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'IT'S JUST A BEAUTIFUL PLACE'

Riverside Fly Shop shares love of fly fishing, beauty of the Sipsey



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Riverside Fly Shop Owner Brandon Jackson works on a handmade fly lure.

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Cullman fire marshal talks grilling safety

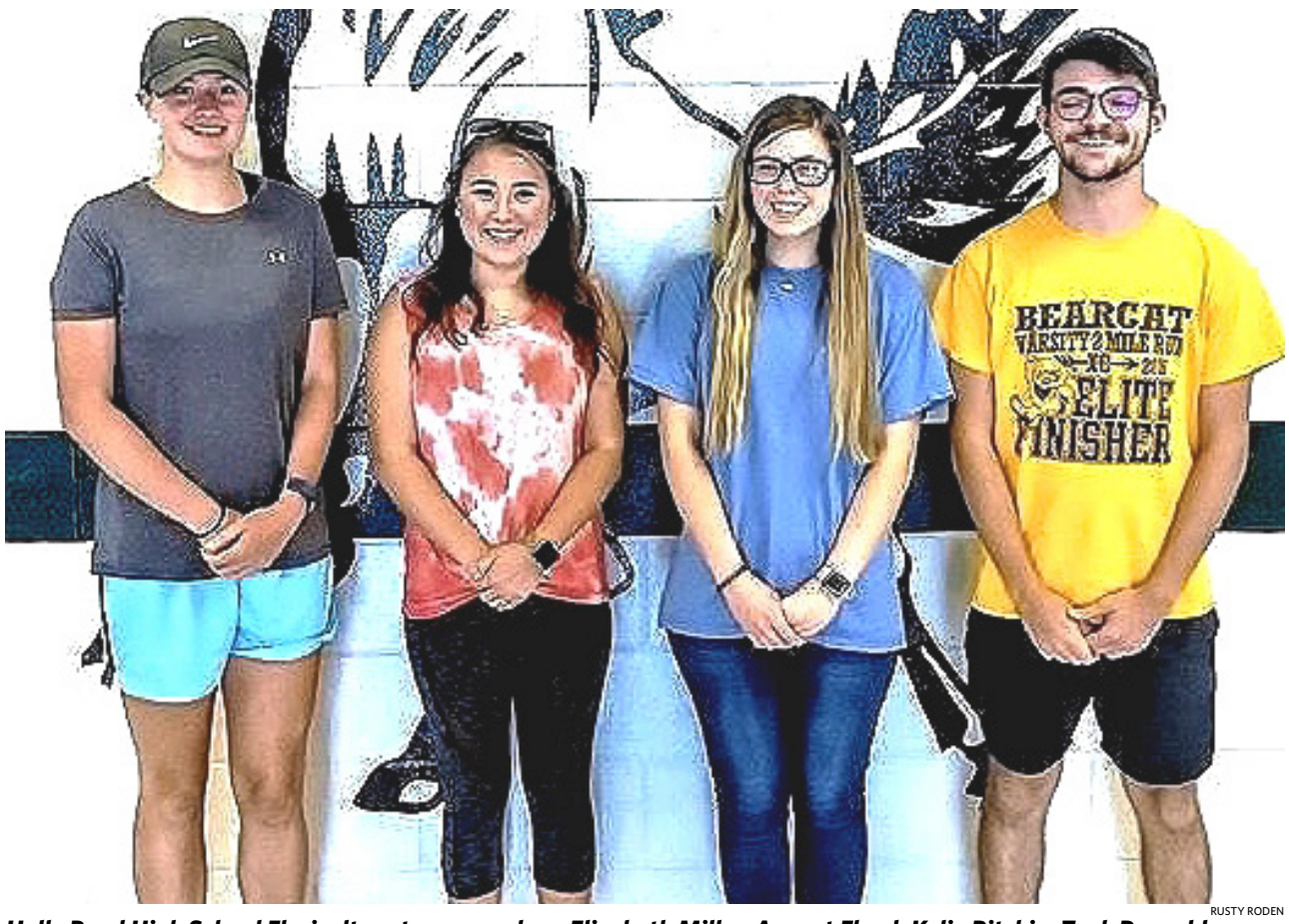


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– EDUCATION –

Holly Pond FFA Floriculture Team takes top honors in state



RUSTY RODEN

Holly Pond High School Floriculture team members Elizabeth Miller, August Floyd, Kylie Ritchie, Zack Reynolds.

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HOLLY POND, Ala. – Holly Pond High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) students competed on June 25 in district and state Career Development Event online virtual contests, and July 1 released successful results for two of their teams and several students. The school's Floriculture Team placed first in the North District and took first place honors in the State, as well. Team members are Elizabeth Miller, August Floyd, Kylie Ritchie and Zack Reynolds.

Team member Floyd was the top scoring individual in the state competition.

The Floriculture competition involved multiple disciplines related to greenhouse production, including identification of tools and up to 100 different plants, along with common plant diseases and other issues.

Holly Pond Agriscience teacher and FFA Advisor Rusty Roden told The Tribune, "Most of those kids have been on that team for three years, and they've been working really hard. They have been to the state contest the past two years in a row and have finished sixth the past two years.

"We were a little nervous that we were not going to have an opportunity this year, but they presented the students with a virtual state contest this year, and several of the different contests that FFA presents to students. I asked the students if they were interested, and they were most definitely interested because they had worked hard. Those students, they came in focused, and wanted to do well, and I'm very proud of them."

The team has qualified to compete at the national level later this summer, in a contest that will also be held online.

The Holly Pond FFA Livestock Team took third place in the North District. Team members are Thomas Bell, Cooper Jones, Mattie Wood and Ethan Tapscott.

The team had to evaluate and rank four examples each of different types of cattle, hogs, sheep and goats, along with a test on animal science.

Roden said that he is "Very proud of those. We have some younger students and one older student on that. We had two freshmen, a junior and a senior on that contest . . . They'll be able, all except for Cooper, be able to come back and compete next year. So, outstanding students."

FFA student Andre McCaffrey placed among the top four in the state in Greenhouse Production. Roden also reported that, in all, seven Holly Pond students qualified for their FFA degrees.

Said Roden, "Those students are outstanding. Very thankful for a great group of students at Holly Pond."

HEALTH

COVID-19: Alabama adds new record 1,758 cases; Cullman Co. adds 24

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Alabama added a new record number of daily confirmed cases of COVID-19 Thursday. The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) on Friday morning reported 1,758 new confirmed cases. It reported 24 new cases in Cullman County.

Download the ADPH's 2-page document for July 3 at go.usa.gov/xwhFg.

Below are the statistics reported.

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

- Total confirmed cases in AL: 41,362 (+1,758 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 503
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 983 (+22 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 23
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 435 (+24 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 8
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 4 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 0
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 6,205
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 1,736
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 133
- Total tested in Alabama: 430,128
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 12,273
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 115,255
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 843
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 2,883
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 22,082

See more details at https://bit.ly/2VjCQbP.

–NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES–

Arab's SugarFest canceled

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Shop (from Front)

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BREMEN, Ala. – Located next to the Walker County line along Alabama Highway 69, nestled next to the Sipsey Fork of the Black Warrior River, you'll find a quaint-looking cabin. It's local and tourist favorite, Riverside Fly Shop, where you can learn all about the love of fly fishing and the uniqueness of the Sipsey.

The moment you open the door, you're greeted by a warm, curious nose – Bull, the shop guard dog. He'll welcome you- and take some pets, thank you!

Riverside Fly Shop Owner Brandon Jackson shared the history of the business.

"My wife and I came to Jasper in 2002 to the youth ministry, I feel in love with the (Sipsey Fork) river and fishing it," he said. "The people who owned the building then were looking to sell and move out west, and we worked with them. We ended up purchasing the building in 2005 and slowly began understanding more about the river and meeting the needs of fly fishermen and those kinds of things and trying to listen to what was going on and how to make it work. Over the years we've built relationships and a model of what we do to try to help people enjoy this sport and to bring people to this area, get them involved in fly fishing, give them alternatives for things to do while they're enjoying the lake or different things like that. We really try to become advocates for the river for people to be able to utilize it in the best way possible."

Jackson said the most popular things the shop offers are guided trips.

"You can show up to the shop and we'll outfit you with everything you'll need," he said. "We'll put you in waders and boots if you want to do a wading trip, or we can do a drift boat trip where you show up and you're able to enjoy the boat moving through the water and things like that. Those are probably some of our more popular things, especially for beginners (in fly fishing) and people who are just interested in getting out and trying something new. We also do guided trips with folks who are pretty experienced but want to learn some different techniques, things like that. We really try to focus on teaching during our guided trips as much as actually trying to just catch a fish. On our guided trips we teach casting and reading the water and things like that. In the shop we'll also do casting lessons if you need or fly tying lessons, and really if it's involved in the sport in any way, we will help you become proficient at it, we'll help you get the skills that you need so that then you can do it on your own.

He continued, "We are a full outfitter, so we have all of the gear that anyone involved in the sport of fly fishing may need, so we can outfit people who've never fly fished before and we can give them every piece of gear that they would need to have a successful day on the water. Our fly box is one of the most important aspects of the shop. We try to keep fly lures in stock that work not only on the river here for the rainbow trout, but also for brim and bass, the warm water species we typically catch with the fly rod, and make sure we have everything there. We offer a little bit of primitive camping. We have basically flat pieces of land that we'll let you stay on overnight; it has access to a restroom at the shop. We can provide those opportunities as well.

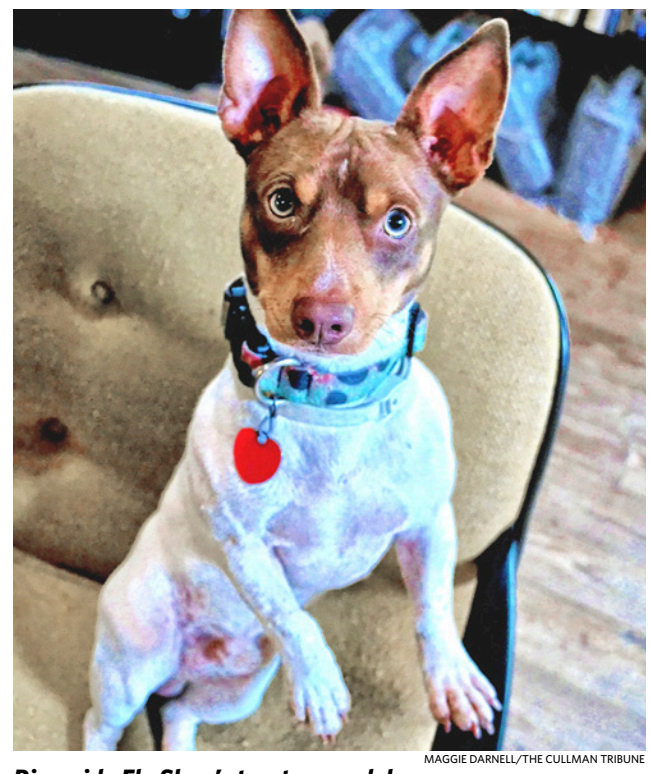
The Sipsey Fork is the only river in Alabama where you fish for rainbow trout year-round because of the river's cool temperatures, he said.

"We're a destination shop," said Jackson. "Our business model is dependent on the success of the river- anything that's going to help you enjoy trout fishing this stream, specifically, but then that will translate into any trout stream, really, we try to take care of it."

Jackson has a passion for fly fishing, and in particular, his little piece of paradise.

"I had just fallen in love with fly fishing, and this is the only place in the state you can go and catch a trout year-round. Being that close in having that opportunity, we came here fairly often; the river is a special place. It's unique in the fact it has the cold water to support trout, but it's unique in its beauty and its flow in how clear the water is. There are a lot of things that happen here that don't necessarily happen anywhere else and it's just a beautiful place that was attractive to us and provided for us some opportunities that we saw and I think it has great potential to attract people to the state," he smiled. "We've got a register of out-of-towners that's pretty full of people who come to visit specifically to fish for rainbow trout in Alabama. It's just such a unique opportunity, and we wanted to try to be part of making it better, making it accessible, making it easier to have success here and be able to enjoy it the way that we enjoy it."

Jackson said COVID-19 impacted his business for a while, but the desire to get back outside. We try to take the measures that we can to keep everyone safe, but also provide a great opportunity to get outside and social distance in an environment that is beautiful doing something that you can really enjoy. We wanted to be a part of that solution and offer those opportunities as much as we could."



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Riverside Fly Shop's trusty guard dog, Bull, poses in a shop chair.

Riverside Fly Shop is located at 17027 Alabama Highway 69, Bremen, AL 35033 and is open Wednesday through Sunday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

Find out more at www.facebook.com/Alabama-Trout.

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
ANDRE' FERNAND COUTURE * CASE NO.: PC 2020-201
Deceased. *

NOTICE
PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION OF SMALL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution of Small Estate has been filed by Marcus Joseph Voss, petitioner, on the 1st day July, 2020, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Marcus Joseph Voss
Petitioner

Shay Persall
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

To: PUBLISHER OF ***The Cullman Tribune***:

Please publish the above notice **ONE TIME** in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

DONE this the 2nd day of July, 2020.

Tammy Brown
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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.

CHS Class of 1981 40th Reunion
The Cullman High School class of 1981 is currently planning its 40th class reunion. It will be held May 22, 2021. Please see our Facebook page for details and notices of planning meetings.

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!

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.
• This is a drive-in only event.
• 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
• This is a drive-in event. Guests are encouraged to stay in their vehicles and 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.

CRUSA Modified Sportsman with Fireworks at ECM Speedway
• 4-11:55 p.m. at 1546 County Road 6, Bremen, Alabama 35033
• Up for grabs: $1,000 1st place, $500 2nd place, $300 3rd place, $100 to start in Crate Racin USA Modified Sportsman Division. All 6 divisions will be in the valley for a night of fireworks and dirt track racing at its best.
• Pit Gate $35 12 and older, $15 5-11
• Grandstands $15 12 and older, $5 5-11

Thunder on the Mountain
• 5 p.m. at Mtn. Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 1707 County Road 573, Hanceville, Alabama 35077
• Hamburgers and hotdogs, homemade ice cream and watermelon and other goodies; the grand finale will be a fireworks display.

4th of July Family Fun & Firework Bash
• 5 p.m. at Lonesome Dove Cowboy Church, 200 County Road 1699, Cullman, Alabama 35058
• Lots of games, arena fun, ice cream and food; fireworks start at dark.

Fireworks for Freedom
• 8:45 p.m. at River Rocks Plantation Resort, 3316 Hardin Road, Guntersville, Alabama 35976
• Parking at Bucky Howe Park or come by boat. Please be courteous and exercise social distancing guidelines.
• 4th of July Fireworks on Rock Creek at The Patio at Smith Lake
• 8:45 p.m. at The Patio at Smith Lake, 217 County Road 220, Arley, Alabama 35053
• Sponsored by Triple Creek Marina- Everyone welcome- Bring chair/quilt- Excited to see the boats arrive in Triple Creek area near Bailey Bridge (Put your boat in at Triple Creek Marina, 1512 County Road 4022, Arley).

Cullman City Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, July 6 at 5:30 p.m. at Cullman City Hall

Fairview Town Council Meeting
Monday, July 6 at 6 p.m. at Fairview Town Council

Cullman City Council Meeting
Monday, July 6 at 7 p.m. at Cullman City Hall

Baileyton Town Council Meeting
Monday, July 6 at 7 p.m. at Baileyton Town Hall

Holly Pond Town Council Meeting
Monday, July 6 at 7 p.m. at the Guy Hunt Library and Museum

Farming Around the World Farm Kids Club Zoom Class
• Saturday, July 11 at 9 a.m.
• Hosted by the North Alabama Agriplex
• Register for Farming Around the World Farm Kids Club on RecDesk at $5 per family. After registration, you will receive and email with the zoom link, passport to download, along with recipes for the countries we will be visiting. Alabama Cooperative Extension Agent Robert Spencer will lead us on a virtual tour of countries around the world and their culture and farming practices. We hope you will join us!
• Register at https://cullmanrecreation.recdesk.com/Community/Program.

Speegle Family Reunion
• Sunday, July 12 at 11 a.m. at the Speegle Family Point.
• All those attending must remember to follow the current public health guidelines we are under. We suggest bringing food for yourself or your immediate family members, since we will not have the usual "pot luck" spread. You're welcome to set tents up and use chairs available.

Unity Concert "LOVE TRAIN"
• Friday, July 17 at 7 p.m. at Depot Park in Cullman
• We will be gathering for an evening of Good music, food and love to all that we see!! Special musical guests will be with us as well. This is a free concert hosted by SmoothFondu and the Lamont Landers Band! Don't miss this moment in time. This is a FREE concert!!

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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Funny Things from Yesterday: The 4th of July

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I will depart this week from my regular column of "Funny Things from Yesterday" and write about love of family and country.

I let Mother's Day and Father's Day get by this year without a special article for either one. The 4th of July has arrived and I feel very patriotic for our country. I loved my parents very much, and to honor them I am writing about them and our country.

The first love each of us encounters is a mother's love and we give our love in return as well as having a dependency on her. We are held so gently and tenderly by a mother who loves and cares for us. She nurtures us through the first years of our life and then we are ready to go to school, but a mother's love doesn't end there. We grow up and leave home for college, military service or marriage, but a mother's love doesn't end there. As we have our own family a mother's love doesn't end there, but steadily increases to take in each new family member with the same love and tenderness that each of us had as a child.

The second love we realize we are receiving is a father's love. We also give our love in return, not understanding the full depth of a father's love until we mature. As we look back from adulthood, we see that a father's love was providing for our needs as a child and also preparing us to be a mature person to be able to face the world as an adult. Then we realize what a father's love really is.

There are many other loves we have in our life, but this story is about the 4th of July, so I will go on with it.

The love that we think about on the 4th of July is the love for our country. As we look back across the years, we can remember the great leaders: George Washington, Ben Franklin, Paul Revere, Nathan Hale and so many more that started our nation. We can think of the wars that have been fought to keep our way of life. But, let us not forget all the other men and women that gave their lives to keep our country free. Our country in return loves us. It gives us life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Sometimes, if our leaders are not good people, then our country is not right. We as citizens have the responsibility not only to defend our country against aggression, but also to defend it against bad leadership.

As one of our late great presidents, John F. Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country."

Fly your flag on the 4th of July and be proud to be an American.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Independence is a state to be treasured

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Tribune
Contributor



Each spring, we have long-term guests at the King's house. We have never invited them, and they never ask if they can stay. They just show up and make themselves at home. We have tried a number of things to discourage them from coming, but they never seem to get the hint. When they come, they are usually with us for well over a month. This year's visitors have left. As usual, they have left a mess behind for us to clean up. I'm sure another family will show up next year, and none of them are our family. I usually don't even know their names. If they aren't red, blue, or have an orange chest, I only know them as part of the bird family...and I don't mean Larry Bird.

Human families remind me of those birds. The little ones can't wait to be grown enough to fly away and gain their independence. The first taste of that independence comes with a driver's license. Usually, a few years later, they leave the nest and fly on their own. Occasionally, one will stay in the nest until they are old enough to draw their social security, but most can't wait to move out. Some parents are deeply depressed when they become empty nesters, while others embrace the season and celebrate. I guess, in one sense, both the children and the parents have then gained their independence. Both eventually enjoy their newfound freedom.

Sadly, there comes a time in our latter years when adults sometimes lose their independence again. Many of us have experienced that heart-breaking time when our parents are no longer able to live by themselves, in their own home. Some of that independence that came with acquiring a driver's license is also lost when the elderly are no longer able to drive. The independence gained becomes an independence lost. Independence is never an eternal promise, at least not in this world.

244 years ago, our nation declared its independence. The acquisition of that independence came at a great price. Our young colonies were like those baby birds in the nest, and England was their mother.

Leaving the nest and flying on their own must have been a frightening thing to do, but it was a risk they were willing to take in order to gain their freedom. It proved costly for so many of them. Some 6,800 American soldiers were killed during the Revolutionary War. More than 6000 others were wounded. Around 20,000 were taken as prisoners. Today, we enjoy our freedom, our independence, because of that great price our forefathers paid back then. We simply get to enjoy the

benefits of their sacrifice, but can easily forget what a treasure we have inherited. Now it is up to us to protect what we have been given.

Jesus once said, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought into desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand." (Matthew 12:25) It certainly is not the first time, but as a nation we are fractiously divided these days. In fact, not everyone who lived here 244 years ago was in favor of gaining their independence. Having said that, I do fear our current division is a treat to our future. We have never all agreed on everything, and it is certain that we never will in this world; however, we must work together to live in harmony. Harmony is not everyone singing the same part, but everyone singing different parts that blend together. We are not all the same, but we do all have the same value. In order to protect our independence, we must learn to all live together in harmony. I'm still praying. Happy Independence Day!

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Files from Yesteryear: 1904, 1933, 1934

From the Files of 1904

E.M. Brundridge left Tuesday for the Lone Star State.

G.S. Leeth and Bob Lee returned from Saint Louis on Tuesday. Each one had purchased a car load of mules for their customers.

J.T. Morgan's sawmill at Clarkson is now in operation.

From the Files of 1933

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J.F. McGukin of Cullman on October 17, was a nine pound son, whom they have named John Gary.

Forest Patrick, popular principal of Simcoe Junior High School was a business visitor to Cullman, on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Forney Fuller and Mrs. B.M. Nash attended the funeral of their grandmother, Mrs. Endsley, in Birmingham, last Tuesday.

J.A. Perdue of the Trade area was in the city on Friday. He added his name to the list of Tribune readers.

Professor and Mrs. J.H. McCarn, of Bremen and their guest, Mrs. Barker of West Virginia, were in Cullman on Saturday attending the teacher's meeting and honored the Tribune with a visit.

Charley Walker was in Cullman on Wednesday enroute to Duck River to attend the Baptist Association meeting as a delegate from his church, The First Baptist Church of Vinemont.

From the Files of 1934

A milch cow belonging to M.A. Oliver of Joppa was shot on Monday, after she had been found to have rabies. She had been ill about a week and had been kept in a stall and closely watched.

Married on October 28 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S.B. House were Miss Flora House and T.B. Rogers.

In the general election, on Tuesday, Homer F. Mitchell, Republican was elected Probate Judge over J.M. Kilpatrick, Democrat.

The vote was 3,077 for Mitchell and 3,074 for Kilpatrick.

Democratic nominees won in other elections in the county elected were Grady Gorham, Circuit Clerk; Doctor J.G. Daves and Charlie Gorham, School Board; Ellis Burns, Tax Assessor; J.A. Bryant, Tax Collector and J.E. Pierce, Sheriff.

Mrs. L.D. Henderson, Mrs. L.H. Bradford, Mrs. S.Y. Styles and Mrs. A.P. Rounds attended the district meeting of H.D.C. County Councils in Birmingham on Tuesday.

Cullman defeated Bridgeport, 12-0 on Friday.

Earl Calvert was seriously injured on Wednesday night in an auto accident. Riding in the car with Earl at the time of the accident were Orvell and Clemon Calvert, who were only slightly injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nesmith have named their baby daughter, Mary Ruth.

The 52nd annual session of the Cullman County Baptist Association was held at Good Hope last week. Officers elected were Reverend V. Sizemore, moderator, Reverend E. Marion, vice-moderator and O.D. Horsley clerk.

'Chirp & Flit': Positive life lessons during the pandemic

Bendigo (Ben Johnson South)

A "gregarious hermit" is an oxymoron I sometimes call myself. It's absolutely true and has been for years. I spend 80% of most days happily alone painting and writing and the rest of my time excited to connect with other people.

Social distancing and quarantine during the 2020 coronavirus pandemic allow for all of us to be more inward-focused. Many of my creative friends concur the lack of distraction can be a boon for creativity. For instance: This weird, scary time the world is experiencing inspired me to think how I might create something to help children be happier and less anxious as we struggle through it and eventually triumph.

After Cullman city and county schools closed in March, I thought about all the life lessons my parents, Ben and Ruby Johnson, who were Cullman-area school teachers, would have been sharing at home. I decided to create a couple of cartoon animal friends who would speak playful but reassuring lessons in a weekly media series. So, thanks to The Cullman Tribune, Chirp, a blue bird, and Flit, a blue butterfly, came to be "Friends During These Times."

Because the color "blue" is calming, I find I'm painting with it a lot during this stressful period. Picasso's famous "Blue Period" works were solemn, but mine are filled with optimism and positivity.

Chirp & Flit needed to be adorable characters kids would enjoy. After I made the original sketch, I took it to talented graphics designer Morgan Wooten, of Cullman's Office Depot print shop, and asked her to add what I call her "SMD--Special Morgan Darlingness." The results are more darling than I could have ever done without Morgan's collaboration. Friends tell me their children and grandchildren are enjoying darling Chirp & Flit, and the friends are, too.

Other "creative collaborators" on this project include friends like Renee Welch (Smith Lake Community) and Laurie Johnson (Birmingham) who have suggested timely life lessons for Chirp & Flit to share. Also, Laurie, a talented wordsmith, has helped proof my copy before it goes to Wendy Sack, the gifted editor of The Cullman Tribune. (Readers will remember Laurie's delicious, original recipes from the "67-County Alabama Garden Party" series, which recently won first place, Best Human Interest Column for The Cullman Tribune in the 2020 Alabama Press Association Media Awards.)

It takes a village to raise children, and that's especially true during this worldwide pandemic. We welcome Tribune readers to suggest ideas for "Chirp & Flit: Friends During These Times" to share.



CONTRIBUTED

Morgan Wooten, graphics designer at Office Depot in Cullman, with Bendigo

POET'S CORNER

America! I Love You!

By: Randy C. Hale

When I think of America, her birthday,
I think of beginnings,
a newborn child breaking forth
into a new world with endless possibilities.

It must have been exciting for those
first few who braved the risk and cost
for freedom.
To have the opportunity to become
something different, and break the ties
that bound them loyal to England.

Can you imagine an angry child, one day
rising to his feet, packing his bags
and leaving everything he has ever known
in quest of riches, adventure or the right



to worship God as he wishes?
Then years later, braving the massive task
of telling his distant parents to stay away.

Well, something like that.
Happy Birthday America!
Hopefully always the land of the free!

COMIC – CHIRP & FLIT



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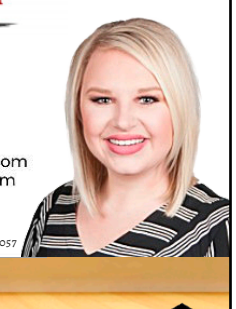
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BUSINESS

Just in time for 4th of July- the watermelon pop

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Summertime instantly gets cooler when you're able to enjoy refreshing frozen treats. Local favorite Frios Gourmet Pops recently unveiled its annual summer flavor- watermelon.

"We are entering our third summer season with Frios," said Co-Owner Kristy Keiffer. "Watermelon has been available each summer. It's always debuted prior to July 4."

On what makes this seasonal flavor unique, she said, "Our melons are locally-sourced and fresh off the fields of our Alabama farmers! At Frios, we believe our quality starts with using only the freshest ingredients. Provided melons are available, Watermelon should be produced thru the next month. On social media, we have shared some of the 'behind the scenes' pictures and videos. It's a really cool thing to see these massive crates of watermelons be hand-cut and juiced. With only 70 calories and three ingredients, adults can feel good about giving this pop to their kids. A second grader can read the ingredients list. I think we can all agree it's a good thing when an elementary student can pronounce the ingredients in a product."

She continued, "Watermelon is a fruity flavor. We all know Jay (Keiffer), aka 'Pop Guy,' leans into the fruity flavors. And, although Pineapple is his favorite, Watermelon is a close top three. Personally, I'm more of a dessert pop gal – Strawberry Shortcake (made with 'Bama berries) is delectable. Summer is the season for fruity pops, for sure. Our Pineapple Mango, PomBerry and Tamarind have been enjoyed by many. About two weeks ago, we debuted a Margarita pop. It's a lemon-lime palate pleaser. In case folks are wondering, all our pops are family-friendly thus, yes, Margarita is non-alcoholic! We ordered five Margarita cases initially (240 pops), and we've reordered this week."



KRISTY KEIFFER

A nice, cool view of Frios Gourmet Pops' seasonal summer flavor- watermelon.

Pops with a Purpose

"COVID-19 forced us to rethink several parts of our 'Pops with a Purpose' ministry," said Keiffer. "As much as Pop Guy and I enjoy personally serving guests, we've now realized we can't be everywhere, but maybe our delicious pops can be places we cannot! We've listened to the requests of our Frios guests and we're making intentional efforts to offer Frios in surrounding communities/ Smith Lake. It's been our experience these partnerships are win-win. Anyone (or any) business interested in a potential pop partnership (and likes alliteration) can reach out to kristy@friospops.com."

Frios Gourmet Pops is open Sunday and Tuesday-Friday from 2-7 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. The Cullman location is located at 112 Clark St.

SugarFest (from Front)

Melissa Cook
Contributor

ARAB, Ala. – How do you make the difficult decision to cancel a festival? Something that the community embraced and made such a success last year? You do it after much thought, consideration, prayer and logic. You do it with the support of city leaders, law enforcement, emergency management and volunteers. You do it after consulting with other festival and event coordinators across the state and region who are making the same hard decisions. You do it when the health risks of a pandemic far outweigh the enjoyment of a one day event and place the safety of the public and the integrity of the event above all else. That's when you do it. We love our sponsors, vendors (arts & crafts and food), musicians, runners, pageant participants, classic car owners, shoppers, families, friends and the whole community too much to risk exposing anyone to COVID 19.

"I am sorry that this difficult decision had to be made, but we are certain it is the responsible one and one that I whole heartedly support," said Arab Mayor Bob Joslin.

"We can't wait to celebrate with our community and friends next year on Saturday, Sept. 4. SugarFest 2021 is going to be even bigger and better than our 2019 celebration.

"The momentum that we had built and the events that were already planned for this year were fantastic additions to the festival and will make SugarFest 2021 one that you won't want to miss. We are disappointed that we have to cancel this year, however we feel that this is the right thing to do." said Mark Gullion, festival volunteer.

Make sure and monitor social media and the website (www.thesugarfest.com) for updates and information on our vendors and all the events planned for SugarFest 2021. We can't wait to see you!

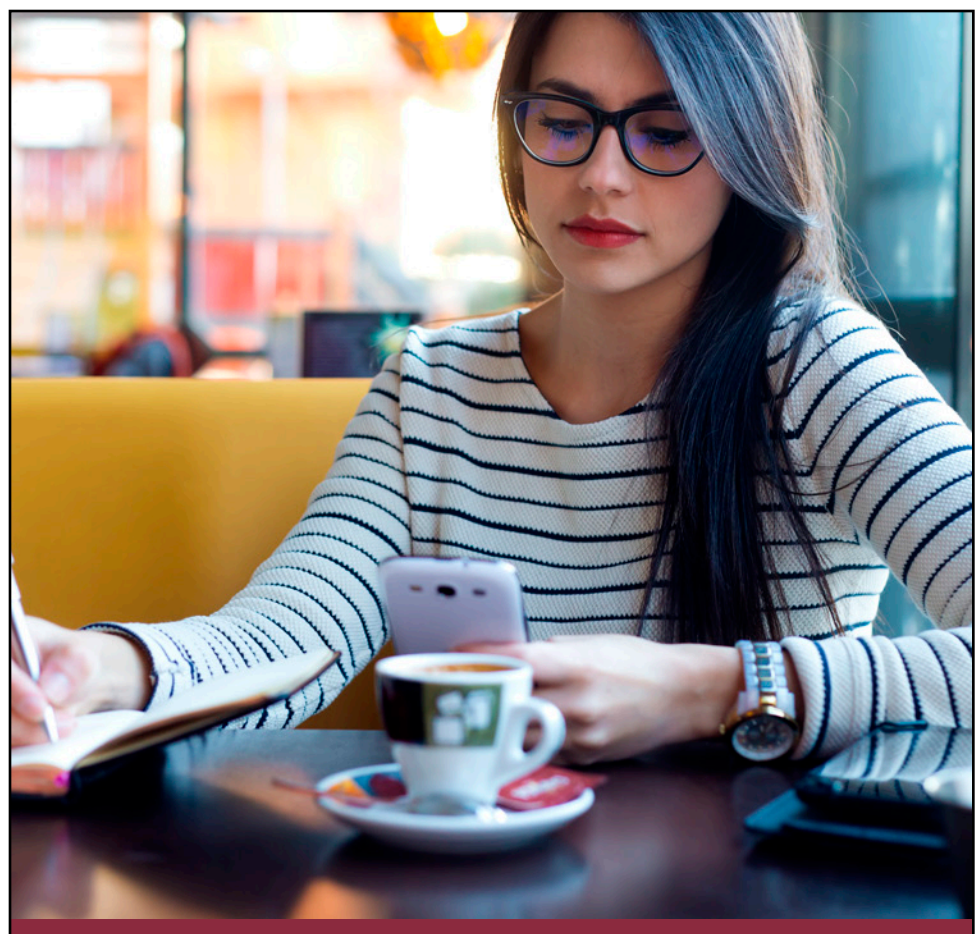
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SATURDAY EVENING

MOVIES

JULY 4, 2020

		5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
WABM-MyTV	2	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Ring of Honor Wrestling		★★ "The Expendables" (2010, Action) Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham, Jet Li.				World's-Weath	World's-Weath	The Immortals	The Short List
WBIQ-PBS	4	This Old House	PBS NewsHour Weekend	The Lawrence Welk Show Songs about transportation.		A Capitol Fourth The annual concert celebrating America. (N)			A Capitol Fourth The annual concert celebrating America.			Austin City Limits Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue.	
WVTM-NBC	5	WVTM 13 News at 5p	NBC Nightly News - Holt	WVTM 13 News at 6p (N)	Soledad O'Brien	Macy's 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular (N) (Live)				Macy's 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular		WVTM 13 News at 10p	(:29) Saturday Night Live
WBRC-FOX	7	Judge Judy	Paid Program	To Be Announced		Celebrity Watch Party "Father's Day Watch Party"		Ultimate Tag Six more contestants join the taggers.		Thunder on the Mountain	WBRC FOX6 News	WBRC FOX6 News at 10pm	Ultimate Tag
WIAT-CBS	8	Paid Program	CBS Weekend News (N)	CBS42 News 6pm (N)	Larry King Prostate	SEAL Team The team goes on a covert mission.		48 Hours (N)		48 Hours (N)		CBS42 News 10pm (N)	(:35) Jeopardy!
WTTO-CW	9	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Family Guy	Family 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 "Ace"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Wannabe"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Shattered"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Locum"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Bulls Eye"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Behave"	
WABM2-ABC	12	Paid Program	ABC World News	ABC 33/40 News at 6PM	Wheel of Fortune	America's Funniest Home Videos Donkeys give chase.		Shark Tank A far-out textiles brand.		The Good Doctor A runner suffers from severe swelling.		ABC 33/40 News at 10PM	(:35) America This Week (N)
A&E	42	Biography "The Gambinos: First Family of Crime" Carlo Gambino; Paul Castellano.				Gotti: Godfather & Son John Gotti Jr.'s childhood and youth. (Part 1 of 2)				Gotti: Godfather & Son Gotti Jr. resolves to quit the mob. (Part 2 of 2)			
AMC	53	(3:00) ★★★ "Independence Day" (1996) Will Smith.		★★★ "Independence Day" (1996, Science Fiction) Will Smith, Bill Pullman, Jeff Goldblum. Earthlings vs. evil aliens in 15-mile-wide ships.						★★★ "Independence Day" (1996, Science Fiction) Will Smith, Bill Pullman. Earthlings vs. evil aliens in 15-mile-wide ships.			
ANPL	47	The Zoo		The Zoo: Bronx Tales "Great Snakes!" (N)		(:01) The Zoo "Innovators" (N)		(:01) The Zoo: Bronx Tales "Great Snakes!" (N)		(:01) The Zoo A new exhibit for the Pallas' cats.		(:01) The Zoo Slow loris breeding; stoic pigeons.	
BET	55	(4:00) ★★★ "Barbershop: The Next Cut" (2016, Comedy) Ice Cube, Cedric the Entertainer, Regina Hall.				★★★ "Boyz N the Hood" (1991, Drama) Larry Fishburne, Ice Cube, Cuba Gooding Jr. Three boys become men in a tough L.A. neighborhood.					★★ "The Players Club" (1998) LisaRaye. A woman works as a stripper to pay her tuition.		
BRAVO	58	★★ "Home Again" (2017) Reese Witherspoon, Pico Alexander. A single mother develops a budding romance with a young man.				★★ "Legally Blonde" (2001, Comedy) Reese Witherspoon. A sorority queen enrolls in Harvard to win back her boyfriend.				★★ "Legally Blonde" (2001, Comedy) Reese Witherspoon. A sorority queen enrolls in Harvard to win back her boyfriend.			
CMTV	61	★★★ "Urban Cowboy" (1980, Drama) John Travolta, Debra Winger, Scott Glenn. A Texas oil worker looks for love at a popular honky-tonk.						★★★ "Pure Country" (1992, Drama) George Strait, Lesley Ann Warren, Isabel Glasser. A country singer struggles with the burden of stardom.					
CNBC	35	Undercover Boss Intriguing employees from past episodes.		Undercover Boss Bosses ask employees to go under cover.		Undercover Boss Todd Pedersen goes under cover.		Undercover Boss "Painting With a Twist"		Undercover Boss Oriental Trading Co. CEO Sam Taylor.		Undercover Boss American Seafoods CEO Bernt Bodal.	
CNN	37	CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)		CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)		CNN Special Program		CNN Special Program		CNN Special Program		AC360: The Trevor Noah Interview	
COM	56	The Office	The Office "Niagara"	The Office "Niagara"	The Office "The Delivery"	The Office "The Delivery"	The Office	The Office (Part 1 of 2)	The Office (Part 2 of 2)	The Office "The List"	The Office "Tallahassee"	The Office "A.A.R.M."	The Office "A.A.R.M."
DISN	49	(4:55) Bunk'd	(:20) Bunk'd	(:10) Big City Greens	(:35) Big City Greens	Big City Greens	(:25) Amphibia "Reunion"	(7:50) The Owl House	(:40) Amphibia	(:05) Big City Greens	Big City Greens	(9:55) Big City Greens	(:20) Amphibia "Reunion"
DSC	43	Expedition Unknown Searching for Jose Gaspar's treasure.		Expedition Unknown "Cracking the D.B. Cooper Case"		Expedition Unknown A WWII hero goes missing.		Expedition Unknown: Rediscovered "Lost in America" The lost colony of Roanoke. (N)					
E!	21	★★ "Overboard" (1987, Comedy) Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell, Edward Herrmann. An amnesiac millionairess is duped by a cunning carpenter.				★★ "The Holiday" (2006, Romance-Comedy) Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jude Law. Two women from different countries swap homes at Christmas.						House "Locked In"	
ESPN	29	The Basketball Tournament		Backstory		The Basketball Tournament House of Paign at War Tampa. From Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio. (N) (Live)				The Basketball Tournament Team CP3 at Mid-American Unity. From Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio. (N) (Live)			
ESPN2	30	(4:00) Women's Soccer		Nine for IX		2020 Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest		SportsCenter Special		Dodgeball From May 25, 2019 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.		This is SportsCenter	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	(4:40) ★★ "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse" (2010, Romance) Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson. Bella must choose between Edward and Jacob.					(:40) ★★ "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1" (2011, Romance) Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner. Bella and Edward marry.						"Twilight Saga-2"
FS1	20	Horse Racing America's Day at the Races. (N) (Live)		Greatest Games: MLB From July 4, 1983. (N Taped)						Walkoff Stories: Yankees/Red Sox -- From a Battle to a War		AFL Premiership Football: Crows vs Dockers	
FSEE	32	Horse Racing America's Day at the Races. (N) (Live)		Atlanta United Road to the Cup Eastern Conference Final, game 2. From Nov. 29, 2018. (N)				Atlanta United Road to the Cup MLS Cup Final. From Dec. 8, 2018. (N)					3 Wide Life
FX	28	(3:30) ★★ "Thor: The Dark World" (2013, Action)		★★★ "Iron Man 3" (2013, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow, Don Cheadle. A powerful enemy tests Tony Stark's true mettle.						★★★ "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" (2014, Action) Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson, Samuel L. Jackson.			
GOLF	82	Golf Central (N) (Live)		PGA Tour Golf Rocket Mortgage Classic, Third Round.									Golf Central
HALL	72	(4:00) "Marrying Mr. Darcy" (2018, Romance) Cindy Busby.		"My Favorite Wedding" (2017) Maggie Lawson, Paul Greene. A woman starts to fall for the best man at her friend's wedding.				"The Perfect Bride: Wedding Bells" (2018, Romance) Pascale Hutton, Kavan Smith, Leanne Lapp.				"The Convenient Groom" (2016) Vanessa Marcil.	
HGTV	46	Home Town A couple wants a spacious home.		Home Town A couple search for their forever home.		Home Town A young woman inherited her family home.		Home Town A business owner seeks a small home.		Home Town A house in a walkable neighborhood.		Home Town A Nantucket-inspired kitchen.	
HIST	40	Washington He is chosen to lead the revolution.				Washington Washington uses sheer force of will.				(:03) Washington Warring nations attack the borders.			
LIFE	23	"The Bad Seed" (2018, Mystery) Mckenna Grace, Rob Lowe. A man begins to suspect that his daughter is a killer.				"The Twisted Nanny" (2019) Tara Erickson, Chantelle Albers. A mother discovers the nanny she hired has sinister motives.				(:03) "Killer Contractor" (2019) Alyshia Ochse, Zac Titus. Kerry returns home to settle the estate of her late father.			
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	Gordon Ramsay: Uncharted "The Wilds of South Africa"		Gordon Ramsay: Uncharted "Tasmania"		Gordon Ramsay: Uncharted "Louisiana's Bayou Cuisine"		Gordon Ramsay: Uncharted "Alaska Off the Menu" (N)		(:03) Gordon Ramsay: Uncharted (N)		(:03) Gordon Ramsay: Uncharted	
PARMT	57	(4:00) ★★★ "Top Gun" (1986, Action) Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis, Anthony Edwards.			★★★ "Top Gun" (1986, Action) Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis, Anthony Edwards. A hot-shot Navy jet pilot downs MiGs and loves an astrophysicist.					★★ "S.W.A.T." (2003, Action) Samuel L. Jackson, Colin Farrell. A Los Angeles SWAT team must protect a criminal.			
TBS	25	★★ "Fast & Furious" (2009) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. Fugitive Dom Toretto and Brian O'Conner resume a feud in Los Angeles.				★★★ "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story" (2016, Science Fiction) Felicity Jones, Diego Luna, Alan Tudyk. Resistance fighters unite to steal plans for the Death Star.						Full Frontal	Tournament of Laughs
TCM	79	(4:30) ★★★★ "Yankee Doodle Dandy" (1942) James Cagney, Joan Leslie. Life of song-and-dance man George M. Cohan.				★★★ "The Music Man" (1962, Musical Comedy) Robert Preston, Shirley Jones. A glib traveling salesman works his charm on an Iowa town.					(:45) ★★★ "Bye Bye Birdie" (1963, Musical Comedy) Dick Van Dyke, Janet Leigh.		
TLC	24	Untold Stories of the E.R. Two inch pipe in a man's head.		Untold Stories of the E.R. "Nursing Intuition"		Untold Stories of the E.R. "Maternity Mayhem"		Untold Stories of the ER: Wedding Day Mishaps		Say Yes to the Dress America "The Brides of America" The brides show off their dresses.			
TNT	26	(3:15) ★★★★ "Saving Private Ryan" (1998, War) Tom Hanks. U.S. troops look for a missing comrade during World War II.				★★★ "Thor: Ragnarok" (2017, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Tom Hiddleston, Cate Blanchett. Thor must battle the mighty Hulk and the all-powerful Hela.					(:45) ★★ "Battleship" (2012, Science Fiction) Taylor Kitsch, Alexander Skarsgard, Rihanna.		
USA	27	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	(:23) Chrisley Knows Best	(:07) Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	(:14) Chrisley Knows Best	(:37) Chrisley Knows Best	Miz & Mrs	Miz & Mrs
WE	71	Criminal Minds Serial killers targeting exotic dancers.		Criminal Minds Notorious New England serial killer.		Criminal Minds "To Hell ..." Border-crossing serial killer.		Criminal Minds "... And Back" Border-crossing serial killer.		Criminal Minds Killer targets an emergency room doctor.		Criminal Minds "100" The team races to find the Reaper.	
HBO	518	(4:40) ★★★ "Flags of Our Fathers" (2006) Ryan Phillippe. U.S. troops who raised the flag on Iwo Jima become heroes.				★★ "Midway" (2019, War) Ed Skrein, Patrick Wilson, Luke Evans. Premiere. The U.S. Navy and fighter pilots battle Japanese forces. 'PG-13'					(:19) Perry Mason	(:15) Perry Mason Sister Alice offers the Dodsons support.	
MAX	549	(:05) Trackers "Episode 4"		Trackers Daoud takes over the diamond exchange.		(6:55) ★★ "Dante's Peak" (1997, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Linda Hamilton. 'PG-13'			(:45) ★★ "The Mule" (2018, Crime Drama) Clint Eastwood. A DEA agent pursues a 90-year-old drug courier for a cartel. 'R'				(:45) Trackers "Episode 5"
SHOW	578	The Chi "Brewfurd" Kevin rallies Papa and Jake for help.		★★ "The Ring" (2002, Horror) Naomi Watts. Premiere. A videotape holds deadly consequences for its viewers. 'PG-13'				★★ "Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark" (2019) Zoe Colletti. Terrifying tales become all too real for a group of teens. 'PG-13'				★★★★ "The Shining" (1980) Jack Nicholson. Premiere. 'R'	
TMC	598	(4:00) ★★ "Double Impact" (1991, Action) Alan Scarfe 'R'		★★ "Captive State" (2019) John Goodman. Chicago residents rebel against extraterrestrial occupation. 'PG-13'				★★★ "Dawn of the Dead" (2004, Horror) Sarah Polley, Ving Rhames. Premiere. 'R'			(:45) ★★ "The Beyond" (1981, Horror) Katherine MacColl, David Warbeck, Al Cliver. 'R'		

Sports

7:00 a.m. FSEE Powerboat Racing Nationals, Guntersville, Ala.
7:30 a.m. FSEE Powerboat Racing Nationals.
7:55 a.m. ESPN Formula 1 Racing Rolex Austrian Grand Prix, Qualifying. (Live)
11:00 a.m. WVTM IndyCar Racing GMR Grand Prix. (Live)
12:00 p.m. FS1 Horse Racing America's Day at the Races. (Live)
GOLF PGA Tour Golf Rocket Mortgage Classic, Third Round. (Live)
12:55 p.m. ESPN2 Deutsche Pokal Soccer Bayer 04 Leverkusen vs Bayern Munich. (Live)
2:00 p.m. WVTM NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Pennzoil 150 at the Brickyard. (Live)
WIAT PGA Tour Golf Rocket Mortgage Classic, Third Round. (Live)
ESPN The Basketball Tournament Team Brotherly Love at Stillwater Stars. (Live)
FSEE Horse Racing America's Day at the Races. (Live)
4:00 p.m. WVTM Horse Racing Breeders' Cup Challenge Series. (Live)
ESPN The Basketball Tournament Big X at Jackson TN Underdawgs. (Live)
5:00 p.m. FS1 FSEE Horse Racing America's Day at the Races. (Live)
6:00 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Rocket Mortgage Classic, Third Round.
7:00 p.m. ESPN The Basketball Tournament House of Paign at War Tampa. (Live)
9:00 p.m. ESPN The Basketball Tournament Team CP3 at Mid-American Unity. (Live)
10:00 p.m. FS1 AFL Premiership Football Adelaide Crows vs Fremantle Dockers. (Live)
10:30 p.m. ESPN2 Super Rugby Hurricanes vs Chiefs. (Live)

Movies

7:50 a.m. SHOW "King Kong" ★★★½ (2005) Naomi Watts (Premiere) Members of a film crew encounter prehistoric beasts and a gigantic ape on mysterious Skull Island.
8:00 a.m. FREE "There's Something About Mary" ★★★ (1998) Cameron Diaz. A geek hires a sleazy private eye to report on a woman he has adored since high school.
8:57 a.m. HBO "The Kid Who Would Be King" ★★★ (2019) Louis Ashbourne Serkis Old-school magic meets the modern world when young Alex stumbles upon the mythical sword Excalibur. He soon joins forces with a band of knights and the legendary wizard Merlin when the wicked enchantress Morgana threatens the future of mankind.
10:00 a.m. LIFE "Homeless to Harvard: The Liz Murray Story" ★★★ (2003) Thora Birch. Living on the streets, a teenager returns to high school, earns her diploma and gets a college scholarship.
TMC "The Impossible" ★★★ (2012) Naomi Watts A couple and their three sons encounter terror, courage and compassion following the December 2004 tsunami that devastated Thailand.
11:00 a.m. A&E "Wanted" ★★★ (2008) James McAvoy. After his estranged father is murdered, an office drone joins secret assassins who take their orders from Fate itself.
CMTV "Pure Country" ★★★ (1992) George Strait. An amiable country singer struggles to free himself of the hollow trappings of commercial stardom.
PARMT "Top Gun" ★★★ (1986) Tom Cruise. A hot-shot Navy jet pilot tangles with MiGs and flirts with a civilian astrophysicist.
SHOW "Fright Night" ★★★ (2011) Anton Yelchin A high-school student suspects that his charismatic new neighbor is a vampire and, when no one believes him, must try to destroy the bloodsucker himself.
12:00 p.m. AMC "Independence Day" ★★★ (1996) Will Smith. A fighter pilot, a computer whiz and others fight back after 15-mile-wide alien ships zap Earth's major cities.
TMC "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.
12:02 p.m. MAX "Backdraft" ★★★ (1991) Kurt Russell Two brothers fight each other and an outbreak of arson as Chicago firefighters.
12:30 p.m. FX "Logan" ★★★ (2017) Hugh Jackman. In the near future, a weary Logan cares for an ailing Professor X while protecting a young mutant girl from the dark forces that want to capture her.
1:30 p.m. PARMT "Top Gun" ★★★ (1986) Tom Cruise. A hot-shot Navy jet pilot tangles with MiGs and flirts with a civilian astrophysicist.
TCM "1776" ★★★ (1972) William Daniels. John Adams, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson lead the way to the Colonies' Declaration of Independence.
2:05 p.m. TMC "Cop Land" ★★★ (1997) Sylvester Stallone The sheriff of a small New Jersey police community confronts key men on both sides of a law-enforcement cover-up.
3:00 p.m. AMC "Independence Day" ★★★ (1996) Will Smith. A fighter pilot, a computer whiz and others fight back after 15-mile-wide alien ships zap Earth's major cities.
3:15 p.m. TNT "Saving Private Ryan" ★★★★ (1998) Tom Hanks. A World War II captain and his squad risk all to locate and send home a soldier whose three brothers died in combat.
4:00 p.m. BET "Barbershop: The Next Cut" ★★★ (2016) Ice Cube. With the barbershop now coed, Calvin, Eddie and the rest of the gang come up with a plan to save the neighborhood from crime.
PARMT "Top Gun" ★★★ (1986) Tom Cruise. A hot-shot Navy jet pilot tangles with MiGs and flirts with a civilian astrophysicist.
4:30 p.m. TCM "Yankee Doodle Dandy" ★★★★ (1942) James Cagney. Song-and-dance man George M. Cohan recalls his life from his youth in vaudeville to later success.
4:40 p.m. HBO "Flags of Our Fathers" ★★★½ (2006) Ryan Phillippe Some of the servicemen who raised the U.S. flag on Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima at the end of World War II live to hear of their status as heroes.
5:00 p.m. CMTV "Urban Cowboy" ★★★ (1980) John Travolta. A Texas farmer moves to the city, immerses himself in honky-tonk and falls for a sexy cowgirl.
6:00 p.m. AMC "Independence Day" ★★★ (1996) Will Smith. A fighter pilot, a computer whiz and others fight back after 15-mile-wide alien ships zap Earth's major cities.
FX "Iron Man 3" ★★★ (2013) Robert Downey Jr.. After a malevolent enemy reduces his world to rubble, Tony Stark must rely on instinct and ingenuity to protect those he loves as he searches for a way to avenge his losses.
6:30 p.m. PARMT "Top Gun" ★★★ (1986) Tom Cruise. A hot-shot Navy jet pilot tangles with MiGs and flirts with a civilian astrophysicist.
7:00 p.m. BET "Boyz N the Hood" ★★★½ (1991) Larry Fishburne. Three boys become men, one guided by his father, in their racially divided Los Angeles neighborhood.
TBS "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story" ★★★ (2016) Felicity Jones. Recruited by the Rebel Alliance, Jyn Erso joins forces with a spy and other resistance fighters to steal the Empire's plans for the most powerful weapon in the galaxy, the Death Star.
TCM "The Music Man" ★★★½ (1962) Robert Preston. A librarian hears a sour note when a charming rogue convinces Iowa townspeople to start a boys marching band.
TNT "Thor: Ragnarok" ★★★ (2017) Chris Hemsworth. Thor must battle the Hulk in a deadly gladiatorial contest and prevent the all-powerful Hela from destroying his home world and the Asgardian civilization.
8:00 p.m. CMTV "Pure Country" ★★★ (1992) George Strait. An amiable country singer struggles to free himself of the hollow trappings of commercial stardom.
TMC "Dawn of the Dead" ★★★ (2004) Sarah Polley (Premiere) A nurse, a policeman and other residents of Milwaukee fight flesh-eating zombies while trapped in a mall.
9:00 p.m. AMC "Independence Day" ★★★ (1996) Will Smith. A fighter pilot, a computer whiz and others fight back after 15-mile-wide alien ships zap Earth's major cities.
FX "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" ★★★ (2014) Chris Evans. Captain America, the Black Widow and a new ally, the Falcon, face an unexpected enemy as they struggle to expose a far-reaching conspiracy that puts the world at risk.
9:45 p.m. TCM "Bye Bye Birdie" ★★★ (1963) Dick Van Dyke. A songwriter sees his big chance when rock 'n' roll idol Conrad Birdie visits Sweet Apple, Ohio, to give one last kiss to his biggest fan before joining the Army.
10:00 p.m. SHOW "The Shining" ★★★★ (1980) Jack Nicholson (Premiere) A writer goes mad while serving as caretaker with his wife and clairvoyant son at a snowbound Colorado hotel.
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Best Bets

1:30 p.m. on TCM
Movie: 1776

Who knew history could be so ... catchy? Clever writing and perfect casting — William Daniels, Howard da Silva and Ken Howard seem born to the roles of John Adams, Ben Franklin and Thomas Jefferson — make this 1972 musical one of the best "based on actual events" flicks ever, and one that has become a TCM Independence Day tradition. The actual events, of course, are the drafting, debating and signing of the Declaration of Independence. That's Blythe Danner as Martha Jefferson.

7 p.m. on WBIQ
A Capitol Fourth

For the fourth time, John Stamos returns as host of this annual holiday special, joined by co-host Vanessa Williams. This year's program will feature clips from past editions of this show. Among the featured performers are Patti Labelle, country stars Trace Adkins and Lauren Alaina, the Temptations, Tony Award-winning Broadway star Kelli O'Hara and opera star Renée Fleming, among many others. The special also will include a tribute to workers on the front lines of the health crisis and a segment honoring African-American heroes from the past and present.

7 p.m. on WVTM
Macy's 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular

Partly owing to the fluid health guidelines surrounding the continuing coronavirus pandemic, NBC still is firming up both the format and scheduled performers for this annual special, which has become a holiday tradition. As of this writing, country superstars Tim McGraw and Lady A — formerly known as Lady Antebellum — are due to provide some of the music entertainment. And, of course, there's always the main event come nightfall in the form of a spectacular and very expensive pyrotechnical light show in the sky.

7 p.m. on HBO
Movie: Midway

This 2019 combat epic about the Battle of Midway, a turning point in the Pacific Theater of World War II, was a pet project of director Roland Emmerich, who struggled at first to find financing for a drama that called for flashy special effects and a large international ensemble cast. With a production budget of $100 million, it's one of the most expensive independent films of all time. Patrick Wilson, Luke Evans, Aaron Eckhart, Nick Jonas, Mandy Moore, Dennis Quaid, Woody Harrelson and Darren Criss are featured.

8 p.m. on SHOW
Movie: Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark

While fleeing a bully, three teenagers hide in a local "haunted house," where they stumble across a secret room that contains a book of horror stories. As new tales begin to appear in the book, the teens and people in their lives are drawn into the chilling action. Zoe Colletti, Gabriel Rush and Austin Abrams play the young trio; Dean Norris, Gil Bellows, Lorraine Toussaint and Matt Smith are among the adult players. André Ovredal directed this 2019 adaptation of a juvenile book series by Alvin Schwartz.

9 p.m. on FX
Movie: Captain America: The Winter Soldier

On top of being an entertaining "popcorn movie" in its own right, this 2014 adventure also proved a dazzling display of Marvel Studios' corporate synergy in action, since the story line simultaneously was being amplified by events playing out on "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." The powerful story of how "Cap" (Chris Evans) discovers his past has come back to haunt him is rewarding enough on its own terms. Scarlett Johansson and Sebastian Stan also star.



"A Capitol Fourth" airs on PBS.

EDUCATION

WSCC hosting webinar for students interested in Health Science programs for Fall 2020

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – There are still opportunities available for students interested in pursuing a health program at Wallace State to enroll this fall. Wallace State Health Science programs in a number of areas are currently accepting students for the Fall 2020 semester, and program directors will offer information about those at a virtual meeting Tuesday, July 14 at 10 a.m., via Zoom.

Each year, the Health Science division holds a Second Opportunity meeting that offers another option to students who may not have been accepted in to their first-choice program or to students who may have missed the June 1 priority deadline to apply.

"Due to COVID-19, this year's Second Opportunity meeting will be held virtually via Zoom," said Lisa German, Dean of Health Sciences. "Despite the change, students will still get an overview of the programs that have openings for the fall and be able to speak with those program directors."

Those interested in joining in on the meeting can visit www.wallacestate.edu/secondopportunity to register and receive a link for the meeting.

The programs that will be represented at the meeting include: Child Development, Emergency Medical Services, Health Information Technology, Medical Assistant, Medical Laboratory Assistant, Medical Laboratory Technician, Pharmacy Technology, and Polysomnography. Completion time for programs range from one to two semesters for certificates and up to five semesters for associate degrees. Not all programs require completion of pre-requisite courses.

Classes for Fall 2020 will begin Aug. 17. Financial Aid is available for those who qualify. Registration is currently underway.

For more information about the meeting or Wallace State's Health Science programs, visit www.wallacestate.edu or call 256-352-8000.

LIFESTYLE

Summer Recipes: Skillet Strawberry Cream Cheese Cobbler

Christie Thomas
Contributor



CONTRIBUTED

Ingredients

- 1 stick butter
- 1 egg
- 1 c milk
- 1 c self-rising flour
- 1 c sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 quart strawberries
- 4 oz. cream cheese

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350.

2. Put the butter in the skillet and place in oven till melted.

3. Mix together remaining ingredients (except strawberries and cream cheese).

4. Pour batter over butter in skillet.

5. Clean and quarter strawberries and spread over batter.

6. Cut cream cheese up into small pieces and sprinkle over the top of the strawberries.

7. Bake for about 25-30 minutes or till golden brown. Taste is amazing! The berry/butter/bread ratio is perfect!

Have a recipe you want to submit? Email wendy@cullmantribune.com.

Safety (from Front)

Maggie Darnell
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CULLMAN, Ala. – It's prime grilling time, and to bring awareness to grilling safety, The Tribune spoke with Cullman Fire Marshal Chris Chaffin.

Which is safer? Charcoal or gas? Chaffin said there's no right answer.

"Each of these have their own inherent risks," he said. "There is no correct answer as to which is safer. The consumer should use the one they are more comfortable with."

When setting up a new grill, Chaffin said, "The safest way to set up your grill is to read and follow the manufacturer instructions.

"The safest area to do so is preferably away from any homes by a minimum of 10 feet. The grill should be placed away from the edges of any eaves or overhangs, including tree branches."

And when you go to light it, he shared, "Most all grills require the lid to be in the open position. Consult manufacturer instructions for your particular grill and follow them. Follow the manufacturer instructions."

Chaffin said it's important to clean your grill before each use.

"The buildup on grill grates is normally residue and buildup of fats from meat," he said.

"Sometimes it may be buildup of oils that have been placed on other edibles such as vegetables.

"Heavy buildup will actually ignite which could possibly damage the grates and the grill itself."

What do you do with a grease fire or flare up?

"Do not leave the grill unattended," said Chaffin. "Flare ups are an inherent risk when grilling. Decrease the heat, move the food around to another spot on the grill."

Chaffin provided additional safety tips for propane grills, saying, "Inspect all hoses and connections before use. Do not overfill propane tanks. Keep tanks in a shaded area to prevent pressure buildup and possible off-gassing in direct sunlight."

Additional tips from the National Fire Protection Association:

• Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.

• The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

• Keep children and pets away from the grill area.

• Keep the grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.

• Never leave a grill unattended.

For more information on grilling safety, visit www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Seasonal-fire-causes/Grilling.

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Obituary Announcements July 4

Delores Williams Hudson, of Cullman passed away Friday, July 3, 2020. She was born Sept. 3, 1945 to Colemen and Irene Aderholt Williams. She is preceded in death by her husband Grover Hudson; father Colemen Williams; and mother Irene Mayhall. Those left to cherish her memory include her daughter: Dana Ann Hudson; sisters: Shirley Dunn and Betty Rasco; and brother: Jimmy Mayhall. Services for Mrs. Hudson will be announced at a later date. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the Hudson family. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

Rickey Anthony Willingham, 61, of Holly Pond passed away Thursday, July 2, 2020 at Cullman Regional. He was born Oct. 20, 1958 to Lynell and Eva Mae Willingham. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Linda Lou. Survivors include his wife Gloria Willingham; daughter Stephanie Willingham; grandchildren Whitney Twilley and Austin Lee Twilley; great-grandchildren Kinley Hale, Paisleigh Hale, and Malikiah Cooper Twilley; and brothers Mickey Willingham and David Willingham. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Funeral services for Beverly Ann Thomas, 56, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, 2020 at Refuge Church with interment in Etha Cemetery, Pastor Jeff Bennett officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Thomas passed away Thursday, July 2, 2020. She was born March 2, 1964 to Thomas Jefferson and Shirley Mae South Bailey. She was preceded in death by her parents; son Erick Dewayne Bailey; brother Mark Dewayne Bailey; and nephew Joseph Tyler Bailey. Survivors include her daughters Jennifer (Josh Reed) Thomas and Nicole (Eric) Clopton; brother Bobby (Jeri) Bailey; sisters Gail (Larry Joe) Chambers, Carolyn Twilley, Diane (Dennis) Dye, and Janie Johnson; grandchildren Coltin Reed, Zayden Clopton, and Rhyver Clopton; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Visitation will be Monday evening at Refuge Church from 5:30-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Pallbearers will be Jerry Twilley, Bradley Johnson, Terry Bailey, Cody Chambers, Christopher Dye, Ashton Twilley, Will Bailey. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Graveside services for Lacy Anne Clark, 47, of Cullman will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 5, 2020 at Simcoe Baptist Cemetery with Bo Shedd officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Clark passed away Thursday, July 2, 2020 at UAB. She was born Oct. 9,1972 in Birmingham, AL to Ricky Kraft and Bonnie Porter. She was preceded in death by her grandparents Ernie and Helen Porter and HJ and Nona Kraft; daughter Hannah Clark; and father-in-law Tommy Clark. Survivors include her husband John Clark; father Ricky (Pam) Kraft; mother Bonnie Porter (Kenneth Chambers); son Cody Clark; brother Adam (Megan) Aker; mother-in-law Jane Clark; adopted grandmother Dean Chambers; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. Sunday, July 5, 2020 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Kory Robert Williams, 63, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida passed away Thursday, July 2, 2020. Kory was born May 19, 1957 in California. He graduated Haleyville High School in 1975 and after attended the University of Alabama. On March 3, 1984, Kory married his beautiful wife, Sandra or as he would call her Sandy, at our Lady of Guadelupe in Haleyville. They resided in Ponte Vedra Beach Florida for 30 years. He retired from Palmer Course Design Company where he was a golf course architect for many years, he would travel all over the world to design golf courses. He was an avid sports fan, he loved the Anaheim Angels, the LA Lakers, and the Southern Cal Trojans. Kory was very outgoing and funny; he was the life of the party and always had to be the center of attention. Kory is survived by his wife of 36 years, Sandra Mays Williams and his brothers Gary Williams and Randy Williams. He was preceded in death by his father Rueben John Nofts; mother Jan Williams; and brother Shawn Williams. No services are planned at this time.

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Troy adds Nicholls State to 2025 football schedule

Adam Prendergast
Troy Athletics

TROY, Ala. – Troy announced Friday the addition of Nicholls State to its 2025 non-conference football schedule. The Trojans and Colonels are scheduled to open the 2025 campaign on Aug. 30 at The Vet.

Troy and Nicholls State have a long history dating back to 1973 and continuing through Troy's years as a member of the Southland Conference. The Trojans have enjoyed the upper hand with a 20-6-1 advantage in the series including four straight victories before the series halted in 2001.

Nicholls State enters the 2020 season ranked 14th nationally in the FCS Preseason Poll after coming off its third straight FCS Playoff appearance.

Troy's home slate in 2025 also features a matchup with Memphis while the lone road game on the docket is a trip to Clemson.

Season tickets for the 2020 season are on sale now and fans who purchase or renew their tickets during the month of July will be eligible for Troy's "Summer of Prizes" giveaways.

Season ticket packages start as low as $60 for general admission seating and $100 for reserved seats for Troy's six home games at The Vet. Tickets can be purchased or renewed by calling 877-878-WINS (9467) or by visiting TroyTrojans.com/tickets.

Troy returns a pair of All-Americans on defense in junior linebacker Carlton Martial and sophomore safety Dell Pettus. In addition, Martial was named to the Walter Camp Preseason All-America First Team heading into the 2020 campaign.

The offense returns a slew of playmakers from a unit that featured a top-25 scoring offense (33.8 points per game) and top-18 overall offense (456.3 yards per game). Troy returns 2019 Sun Belt Newcomer of the Year Kaylon Geiger and 2019 Sun Belt Offensive Preseason Player of the Year B.J. Smith at receiver and running back, respectively.

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Ingram names Betsy Freeburg Head Coach of UAB Volleyball

Ted Feeley
UAB Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – UAB Director of Athletics Mark Ingram has announced the hiring of Betsy Freeburg as head coach of the Blazers' volleyball program.

Freeburg comes to UAB after spending the last three seasons at Samford as an assistant coach before being elevated to associate head coach earlier this year. One of the top up-and-coming coaches in the country, Freeburg was named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association's (AVCA) "Thirty Under 30" list in May and has had a tremendous impact on Samford's program over her three seasons.

"I would like to thank Mark Ingram, Katreshia Louis-Verrett and Dan Carlson for the opportunity to lead the UAB volleyball program," said Freeburg. "After spending the last three years in the area, Birmingham has become my home and it is exciting to now be a UAB Blazer. I cannot wait to start building new relationships with our team, strengthening their existing relationships and helping them become the best people and volleyball players they can be."

While at Samford, Freeburg helped lead the Bulldogs to back-to-back Southern Conference Tournament championships and NCAA Tournament berths in 2018 and 2019. The 2019 season was highlighted by Samford going a program best 15-1 in SoCon play and defeating No. 24 Arizona on the Wildcats' home floor.

Freeburg coached the 2019 SoCon Player of the Year and AVCA All-Region honorable mention selection Kelsi Hobbs, along with the 2018 SoCon Freshman of the Year, Lauren Deaton. In total, Freeburg coached five All-Conference players and assisted in the commitment of nine student-athletes, including the 2017 Alabama Gatorade Player of the Year.

Prior to her time at Samford, Freeburg was an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Georgia State for three seasons.

Freeburg began her coaching career as an assistant coach for USA Volleyball, where she served as court coach and evaluator for the USAV High Performance Program tryouts. Additionally, she worked as an apprentice coach for the 2016 Girls' Future Select National Training Program and was an Assistant Coach for the 2016 Girls' Youth National Team Prospect Training Block. She also served as an assistant coach with the Orlando Volleyball Academy.

"Betsy is a proven winner both as a player and a coach," Ingram said. "Her championship mentality, coupled with her familiarity with Birmingham, will allow Betsy to hit the ground running. We are excited about the future of UAB volleyball and envision winning championships with Betsy leading our program."

As a player at the University of Florida from 2009-12, Freeburg made four NCAA Championship appearances, including three Sweet Sixteen berths and an Elite Eight appearance in 2011. The Gators were crowned SEC champions in 2010 and 2012. As a senior, Freeburg served as team captain and was a Second Team All-SEC middle blocker.

Volleyball season tickets are on sale by purchasing the 2020-21 Gold Card for $65. The Gold Card is an exclusive offer that grants you admission into all UAB volleyball, men's and women's soccer, women's basketball, baseball and softball events for the upcoming academic year. Contact the UAB Ticket Office at (205) 975-UAB1 for more details.

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