new neighborhood will serve as a catalyst for more dining and shopping development in the area."

"Cullman County is poised for growth over the next five years, so bringing affordable, quality housing to the market is another way we are able to assist the community with their growth," said Robert Jolly, founder and CEO of Retail Specialists. "This is our second residential project in Cullman County and is a great example of how we can help in multiple facets of community development – from attracting new retailers, to transforming vacant commercial real estate space, and building new neighborhoods – our team is excited about all of the work happening in the county."

"With the growth in Cullman County and its proximity to Huntsville and Birmingham, it's the perfect time to break ground on a new neighborhood," said Scott Underwood, chief operating officer for Prominence Homes. "Our team is excited to bring high-quality homes to this community."

The Kingfisher neighborhood is being developed by Retail Specialists. Sain Engineering is handling the civil engineering, Meredith Environmental is the site contractor and Prominence Homes is constructing the new homes.



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CRIME
Arrests and incidents reported June 25

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 25, 2020. All persons are inno-cent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
June 22
- domestic violence; CR 617
- theft of property; CR 522
- harassment; CR 623
- burglary; CR 153
- unlawful possession of marijuana; CR 1435
- harassment; CR 807

June 23
- harassment; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence; CR 1125
- criminal mischief; CR 1125
- trespassing; CR 386
- criminal mischief; CR 1096
- harassment; CR 1059
- domestic violence; Hwy. 91
- criminal mischief; CR 38
- domestic violence; CR 700
- domestic violence; CR 831
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 91

June 24
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 747, CR 703
- domestic violence; CR 497
- harassment; Willow Bend
- possession of drug paraphernalia; 2nd Ave. SE, 3rd St. SE
- domestic violence; Main St.
- domestic violence, unlawful possession of a controlled substance; I-65 N, 291 MM
- criminal mischief; CR 1674
- harassment; CR 1372

ARRESTS
June 22
Bates, Jeffery George, 51
- FTA- driving while suspended

Bomberry-Wright, Dylan Joseph, 25
- motion to revoke bond-first-degree theft of property

Gillilan, Gabriel Ray, 32
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

McAlpine, Nicholas Daniel, 37
- probation revoked-third-degree burglary

Odom, Christopher Silvie, 45
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Vaughn, Joshua Marty, 41
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- judge's order- writ of arrest- child support

Wright, Terry Wayne, 63
- fourth-degree theft of property

June 23-24
Carlisle, Susan Lyn, 49
- FTA- fourth-degree receiving stolen property

Collum, Benjamin James, 39
- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)
- writ of arrest- child support (2 counts)

Edwards Jr., Daryl Lee, 38
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Fanning, Nathan Dewayne, 36
- public intoxication

Fanning, Warren Dewayne, 33
- public intoxication

Goodwin, Kandiss Nekohl, 40
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Haynes, Jeremy Ashton, 32
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Johnson, Ollie Jamal, 24
- chemical endangerment of a child

Knight, Jerry Dean, 62
- DUI- alcohol and controlled substance
- FTA- DUI- influence of alcohol

Lovett, Steven Alexander, 32
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Parris, Kaitlyn Denise, 19
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Robertson, Weston John, 33
- FTA- driving without first obtaining
- FTA- DUI

Ruatti, Bashir Pershing, 34
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Swann Sr., Carlton Oneal, 59
- third-degree criminal trespassing

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
June 24
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $372
- fourth-degree theft of property; person; Hwy. 157; cash
- third-degree criminal trespassing; person; Denson Ave. NW
- first-degree theft of property; person; Dialsdale Dr. SW; '06 Mazda; $1,000

ARRESTS
June 24
McWhorter, Amanda N., 30
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Martin, Kody A., 30
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- insurance violation

Johnson, Johnathon S., 39
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- failure to register vehicle

Byess, Dawn C., 41
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Gilland, Ciara D., 27
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- improper lane usage

Tyner, Zachary C., 27
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing

Stiefelmeyer III, Carl A., 55
- public intoxication

Riggs, Destiny V., 20
- third-degree criminal trespassing
- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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



Obituary Announcements: June 26

Vera Louise Brooks, 71, of Double Springs entered into rest Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at Lakeland Community Hospital. Vera was born July 2, 1948 Double Springs, Alabama to Bill and Vera Moody. Visitation will be held Saturday, June 27, 2020 from 11 a.m.-noon at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, where services will follow at noon. Brother Mark Turner will officiate. Burial will be in New Hope (aka Kelly Mill) Cemetery in Double Springs. Vera is survived by her sons Eddie Hill and his wife Tammy and Brian Hill and his wife Elizabeth; grandchildren Bella Hill and Summer Spires; great-grandchild Raven Akins; brother Murphy Moody; sisters Margaret Sutherland, Bernice Odom and Mellonie Maze; and her husband Terry. She was preceded in death by her husband Bill Brooks; parents Calvis Murphy "Bill" Moody and Vera Knight Moody; daughter Jennifer Michelle Waldrep; brother Gene Knight; and sister Janice Connell.

Eva Jo Bell, at 90 years young, went running into the arms of Jesus June 24, 2020. We know she saw her King face to face and heard the words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant." She was surrounded her last days by her son and three granddaughters. She was born Dec. 29, 1929, to the late Earle and Mattie McCullar. She was blessed with a large and loving family. Eva Jo loved, treasured and embraced her family well and her servant heart served tirelessly, as her hands were never idle. She had a vivacious personality and always made people around her laugh. To know her was to love her and be fed by her. She boldly spoke the word of God and declared her life was a living example of Ephesians 4:32, "And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ." Eva Jo was the wife of the late Alvin Bell and the mother of the late Alvin Frances Bell, Jr. and Jesse Joe Bell. She is survived by their son Frankie Bell (Julie Bell) and granddaughters Christy Rigdon (Terry Rigdon), Carrie Kelly, and Kelly Medlin. She was blessed with six great-grandchildren: Jordan Rigdon, Blake Rigdon, Elijah Rigdon, Emily Kelly, Abagail Kelly, and Bailey Medlin. She was preceded in death by four sisters and four brothers. Please join us in celebrating her life Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs. Eva Jo was a lifelong member of Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, and will be buried at the cemetery following the service. Reverend Buford Parker will officiate the service. Visitation will be held Saturday, June 27, 2020 from 6-8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home.

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Siblings (from Front)

each year and have them as her collection. Then if she becomes a writer one day, we'll have that for her to look back on."

Tanya expressed how proud she and the rest of the family are of the children's accomplishments, saying, "We're just excited for both of them. We're thrilled that they can be part of APT and have this achievement under their belts so young.

"We're just super proud of them; they're fantastic kids, and they're definitely a treasure."

COVID-19 (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) Thursday morning reported a record-high 1,129 new cases of COVID-19 for the previous 24 hours.

According to https://bamatracker.com, over the last seven days, Alabama has seen a 17.5% growth rate in new cases, with a daily average of 708 new cases.

The ADPH reports presumed recoveries weekly, and Wednesday reported that number as 18,866.

Cullman Regional Thursday evening reported 11 positive patients and numerous patients waiting for test results. The hospital currently has three patients on ventilators.

Alabama's State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris on Thursday attributed the increase in cases to community transmission.

"We are seeing increased numbers of cases that arise from community transmission of disease," he said. "While many of our hot spots in the past could be attributed to a single location or event, like a nursing home outbreak or a workplace outbreak, we are now seeing many cases that we are not able to link to known exposures; that is, people are becoming infected by being exposed to cases without realizing that they are being exposed."

As to slowing the spread in Alabama, Harris said, "The only way to stop this is for Alabamians to make the necessary choices to protect themselves and others. Social distancing, wearing of face coverings, hand washing and staying home when ill are the only tools that we have to prevent this disease. It is especially important to recognize that our seniors and those with chronic health problems are especially susceptible to this disease, and given that we have no effective vaccine yet, we can expect that this situation is likely to continue for many months."

Thursday COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health

- Total confirmed cases in AL: 32,753 (+1,129 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 453
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 880 (+1 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 16
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 348 (+22 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 8
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 3 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 0
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 5,421
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 1,443
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 113
- Total tested in Alabama: 369,005
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 9,631
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 96,519
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 667
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 2,612
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 18,866

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Following in the footsteps of his father, Charlie NeSmith has become a well-known and respected banker in the Jefferson, Blount and Cullman areas over the past 35 years. The Board of Directors of Merchants Bank of Alabama is pleased to announce that as of June 18, 2020, Mr. NeSmith will lead our bank as President and Chief Executive Officer.

Charlie graduated from Auburn University in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration (Finance) and began his career in banking at Central Bank of the South. From there he served as City President at two other area banks and completed a graduate degree at the LSU Graduate School of Banking in 1996.

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Charlie joined the Merchants Bank team in 2001 as Senior Vice President and Senior Lending Officer. Over the past 19 years he has served on most of the executive committees involved in the key decisions affecting the bank's direction and operations. His involvement in all major decisions regarding all bank departments makes him the ideal candidate to lead Merchants Bank into the future.

Outside of banking, Charlie has served as past chairman of Cullman County Chamber of Commerce and past president of Cullman Rotary Club, where he is still an active member. He also serves on the Cullman FCA Board and is a Deacon at Grace Chapel Church in Cullman.

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