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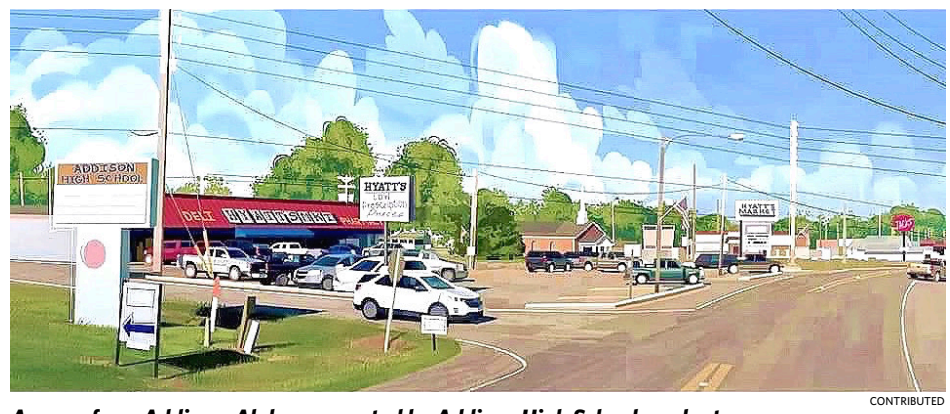
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– LIFESTYLE –

FROM ADDISON TO DISNEY

Addison High School graduate Britney Thoreson navigating the world of animation



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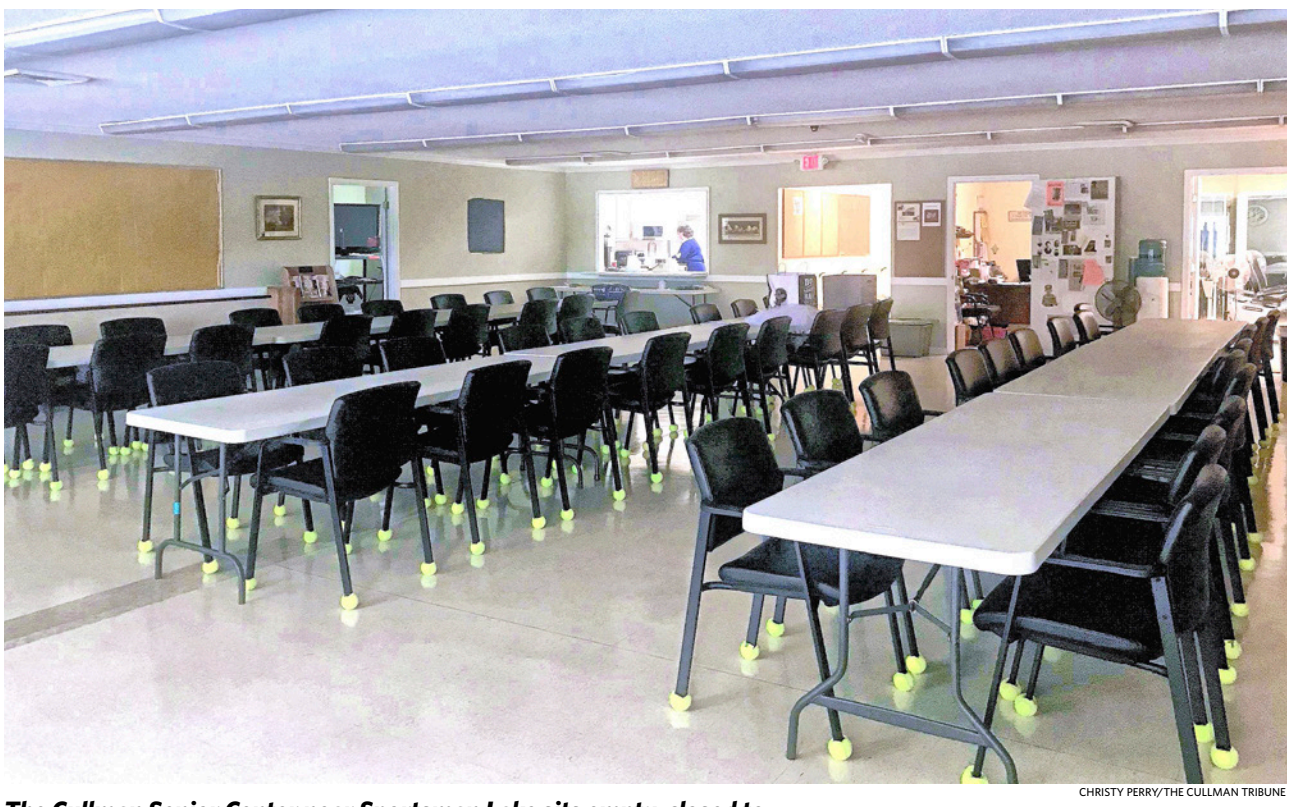
A scene from Addison, Alabama created by Addison High School graduate Britney Thoreson, who is now an animator for Disney

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– FEATURE –

Empty buildings, full hearts

Senior centers have been closed since March due to COVID-19



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cullman Senior Center near Sportsman Lake sits empty, closed to group activities since March because of COVID-19.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Gov. Kay Ivey on Thursday extended Alabama's Safer at Home Order through Oct. 2, meaning senior centers will remain closed. The centers have been shut down since March 16, leaving many area seniors lacking the daily interactions that filled their days. Curbside meals are still being distributed and homebound meals are being delivered, but senior centers are so much more.

The Tribune sat down with Cullman County Commission on Aging Director Dusty Baker to talk about the ongoing effects the closures are having on the Cullman County's senior community.

"We have some seniors who are in bad shape. We've lost some and we have a few that have gone downhill because they don't have that interaction and the social part of their life anymore," he said. "(There's) a lot of depression and it's just really sad."

Many seniors who participate at area centers are close friends, and they continue to check on each other, according to Baker.

The directors of each center, as well as other staff from the Commission on Aging, spend a great deal of time checking on the senior centers' members. Not knowing how long the shutdown could continue, they are also trying to think of ways to engage seniors while following all the State's COVID-19 guidelines.

Baker explained, "We are trying to be creative in what we are doing and things we can offer. I know people may have seen the bingos in the park. Well, I bought some equipment and we are going to try to do a drive-in bingo since it's still so hot. They can just drive in and we will call bingo over an FM frequency. That way, they can keep their air on in the car and if they bingo, they can blow the horn! We keep exploring our different options, but nothing we come up with is perfect. Everything we try to come up with, we run into some sort of road block because the gathering part is the biggest issue. With drive-in bingo, at least we can do something."

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CRIME

Good Hope man charged with trafficking meth



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, Aug. 28, 2020 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

- Total confirmed cases in AL: 113,723 (+929 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 8,462
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 2,017 (+27 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 90
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 1,396 (+9 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 187
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 11 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 1
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 13,961
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,923
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 151
- Total tested in Alabama: 956,401
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 11,559
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 198,766
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,002
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 14,267
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Aug. 28

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Aug. 28, 2020. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Aug. 26

• fraudulent use of a credit or debit card; person; miscellaneous charges

Aug. 27

• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $39

• second-degree theft by deception; phones, watches; $2,460

• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $27

• first-degree theft of services; person; cash; $18,479

• third-degree burglary, fourth-degree theft of property; person; 6th Ave. SW; air compressor, lawn equipment; $450

ARRESTS

Aug. 27

Sellers, Amber D., 37

• FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing

• FTA- insurance violation

Rainey, Kelsey A., 29

• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)

• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

• FTA- no tag light

Wise, Dustin R., 28

• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

• fourth-degree theft of property

Stover, Cecil D., 24

• violation of a domestic violence protection order

Jacobs, Jeremy A., 26

• FTA- driving without a license

• FTA- no tag light

Moon, Morgan T., 29

• possession of drug paraphernalia

• fourth-degree theft of property

Phillips, Dedrick A., 43

• harassment

Pennington, Tommy C., 58

• third-degree assault

• FTA- public intoxication (5 counts)

• FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing (2 counts)

• FTA- resisting arrest (2 counts)

• FTA- first-degree criminal trespassing

• FTA- third-degree domestic violence

• FTA- attempting to elude

Gentry, Jessup L., 28

• DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Trafficking (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – A Good Hope man was arrested and charged with trafficking in methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia Thursday.

Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Community Response Team (CRT) deputies arrested Graf Edward Reid, 40, after allegedly discovering 1.5 ounces of meth in his home and vehicle.

The CCSO said the drugs were found while conducting a welfare check for another law enforcement agency.

"Meth is a drug that affects a lot of families," said Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry.

"I am glad we were able to seize the amount meth before the suspect was able to use it and harm himself or it was distributed into the community."

Reid is being held in the Cullman County Detention Center on a $1.5 million property bond.

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IN THE MATTER OF: *
* CASE NO.: AD2020-054
B.K.P., *
A minor child, D.O.B.: 11/20/2015. *

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: JORDAN POPE, FATHER OF B.K.P. WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN
PIPER HYDE, MOTHER OF B.K.P. WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY MARTHA JO LEVERETT PUGH and MARION THOMAS PUGH. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST NOTICE OF PUBLICATION. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS IS SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, POST OFFICE BOX 970, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35056.

DONE THIS 13th DAY OF August, 2020.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

SCARLETT HAILES HAYES, DECEASED CASE NO. PC2020-243

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF SCARLETT HAILES HAYES, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Malachi Blackwood on the 13th day of August, 2020, by the Honorable 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.

Malachi Blackwood, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

ATTENTION SENIORS

• The Cullman County Commission on Aging is distributing food as part of the USDA's Farm to Families program every Wednesday.

• There are no restrictions and no eligibility requirements. 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. Trucks arrive approximately between 9-10 a.m.

• 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".

• Some locations have been updated.

• Baileyton Senior Center

• Cold Springs Community Center

• Colony Educational Complex

• Dodge City Senior Center

• Fairview Senior Center

• Hanceville Civic Center

• Holly Pond- Guy Hunt Museum

• Jones Chapel Fire Department

• Vinemont Town Hall

• West Point Town Hall

Power of Produce (POP) at Festhalle Cullman

• Saturdays through October at the Festhalle from 8 a.m.-noon

• Children ages 14 and younger can pick up a recipe and receive POP market money of $4 per person to spend on fresh produce, until we run out!

Prayer Meetings at Spirit Life Church of GOD

• Every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman

• Come pray with us for our nation, healing, etc. or come to receive prayer.

Cullman County Cattlemen and Cattlewoman Associations Ribeye Steak Sandwich Sale

• Friday, Sept. 4 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 5 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the AMC movie theater parking lot near south Wal-Mart in Cullman

• Steaks are charcoal grilled. Sandwiches are $7. Add chips and a drink for $1 each.

• Drive-through service will be available.

• Place advance orders by calling Edwin Calvert at 256-339-9869 by 9 p.m. Sept. 3.

Sweet Tater Festival

• Monday, Sept. 7 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Smith Lake Park, 403 County Road 386, Cullman, AL 35057

• We want to give back to our community this year by offering free admission! Make sure you come out to Smith Lake Park and check out our festival, but remember to practice social distancing! As always we will have live entertainment (bring your lawn chairs), food vendors, arts and crafts vendors, a car show and of course sweet taters!

Cullman County Republican Women Meeting

• Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Cullman VFW, 112 Veterans Dr. SW

• Guest speakers will be Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry and Ronnie Gravitt, retired from California Department of Justice and former corrections officer at the California Department of Corrections.

North Alabama Agriplex Harvest to Home Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction

• Since we cannot all be together, we are inviting the community to prepare our fresh, local foods into a meal at home then enjoy the bounty of the harvest knowing your neighbors are also tasting the same great flavors. Our locally-sourced meal prep boxes come complete with pre-portioned ingredients and a custom tailored recipe from local Farm to Table Chef Braxton Taylor of Dreher's in Cullman. The meal prep boxes will be available for pre-order Sept. 4-13, with a drive-through pickup at the Agriplex Sept. 17 from 2-5 p.m. Each box will cost $50 and serve two people.

• Our always popular Silent Auction will be online this year at www.agriplex.org. Browse and bid on items from Sept. 4-13 with pickup Sept. 15 or 17. Items are diverse - featuring gardening and farming items, plants, original works of art, gift cards to local businesses, local farm produce, and lots more. Check out the North Alabama Agriplex Facebook page for previews of Silent Auction items.

Dates to remember

• Sept. 4 - Harvest to Home Online Silent Auction opens for bids and meal box pre-orders taken starting at 9 a.m. at www.agriplex.org.

• Sept. 13 - Last day to bid on Silent Auction and pre-order meal boxes; site closes at 5 p.m.

• Sept. 15 - Early Silent Auction pickup at the Agriplex from 2-5 p.m.

• Sept. 17 - Harvest to Home Meal Prep Box pickup, plus Silent Auction pickup at the Agriplex from 2-5 p.m.


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Cullman Electric Cooperative
Registration cards and ballots have been mailed to all co-op members
THIS YEAR'S MEETING IS A VIRTUAL EVENT
TO PARTICIPATE, YOU MUST SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION CARD AND BALLOT BY MAIL
Registered members are entered into the prize drawing for one of 10 bill credits worth $100–500, or the grand prize 2010 Ford Explorer
For more information, visit cullmanec.com/annual-meeting

FUNNY THINGS FROM YESTERDAY

Visiting with the children

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Last Saturday we decided to defy the pandemic and go to visit our daughter and her family on the lake. All the members of her family, except Dana, were there. She had to work that day.

I will try to remember all their names and not use the code system I had to set up to remember so many little youngsters in one bunch.

They were all down at the lake when we arrived. Each one had a floating device or some kind of a new life jacket. Crosby (C.J.), Alder (A.B. 2), Rhett (no special name required for him), and I can't remember the other one's name but I call him "Little Harrison," had on floating jackets with arm floating cuffs.

The two older boys, Crosby and Alder, were jumping off the dock into the water and an adult was there to hold them as they wiped the water off their face when they came up. The younger twins were just rigged up to float. None seemed to be afraid of the water.

After they finished their time in the water, we took a boat ride over a large area of the lake.

Then we dropped Tyler and his sons, Crosby and Alder, off at their home on the lake.

Returning to Robin's house, we went in to have a meal: good barbecue sandwiches and ice cream and cake. After we ate we sat around and talked.

Crosby is only 3 1/2 years old, but he is very knowledgeable for his age. Robin told us about a "good snake," as Crosby called it, that was in the yard and his mother sprayed it with the water hose to run it off. Mamie asked Crosby if the snake ran away when the water hit it.

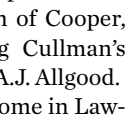
Crosby immediately replied, "Mamie, snakes don't have legs and a snake can't run off. It just slithered off."

We learn a lot from these little ones and we are always amazed at how much they know and share.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

We only thought we had seen it all

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



Even though schools have not met for most of this year, the year has been most educational. For one thing, we have learned that we really have not seen it all, after all. On top of that, if you have said that things couldn't get much worse, we've learned they can. Maybe, we've also learned to not say such foolish things.

In January, most of us had never heard of the coronavirus. In about six months, the virus has killed more than 180,000 Americans and it is still rampant. Did you really ask, "What else can happen? Hurricanes, twin hurricanes would be the answer. Not just one storm but two, at almost the same time, and headed toward the same place. Twin hurricanes are rare. Twin hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico have not happened in modern recorded history. I'm slightly, and even humorously, reminded of two twin boys I knew.

I became acquainted with twins early in life. My maternal grandfather was a twin. Their names were Leo and Monroe. I didn't see the two of them together often, so when I did, they looked so much alike that I never knew for certain which one to call Grandpa or which one to call Uncle Monroe.

I've had the privilege of serving as pastor of at least three pairs of twins. Bart and Brett, as well as Debra and Donna, were grown when I became their pastor. When I became Clint and Cole's pastor, back in the 1990s, they were boys...and I do mean boys...all boy boys. What those two didn't get into had not been thought of, but if you gave them enough time, they would think of it. Even with no emergency, their favorite number was 911. Don't get me wrong, they were not mean boys or even bad boys. They were energetic and since there were two of them, they had twice the energy. I'm not saying they were a hand full...actually, they were two hands full. When they were around ten or eleven, I had the privilege of baptizing them.

As we prepared to enter the baptismal pool, one of them looked at me and threatened to dive in head first. I threatened to drown him, if he did. Fortunately, he didn't call my bluff, so no funeral followed. Once, we took a couple of busloads of church kids to see the Ringling Brothers' Circus. As soon as we pulled into the parking lot at the Birmingham Civic Center, everyone on the twin's bus came running out. They were coughing, crying, and rubbing their eyes. Finally, someone told us that one of the twins had found a can a mace in a chaperone's purse. You should be able to figure out the rest of that story! Now, we laugh about the escapades those boys pulled. Fortunately, they have both "matured" into fine men of which I, and many others, are quite proud. Clint has served in the Air Force since 2008 and has acquired the rank of staff sergeant. Cole also served in the Air Force and is currently a field engineer, as well as a utility worker for the SEC Network and ESPN. They have turned out quite well.

At the time of my writing, the twin storms Laura and Marco look like double trouble. They are a two- headed monster, headed for Louisiana. By the time you read this, they should have landed and prayerfully turned out to not be so bad. I do know this, the coronavirus will get better and the twin storms will eventually fizzle out. Let's pray for all those impacted by both. I've got good news too. There's only four months left in 2020!

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HISTORY: Files from Yesteryear: 1900, 1950

From the Files of 1900

Alvin Ahlrichs has purchased the Cullman Telephone Exchange and the office will be moved to the Protest Building. Arrangements have also been perfected whereby connection can be made with the long distance telephone.

L.B. McCillan of Cooper, Texas is visiting Cullman's efficient sheriff, A.J. Allgood.

Died at her home in Lawrence Cove after a protracted illness, Mrs. Martha Self, mother of Mrs. Francis Hamilton of our city.

Beginning with April the 16, the stores of this place will close at 6:30 p.m. every evening, except Saturday, until September 15.

The millinery opening at C.A. Stiefelmeyer was a large affair.

The house was thronged with admiring ladies and it is safe to predict that many of these pretty creations of Mrs. Therese Wachter and her assistant will adorn the heads of our ladies on the coming Easter Sunday and distract devotions.

A canning company with a capital stock of $25,000 will be incorporated at Vinemont in the near future.

L.B. Keller and Clifton Stewart of Falkville visited at Eva on Sunday.

Misses Sophia Burks and Georgia Stewart of Baileyton were guests of Missies Sallie and Lalishie McMullen at Eva last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brock announce the birth of a baby boy on March 30.

Miss Carrie Newton has opened a millinery shop at Holly Pond.

Doctor B.P. Brindley is planning to move from Simcoe to Winston County.

From the Files of 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brock are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Mary and Margie Casey spent Sunday with Nadean and Margie Yeager at Concord.

Arthur Gould, Senior, is ill at home after suffering a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Pinkston and children spent Easter in Clay County with his father.

Mrs. P.G. Hartung and Mrs. E.C. Kinney have returned from Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Elliott and son of Prospect spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Lynn at Valley Grove.

Judith and Edith Holmes of Enon visited B.F. Neal of Rock Springs, who is ill.

The Easter supper at Mr. and Mrs. Ogle Campbell's at Bethany was enjoyed by a large crowd on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Daniel of Huntsville recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Daniel last week.

Isaac Boyd, J.P. Duren and G.D. Chandler are building a tourist court in Auburndale, Florida.

Mrs. Margie Vogle and Mrs. E.C. Kinney of Cullman visited Mrs. Emma Burkart in Hanceville on Sunday.

Mrs. Ruby Cutts is president of the New Prospect P.T.A., C. Hendrix is vice-president, Mrs. Maudie Edwards is secretary and treasurer and Mrs. Earl Sapp is reporter.

Asa B. Fuller, II spent last weekend in Georgia.

Disney (from Front)

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ADDISON, Ala. – Britney Thoreson graduated from Addison High School in 2013. Now, she has "followed her dreams to the west coast" and is working as a background animator for The Walt Disney Company's Disney Television Animation.

Thoreson talked to The Tribune about what she does for Disney. "I am in charge of designing the environments," she said. "Usually they are just the line drawings (no color). Once the background designs are approved by an art director, a background painter is in charge of adding the color to those environments. Typically, this role between background designer and background painter is split because there is so much work to do between the two roles, but sometimes, I am able to do both."

Thoreson continued, "Not many people pay attention to what's behind the cartoon characters you see on screen. but there is so much more that goes into making an animated cartoon show. Part of the challenge of my job is to make the world that the characters are walking around in feel believable- like they actually live there."

The small town girl said it was her lifelong passion to work in animation.

"This is dating all the way back when I was a child, just drawing in a sketchbook while watching cartoons on TV," she smiled. "It started young and hasn't stopped since."

After graduating Addison High School in 2013, Thoreson was accepted to Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota, Florida; however, life had other plans.

"Unfortunately, at the time, the money funds I previously had fell through and I ended up attending Cogswell College, which was far from my previous plan," she said. "I was OK with leaving the comforts of Alabama to go to Florida, but to California? That was hard to do! However, I didn't want to live life with regrets, so I took a leap of faith and left around January 2014."

Thoreson described her college experience so far from home, saying, "I didn't have enough money at the time to fly out and visit the college, so my first day there was the first day I even saw the campus! I was self-taught for a long time, so this was my first set of actual art classes. I was nervous and excited! I graduated top of my class in 2017 and even gave a speech at the graduation ceremony! It was a big honor, and I am incredibly blessed to have made it through the rigorous courses and stressful nights thinking how I was ever going to make it."

Thoreson said her work as an animator started right out of college. She was contacted by Cartoon Network Studios on her last day at Cogswell, and she worked as a background designer for the 2016 "Ben 10" reboot for two and a half years.

"It is common in the animation industry to go from studio to studio once a contract is done. I have to always be updating my portfolio and networking with various artists and recruiters to see if there is another show I can hop onto. If you are pleasant to work with and you turn in everything on time, your chances of getting on another show are pretty high," she said. "This led me to Netflix Animation where I worked on their upcoming show 'Centaurworld,' which is coming out in 2021. After that gig ended, I was contacted by Matt Braly, who is the creator of the Disney show 'Amphibia.' He liked the personal work I was posting on various social media sites and asked if I wanted to work on the show. I immediately responded with a big YES! I was honored that he took the time to reach out to me!"

While she has big plans for the future- "I want to work with every animation studio out here to see how each one works and eventually try my hand at visual development for a feature film!"- Thoreson said she loves the work she does right now. "It's fast-paced and so satisfying to see all the hard work everyone puts in just to make the audiences at home feel something when they watch these animated shows. I was inspired as a kid and I hope kids today feel the same way."

On another note, Thoreson said once it is deemed safe enough to travel, she will be returning to Addison to visit family and friends and "get some legit fried chicken."

See some of Thoreson's work at www.britneythoresonart.com.

POET'S CORNER

The Bee Is Not Afraid Of Me

By: Emily Dickinson

The bee is not afraid of me,

I know the butterfly;

The pretty people in the woods

Receive me cordially.

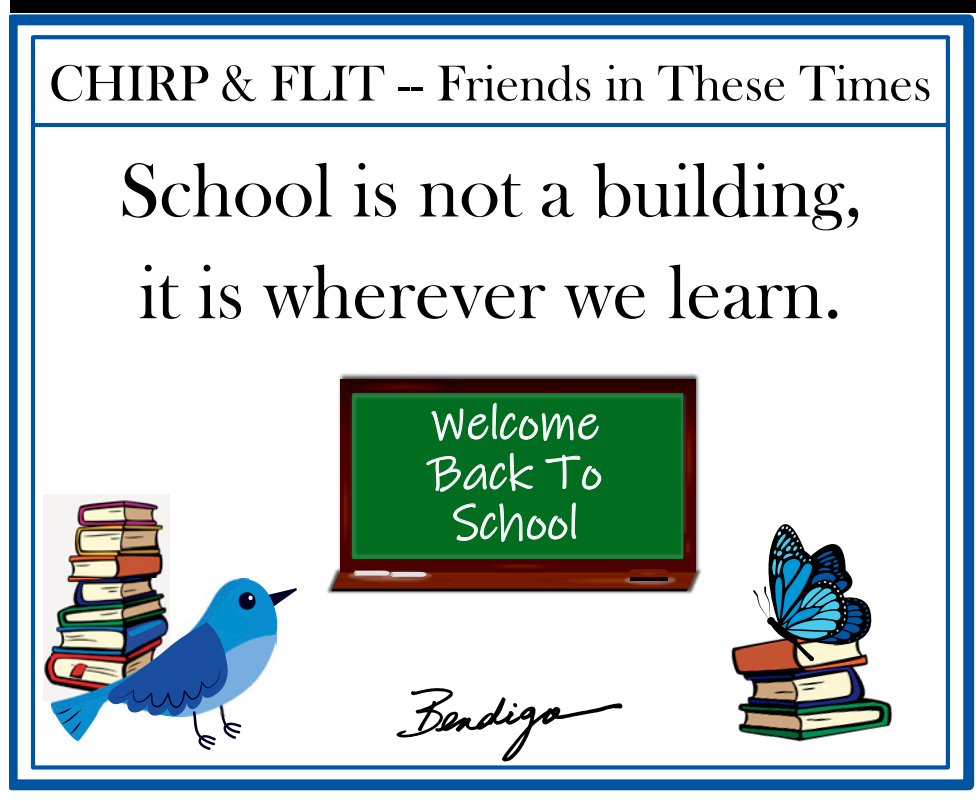
The brooks laugh louder when I come,

The breezes madder play.

Wherefore, mine eyes, thy silver mists?

Wherefore, O summer's day?

COMIC – CHIRP & FLIT



PREP FOOTBALL

Bearcats' home opener against Jasper rescheduled for Saturday

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Due to the threat of severe weather approaching the area Friday night, city schools will be releasing students at 1:30 p.m. and Cullman's home opener against the Jasper Vikings has been rescheduled for Saturday, Aug. 29 at 11 a.m. Due to the change, Cullman High School announced that there will be no cash gates at Saturday's game.

The game will only be accessible to pre-purchased ticket holders. Senior recognitions will be held at 10:30 just before kickoff.

Saturday's meeting will be the 72nd between Cullman and Jasper. The Vikings lead the all-time series 35-34-2 and the two teams have split their last two matchups by a combined three points.

Tyrone Truesdell senior spotlight: 'Embrace every moment'

Greg Ostendorf
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – With his final season at Auburn now on the horizon, senior defensive lineman Tyrone Truesdell doesn't hold back his feelings.

"Just knowing it's your last time being able to play at Auburn -- with my teammates, my brothers, my friends -- it's really something I'll want to remember," Truesdell said. "The past three years were a life-changing experience for me, but I always knew it eventually would have to come to an end. I'm ready to embrace every moment of it."

The defensive tackle, who made 10 starts last season, recorded 31 tackles and 5.0 tackles for loss as a junior. In the season opener against No. 11 Oregon in Texas, Truesdell came through with six tackles, a TFL and a half-sack, including a fourth-quarter tackle on fourth-and-1. His career numbers show 45 tackles, multiple sacks and TFL, along with two fumble returns. Although when Truesdell arrived as a raw rookie out of Lucy Laney High in Augusta, Georgia, just getting on the field was his goal.

"When I first got here, success was getting on the field," he recalled. "My whole thing was I've got to play, I've got to make an impact now as a freshman, to prove to everyone that I can play at the next level. That's what I kept saying in my head – I've got to do something to help the team out."

Truesdell played in nine games as a true freshman, recording five tackles, with a TFL and a fumble recovery in a win at Missouri. But the year did not come without its challenges.

"My freshman year, the challenges were dealing with the structure and schedule, dealing with the pace of things, academics, going to class for a whole school year and not having the summer off, constantly dealing with the workout program and losing weight while putting on muscle," he remembers.

"Going into my sophomore year, the challenges were learning more fundamental stuff, making sure I knew the plays and understanding how the plays were set up.

"Last year, my challenges were being able to handle academics with football and also getting ready for my child to arrive (daughter Alauyn was born earlier this summer). And then of course, now it's the pandemic and trying to figure out how I can help lead my team."

Truesdell has learned how to weather the ups and downs through the guidance provided by his defensive line coach Rodney Garner, even when that came in the form of tough love.

"I've learned a lot from Coach G and it's not just football," Truesdell explained. "I've learned how not to give up, how to strain and how to fight through adversity. He really helped me grow into the man I am now – a lot of people helped, but what Coach G did was to force me to get out of my comfort zone.

"He didn't just tell me – he forced me – because everything won't be sweet in life. In my eyes, Coach G showed me that if you want a better life for yourself, this is what you're going to have to do and there are no shortcuts. I will always love him and respect him for that."

Truesdell's respect extends to the game that has shaped his future. "Football is more than just a game. It builds character," he said. "It shows you a whole different look on life. I've met so many people through football – just the bonds you make – because eventually football is going to come to an end, but you still have your bonds, your memories.

"I just love it. I love the strain – being out there struggling and knowing that the person next to you is going through the same thing, but you've got to find a way to persevere. I always looked at football as something that can change your life. I grew up loving it because my father loved the game, which made me love it, but it wasn't until I actually played the game that I learned why he loved it so much."

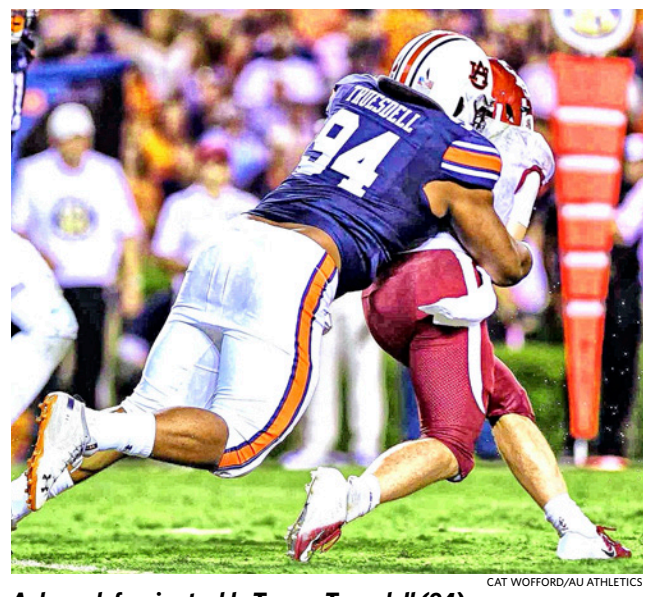
The senior wants to share that love with the younger players on the defensive line.

"What would success look like to me this season? Now, it's more being a leader for my team and showing the young guys the way. If I can get them to pick up and they get to play early, to me that's success. That means I did my job.

"I probably had it the hardest as a freshman with Coach Garner since I've been here – what they call the learning curve -- so I just try to keep the young guys' spirits up. I say trust me, I went through this, and if I got through it, you can get through it, because Coach G doesn't recruit people who can't fight through adversity.

"He told me on day one when I got here that I was going to have to work hard, and he kept that promise – and it has been life-changing. So as long as I can keep these young guys motivated and keep them from giving up on themselves, then I feel like I've done some good."

The interdisciplinary studies major, who is on track to graduate next spring, has dreams of playing in the NFL, but wherever football and life beyond lead him, Truesdell knows where his family lives. "Auburn is family – all about family. No matter where you go, here it's just different. I know you've heard that time and time again, but it IS different here.



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Auburn defensive tackle Tyrone Truesdell (94).

"You can come on campus and talk to anybody. There's nobody on this team that I can't talk to. I'm very introverted – it takes time for me to know people – but I feel like I've known the people on this team my whole life. I meet their families and find out their backgrounds, and then our coaches have no problem talking to you and knowing you – it's just amazing.

"Even the fans you meet – true Auburn fans – they will gladly have a conversation with you so friendly and polite. The atmosphere here is special – the only way you would understand it is you would have to be here."

With his senior season straight ahead, Truesdell has already considered what he wants his legacy to be.

"I want them to say he was definitely an Auburn man and he lived by the creed. He always worked hard, he never took any handouts and no matter what adversity he went through, he pushed through it. He never stopped."

And he has one last message for his family members.

"Thank you for even giving me a chance to be part of this family, and also don't ever change up – keep everything the way it is, because that's what makes Auburn Auburn."

SEC sets new start dates, formats for fall sports

Southeastern Conference
General Release

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - The Southeastern Conference has established new start dates and formats for the SEC cross country, soccer and volleyball seasons as well as the fall golf and tennis seasons, as the 14 members of the SEC continue to monitor developments related to COVID-19, SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey announced Thursday.

The 2020 SEC men's and women's cross-country season will consist of a minimum of two and a maximum of three competitions prior to the SEC Championship in Baton Rouge on October 30. The season will take place between September 11 and October 23 and may include competition against non-conference opponents provided those schools adhere to SEC COVID-19 testing protocols.

The 2020 SEC soccer season will consist of an eight-match, Conference-only regular season over eight weeks of competition beginning September 18, followed by the SEC Championship, November 13-22, in Orange Beach, Alabama. All 14 schools will compete in the SEC Championship with each team guaranteed at least two matches.

"We're excited to be able to have a fall schedule," head coach Karen Hoppa said. "Our players have been working extremely hard both on and off the field, especially during these uncertain and trying times, and they're thrilled about the opportunity to play meaningful games this fall.

"We're also very proud of the SEC for putting the health and safety of our student-athletes at the forefront," Hoppa added. "Playing one game a week allows for the appropriate testing and additional measures to take place, so we compete while continuing to place an emphasis on everyone's wellbeing."

The 2020 SEC volleyball season will consist of an eight-match, Conference-only schedule over six weeks of competition beginning October 16 with each school competing against four opponents twice in the same weekend on back-to-back days.

"We are pleased that the SEC has been able to provide opportunities to compete this fall semester," head coach Brent Crouch said. "Our student-athletes have been working hard and are eager to display the fruits of their labor against some of the best programs in the country."

SEC soccer and volleyball teams will participate in spring competition as well, with details of formats contingent on final decisions by the NCAA to conduct spring championships in those sports.

For the 2020 fall segment of the men's and women's golf and men's and women's tennis seasons, SEC teams may compete in up to three team events beginning no earlier than October 1. SEC golf and tennis teams will be limited to events involving only SEC members or non-conference teams from the geographic region of the SEC school.

The SEC had previously announced in July that the sports of cross country, soccer and volleyball would be postponed through at least August 31.

In addition, fall practice activities and intra-squad games are permitted in the sports of baseball and softball, but exhibition games against outside competition is prohibited in the 2020 fall semester.

The SEC announced in July that student-athletes in all sports who elect to not participate in intercollegiate athletics during the fall 2020 academic semester because of health and/or safety concerns related to COVID-19 will continue to have their scholarships honored by their university and will remain in good standing with their team.

The SEC's Return to Activity and Medical Guidance Task Force continues to meet on policies and procedures for the safe return of student-athletes to competition, building on the NCAA's Resocialization of College Sports Guidelines.

CROSS COUNTRY

- Season runs September 11-October 23
- Seven (7) weeks of competition
- Compete in a minimum two (2) events (maximum of three) prior to SEC Championships
- No restrictions on opponents; must adhere to SEC Testing protocol the week leading into competition
- No more than 10 teams may compete in a single race
- Schools may not compete in consecutive weeks

SOCCER

- Season runs weekend of September 18-November 8 (eight total weeks)
- Eight (8) regular season matches plus at least two (2) matches at the SEC Tournament
- Regular season includes six (6) divisional opponents and two (2) crossover opponents (4 home/4 away)
- One (1) match per week - play dates will be either Friday, Saturday or Sunday based on campus activities & television.
- Matches may move to Thursday on the fifth weekend of the season for make-up dates.
- 14-team Conference Tournament - Nov. 13-22; each team guaranteed at least two (2) matches

VOLLEYBALL

- Season runs weekend of October 16-November 27
- Six (6) weeks of competition
- Compete against four (4) opponents; same opponent twice in the same weekend
- Eight (8) total matches

GOLF AND TENNIS

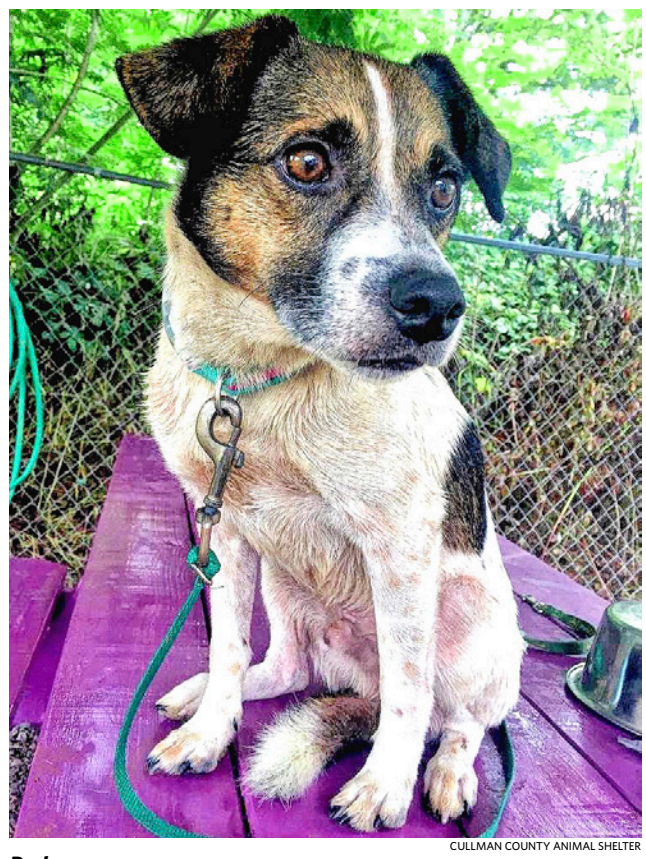
- Teams may compete in up to three team events
- Competition can take place no earlier than October 1
- Teams are limited to events involving only SEC members or non-conference teams from the school's geographic region.



(BONUS) PET OF THE WEEK

Meet your new best Bud!

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CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Bud

CULLMAN, Ala. – Donna Ruttkay reports the Cullman County Animal Shelter has a lot of love to go around, so she shares a bonus Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Bud is a 3-year-old rat terrier mix who was surrendered by an owner who could no longer care for him. He's a laid-back, low- to medium-energy pup who's accustomed to pet life.

He's skilled on his leash, has wonderful manners, appears to be house trained and has even been neutered. If you need a ready-to-go canine companion, this one will be hard to beat!

Staffers feel Buddy has the makings of an excellent therapy or companion dog.

Discount doggie!

Since Buddy has already been neutered, his adoption fee will be greatly reduced. Contact the shelter for details.

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior. Several of the shelter's canine friends have even been "hired" to work as therapy and special needs service dogs.

Please consider adopting, to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com. Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE.

STATE

ADOL : Extended Benefits program to Expire; benefits to continue through Sept. 19

Tara Hutchison
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Alabama Department of Labor (ADOL) announced this week that the Extended Benefits (EB) program will expire Aug. 29, 2020. ADOL will continue to pay these benefits through Sept. 19, 2020.

This is a separate program from the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program that was enacted under the CARES Act. PEUC provides for an additional 13 weeks of regular unemployment following exhaustion.

The EB program is a federal program that is triggered when a state's insured unemployment rate exceeds 5.9%. Alabama's weekly insured unemployment rate* of 6.11% triggered the state onto a 13-week EB period beginning the week of May 31.

It is usually available during times of adverse economic conditions. The last time Alabama offered the EB programs was during the Great Recession of 2008.

Alabama will trigger off of the program Aug. 29, 2020, when the weekly insured unemployment rate will drop to 4.86%.

While the EB program was available for UP TO 13 weeks, not all claimants were eligible to receive all weeks.

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (IUR)

The rate is computed by dividing Insured Unemployed for the current quarter by Covered Employment for the first four of the last six completed quarters.

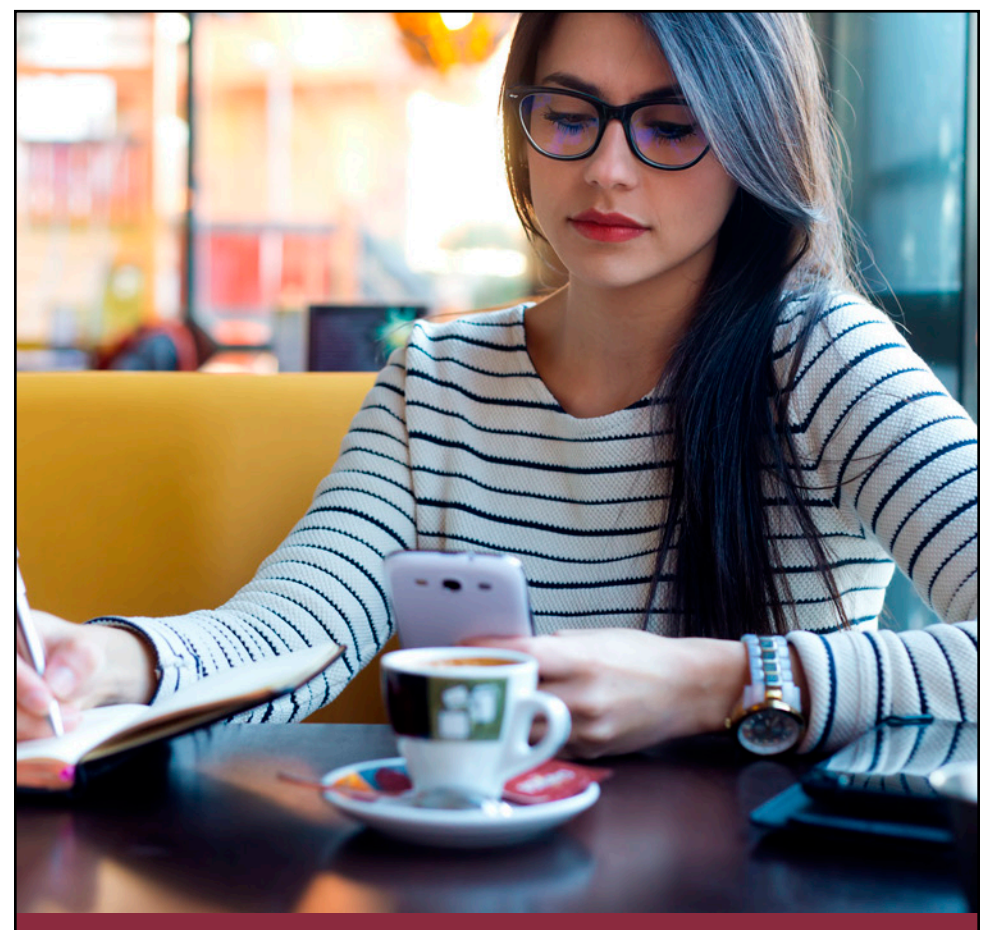
This is not the same as the monthly unemployment rate.











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SATURDAY EVENING

MOVIES

AUGUST 29, 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	**USL Soccer** Birmingham Legion FC at Charlotte Independence. From Mecklenburg County Sportsplex in Matthews, N.C. (N)				**Ring of Honor Wrestling**		**World's-Weath**	**World's-Weath**	**The Immortals**	**The Short List**
WBIQ-PBS	4	**Change Your Brain, Heal Your Mind With Daniel Amen, MD** Strategies to heal the mind.				**John Sebastian Presents: Folk Rewind (My Music)** Artists of the 1950s and '60s.				**Abba Forever -- A Celebration** Swedish supergroup ABBA.			**Bee Gees One for All Tour**
WVTM-NBC	5	**WVTM 13 News at 5p**	**NBC Nightly News - Holt**	**NASCAR Cup Series** Coke Zero Sugar 400. From Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla. (N) (Live)								**WVTM 13 News at 10p**	**(:29) Saturday Night Live**
WBRC-FOX	7	**Judge Judy**	**Easy Workout Solution!**	**Judge Judy**	**Paid Program**	**Boxing** PBC: Erislandy Lara vs. Greg Vendetti. (N) (Live)				**WBRC FOX6 News at 9pm**	**WBRC FOX6 News**	**WBRC FOX6 News at 10pm**	**Labor of Love**
WIAT-CBS	8	**The Making of News Nation**	**CBS Weekend News** (N)	**CBS42 News 6pm**	**Legs and Feet!**	**Love Island: More to Love** (Series Premiere) The best moments from the week before. (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**	**Modern Family**	**Alabama Upstarts**
WPXH-ION	11	**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Contact"		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** Television news reporter.		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Nocturne"		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Slaves"		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Wrong Is Right"		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Honor"	
WABM2-ABC	12	**Cooking with Emeril**	**ABC World News**	**ABC 33/40 News at 6PM**	**Wheel of Fortune**	**America's Funniest Home Videos**		**Shark Tank** A hair and skin-softening product.		**The Good Doctor** "I Love You" The doctors work to save lives.		**ABC 33/40 News at 10PM**	**(:35) America This Week** (N)
A&E	42	**(4:00) Live Rescue** "Live Rescue -- 11.25.19"		**Live Rescue** "Live Rescue -- 08.21.20"				**Live Rescue** "Live Rescue -- 08.29.20" (N)				**Live Rescue** "Live Rescue -- 08.29.20"	
AMC	53	★★ **"Jurassic Park III"** (2001) Sam Neill, William H. Macy. A search party encounters new breeds of prehistoric terror.				★★★ **"The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug"** (2013, Fantasy) Ian McKellen, Martin Freeman, Richard Armitage. Premiere. Bilbo and company encounter the fearsome dragon Smaug.							**(:45) "Ghostbusters"**
ANPL	47	**Pit Bulls and Parolees** Helping the homeless and their dogs.		**Pit Bulls and Parolees** The most adorable moments.		**Pit Bulls & Parolees: Tia's Tales** "The Parolee's Journey"		**Pit Bulls and Parolees** A parolee gets arrested. (N)		**The Secret Life of the Zoo** Bongo Moti is in his prime. (N)		**Pit Bulls and Parolees** A retired Marine visits the center.	
BET	55	**(4:30)** ★★★ **"Barbershop 2: Back in Business"** (2004) Ice Cube. A barbershop owner considers selling his establishment.				★★★ **"Barbershop: The Next Cut"** (2016, Comedy) Ice Cube, Cedric the Entertainer, Regina Hall. Calvin and the gang must save the neighborhood from crime.						**Say Her Name: Justice for Breonna Taylor**	
BRAVO	58	**Million Dollar LA**	**(:32)** ★★ **"Tyler Perry's Boo! A Madea Halloween"** (2016, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Cassi Davis, Patrice Lovely.				**(:42)** ★ **"Tyler Perry's Boo 2! A Madea Halloween"** (2017) Tyler Perry, Diamond White. Madea and the gang encounter ghouls, goblins and boogeymen.					**(9:50)** ★★ **"Tyler Perry's Boo! A Madea Halloween"** (2016)	
CMTV	61	**(4:45)** ★★★ **"Grease"** (1978, Musical) John Travolta. Disparate summer lovers meet again as high-school seniors.				**(:15)** ★ **"Coyote Ugly"** (2000, Romance-Comedy) Piper Perabo, Adam Garcia, Maria Bello. A struggling songwriter cuts loose in a rowdy New York bar.					**(:45)** ★ **"Hope Floats"** (1998, Romance) Sandra Bullock, Harry Connick Jr.		
CNBC	35	**Undercover Boss** Marco's Pizza COO Bryon Stephens.		**Undercover Boss** Build-A-Bear Workshop CEO.		**Undercover Boss** New York & Company CEO Greg Scott.		**Undercover Boss** Armando Montelongo goes under cover.		**Undercover Boss** Todd Pedersen goes under cover.		**Undercover Boss** Buffets Inc. CEO Anthony Wedo.	
CNN	37	**CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera** (N)		**The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer** (N)		**The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer** (N)		**The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer** (N)		**"After Truth: Disinformation and the Cost of Fake News"** (2020, Documentary) Premiere.			
COM	56	★ **"Joe Dirt"** (2001, Comedy) David Spade, Dennis Miller. A mullet-headed janitor relates his personal tale of woe.				★★ **"The Internship"** (2013, Comedy) Vince Vaughn, Owen Wilson, Rose Byrne. Old-school salesmen finagle internships at Google.					★★★ **"Superbad"** (2007, Comedy) Jonah Hill, Michael Cera, Christopher Mintz-Plasse.		
DISN	49	**Jessie** "The Telltale Duck"	**(:25)** ★★ **"Hotel Transylvania"** (2012, Children's) Voices of Adam Sandler. 'PG'			**Big City Greens** (N)	**(:22) Amphibia** (N)	**(:06) The Owl House**	**(:40) Amphibia**	**(:05) Big City Greens**	**Big City Greens**	**(9:55) Big City Greens**	**(:20) Amphibia**
DSC	43	**Expedition Unknown**		**Expedition Unknown**		**Expedition Unknown**		**Expedition Unknown**		**Expedition Unknown**		**Expedition Unknown**	
E!	21	**(4:00)** ★★ **"Never Been Kissed"** (1999) Drew Barrymore, David Arquette, Michael Vartan.			★★ **"Legally Blonde"** (2001, Comedy) Reese Witherspoon. A sorority queen enrolls in Harvard to win back her boyfriend.				**(:45)** ★★ **"Legally Blonde"** (2001, Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Luke Wilson, Selma Blair. A sorority queen enrolls in Harvard to win back her boyfriend.				
ESPN	29	**UFC Reloaded**						**FCS Football Kick Off** College football game that is played on the Saturday before the opening weekend of the season. (N) (Live)					
ESPN2	30	**ESPN High School Football Kickoff** (N) (Live)						**ESPN High School Football Kickoff** (N) (Live)					
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	**(3:35)** ★★★ **"The Hunger Games: Catching Fire"** (2013, Science Fiction) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson.				**(:05)** ★★★ **"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1"** (2014) Jennifer Lawrence. Katniss fights for Peeta and a nation moved by her courage.					**(:45)** ★★★ **"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2"** (2015) Jennifer Lawrence.		
FS1	20	**Boxing** PBC Fight Night. (N) (Live)				**MLS Soccer** New York Red Bulls at New England Revolution. From Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass. (N) (Live)					**WWE Friday Night SmackDown** (Taped)		
FSEE	32	**WNBA Basketball** Minnesota Lynx vs Atlanta Dream. From IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla.				**Fight Sports: Boxing** From March 14, 2015 in Montreal.				**Golf America**	**3 Wide Life**	**MLS Soccer** Nashville SC at Atlanta United FC.	
FX	28	**(3:00)** ★★★ **"X-Men: Days of Future Past"** (2014, Action)		★★ **"X-Men: Apocalypse"** (2016, Action) James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender, Jennifer Lawrence. Professor X and Raven battle the immortal mutant Apocalypse.						★★ **"X-Men: Apocalypse"** (2016, Action) James McAvoy. Professor X and Raven battle the immortal mutant Apocalypse.			
GOLF	82	**LPGA Golf**		**Golf Central** (N) (Live)	**Golf Central**	**PGA Tour Golf** BMW Championship, Third Round. From Olympia Fields Country Club - North in Olympia Fields, Ill.							
HALL	72	**(4:00) "Fashionably Yours"** (2020) Kat Graham.		**"Love and Sunshine"** (2019, Romance) Danica McKellar, Mark Deklin. A jilted woman and a retired soldier bond over a dog.				**"Summer Villa"** (2016, Romance) Hilarie Burton, Victor Webster. A novelist and a chef retreat to a villa for the summer.				**"Love, Romance & Chocolate"** (2019) Lacey Chabert.	
HGTV	46	**Love It or List It** A mother and daughter disagree.		**Love It or List It** Jessica's priorities have changed.		**Vacation House Rules** Bringing classic cottage into today. (N)		**(:01) Backyard Takeover** "Episode 2" (N)		**(:01) Vacation House Rules** "Year-Round Playground"		**(:01) Good Bones** A house is renovated on Talbott Street.	
HIST	40	**Ancient Aliens** A look at if shape shifters are real.		**Ancient Aliens** Storming the gates of Area 51.		**Ancient Aliens** "Secrets of the Mummies"		**(:02) Ancient Aliens** Various human-like species.		**(:05) Ancient Aliens** "The Artificial Human" Intelligent robots; a destiny.			
LIFE	23	**"My Wife's Secret Life"** (2019, Suspense) Jason Cermak, Blake Williams. Kent devises a revenge plan against a woman.				**"Sorority Secrets"** (2020) Brytnee Ratledge. Premiere. A woman joins a sorority that doubles as an escort service.				**(:03) "Secrets in a Small Town"** (2019, Drama) Kate Drummond, Rya Kihlstedt. A mother's worst nightmare comes true.			
MSNBC	36	**MSNBC Live** (N) (Live)		**MSNBC Live** (N) (Live)		**MSNBC Live** (N) (Live)		**MSNBC Live** (N) (Live)		**The Rachel Maddow Show**		**The Last Word With Lawrence O'Donnell**	
NGC	22	**Wicked Tuna: Outer Banks** "Family Pride"		**Wicked Tuna: Outer Banks** Financial strain hits the fleet.		**Wicked Tuna: Outer Banks** (N)		**Wicked Tuna: Outer Banks** (N)		**(:03) Gathering Storm** "Cold Ocean Killer" (N)		**(:03) Gathering Storm** "Typhoon Alley" (N)	
PARMT	57	★ **"Friday the 13th Part VII -- The New Blood"** (1988, Horror) Lar Park Lincoln, Terry Kiser, Susan Blu.				★ **"Friday the 13th Part VIII: Jason Takes Manhattan"** (1989, Horror) Jensen Daggett, Scott Reeves. Hockey-masked slasher follows teens on cruise.					★★ **"Friday the 13th"** (1980) Betsy Palmer. Counselors die violently at Camp Crystal Lake.		
TBS	25	**(3:30)** ★★ **"Lethal Weapon 4"** (1998, Action) Mel Gibson.		★★ **"Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby"** (2006, Comedy) Will Ferrell. A NASCAR driver has a new rival.				**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**Full Frontal**	★★ **"Last Holiday"**
TCM	79	★★★★ **"On the Waterfront"** (1954, Drama) Marlon Brando. An uneducated dockworker challenges a powerful racketeer.				★★★★ **"North by Northwest"** (1959, Suspense) Cary Grant, Eva Marie Saint, James Mason. A case of mistaken identity endangers an ad agent's life.					★★★★ **"A Hatful of Rain"** (1957, Drama) Eva Marie Saint, Don Murray, Anthony Franciosa.		
TLC	24	**Say Yes to the Dress**	**Say Yes to the Dress**	**Say Yes to the Dress** A Hollywood-meets-Bollywood dress.		**Say Yes to the Dress** Michaella is getting married. (N)		**Say Yes to the Dress** A bride brings her fiancé and his wife.		**Say Yes to the Dress** Omarosa wants a colorful gown.		**Say Yes to the Dress** Cassidy wants a Hayley Paige gown.	
TNT	26	**(:15)** ★★ **"Justice League"** (2017, Action) Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill, Gal Gadot. Batman, Wonder Woman and other heroes unite to battle evil.					**NBA, Pre-Game Show**	**NBA Basketball** Utah Jazz vs Denver Nuggets. First Round action, Game 7. (If necessary). (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)					**Inside the NBA** (N) (Live)
USA	27	**(4:00)** ★★★ **"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1"** (2010, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson.				**(:10)** ★★★ **"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2"** (2011, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson. Harry may have to make the ultimate sacrifice.						★★★ **"Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix"** (2007)	
WE	71	**Criminal Minds** Searching for a female serial killer.		**Criminal Minds** Deaths with religious overtones.		**Criminal Minds** Notorious New England serial killer.		**Criminal Minds** The team hunts for a serial arsonist.		**Criminal Minds** "Conflicted" Serial killer targeting coeds.		**Criminal Minds** Team works on a child abduction case.	
HBO	518	**(4:25)** ★★★ **"Ford v Ferrari"** (2019) Matt Damon. A designer builds a car to race against the Ferrari in 1966. 'PG-13'				★★★ **"The Way Back"** (2020, Drama) Ben Affleck. Premiere. An alcoholic agrees to coach a high school basketball team. 'R'				**(8:50) Lovecraft Country** "Sundown"		**(9:59) Lovecraft Country** "Whitey's on the Moon"	
MAX	549	**(3:55)** ★ **"The Apparition"**	**(:20) "Human Capital"** (2019, Drama) Liev Schreiber. The lives of two families collide. 'NR'			★★★ **"Us"** (2019, Horror) Lupita Nyong'o, Winston Duke. A family of four comes under attack from evil look-alikes. 'R'				★★★ **"Crimson Peak"** (2015, Horror) Mia Wasikowska. A woman investigates ghostly visions at a gothic mansion. 'R'			
SHOW	578	**(4:45) "Waves"** (2019, Drama) Kelvin Harrison Jr. A family navigates love and forgiveness after a tragic loss. 'R'				**The Chi** "A Couple, Two, Three" Ronnie finds absolution.		★★★ **"Casino"** (1995, Crime Drama) Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone, Joe Pesci. A mob employee makes a play for power in 1970s Las Vegas. 'R'					
TMC	598	**(4:00)** ★★★ **"A.I.: Artificial Intelligence"** (2001) Haley Joel Osment, Jude Law. 'PG-13'			**(:25)** ★ **"The Samaritan"** (2012) Samuel L. Jackson. An ex-convict can't escape his past.			**"Dead Ant"** (2017) Sean Astin. Members of a metal band fight giant ants in the desert. 'NR'			★★ **"Hell Fest"** (2018, Horror) Amy Forsyth, Reign Edwards, Bex Taylor-Klaus. 'R'	

Sports

6:30 a.m. FS1 MLB Baseball Cleveland Indians at St. Louis Cardinals.
GOLF European PGA Tour Golf ISPS HANDA UK Championship, Third Round. (Live)
7:55 a.m. ESPN Formula 1 Racing Belgian Grand Prix, Qualifying. (Live)
8:00 a.m. FSEE WNBA Basketball Minnesota Lynx vs Atlanta Dream.
11:00 a.m. WVTM NHL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers vs New York Islanders. (Live)
GOLF PGA Tour Golf BMW Championship, Third Round. (Live)
11:30 a.m. FS1 Horse Racing Saratoga Live. (Live)
12:00 p.m. WBRC MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies. (Live)
ESPN2 Softball Athletes Unlimited: Teams TBA. (Taped)
1:00 p.m. WABM2 WNBA Basketball Seattle Storm vs Chicago Sky. (Live)
FS1 MLB Baseball Kansas City Royals at Chicago White Sox. (Live)
2:00 p.m. WVTM PGA Tour Golf BMW Championship, Third Round. (Live)
WIAT PBR Bull Riding
ESPN High School Football Teams TBA. (Taped)
GOLF PGA Korn Ferry Tour Golf Tour Championship, Third Round. (Live)
3:00 p.m. WIAT WNBA Basketball New York Liberty vs Las Vegas Aces. (Live)
4:00 p.m. GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Walmart NW Arkansas Championship, Second Round. (Live)
5:00 p.m. FS1 Boxing PBC Fight Night. (Live)
FSEE WNBA Basketball Minnesota Lynx vs Atlanta Dream.
6:00 p.m. WABM USL Soccer Birmingham Legion FC at Charlotte Independence. (Live)
WVTM NASCAR Cup Series Coke Zero Sugar 400. (Live)
7:00 p.m. WBRC Boxing PBC: Erislandy Lara vs. Greg Vendetti. (Live)
FS1 MLS Soccer New York Red Bulls at New England Revolution. (Live)
GOLF PGA Tour Golf BMW Championship, Third Round.
8:00 p.m. TNT NBA Basketball Utah Jazz vs Denver Nuggets. (Live)
10:00 p.m. FSEE MLS Soccer Nashville SC at Atlanta United FC.

Movies

10:40 a.m. MAX "The Beguiled" ★★★ (2017) Colin Farrell An injured Union deserter finds refuge at an all-female Southern boarding school during the Civil War. Soon, sexual tensions lead to dangerous rivalries as the women tend to his wounded leg while offering him comfort and companionship.
11:00 a.m. AMC "Jurassic Park" ★★★½ (1993) Sam Neill. An entrepreneur invites scientists, a mathematics theorist and others to his jungle theme-park featuring dinosaurs regenerated from DNA.
12:15 p.m. SHOW "Obvious Child" ★★★ (2014) Jenny Slate An immature, newly unemployed comic must navigate the murky waters of adulthood after her fling with a graduate student results in an unplanned pregnancy.
12:20 p.m. FREE "The Hunger Games" ★★★ (2012) Jennifer Lawrence. A resourceful teen takes her younger sister's place in a brutal contest in which youths from each of 12 districts fight to the death on live television.
12:32 p.m. USA "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" ★★★ (2009) Daniel Radcliffe. Dumbledore tries to prepare Harry for the final battle with Voldemort, while Death Eaters wreak havoc in both Muggle and Wizard worlds, and tragedy looms on the horizon.
1:00 p.m. TBS "Lethal Weapon 3" ★★★ (1992) Mel Gibson. Los Angeles police detectives crush a guns-to-gangs operation with a wild woman from internal affairs.
TCM "All Fall Down" ★★★ (1962) Warren Beatty. A teenager's idolization of his older brother is shattered after his sibling returns home.
1:40 p.m. SHOW "Casino" ★★★½ (1995) Robert De Niro A New York bookie and his pal turn a Las Vegas casino into an empire, then one's money-hungry wife helps bring it down.
2:00 p.m. CMTV "Pure Country" ★★★ (1992) George Strait. An amiable country singer struggles to free himself of the hollow trappings of commercial stardom.
3:00 p.m. FX "X-Men: Days of Future Past" ★★★ (2014) Hugh Jackman. The X-Men join forces with their younger selves in order to change the past and save mankind's future as well as their own.
3:35 p.m. FREE "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" ★★★ (2013) Jennifer Lawrence. After their unprecedented victory in the 74th Hunger Games, Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark embark on a Victors Tour. Katniss senses rebellion is stirring, but a cruel change in the upcoming 75th Hunger Games may change Panem forever.
4:00 p.m. USA "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1" ★★★ (2010) Daniel Radcliffe. Harry, Ron and Hermione leave Hogwarts behind on a mission to destroy the Horcruxes, the secrets to Voldemort's power and immortality.
TMC "A.I.: Artificial Intelligence" ★★★½ (2001) Haley Joel Osment In the future a cutting-edge android in the form of a boy embarks on a journey to discover his true nature.
4:25 p.m. 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.
4:30 p.m. BET "Barbershop 2: Back in Business" ★★★ (2004) Ice Cube. The owner of a barbershop faces pressure from a corporation that is opening establishments in his neighborhood.
4:45 p.m. CMTV "Grease" ★★★ (1978) John Travolta. Nice Sandy and greaser Danny try to be like each other in their 1950s high school.
5:00 p.m. TCM "On the Waterfront" ★★★★ (1954) Marlon Brando. A conscience-stricken ex-boxer stands up to a corrupt union boss after unwittingly participating in a fellow longshoreman's murder.
7:00 p.m. AMC "The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug" ★★★ (2013) Ian McKellen. Premiere. Bilbo and his companions continue their journey east and brave many dangers on their way to the Lonely Mountain, culminating in an encounter with the fearsome dragon Smaug.
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.
TCM "North by Northwest" ★★★★ (1959) Cary Grant. Mistaken identity spurs a foreign spy to pursue an innocent New Yorker, all the way to Mount Rushmore.
HBO "The Way Back" ★★★ (2020) Ben Affleck (Premiere) Stuck in a meaningless job and struggling with alcoholism, a former high school athlete gets a shot at redemption when he becomes the basketball coach for his alma mater, a program that has since fallen on hard times.
MAX "Us" ★★★½ (2019) Lupita Nyong'o A couple and their two children must fight for survival when four masked strangers descend upon their beachfront home. When the masks come off, the family is horrified to learn that each attacker takes the appearance of one of them.
7:05 p.m. FREE "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1" ★★★ (2014) Jennifer Lawrence. After shattering the games forever, Katniss finds herself in District 13, fighting to save Peeta and a nation moved by her courage.
7:10 p.m. USA "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" ★★★½ (2011) Daniel Radcliffe. As his showdown with Lord Voldemort nears, Harry may have to make the ultimate sacrifice.
8:00 p.m. SHOW "Casino" ★★★½ (1995) Robert De Niro A New York bookie and his pal turn a Las Vegas casino into an empire, then one's money-hungry wife helps bring it down.
9:00 p.m. MAX "Crimson Peak" ★★★ (2015) Mia Wasikowska A woman investigates ghostly visions at a remote gothic mansion where she lives with her new husband and mysterious sister-in-law.
9:30 p.m. COM "Superbad" ★★★ (2007) Jonah Hill. Separation anxiety poses a problem for two co-dependent high-school seniors who hope to score booze and babes at a party.
TCM "A Hatful of Rain" ★★★★ (1957) Eva Marie Saint. A drug-addicted Korean War veteran lives in a housing project with his brother and pregnant wife.
9:45 p.m. FREE "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2" ★★★ (2015) Jennifer Lawrence. Katniss faces mortal traps, deadly enemies and moral choices when she and her closest friends leave District 13 to assassinate President Snow and liberate the citizens of war-torn Panem.
10:00 p.m. USA "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" ★★★ (2007) Daniel Radcliffe. When a new professor's bureaucratic methods leave Hogwarts unprepared to fight the rising tide of evil, Harry teaches a dedicated group of students how to defend against the dark arts.
10:45 p.m. AMC "Ghostbusters" ★★★½ (1984) Bill Murray. Armed with proton packs, four paranormal investigators battle mischievous ghouls in New York.

Best Bets

7 p.m. on WIAT
Love Island: More to Love

If you missed some of this premiere week's first episodes of "Love Island," take heart, because tonight's two-hour recap special with host Arielle Vandenberg will provide latecomers with highlights from this week's action, as well as exclusive interviews with this season's participants and other previously unaired footage. Frankly we're hoping that the latter includes insights into how this season of a show that's all about romance and passion can pull that off while being filmed under pandemic-mandated health guidelines.

7 p.m. on LIFE
Movie: Sorority Secrets

Cassie is over the moon when an elite sorority accepts her as a mid-year transfer, especially since it includes free housing, tuition assistance and a stellar alumni network. It almost seems too good to be true, and it is: Cassie soon discovers to her shock that the chapter president and advisor are running an escort service with girls from the sisterhood providing the "talent." Brytnee Ratledge, Elisabetta Fantone and Tommi Rose star in this 2020 melodrama.

7 p.m. on HBO
Movie: The Way Back

Gavin O'Connor's inspirational 2020 sports drama about an alcoholic construction worker (Ben Affleck) who gets a chance at redemption when he is recruited to become head basketball coach at his former high school got a warm critical reception on its release just days before the coronavirus pandemic closed theaters around the world. Al Madrigal plays a supportive faculty colleague of Affleck's character, with Janina Gavankar and Michaela Watkins as his wife and sister respectively. Glynn Turman and Todd Stashwick co-star.

7 p.m. on BBCA
Earthflight

Elegant demoiselle cranes deftly navigate a treacherous pass through the Himalayas en route to India in the new episode "Asia and Australia," which gives viewers a bird's-eye view of both those continents. Among other highlights, vultures circle above a streak of tigers on the hunt, hoping eventually the big cats will leave behind a nice meal for them. Pigeons serve as unlikely but unerring guides to the greatest gatherings of camels on Earth, while in the Australian outback, white cockatoos swirl by the thousands. David Tennant narrates.

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

In the new episode "Mama Gonna Cuss You Out," a busy Melody juggles her passion projects, leaving Martell to juggle the kids and all that responsibility entails. Elsewhere, some fractured friendships have an opportunity to mend, but Wanda does what she can to keep those wounds fresh and wide open. Meanwhile, LaTisha's love podcast brings nearly everyone together for a panel discussion.

8 p.m. on OWN
Family or Fiancé

The new episode "Ashley and William: 99 Problems and Social Media Is One" spotlights an aspiring influencer who is engaged to a man with no social media presence whatsoever. Worse, he makes it no secret that he disapproves of her new career aspirations. As for the prospective in-laws, her family worries that he clearly has some major control issues, while her body-positive social media posts have some of his relatives convinced that her morals are a bit too relaxed for comfort.

8 p.m. on TRVL
Believers

Among the deeply unsettling stories in the new episode "Blind Spot," a man is tormented by bouts of unexplained sightlessness and horrific visions. In other segments, the life of a priest is forever changed after he encounters an authentic case of demonic possession, and a rookie police officer is shocked to find evidence of a haunting while monitoring closed-circuit TV images.



"Earthflight" airs on BBC America.

LIFESTYLE: Sweet summer recipes

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Below are a handful of sweet summer recipes shared with The Tribune by home cooks across Cullman County. To submit a recipe, email maggie@cullmantribune.com.

FRESH APPLE CAKE
From Dodge City Town Clerk Vicki Ogletree

Ingredients
- 1/4 cups (2 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened, plus more for pan and wire rack
- 4 1/2 cups sifted cake flour, plus more for pan
- 2 tbsp. baking powder
- 3/4 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 1/2 tbsp. pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 3 medium tart apples, peeled and shredded
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/2 cup raisons
- 4 large eggs

Directions
1. Mix together dry ingredients.
2. Add eggs, milk and butter.
3. Mix well.
4. Fold in apples, raisins and walnuts.
5. Bake in 3 8-inch pans in a 350-degree oven for 30-35 minutes.
6. When cool, dust with powdered sugar.

MEMAW'S FIG PRESERVES - WHERE ITALY MEETS ALABAMA
From Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County Secretary Renée Welsh

From Welsh: My husband's roots are in northern Italy. He loved his Nonni and became her sous chef learning the recipes that filled the hearts, souls and stomachs of his family. When he is in our kitchen preparing some Trentino delicacy he will remind those ogling his creation, "Cooking isn't a set of steps. You don't measure; it's intuition." Don't ask, "How much lemon juice do I add?" His response will always be, "As much as you need (and rolling his eyes and whispering under his breath in Italian, Encore poco gufo," which translates to, "How many times do I have to tell you, my little owl."

Prep Time: 20-30 minutes
Cook Time: 90-120 minutes
Servings: 10 jars

Ingredients
- 1 gallon figs
- Sugar (equal amounts of sugar/figs)
- Water (enough to cover the figs in the pot)
- Lemon slices (enough to have one slice per jar

Directions
1. Try to select figs of equal ripeness - wash them prior to preparing.
2. Cut stems a wee bit around - do not expose the inside of the figs.
3. Place sugar and lemon slices over figs. Cover. Put aside until morning.
4. Add water, covering the figs.
5. Cook slowly, boiling gently; bubbles will indicate a good syrup. If water boils off, you can add just a bit to cover. Cook time ~ 2 hours.
6. Taste test - yum!
7. Place rings/lids on jars - don't seal. Place jars in hot water bath and cook until sealed.

BLUEBERRY MUFFINS (WITH AN INCREDIBLE CRUNCHY TOPPING)
From Cullman County Public Library System Director Sharon Townson

Servings: 12 muffins

Muffin Ingredients
- 1 1/2 cups self-rising flour
- 1/3 cup white sugar
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 large egg
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1 1/2 cups blueberries, fresh or frozen

Crumble topping Ingredients
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup butter, cubed
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. Line muffin tin with liners.
3. Muffins: Mix flour and sugar. Combine vegetable oil, egg and milk. Mix with flour mixture. Gently fold in blueberries. Fill muffin cups right to the top and sprinkle with crumble topping mixture.
4. Crumble topping: Mix together sugar, flour, butter, nutmeg and cinnamon. Mix with fork and sprinkle over muffins.
5. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until done.

GRILLED PEACHES WITH HONEY AND YOGURT
From North Alabama Agriplex Director Rachel Dawsey

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes

Ingredients
- 1/4 cup fat free vanilla Greek yogurt
- 1/8 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 large ripe peaches (cut in half with pit removed)
- 2 tbsp. honey (from Dawsey: I prefer local and raw)

Directions
1. Combine yogurt and cinnamon.
2. Grill the peaches, covered on low or indirect heat until soft, about 2-4 minutes on each side.
3. Drizzle with honey and serve each with 1 tbsp. of yogurt.

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE CAKE
From Debbie Bearden

Ingredients
- 10 tbsp. butter
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup white sugar
- 1 egg, plus 1 egg yolk
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 2/3 cup self-rising flour
- 1 cup chocolate chips

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Grease a small round pizza pan.
3. Cream butter, brown sugar and white sugar.
4. Blend in egg and egg yolk.
5. Add self-rising flour and mix until combined.
6. Use a wooden spoon to mix in all but 2 tbsp. chocolate chips.
7. Spread cookie dough into pan, spreading evenly.
8. Press remaining chocolate chips into top.
9. Bake 15-20 minutes until top is golden brown.
10. Frost or pipe frosting along edges if desired!



Obituary Announcements: Aug. 29

Dwight Price Bennett of Cullman passed away at his residence Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020 at the age of 88. Dwight was born Oct. 15, 1931 to Charlie Emmett and Maddie Beulah Persall Bennett. He was a graduate of the University of Alabama and worked in human resources in the manufacturing industry. He served in the United States Air Force. He loved to dance and was known to drink a little Jim Beam. Dwight never met a stranger and would always give you an affectionate hug. He was a sports enthusiast and a huge Alabama fan. He taught bowling lessons and managed the Cullman Bowling Alley. He loved going to the beach and always sported a great tan. Dwight was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Faye McNeal, Betty Burger, Mary Miller, and Gail Story; and brothers Chester Bennett, Aubrey Bennett, James Bennett, and Cecil Bennett. He is survived by wife Brenda Couch Bennett; daughters Wendy Glasscock (Carson), Leanna Macrae (Scott), and Kristi Wilson (Mike); sons Ken Bennett (Lisa), Cary Bennett (Amy), and Todd Bennett (Catherine); step-daughters Bonita Hutchinson and Bonnie (Roby) Coley; step-son Benson Clark (Valerie); 21 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. with the Rosary Service beginning at 7:30 p.m. A Memorial Mass will be held Monday, Aug. 31, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Flint Creek Cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home directing. Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

James Larry Tucker, 74, of Cullman passed away Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020 at Cullman Regional. He was born Feb. 14, 1946 to Harlis and Pauline Tucker. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Shelby (Jack) Baker. Survivors include his wife Lillie Mae Tucker; brother Norman (Shirley) Tucker; nephews Mitch Baker and Norman Tucker, Jr.; nieces Kim Baker Fletcher, Celeste (Lance) Weaver, Veronica (Nathan) McCluskey, and Rachel (Duell) Harbison; cousin and business partner Jacob (Cindy) Knight; and cousins Mickey (Marsha) Schuman and Tonia Bryan; along with a host of extended family and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Angelia Marie Dingler, 61, of Cullman passed away Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020 at her residence. She was born Nov. 26, 1958. Survivors include her husband of 44 years, Clifford Dingler; son Cameron (Donna) Dingler; granddaughter Caitlin Dingler; mother Joyce Coggins; sisters Karen Collette and Ruth Hayes; brother Marshall Eskew; and a host of family and friends.

Graveside services for Patricia "Patty" Dewese Brown will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 31, 2020 at Jones Chapel Cemetery. Reverend Doug Smith will officiate the service. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Patricia was born to Richard and Edna Brown May 15, 1957. She went on to join her twin sister, brother, father, and loving husband in Heaven Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2020. She was preceded in death by her father Richard McBrayer, Jr.; her sister Sylvia Tyson; her brother Jerry McBrayer; and her husband Thomas Brown. She is survived by her mother Edna Hardin (Gerald); her son Jason Sims; brothers Mark McBrayer (Teresa) and Dale McBrayer (Carolyn); grandsons Aaron and Alex Sims; her dog Cocoa; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Pallbearers will be Justin and Heath McBrayer, Michael McBrayer, Noah Thomas, Logan McBrayer, and Gary Lee. Friends may sign the guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Johnnie "Merle" Barnett, 72, of the Sardis community passed away Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born Aug. 20, 1948 to Kermit and Era Barnett. Merle loved his family, especially his wife, son and grandchildren (who called him "Paw Paw" or "Pops"). He loved his community and fire department. Merle was the last charter member of the Sardis Volunteer Fire Department, for which he worked countless hours building the new fire station and working on the fire trucks. Visitation will be Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020 from noon-2 p.m. at Sardis No. 2 Baptist Church, where the service will be held at 2 p.m. Burial will be in the adjoining cemetery. Brother Jeff Wiggins, Brother William McClellan, and Chief Brett Rodgers will officiate. Merle is survived by his wife of 53 years, Juanita Blackwood Barnett; son Billy Barnett; grandsons Will Barnett and Kile Weaver; honorary grandsons Cole and Connor Thompson; sisters Shelba (Wayne) Burgess and Regina (David) Maske; brother Alan (Teresa) Barnett; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Kermit and Era Barnett and nephew Timmy Barnett. Pallbearers will be Larry Sherer, Steve Jones, Vestes South, Steve Powell, Brett Rodgers, and Tyler Powell; and honorary pallbearer Donald Dollar.

Funeral services for Joyce V. McNutt, 91, of Hanceville, Alabama will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hanceville. John Jankins will be officiating. Burial will follow at Hopewell Cemetery. Ms. McNutt is survived by her nieces and nephews Neil Crow, JoAnn Powell, John Crow, David Crow, Charles McNutt, Jr., Henry McNutt, Brian Anderson, Patty McNutt, Al McNutt, Mary Jo Lakin, Bill Peinhardt, Cindy Gonstad, Chris Gropp, Amy Harley, and John McNutt; brother W.C. Peinhardt; and sister-in-law Frances McNutt. Ms. McNutt is preceded in death by her parents Jim and Edith (Burkart) McNutt and siblings Alice Crow, Charles McNutt, Eleanor Anderson, Edwin McNutt, James McNutt, and Dorothea Peinhardt. In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made to Trinity Lutheran Church in Hanceville, The American Cancer Society, and Auburn University.

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Buildings (from Front)

drive-in idea, there is still frustration as many seniors don't drive and rely on family, friends or the Cullman Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS) to participate in senior center activities.

"We want to include everybody," Baker said, "but there's nothing we have been able to come up with that includes everybody and it's sad."

Participation in the daily curbside pickup meals is still going strong. Normally, the delivery of homebound meals gives volunteers and staff an opportunity to see and check in on homebound seniors, but with current guidelines, those delivering meals are not able to enter the homes of those receiving meals.

"It's a terrible time right now. At some point, I think, they would be like, 'Hey, I don't care anymore. I need somebody to come talk to me. Come into my house and whatever happens, happens.' We love them too much to do anything like that," Baker said.

Since the COVID-19 shutdowns began, senior centers, assisted living and nursing homes have had similar restrictions.

When asked if the seniors living independently should be considered differently from those in long-term facilities, Baker replied, "Yes. I do. Everybody has different needs. Especially if you are in those types of situations. You can't put everyone into one generalization and think that's going to work for everybody."

If the senior centers were to be allowed to reopen, Baker said he is still uncertain what the capacity restrictions would look like.

"That would cause all kinds of issues if they had to fight just to get in the door," he said.

"I think right now, I just couldn't limit and let some people in and not allow others. I don't have the heart to do that."

Baker is hopeful that with the cooler fall weather more outdoor activities can be planned that fall within the social distancing guidelines.

He discussed the possibility of utilizing walking trails, but he added, "Even with that, there is only so much you can do. We have racked our brains constantly trying to figure out things we can do."

He said he would consider a drive-in movie night if he had a projector or a screen big enough.

The Commission on Aging consists of seven full-time centers and nine part-time centers in Cullman County. Planning an event or trying to find activities for all seniors to have access to is another obstacle as the Commission strives to include everybody.

Said Baker, "The walking thing is a great idea. We have the walking trail right down here (Sportsman Lake Park), but this is just one facility in the entire county that has one."

Despite centers being closed, the Commission continues other services.

"We do a lot of it by phone," Baker said. "We are still seeing clients in the office, but we have to follow the protocols set forth. We have to wear a mask, stay distanced and check temperatures.

"We bought sprayers to disinfect each room. We rely heavily on our magazine we put out quarterly. We are very adaptive!"

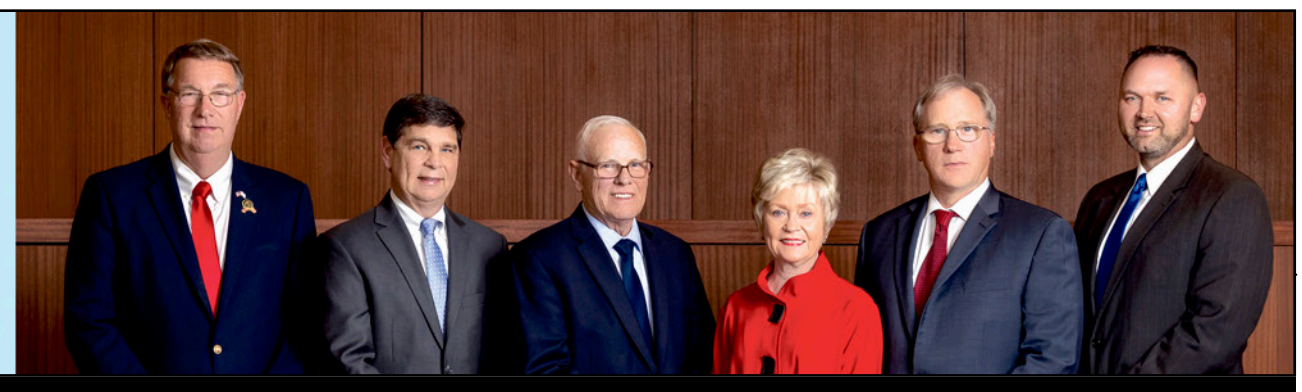
Several of the seniors who actively participated in senior center activities have passed away during the closures.

"Whether it was directly contributed to this, I can't really say," Baker said. "It makes me feel like it was because we broke the routine. It gives them something to get up and get out during the day, and when that doesn't happen, things change with their own bodies- cognitively and physically."

It has been a somber few months for the Commission, but Baker and his staff remain hopeful.

"We're all in it together, and luckily, we have a great team," he said. "They love the seniors as much as I do."

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