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READING WITH 'IVAN'

Author of acclaimed children's book 'The One and Only Ivan' sends message to East Elementary students



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Fourth-grade students in Lea Casey's class at East Elementary read "The One and Only Ivan" as part of an ongoing reading project. » PAGE 7

STATE

Ivey: Grants up to $15K available for Alabama health care, emergency response providers

$35M in CARES Act funds for Alabama Health Care and Emergency Response Providers Grant Program » PAGE 3

– LOCAL GOVERNMENT –

Inside the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce audit



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman Chamber of Commerce Vice Chair and Tourism Chair Jeff Tolbert, Interim President and CEO Peggy Smith and Chamber Chair Kay Shabel at a 2019 Chamber financial presentation

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Tribune sat down last week with representatives of the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce and auditors who recently completed an audit of the Chamber for the period between March 2019 and February 2020. The Chamber's Interim President and CEO Peggy Smith, Chamber Chair Kay Shabel, Vice Chair Jeff Tolbert and Board Member Shane Quick talked about what the Chamber has been doing, while Warren Averett auditors Charles Eddy and Mark Hestla described the audit.

Eddy said that he found nothing wrong during the audit, telling The Tribune, "I've worked with the Chamber personally for over 20 years.

"We've seen a lot of things, and the thing that I've seen in the last seven or eight years is tremendous growth with revenue and services."

He commended the resiliency of the Chamber during current pandemic conditions and added, "Peggy's leadership has brought a lot of stability and better communication throughout the community.

"I think Kay's leadership has really brought the same, so I think it helps to have people like that, that have been around a time or two."

RECENT CHAMBER HIGHLIGHTS

• County Road 222/Interstate 65 interchange project, in cooperation with the City of Cullman, Cullman County and the City of Good Hope. The interchange did not lead to the Bass Anglers' Hall of Fame, as hoped, but did create a new point of interstate access to Smith Lake and one of Cullman's industrial development areas.

• Housing study. The study, a cooperative effort between multiple political, educational, business and community entities, examined Cullman area demographics to determine housing needs, encourage development of appropriate housing to meet those needs and encourage developers to invest in the Cullman area. The study has gained national attention. The report can be viewed at www.cullmanchamber.org/housing-taskforce/.

• Smith Lake FLW fishing tournament. The tournament was based in Jasper but has been relocated to Cullman. The event, another cooperative effort between City, County and Chamber, could bring up to a 10-to-1 return on the money Cullman puts into it. The FLW approached Cullman with the idea of moving the tournament and offered $60,000 per year for two years. According to Tolbert, general manager of Trident Marina, "They said, 'We like the amenities that Cullman's got: you've got more hotels, you've got more restaurants, you've got a-' thanks to the County and the expenditures they made at the park, and they actually hired an outside consulting firm approved by the state » PAGE 8

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Jacobs proclaims Family Day, Family Week in city of Cullman



CITY OF CULLMAN

Left to right are Alabama Family Rights Association member and Cullman attorney Kalif R. Green, Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs and Alabama Family Rights Association State President Kenneth Paschal.

Kenneth Paschal, Leanne H. West

CULLMAN, Ala. – On Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020, Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs officially proclaimed Sept. 28, 2020 as "Family Day" and the week of Sept. 27-Oct. 3, 2020 as "Family Week" in the city of Cullman.

"Our children are our future and our greatest asset," said Jacobs. "I'm proud to proclaim Family Day and Family Week in order to emphasize the importance of strong families to the future of our communities, state and nation."

According to the Alabama Family Rights Association (ALFRA), a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization that seeks to educate the public and government officials about the importance of equal involvement of both fit parents in a child's life, Family Day is a national movement to celebrate parental engagement as an effective tool to help keep America's children substance-free. It is celebrated on the last Monday in September each year.

In Alabama, data shows that families have grown progressively weaker. Tens of thousands of children in Alabama see one parent for only 2-6 days a month. Because of this, Family Day in Alabama has » PAGE 7

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WALLACE STATE

Members of the UAB/WSCC Nursing Joint Enrollment Program participated in a Lamp of Learning ceremony Monday, Sept. 21 to mark the beginning of their nursing career. Pictured are, from left, in front: UAB Assistant Professor Nanci Swan Claus, Shakenzie Alexander, Alexandria Pruitt, Breanne Davis and Wallace State Department of Nursing Education Chair Deborah "Pepper" Hoover; second row: Kayla Madison Spivey, Alexa Pennington and Olivia Hollingsworth; back row: Madison Baker, Jaycee Guined, Virginia McAnally and Grace Ann Lambert.

EDUCATION

Wallace State joins UAB, Jefferson State for Lamp of Learning ceremony for new nursing students

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Several Wallace State Community College Nursing students marked the beginning of their journey in becoming a nurse Monday with a Lamp of Learning ceremony. Hosted remotely by the University of Alabama and also including students from Jefferson State Community College, the induction ceremony welcomed them into their nursing career and reminded them of the role they will play in the lives of their future patients.

The ceremony marks the second such event for Wallace State nursing students enrolled in the UAB/WSCC Nursing Joint Enrollment Program.

Unlike the first where students were inducted in a ceremony at UAB School of Nursing, students from Wallace State and Jefferson State — inducting their first class — joined the event via Zoom.

"We are excited to welcome our class of 12 students participating in the joint enrollment program with Wallace State Community College and the UAB School of Nursing; both excellent nursing schools," said Deborah "Pepper" Hoover, chair of the WSCC Department of Nursing Education.

"By opening this pathway, these new nursing students will have the ability to complete their clinical education on Wallace's campus while simultaneously gaining the theory coursework at UAB, thus earning the BSN degree at the same time as they complete the associate degree in nursing."

Hoover added that the program could help ease a looming nursing shortage.

"This program allows us to meet the state's and nation's goals of more bachelor prepared nurses.

"Combining the best assets of our community college system and the four-year college system, our students will be able to take pride in the resources offered by both campuses."

UAB Dean of Nursing Dr. Doreen Harper called the Lamp of Learning ceremony a rite of passage for new nursing students.

"It welcomes you to nursing practice and raises your awareness of the value of humanism and compassion, together with scientific knowledge as you care for individuals and family," Harper said. "Tonight formally marks the beginning of your nursing career."

Harper remarked how throughout the years, nurses have always been on the front line of health care.

"Never has it been more crucial for nurses to be highly educated," she said.

"The coronavirus pandemic has shown us all the importance of nursing and the medical team at the bedside and in the communities.

"As our newest students, it's up to you to step into your role as the future of innovation and achievement in nursing healthcare," Harper added.

"To lead by example, tackle the growing challenges and demands in healthcare. And believe me, the demands we've seen in the last nine months are unprecedented in our lifetime."

Wallace State is currently accepting applicants for the UAB/WSCC Joint Enrollment and the traditional associate degree programs through Oct. 1 for Spring 2021 entry.

Applicants for fall 2021 have from March 15 to May 15 to apply.

The Wallace State Department of Nursing Education has twice been designated as a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education by the National League for Nursing. For more information about the Nursing program, visit www.wallacestate.edu/nursing or call 256-382-8199.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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!

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Monday and Thursday nights from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

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.

Bible Study at Spirt Life Church of GOD
• Every Wednesday at 6 p.m. at 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Pastor Bobby Dodd will be offering a teaching series entitled "Events of the End Times."

Heritage Homeschool Outdoor Survival Skills
Friday, Sept. 25, 2020 9-11 a.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex; for ages 9 and older (can be dropped off); $8 per child, $16 per family; limited space; registration required; masks required and social distancing; https://bit.ly/355CpXS

Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County Book-It Virtual 5K Run/Walk
• Sept. 25-30
• Register for Book-It 5K and you can run or walk the 5K - but you decide when (between Sept. 25-30) and where. Simply upload your results to the registration site. You can use any of the numerous running apps and fitness devices that can help with distance and timing.
• Register at https://raceroster.com/events/2020/33358/1st-annual-book-it-virtual-5k.
• Registration is $25 for the 5K and $15 for the 1-Mile Fun Run.

"The Return" at Spirt Life Church of GOD
• Saturday, Sept. 26 from 8 a.m.-noon at 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Live web-streaming of "The Return" -the national gathering for prayer and repentance. Drop by and pray with us! For more info, see thereturn.org.

Job Fair
• Saturday, Sept. 26 from 8 a.m.-noon at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center, 1636 Field of Miracles Dr. SW, Cullman
• There are more than 400 jobs available. Pre-registration is not available. Participants should dress appropriately and bring resumes. Applications will be available, and some companies will hold interviews on-site.
• Participating Industries: Wal-Mart Distribution Center, Topre, REHAU, NAFCO, RWC (formerly Cash Acme), AGCOR Steel, HH Technologies, Hom-Tex, Rusken Packaging and Sequence Health
• Find out more at www.facebook.com/events/350409966151874/.

Inaugural Goatoberfest at Goat Island Brewing
• Saturday, Sept. 26 from 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. at Goat Island Brewing, 1646-A John H Cooper Dr. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
• Join us for the inaugural Goatoberfest - kicking off Cullman's Oktoberfest! Freddie Day Catering will be onsite serving up delicious food, and Colonel Cullman will be making appearances. We will have live music and entertainment, a Biergarten, and a dirndl and lederhosen competition.

Schedule of events:
• 11 a.m. Opening Ceremonies
• 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Oompah-Calypse Oktoberfest band
• 2-4:30 p.m. Trifecta
• (Around) 4:30 p.m. Tapping of the Keg
• 5-6 p.m. Wallace State Singers
• 7-10:30 p.m. Round 2

• All music is sponsored by Alabama Credit Union.
• Find out more at www.facebook.com/events/420008808962524.

Free Outreach Lunch from Spirt Life Church of GOD at Five Points
Saturday, Sept. 26 from 11 a.m.-noon in the Five Points Area

Hanceville Kids Night Out
• Saturday, Sept. 26 from 6-8:45 p.m. at C.W. Day Park
• Night in the park with your local heroes. Fireworks show to wrap the night up as well beginning at 8. We will be taking precautions this year in light of the pandemic. We ask that everyone wear some type of mask to attend event. There will be hand sanitizer stations set up at each activity. Hope to see you there!

Drive-Thru Oktoberfest German Dinner at St. John's
• Monday, Sept. 28 from 5-7 p.m. at covered drive-thru on north side of building
• Wiener schnitzel, potato salad, pickled red cabbage, bread and apple cake
• $12- Tickets available at St. John's and O.F. Richter and Sons.

Drive-Thru Oktoberfest German Dinner at Sacred Heart
• Wednesday, Sept. 30 from 4-7 p.m.
• Sponsored by Sacred Heart of Jesus Church's Altar Society
• Due to COVID-19, this will be a drive-thru event. The meal will be bratwurst, German potato salad, sauerkraut, green beans, applesauce, bread and dessert (no drinks!) costing $12 for adults and $5 for children.
• It is requested and highly recommended that tickets be purchased ahead of time by going to www.SacredHeartChurch-Cullman.org. Press the donate button, go to events, select Oktoberfest German Dinner and follow instructions. Tickets may also be purchased the night of the event while going through the drive-thru.
• Cars will enter the parking lot and follow directions to pick up dinners. This is one of the Altar Society's main fundraising projects with the money being used for upkeep of the church altar and miscellaneous work.

Cullman County Health Department Drive Thru Flu Shot Clinic
• Friday, Oct. 2, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center, 17645 U.S. Hwy. 31, Cullman
• Flu shots are $5. Medicare can be billed- you must bring your card. High-dose vaccines available for those 65 years and older while supplies last.
• For more information, call 256-734-1030.

Cullman Oktoberfest 2020
• The 39th annual celebration of Cullman's German heritage will be held Oct. 2-3, 2020! Be sure to join us for food, live German music, beer, games, arts & crafts, and so much more!
• Find out more at http://bit.ly/CullmanOktoberfest2020.

Cullman County Fair Parade
• Saturday, Oct. 3 at 2 p.m.
• U.S. Highway 31 from First Baptist Church to McGriff Tire
• Fair Parade registration starts at 9 a.m. Monday, Sept. 21 and ends at noon Wednesday, Sept. 30.
• Registration is at the fair office- $20 per entry - cash or check only
• Download the registration form at http://bit.ly/CFPregistrationform.

Cullman County Fair
• Oct. 8-17 at the Cullman County Fairgrounds
• All in One Passes go on sale Tuesday, Sept. 15 at Peoples Bank locations.
• Find out more at www.cullmanfair.org.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

• Total confirmed cases in AL: 133,433 (+981 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in AL: 14,773
• Total confirmed deaths in AL: 2,349 (+14 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in AL: 157
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 1,625 (+13 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 260
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 17 (+1 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 2
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 16,428
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 1,656
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 134
• Total tested in Alabama: 1,078,180
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 9,587
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 88,754
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 744
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 16,778
• Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 64,583

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

Sept. 24 COVID-19 update from Cullman Regional Medical Center
• 6 positive patients, with 0 patients on ventilators
• Cullman Regional has reported 26 COVID deaths to ADPH. Of those, 21 patients were from Cullman County.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 24

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 24, 2020. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Sept. 21

- trespassing, theft of property, burglary; CR 1087
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1223
- domestic violence, violation of a protection order; CR 1059
- domestic violence, criminal mischief; Willowsprings Drive
- criminal mischief, trespassing; CR 285
- criminal mischief; harassment; Colonial Drive
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 803
- domestic violence; CR 732
- trespassing, harassment, criminal mischief; CR 802
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1838
- theft of property; CR 1866
- harassment; CR 1600
- burglary; Johns Trailer Park

Sept. 22

- criminal mischief, theft of property; CR 1177
- theft of property; CR 1866
- unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 157
- burglary; CR 35
- possession of drug paraphernalia, carrying a concealed weapon without a permit; CR 1422, CR 1450
- burglary; Reid Road
- unlawful possession of marijuana; CR 1545
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
- theft of property; CR 1107
- burglary; CR 317

Sept. 23

- harassment; CR 1632
- trespassing, harassment; CR 1354
- trespassing, harassment; CR 520
- burglary; CR 786
- domestic violence; CR 1212
- criminal mischief; CR 1650
- assault; Beech Ave.
- domestic violence; CR 940

ARRESTS

Sept. 21

Brown Jr., Clyde Michael, 37
- first-degree theft of property

Brown, James Raymond, 38
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Harrison III, James Edward, 18
- GJ- reckless endangerment

Means, Randall Kirk, 33
- transmitting obscene material to a child

Russell, Angela Nichole, 47
- FTA- driving while suspended

Sept. 22

Anders, Jeremy Keith, 28
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (with theft)

Golden, David Gene, 45
- FTA- open container in vehicle

Hubbard, Kevin Wayne, 41
- FTA- driving while revoked

Turney, Terry Lelan, 54
- illegal possession of alcohol in a dry county
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

White, Bailey Mitchell, 21
- DUI- .08 BAC or greater

Sept. 23

Butler, Cody Isiah, 29
- DUI- .08 BAC or greater

Fallin Jr., Chester 59
- harassment

Guilbert, Allen Michael, 24
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Keaton, Charles Keith, 54
- third-degree domestic violence- third-degree assault

Puckett, Logan Isaac, 19
- second-degree assault

Sears, Kevin Blaine, 44
- third-degree theft of property

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 23

- forgery; EvaBank; Cherokee Ave. SW; forged check

ARRESTS

Sept. 23

Welborn, Adrian I., 18
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- fourth-degree theft of property

Powell, Daryl L., 25
- FTA- public intoxication

Speakman, Tyler L., 26
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing (3 counts)
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)
- FTA- attempting to elude (2 counts)
- FTA- giving false information to law enforcement

Puckett, Logan I., 19
- violation of a release order

Jordan, Trey H., 29
- FTA- expired tag

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Grants (from Front)

Office of Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Gov. Kay Ivey on Thursday awarded $35 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds to establish the Alabama Health Care and Emergency Response Providers grant program. The grants will support providers who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The health crisis we continue to face has had significant impact on many fronts. Certainly, individuals, groups and different industries have felt a financial toll, which is why I am proud to continue getting the CARES Act money into the hands of Alabamians who need it," Ivey said. "The state of Alabama was awarded $1.9 billion in CARES Act money, and my team and I will continue working hard to get it directly to those individuals and groups who have been impacted."

On a first-come-first serve basis, the State of Alabama will offer cash grants in an amount up to $15,000 for Alabama health care and emergency response providers that meet eligibility requirements. The application period for the Alabama Health Care and Emergency Response Provider grant program will be open from noon Oct. 5, 2020 through noon Oct. 16, 2020.

Eligible providers for this grant program include:

Health Care Providers

- Primary Care Clinics
- Other Clinics (Will need to specify)
- Ambulance/EMS Service Providers
- Pharmacies
- Physician Offices
- Dentist Offices
- Other Health Practitioner Offices (Will need to specify)
- Outpatient Care Centers
- Medical and Diagnostic Laboratories
- Home Health Care Businesses
- Assisted Living Facilities
- Physical Therapy Offices
- Other (Will need to specify)

Emergency Response Providers

- Rescue Squad Organizations
- Volunteer Fire Departments
- 911 Boards
- Other (Will need to specify)

"Like many professions, Alabama physicians have been severely impacted by the pandemic but have continued to provide care to Alabama citizens throughout the crisis. In fact, a recent COVID-19 impact survey revealed that more than 70% of Alabama physicians have experienced a severe financial impact on their practice, causing a disruption in their business operations, and limiting access to care," Executive Director of the Alabama Medical Association Mark Jackson said. "We applaud Governor Ivey for making these funds available and believe that they will be critical to ensuring that physicians can continue to provide services to those who are in need of medical care."

Alabama received approximately $1.9 billion of federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funding to respond to and mitigate COVID-19. Alabama Act 2020-199 designated up to $300 million of the Coronavirus Relief Fund to be used to support citizens, businesses and non-profit and faith-based organizations of the state directly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

- Coronavirus Relief Fund Information (https://crf.alabama.gov/default.aspx)
- Provider Grant Program Overview and Eligibility (https://comptroller.alabama.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Health-Care-and-Emergency-Response-Provider-COVID-Relief-Grant-Program.pdf)
- Frequently Asked Questions (https://comptroller.alabama.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Provider-Relief-Grant-Program-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf)
- COVID-19 Relief Grant Program Website (https://alabama.submittable.com/submit)
- For questions, please contact the Coronavirus Relief Funds Office at 334-242-7063 or submissions@finance.alabama.gov (Please include 'Provider Grant Program' in the subject line of the email.)

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

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CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC2020-122

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VELMA LOUISE JACOBS, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Larry Edward Jacobs on the 17th day of September, 2020, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Larry Edward Jacobs
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Alabama Football selected to finish 1st in SEC West, win SEC Title

UA Athletics
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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The University of Alabama football team was selected as the favorite to win the Southeastern Conference's Western Division and the 2020 SEC Championship, the conference office announced on Wednesday morning. The Crimson Tide also landed a league-leading 13 players on the All-SEC Teams, with both the predicted finish and all-league nominees being selected by media members covering SEC football.

The Crimson Tide was picked to win the SEC Western Division with 86 first-place votes and 660 total points, ranking ahead of LSU, which was predicted to finish second in the division with 489 points. Alabama also received the most votes to finish as SEC champions once again, with the Tide finishing at 77 points compared to seven for both Georgia and LSU.

Alabama occupies 15 slots on the All-SEC list made up a group of 13 players that includes eight first-team honorees to go with one second-teamer and four third-team selections. The eight first-teamers include five players on offense, three on defense and two specialist spots occupied by one player.

The Crimson Tide's eight first-team selections involves a five-man offensive group that is made up of seniors Landon Dickerson (OL), Najee Harris (RB), Alex Leatherwood (OL) and DeVonta Smith (WR) along with junior Jaylen Waddle (WR). The defensive trio features juniors LaBryan Ray (DL) and Patrick Surtain II (DB) along with senior Dylan Moses (LB). Waddle also occupies two slots in the specialist group including at return specialist and all-purpose player.

Senior offensive lineman Deonte Brown is the Crimson Tide's lone second-teamer. Alabama's group is rounded out on the third team with sophomore DJ Dale (DL) on defense to go with junior Mac Jones (QB), sophomore Evan Neal (OL) and Dickerson again, this time at center.

Alabama enters the 2020 campaign having won a league-leading 27 SEC Championships in program history, including four of the last six conference titles. The Crimson Tide is scheduled to open the 2020 season on Saturday at 6 p.m. CT in Columbia, Mo., as Alabama squares off with the Missouri Tigers. The game will be broadcast live on ESPN.

Get all the latest information on the team by following @AlabamaFTBL on Twitter and Facebook and AlabamaFBL on Instagram. General athletic news can also be found at UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and AlabamaAthletics on Facebook.



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama wide out DeVonta Smith was selected to the preseason All-SEC first team this week.

7 Tigers voted to Preseason All-SEC Team

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – Senior captains K.J. Britt and Big Kat Bryant were named to the Preseason All-SEC first team, part of seven Auburn players media members selected for preseason honors.

Junior receiver Seth Williams and offensive lineman Brodarious Hamm were named to the third team to comprise Auburn's representatives on offense.

Junior defensive backs Christian Tutt and Smoke Monday were voted to the third team. On special teams, junior kicker Anders Carlson was selected to the third team.

Reporters picked Auburn to finish third in the SEC West, one point behind LSU.

Here's the release from the SEC:

Florida was selected to win the SEC Eastern Division with 624 points, including 53 first-place votes, while Georgia was second with 613 points and 43 votes to win the division. Tennessee was third with 434 points. Points were awarded on a 7-6-5-4-3-2-1 scale.

Alabama was picked to win the SEC Western Division with 660 total points, followed by LSU with 489 and Auburn with 488. Alabama received 86 first-place votes in the SEC West.

Seven times since 1992 has the predicted champion prior to the season proceeded to win the SEC Championship Game.

SEC PRESEASON MEDIA POLL

First place votes in ()

EASTERN DIVISION

- Florida (53) - 624
- Georgia (43) - 613
- Tennessee - 434
- Kentucky - 405
- South Carolina - 287
- Missouri - 224
- Vanderbilt – 101

WESTERN DIVISION

- Alabama (86) – 660
- LSU (8) – 489
- Auburn – 488
- Texas A&M (2) – 454
- T5. Ole Miss – 238
- T5. Mississippi State – 238
- Arkansas – 121

SEC CHAMPION

- Alabama – 77
- T2. Georgia – 7
- T2. LSU – 7
- 4. Florida – 5

2020 PRESEASON MEDIA DAYS ALL-SEC TEAM

OFFENSE

First-Team

- QB – Kyle Trask, Florida
- RB - Najee Harris, Alabama
- RB – Kylin Hill, Mississippi State
- WR - DeVonta Smith, Alabama
- WR - Jaylen Waddle, Alabama
- TE - Kyle Pitts, Florida
- OL - Alex Leatherwood, Alabama
- OL - Trey Smith, Tennessee
- OL - Landon Dickerson, Alabama
- OL - Landon Young, Kentucky
- C - Drake Jackson, Kentucky

Second-Team

- QB – Kellen Mond, Texas A&M
- RB - Rakeem Boyd, Arkansas
- RB - Isaiah Spiller, Texas A&M
- WR - George Pickens, Georgia
- WR - Terrace Marshall, LSU
- TE - Jalen Wydermyer, Texas A&M
- OL - Deonte Brown, Alabama
- OL - Darian Kinnard, Kentucky
- OL - Sadarius Hutcherson, South Carolina
- OL - Ed Ingram, LSU
- C - Trey Hill, Georgia

Third-Team

- QB – Mac Jones, Alabama
- RB - Zamir White, Georgia
- RB - Larry Rountree, Missouri
- WR - Seth Williams, Auburn
- WR - Elijah Moore, Ole Miss
- TE - Arik Gilbert, LSU
- OL - Austin Deculus, LSU
- OL - Brodarious Hamm, Auburn
- OL - Evan Neal, Alabama
- OL - Wanya Morris, Tennessee
- C - Landon Dickerson, Alabama

DEFENSE

First-Team

- DL - Big Kat Bryant, Auburn
- DL - LaBryan Ray, Alabama
- DL - Jordan Davis, Georgia
- DL - Malik Herring, Georgia
- LB - Dylan Moses, Alabama
- LB - K.J. Britt, Auburn
- LB - Nick Bolton, Missouri
- DB - Patrick Surtain II, Alabama
- DB - Derek Stingley Jr., LSU
- DB - Richard LeCounte, Georgia
- DB - Jacoby Stevens, LSU

Second-Team

- DL - Bobby Brown, Texas A&M
- DL - Dayo Odeyingbo, Vanderbilt
- DL - Kobie Whiteside, Missouri
- DL - Zachary Carter, Florida
- LB - Henry To'o To'o, Tennessee
- LB - Monty Rice, Georgia
- LB - Jabril Cox, LSU
- DB - Kaiir Elam, Florida
- DB - Eric Stokes, Georgia
- DB - Marco Wilson, Florida
- DB - Israel Mukuamu, South Carolina

Third-Team

- DL - Aaron Sterling, South Carolina
- DL - Glen Logan, LSU
- DL - Josh Paschal, Kentucky
- DL - DJ Dale, Alabama
- LB - Ventrell Miller, Florida
- LB - Erroll Thompson, Mississippi State
- LB - Boogie Watson, Kentucky
- DB - Demani Richardson, Texas A&M
- DB - Smoke Monday, Auburn
- DB - Tyree Gillespie, Missouri
- DB - Christian Tutt, Auburn*
- DB - Bryce Thompson, Tennessee*

SPECIALISTS

First-Team

- P - Max Duffy, Kentucky
- PK - Brent Cimaglia, Tennessee
- RS - Jaylen Waddle, Alabama
- AP - Jaylen Waddle, Alabama

Second-Team

- P - Jake Camarda, Georgia
- PK - Cade York, LSU
- RS - Jerrion Ealy, Ole Miss
- AP - Derek Stingley Jr., LSU

Third-Team

- P - Zach Von Rosenberg, LSU
- PK - Anders Carlson, Auburn
- RS - Derek Stingley Jr., LSU

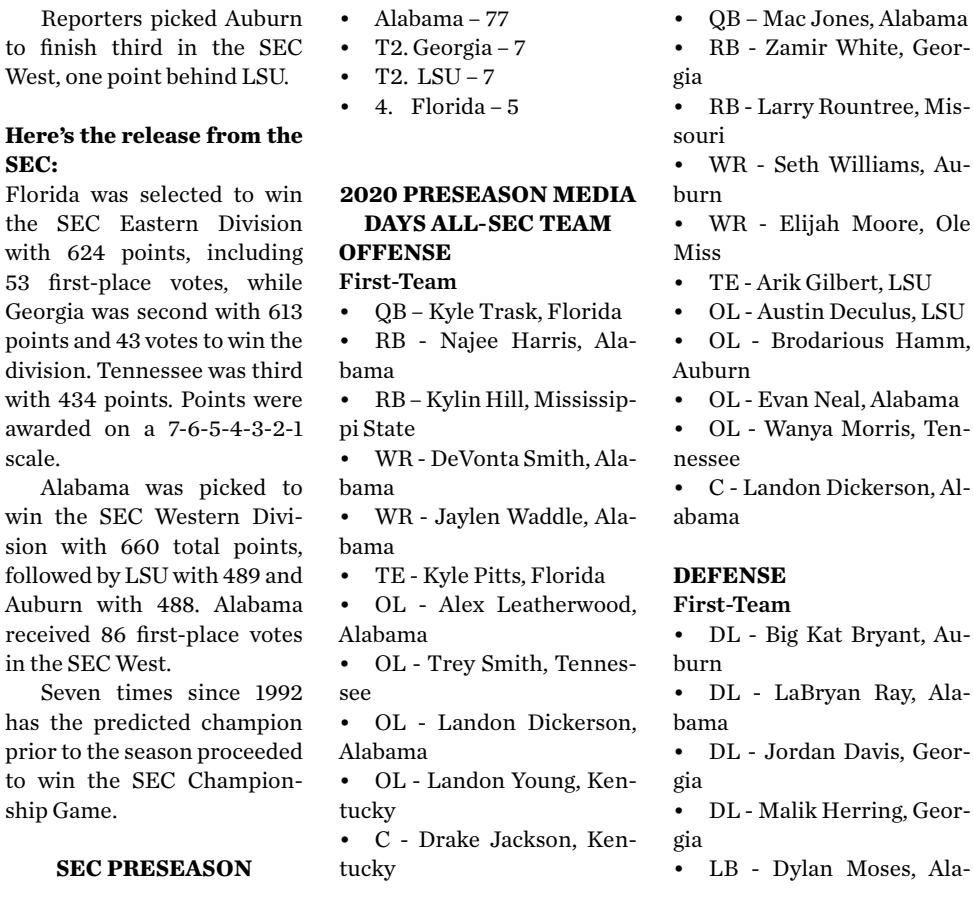
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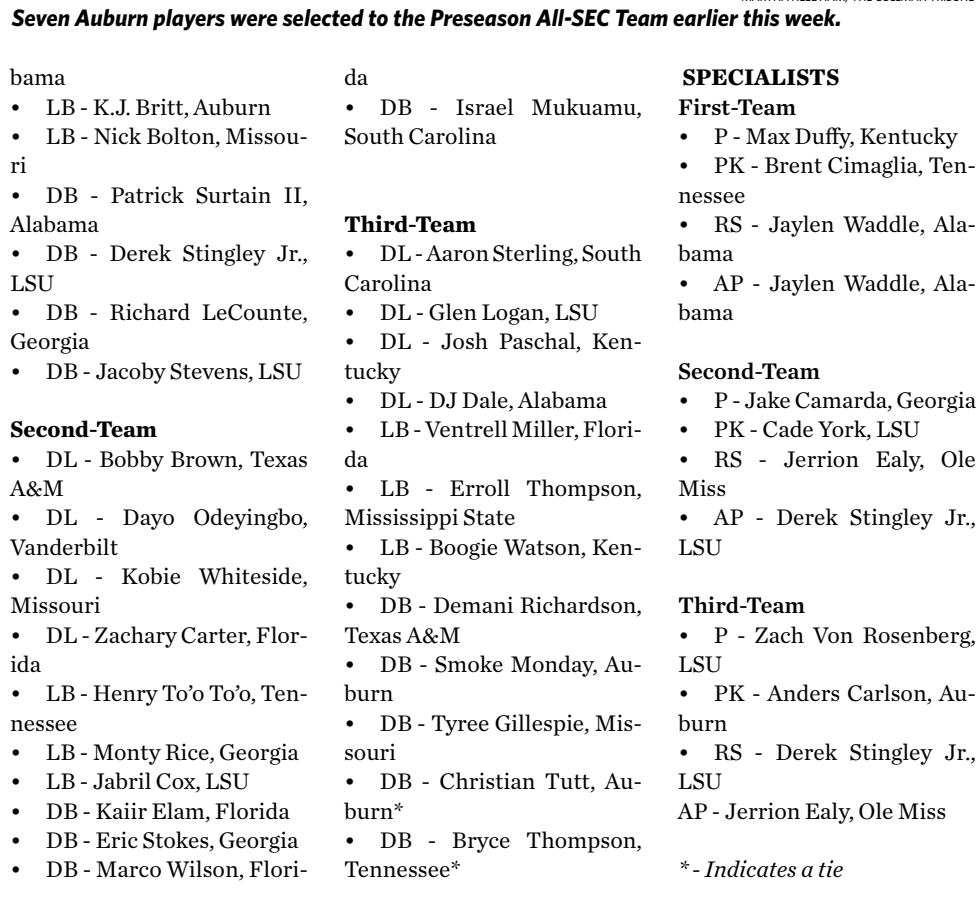
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MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Seven Auburn players were selected to the Preseason All-SEC Team earlier this week.







BILLY POPE
The cabins on the north side of Lake Shelby at Gulf State Park were severely damage by the storm.

Gulf State Park section succumbs to Sally's surge

David Rainer
Ala. Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources

One aspect of living on Alabama's beautiful Gulf Coast is the realization that the best-laid plan is no match for Mother Nature.

The original plan was to gather Sept. 16 at the Gulf State Park Pier to celebrate the grand reopening of the 1,542-foot pier after a $2.4 million renovation.

Although I'm a veteran of many tropical storms and hurricanes in my 28 years on the Gulf Coast, including back-to-back hits by Ivan and Katrina, the system that turned into Hurricane Sally threw me and many Gulf Coast residents a wicked curveball.

Off to bed with a predicted peak of 85 mph winds, I was awakened by an ominous roar. With one peek through the high windows on our vibrating front door, it was obvious this was not a clone of Hurricane Danny from 1997 that dumped copious amounts of rain on the area but did not have the wind-damage potential of Sally.

As Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft said, "Sally sucker-punched us."

Sally made landfall in Gulf Shores in the early hours of Sept. 16 as a strong Category 2 hurricane with winds clocked at 105 mph. A wind-speed detector on a nearby tower clocked a 121-mph gust.

However, Sally's brutality was magnified by her crawling forward speed of 2 mph, which made the incessant winds seem to last forever. Like my friend Dwight Lores said, "A human can easily walk at 3 miles per hour. That's why Sally did so much damage."

When the first hint of sunrise allowed a minimal assessment through the aforementioned door, trees were down in every direction. Unlike many Baldwin County homes, thankfully ours was not damaged by any of the falling trees, but it was almost three days before we could even leave our driveway.

On the fourth day, a utility crew from Warren County, Kentucky, restored our power, a remarkable feat considering the extent of the damage. All hail to a hot shower.

Of course, I prayed for the best for everybody on the Alabama coast, but I feared it was not going to be the outcome we wished, especially for those structures vulnerable to storm surge.

I soon got word through the little cell service available that the northern Gulf Coast's premier fishing and educational pier, which opened in 2009 after Ivan razed the previous pier, had succumbed to the constant battering of Sally's surge.

The section of pier closest to the end octagon was gone. The majority of the blowout deck panels were scattered all along the sugar-sand shoreline.

The good news is the new Lodge at Gulf State Park and nearby structures were relatively unscathed because those buildings were designed to withstand winds of up to 150 mph.

Chris Blankenship, commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR), and Greg Lein, Alabama State Parks director, were able to perform cursory assessments late last week.

"We had damage in places we didn't expect, and in other places where I expected to have a lot of damage, it turned out to be not as bad," said Commissioner Blankenship, who toured the area with Governor Kay Ivey last Friday. "The damage to the pier is the most obvious that everybody has seen on TV and had the most questions about. We were very surprised by the amount of damage to the pier. The cabins at Gulf State Park on Lake Shelby took a beating. I'm afraid a lot of them will be total losses.

"But I was pleasantly surprised by how the dune system held up on the beach. And the Lodge at Gulf State Park, which was built to fortified building standards, fared very well during the storm. The FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Administration) administrator was there, and we showed him the Lodge. He was very impressed with the resilience of the Lodge and how building to that standard has a big impact on the recovery."

Commissioner Blankenship said divers are scheduled to assess the damage to the pier and determine the structural integrity of the remaining pilings.

"After that is finished, we will be able to make plans to get the pier reopened at least to the part where it broke off while we repair the entire structure back out to the octagon," he said.

Director Lein said the campground at Gulf State Park suffered quite a bit of damage.

"It wasn't until Friday that staff was able to access all of the park and assess the damage because of the water and downed trees," Lein said.

"A lot of the electrical distribution panels in the campground were impacted. That system will have to be assessed by an electrician to see what repairs are needed. Now that the conditions have improved, we've been able to clear all the campsite pads.

"All the modern buildings at the park appear to be okay. A couple of campers that were left on the site were tipped over by the wind.

"A few of the campers in the storage area were pushed together, but only one was overturned."

The cabins and cottages on Lake Shelby highlighted how construction standards can make a big difference in potential damage.

"The cabins suffered major damage," Lein said. "They lost portions of their roofs. Some of the walls collapsed. It appeared the wind got under the roofs in the porch areas and ripped them off.

"On the cottages, the roofs are intact. The older cabins had significant damage, but the modern cottages were not as affected."

Lein said the good news about the pier is that the staff has been able to recover more than 200 of the deck panels that are designed to blow out to protect the infrastructure.

"They found some about 4 miles down the beach," Lein said. "A couple were found in swimming pools down there. It's amazing our crew has been able to recover so many panels. The pier will be inspected. If it's structurally okay, we'll be able to put a lot of those panels back, and we may be able to reopen a portion of the pier. The pier house appeared to not have any damage."

Lein said strike teams were formed several years ago in each district of the State Parks system to assist in natural disasters. The teams are comprised of employees capable of running chainsaws, skid steers, backhoes and tractors.

"We had more than a dozen strike team members down there to join the men and women from Gulf State Park, working together as one team to clear roads and paths so support personnel had access to all of the park," Lein said. "They achieved a huge amount of relief to the park in three days.

"They brought generators with them to power part of the Lodge and the park office. I can't say enough about the strike teams and how successful their deployment was in supporting the Gulf State Park staff.

"The crews were all fed by the chef and staff at the Lodge's Food Craft restaurant, and that was such a morale booster for the teams to get a warm meal."

Commissioner Blankenship said he has been impressed by the spirit of cooperation and willingness of folks who don't live on the Gulf Coast to lend a helping hand.

"I appreciate our strike teams that came down to assist at Gulf State Park," he said. "They have done a great job of cleaning up the park. It will help us get the park reopened a lot quicker, and it allows for some of our employees who rode out the storm to take care of their families and limit the damage done to their homes.

"That's extremely important. Every single employee was without power for a certain amount of time and had damage at their residences they needed to attend to.

"Having people come in from areas that weren't impacted helped those affected people. It is very important to me to have our employees taken care of."

Meanwhile, Commissioner Blankenship said the Alabama Marine Resources Division (MRD) facilities in Dauphin Island sustained significant damage. The MRD office building suffered roof damage, and the docks at the office were destroyed.

"But Meaher State Park on the Causeway and 5 Rivers Delta Resource Center seemed to do okay," he said. "There were trees down but not a lot of other damage."

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FRIDAY EVENING

MOVIES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

		5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
WABM-MyTV	2	25 Words or Less (N)	25 Words or Less (N)	Family Feud	Friday Night Rivals Blitz	High School Football						Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
WBIQ-PBS	4	Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot	Peg & Cat (EI)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Washington Week (N)	Capitol Journal		Great Performances The work of composer Franz Schubert.		Art in the Twenty-First Century "Beijing" (N)		Beyond the CANVAS
WVTM-NBC	5	WVTM 13 News at 5p (N)	NBC Nightly News - Holt	WVTM 13 News at 6p (N)	WVTM 13 News at 6:3	2020 Stanley Cup Final Tampa Bay Lightning vs Dallas Stars. Nikita Kucherov and the Lightning take on the Stars in Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Final. (N) (Live)						WVTM 13 News at 10p	Tonight Show-J. Fallon
WBRC-FOX	7	WBRC FOX6 News at 5pm	WBRC FOX6 News	WBRC FOX6 News at 6pm	Inside Edition (N)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (Live)				WBRC FOX6 News at 9pm	WBRC FOX6 News	WBRC FOX6 News at 10pm	(:35) WBRC FOX6 Sideline
WIAT-CBS	8	CBS42 News 5pm (N)	CBS Evening News	CBS42 News 6pm (N)	CBS 42 College	The Greatest AtHome Videos Rapper MC Hammer. (N)		Love Island The islanders must couple up. (N)		Blue Bloods		CBS42 News 10pm (N)	Late Show-Colbert
WTTO-CW	9	The Goldbergs	2 Broke Girls	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Masters of Illusion (N)	Masters of Illusion	World's Funniest Animals	World's Funniest Animals	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	The Andy Griffith Show	The Andy Griffith Show
WPXH-ION	11	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Boy is abducted.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Choice"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Abomination"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Control"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Shaken"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Escape"	
WABM2-ABC	12	ABC 33/40 News at 5PM	ABC World News	ABC 33/40 News at 6PM	Wheel of Fortune (N)	America's Funniest Home Videos		(:01) 20/20 (N)				ABC 33/40 News at 10PM	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!
A&E	42	The First 48 A young woman set on fire.		The First 48 A young mother gunned down.		The First 48: The Case That Haunts Me (N)		Live Rescue "Live Rescue -- 09.25.20" (N)				The First 48 "Spree Killer" Potential spree killer on the loose.	
AMC	53	(4:30) ★★ "Con Air" (1997, Action) Nicolas Cage, John Cusack, John Malkovich. Vicious convicts hijack their flight.				★★★ "The Goonies" (1985, Children's) Sean Astin, Josh Brolin, Jeff Cohen. Young misfits find a 17th-century pirate's treasure map.					★★★ "The Goonies" (1985, Children's) Sean Astin, Josh Brolin, Jeff Cohen.		
ANPL	47	River Monsters Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant.		River Monsters Jeremy treks into the Colombian Amazon.		River Monsters: Deadliest Man-Eaters "Fatal Fish of the North" (N)				Mysteries of the Deep "Escobar's Treasure Sub"		Chasing Monsters	
BET	55	(3:00) ★★ "Just Wright" (2010) Queen Latifah, Common.		★★ "ATL" (2006, Comedy-Drama) Tip Harris, Lauren London, Mykelti Williamson. Four Atlanta teens face challenges.						House of Payne	House of Payne	Assisted Living	Assisted Living
BRAVO	58	(4:38) ★★ "He's Just Not That Into You" (2009) Ben Affleck. Men and women navigate through complex relationships.				(:11) ★★ "Legally Blonde" (2001, Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Luke Wilson, Selma Blair. A sorority queen enrolls in Harvard to win back her boyfriend.					(:16) ★★ "Legally Blonde" (2001, Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Luke Wilson.		
CMTV	61	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom "Pilot"	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	35	Mad Money (N)		Shark Tank A cold brew coffee kit.		Shark Tank Camping cookware.		Shark Tank A vibrating mat that helps calm babies.		Shark Tank A cold brew coffee kit.		Undercover Boss Bosses discuss their experiences.	
CNN	37	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer (N) (Live)		Erin Burnett OutFront (N) (Live)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N) (Live)		Cuomo Prime Time (N) (Live)		CNN Tonight with Don Lemon (N) (Live)		CNN Tonight with Don Lemon (N) (Live)	
COM	56	South Park "Cat Orgy"	(:35) South Park	(:10) South Park	(:45) The Office "Frame Toby" A huge mess in the microwave.		(:20) The Office	(7:55) The Office "The Duel"	The Office	The Office "Stress Relief"	The Office "Stress Relief"	Kevin Hart: Laugh at My Pain The comic discusses his life.	
DISN	49	(:10) ★★★ "Frozen" (2013, Children's) Voices of Kristen Bell, Idina Menzel, Jonathan Groff. 'PG'				Miraculous New York: United Heroez (N)		Miraculous: Ladybug	Miraculous: Ladybug	Miraculous: Ladybug	Miraculous: Ladybug	(:05) Miraculous New York: United Heroez	
DSC	43	Bering Sea Gold Shawn proves the viability of TOMCOD.		Bering Sea Gold: Dredged Up Shawn fights frozen ground.		Bering Sea Gold Kris finds gold under the ice. (N)		(:03) 100 Days Wild "Hangry Days" (N)		(:05) Homestead Rescue		(:06) Homestead Rescue The expansion of their homestead.	
E!	21	Keeping Up With the Kardashians		★★ "He's Just Not That Into You" (2009, Romance-Comedy) Ben Affleck, Jennifer Aniston. Men and women navigate through complex relationships.					★★ "He's Just Not That Into You" (2009, Romance-Comedy) Ben Affleck, Jennifer Aniston. Men and women navigate through complex relationships.				
ESPN	29	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter With Stephen A. Smith (N) (Live)		NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Miami Heat vs Boston Celtics. The Celtics aim to even up their Eastern Conference finals in Game 4 against the Heat. (N) (Live)						SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N) (Live)	
ESPN2	30	Daily Wager (N) (Live)		NFL Live (N)		MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox. From Guaranteed Rate Field in Chicago. (N) (Live)						NFL 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 "Extra Helpings"	
FREE	48	(3:30) ★★ "Alice Through the Looking Glass" (2016)		★★★ "Brave" (2012, Children's) Voices of Kelly Macdonald. Animated. A Scottish princess must undo a beastly curse.				★★★ "Tangled" (2010) Voices of Mandy Moore. Animated. A bandit provides Rapunzel's ticket out of her prison tower.				The 700 Club God's blessings and power. (N)	
FS1	20	NFL Films Presents	NFL Turning Point	Refuse to Lose: Jeff Gordon and the 1997 Daytona 500		NASCAR Raceday: NGROTS (N) (Live)		NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series World of Westgate 200. (N) (Live)				World Poker	
FSEE	32	404 Takeover With Coach	Florida Gators Preseason Sp.	Women's College Basketball LSU at Oklahoma. From the Lloyd Noble Center in Norman, Okla.				Pro Football Weekly (N)	3 Wide Life (N)	Fight Sports: Boxing			
FX	28	(4:30) ★★★ "Deadpool 2" (2018) Ryan Reynolds, Josh Brolin. Deadpool joins forces with a team of mutants to fight Cable.				A Wilderness of Error "Girl in a Floppy Hat" Errol Morris is obsessed with a murder.			(:23) A Wilderness of Error A reinvestigation is demanded.		(:23) A Wilderness of Error "Should the Jury Find ..." (N)		(:26) A Wilderness of Error
GOLF	82	Golf Central (N) (Live)	Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, Second Round.						PGA Tour Golf Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, Second Round.			
HALL	72	"All of My Heart: Inn Love" (2017, Romance) Lacey Chabert. Brian and Jenny work hard to open their bed and breakfast.				"Christmas in Rome" (2019) Lacey Chabert, Sam Page. Angela, an American tour guide in Rome, meets a businessman.				The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls
HGTV	46	Fixer to Fabulous The duo modernize a farmhouse.		Fixer to Fabulous		My Lottery Dream Home	My Lottery Dream Home	Selling the Big Easy (N)	Selling the Big Easy (N)	My Lottery Dream Home	My Lottery Dream Home	House Hunters	House Hunters
HIST	40	Ancient Aliens "Aliens B.C."		MonsterQuest: Feline Beasts Large and dangerous cats.		Monster Quest: Deadly Jellyfish		MonsterQuest: Dangerous Primates (N)		(:03) Ancient Aliens Presidential encounters with UFOs.		(:05) Ancient Aliens Beings with big heads and giant eyes.	
LIFE	23	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	★★ "The Holiday" (2006, Romance-Comedy) Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jude Law. Two women from different countries swap homes at Christmas.						(:03) ★★ "Where the Heart Is" (2000) Natalie Portman.	
MSNBC	36	The Beat With Ari Melber (N) (Live)		The ReidOut (N) (Live)		All In With Chris Hayes (N) (Live)		The Rachel Maddow Show (N) (Live)		The Last Word With Lawrence O'Donnell (N) (Live)		The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N) (Live)	
NGC	22	Killer Shrimp Mantis shrimp can crack a crab's shell. (N)		Attack of the Killer Whales		World's Deadliest Jellyfish The deadly jellyfish is thriving. (N)		Deep Sea Killers: Into the Deep (N)		(:03) The Giant Robber Crab (N)		(:03) Sea Monsters: The Definitive Guide: Deep Dive	
PARMT	57	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	★★★ "Beverly Hills Cop" (1984, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Judge Reinhold, John Ashton. A Detroit cop goes west to avenge his friend's death.					(:25) ★★ "Beverly Hills Cop II" (1987, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Judge Reinhold, Brigitte Nielsen. A Detroit cop tangles with a vicious gang in California.				
TBS	25	Family Guy	Family Guy	★★ "Central Intelligence" (2016, Action) Dwayne Johnson. A CIA agent recruits an ex-classmate for a top-secret case.				(:15) ★★ "Pain & Gain" (2013, Action) Mark Wahlberg, Dwayne Johnson, Ed Harris. Florida bodybuilders get caught up in an extortion ring.					
TCM	79	★★ "Children of the Damned" (1963) Ian Hendry, Alan Badel. Alien kids with high IQs and Medusa eyes, in England.				★★★ "The Outlaw Josey Wales" (1976, Western) Clint Eastwood, Chief Dan George. A Confederate soldier vows to avenge his family's murder.					★★★ "Alvarez Kelly" (1966, Western) William Holden, Richard Widmark, Janice Rule.		
TLC	24	Darcey & Stacey Darcey and Stacey adjust to COVID-19.		90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days		90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? "More to Love: Point of No Return" Larissa's transformation. (N)				90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After?		90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever
TNT	26	Bones "Aliens in a Spaceship" A killer buries his victims alive.		Bones A headless corpse appears in the woods.		★★★ "Captain America: Civil War" (2016, Action) Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson. Captain America clashes with Iron Man.						(:15) ★★ "The Wolverine" (2013, Action) Hugh Jackman.	
USA	27	Chicago P.D. Two teenage girls disappear.		★★★ "Shrek" (2001) Voices of Mike Myers. Animated. A monster and a donkey make a deal with a mean lord.				★★★ "Shrek" (2001) Voices of Mike Myers. Animated. A monster and a donkey make a deal with a mean lord.				Modern Family "Royal Visit"	Modern Family
WE	71	Law & Order: Criminal Intent Aging revolutionary.		Love After Lockup Tony is burdened by his mistake.		Love After Lockup Lacey takes a major step.		Love After Lockup Romance blooms for Angela. (N)		(:01) Love After Lockup Romance blooms for Angela.		(:01) Love After Lockup Romance blooms for Angela.	
HBO	518	(4:50) ★★ "Prometheus" (2012) Noomi Rapace. Explorers wage a terrifying battle to save mankind's future. 'R'				(6:55) Lovecraft Country "Strange Case"		(7:53) Lovecraft Country "Meet Me in Daegu"		Real Time With Bill Maher (N) (Live)		Room 104 (N)	Real Time, Bill Maher
MAX	549	(3:00) ★★★ "Open Range"	(:20) ★ "White Noise" (2005, Suspense) Michael Keaton, Chandra West. 'PG-13'			★★★ "John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum" (2019) Keanu Reeves. Hit man John Wick battles the world's top assassins.				(:15) ★★ "The Eagle" (2011, Action) Channing Tatum. A Roman soldier sets out to restore his father's honor. 'PG-13'			
SHOW	578	(3:30) ★★★ "Clear and Present Danger" (1994) 'PG-13'		★★ "Road House" (1989, Action) Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch. A legendary bouncer agrees to tame a notorious gin mill. 'R'				★★ "Hot Summer Nights" (2017, Suspense) Timothée Chalamet. A drug-dealing teen winds up in over his head. 'R'				Desus & Mero	Inside the NFL
TMC	598	(:10) ★ "Peppermint" (2018, Action) Jennifer Garner. A vigilante seeks justice against her family's killers. 'R'				★ "The Happytime Murders" (2018, Comedy) Melissa McCarthy, Elizabeth Banks. 'R'			(:35) ★★ "I Spy" (2002, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Owen Wilson, Famke Janssen. 'PG-13'			(:15) ★★ "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls" (1995) 'PG-13'	

Sports

7:00 a.m. GOLF European PGA Tour Golf Dubai Duty Free Irish Open, Second Round. (Live)
10:00 a.m. FSEE MLB Baseball Miami Marlins at Atlanta Braves.
1:00 p.m. FSEE Horse Racing America's Day at the Races. (Live)
2:00 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, Second Round. (Live)
4:30 p.m. FSEE Sports Stars of Tomorrow
6:00 p.m. FSEE Women's College Basketball LSU at Oklahoma.
GOLF PGA Tour Golf Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, Second Round.
7:00 p.m. WABM High School Football
WVTM 2020 Stanley Cup Final Tampa Bay Lightning vs Dallas Stars. (Live)
WBRC WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live)
ESPN2 MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox. (Live)
7:30 p.m. ESPN NBA Basketball Miami Heat vs Boston Celtics. (Live)
8:00 p.m. FS1 NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series World of Westgate 200. (Live)
9:00 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, Second Round.
10:30 p.m. FS1 World Poker Tour WPT World Championship - Part 1.

Movies

6:00 a.m. FX "Pitch Perfect 3" ★★ (2017) Anna Kendrick.
MAX "The Woman in Red" ★★½ (1984) Gene Wilder
6:15 a.m. SHOW "The Karate Kid" ★★★½ (1984) Ralph Macchio A New Jersey teen moves to California, meets bullies and learns karate from a handyman, Mr. Miyagi.
7:05 a.m. TMC "Kingpin" ★★½ (1996) Woody Harrelson
7:30 a.m. BRAVO "The Dilemma" ★★ (2011) Vince Vaughn.
TCM "Cosmic Monsters" ★★ (1958) Forrest Tucker.
HBO "Journey 2: The Mysterious Island" ★★ (2012) Dwayne Johnson
8:25 a.m. SHOW "The Karate Kid Part II" ★★½ (1986) Ralph Macchio
8:30 a.m. AMC "The Matrix Revolutions" ★★½ (2003) Keanu Reeves.
9:00 a.m. FX "The Fast and the Furious" ★★½ (2001) Vin Diesel.
TCM "Satellite in the Sky" ★★½ (1956) Kieron Moore.
TMC "Stepmom" ★★ (1998) Julia Roberts
9:05 a.m. HBO "Victoria & Abdul" ★★½ (2017) Judi Dench
9:10 a.m. MAX "Dead Silence" ★★ (2007) Ryan Kwanten
10:00 a.m. FREE "The Game Plan" ★★ (2007) Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson.
10:02 a.m. BRAVO "The Break-Up" ★★ (2006) Vince Vaughn.
10:30 a.m. SHOW "The Karate Kid Part III" ★★ (1989) Ralph Macchio
10:40 a.m. 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.
11:00 a.m. HBO "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" ★★★½ (2008) Brad Pitt Benjamin Button is born an old man in 1918 New Orleans and ages in reverse and, in so doing, becomes intimately familiar with the natures of love and death.
11:30 a.m. AMC "Predators" ★★ (2010) Adrien Brody.
FX "2 Fast 2 Furious" ★★ (2003) Paul Walker.
12:04 p.m. BRAVO "The Break-Up" ★★ (2006) Vince Vaughn.
12:40 p.m. MAX "Shutter Island" ★★½ (2010) Leonardo DiCaprio
1:00 p.m. TMC "Captive State" ★★ (2019) John Goodman
1:55 p.m. HBO "Jojo Rabbit" ★★★½ (2019) Roman Griffin Davis Jojo is a lonely German boy who discovers that his single mother is hiding a Jewish girl in their attic. Aided only by his imaginary friend — Adolf Hitler — Jojo must confront his blind nationalism as World War II continues to rage on.
2:00 p.m. FX "Fast & Furious" ★★ (2009) Vin Diesel.
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.
2:06 p.m. BRAVO "How to Be Single" ★★ (2016) Dakota Johnson.
3:00 p.m. BET "Just Wright" ★★½ (2010) Queen Latifah.
MAX "Open Range" ★★★ (2003) Robert Duvall Cattle herdsmen unite to battle a ruthless rancher and his henchmen in 1882.
TMC "Cape Fear" ★★★ (1991) Robert De Niro A tattooed psychopath preys on a Southern lawyer, his wife and their teenage daughter.
3:30 p.m. FREE "Alice Through the Looking Glass" ★★ (2016) Johnny Depp.
TCM "Village of the Damned" ★★★ (1960) George Sanders. British parents realize their son is one of 12 evil alien children born in their village.
SHOW "Clear and Present Danger" ★★★ (1994) Harrison Ford An acting CIA chief learns the president has triggered a war with Colombian drug cartels.
4:30 p.m. AMC "Con Air" ★★½ (1997) Nicolas Cage.
FX "Deadpool 2" ★★★ (2018) Ryan Reynolds. Wisecracking mercenary Deadpool must protect a teenage mutant from Cable — a genetically enhanced soldier from the future. He soon joins forces with Bedlam, Shatterstar, Domino and other mutants to battle Cable and his powerful advanced weaponry.
4:38 p.m. BRAVO "He's Just Not That Into You" ★★ (2009) Ben Affleck.
4:50 p.m. HBO "Prometheus" ★★½ (2012) Noomi Rapace
5:00 p.m. TCM "Children of the Damned" ★★½ (1963) Ian Hendry.
5:10 p.m. DISN "Frozen" ★★★½ (2013) Voices of Kristen Bell. Animated. A fearless young princess sets out with a mountaineer to find her sister, whose icy powers have trapped their kingdom in eternal winter.
6:00 p.m. BET "ATL" ★★½ (2006) Tip Harris.
E! "He's Just Not That Into You" ★★ (2009) Ben Affleck.
FREE "Brave" ★★★½ (2012) Voices of Kelly Macdonald. Animated. A courageous Scottish princess must figure out how to undo a beastly curse after an eccentric witch grants her an ill-fated wish.
PARMT "Beverly Hills Cop" ★★★ (1984) Eddie Murphy. A hip Detroit detective drives out to Los Angeles and shows local police how to catch a killer.
TBS "Central Intelligence" ★★½ (2016) Dwayne Johnson.
USA "Shrek" ★★★½ (2001) Voices of Mike Myers. Animated. In order to save his home, a monster with a donkey makes a deal with a mean lord to rescue a beautiful princess.
SHOW "Road House" ★★ (1989) Patrick Swayze
7:00 p.m. AMC "The Goonies" ★★★ (1985) Sean Astin. Coastal Oregon kids follow the treasure map of pirate One-Eyed Willie past his deadly traps to gold.
LIFE "The Holiday" ★★½ (2006) Cameron Diaz.
TCM "The Outlaw Josey Wales" ★★★ (1976) Clint Eastwood. A Missouri farmer hunts down the Union soldiers who killed his family and left him for dead.
TNT "Captain America: Civil War" ★★★ (2016) Chris Evans. Black Widow and Hawkeye must pick a side when a feud between Captain America and Iron Man leaves the Avengers in turmoil.
MAX "John Wick: Chapter 3 — Parabellum" ★★★½ (2019) Keanu Reeves (Premiere) Stripped of the High Table's protective services, legendary hit man John Wick must fight his way through the streets of New York as the world's most ruthless killers try to collect the $14 million bounty on his head.
7:11 p.m. BRAVO "Legally Blonde" ★★½ (2001) Reese Witherspoon.
8:00 p.m. FREE "Tangled" ★★★ (2010) Voices of Mandy Moore. Animated. Crowned with 70 feet of magical golden hair, Rapunzel strikes a deal with a charming thief to spring her from her prison tower.
USA "Shrek" ★★★½ (2001) Voices of Mike Myers. Animated. In order to save his home, a monster with a donkey makes a deal with a mean lord to rescue a beautiful princess.
SHOW "Hot Summer Nights" ★★ (2017) Timothée Chalamet
8:15 p.m. TBS "Pain & Gain" ★★ (2013) Mark Wahlberg.
8:25 p.m. PARMT "Beverly Hills Cop II" ★★½ (1987) Eddie Murphy.
8:30 p.m. E! "He's Just Not That Into You" ★★ (2009) Ben Affleck.
8:35 p.m. TMC "I Spy" ★★ (2002) Eddie Murphy
9:15 p.m. MAX "The Eagle" ★★½ (2011) Channing Tatum
9:16 p.m. BRAVO "Legally Blonde" ★★½ (2001) Reese Witherspoon.
9:30 p.m. AMC "The Goonies" ★★★ (1985) Sean Astin. Coastal Oregon kids follow the treasure map of pirate One-Eyed Willie past his deadly traps to gold.
TCM "Alvarez Kelly" ★★★ (1966) William Holden. A Confederate colonel makes a cattleman teach his troops how to herd Union cattle.
10:03 p.m. LIFE "Where the Heart Is" ★★ (2000) Natalie Portman.
10:15 p.m. TNT "The Wolverine" ★★½ (2013) Hugh Jackman.
TMC "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls" ★★ (1995) Jim Carrey
10:50 p.m. PARMT "Beverly Hills Cop III" ★★ (1994) Eddie Murphy.

Best Bets

6:30 p.m. on NICK
The Casagrandes

After a disagreement with Abuelo, Bobby goes to work for Mr. Hong to try out his new business ideas in the new episode "Bo Bo Business; Blunder Party." Meanwhile, Ronnie, Anne and Sid are pumped up for their sleepover, but Carl and Adelaide might ruin the day. The voice cast features Izabella Alvarez, Alex Cazares, Leah Mei Gold and Lexi Sexton.

7 p.m. on FX
A Wilderness of Error

Based on a bestselling book of the same title by filmmaker and author Errol Morris, this new five-part true-crime docuseries from Emmy-winning producer Marc Smerling revisits one of the most noteworthy crimes of the latter 20th century: the 1970 murders of Army surgeon Jeffrey MacDonald's wife and two young daughters. MacDonald steadfastly insisted the killings were committed by hippies inspired by Charles Manson, but he was convicted of the murders himself and is serving a life sentence. The first three episodes air here, followed by the final two on Oct. 2.

7 p.m. on MAX
Movie: John Wick: Chapter 3 — Parabellum

This third entry in the Keanu Reeves action thriller franchise was the most successful to date, both in terms of box-office revenue and critical praise for the screenplay and performances. The story picks up just one hour after the events of the second "Wick" film and finds the ex-hitman title character on the run for his life, pursued by legions of assassins eyeing the $14 million contract placed on his head for his recent actions. Ian McShane, Mark Dacascos, Laurence Fishburne, Halle Berry and Anjelica Huston also star.

8 p.m. on SHOW
Movie: Hot Summer Nights

Current Hollywood "It Boy" Timothée Chalamet stars in writer-director Elijah Bynum's 2017 coming-of-age crime drama as Daniel Middleton, an awkward teenager whose father recently died. Daniel's mother ships him off to spend summer with an aunt on Cape Cod, where he soon meets and becomes friendly with local bad boy Hunter Strawberry (Alex Roe, TV's "Siren"). It's not long before Daniel gets drawn into Hunter's drug-dealing business. Maika Monroe, Thomas Jane, Emory Cohen and William Fichtner also star.

8:30 p.m. on WBIQ
Great Performances

The new episode "Now Hear This: The Schubert Generation" uses the tragically brief life of composer Franz Schubert — who composed 1,500 works without having his genius recognized until after his death at age 31 — as a jumping off point for a look at what it takes for a young classical artist to make it today in the 21st century. Host Scott Yoo goes to several of the world's music capitals to meet rising music stars and play from Schubert's vast catalog of masterworks.

10 p.m. on HBO
Room 104

Childhood best friends Bruce and Abby (Leonardo Nam, Lily Gladstone) are understandably surprised when they run into each other for the first time in decades, but the experience is pleasant enough to motivate Bruce to hatch an admittedly eccentric plan to rekindle their long-dormant friendship. Alas, instead he just reopens some painful old wounds in the new episode "The Night Babby Died."



"A Wilderness of Error" airs on FX.

LIFESTYLE SERIES

A Round of Applause for the Joy Givers: Minnie Pearl

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Tribune Contributor

HOORAY FOR THE JOY-GIVERS! We always need more smiles, music and laughter. This fun series salutes those seriously unsolemn people, places and things that bring joy to the world. Starting during the pandemic, an oft joy-challenged time, readers are introduced to present-day joy givers and reminded of cherished joy givers of the past. Each salute will have online links to add more opportunities for happiness in the comfort of your socially-distanced home. Many installments of the series will include a salutary food or drink recipe to add another element of pleasure.

The "SHIELD THE JOYOUS" shields, which will be given to those honored or to their family, are inspired from a passage in "The Book of Common Prayer" (1662). Prayers are lifted to "tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying...and shield the joyous." Joy givers are precious. Let us preserve them, protect them, treasure them, smile with them, laugh with them, tap our toes with them and give them A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

PLEASE GIVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR: MINNIE PEARL

First, let's share a round of laughs with this joke Minnie Pearl told: "Kissin' a man with a beard is a lot like goin' on a picnic. You don't mind goin' through the bush to get there."

Here is a round of great things to salute "America's Favorite Country Comedienne:"

1. MINNIE PEARL WAS BIRTHED IN CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA in 1935- The beloved "Cousin Minnie Pearl" received thousands of letters from fans who never thought of her as the fictional character created by the college-degreed actress, Sarah Ophelia Colley, during a weeklong visit with the Burden family in Baileyton.

2. MINNIE PEARL had two popular catch phrases: "HOWDEEEEE, I'm jes' so proud to be here!!" And "I love y'all so much it hurts."

3. MINNIE PEARL'S trademark straw hat sported the $1.98 price tag because the actress, Sarah Colley, hurriedly wrapped dime-store flowers around the brim and the price tag was on the flowers.

4. MINNIE PEARL'S fictional hometown, Grinder's Switch, was based on Colley's hometown, Centreville, Tennessee.

5. MINNIE PEARL sang on a number of hit duets with Grandpa Jones, Ernest Tubb and others but her highest charting song was "Giddyup Go" an answer to a Red Sovine classic.

6. MINNIE PEARL was a favorite on television variety shows including: "The Liberace Show" (YouTube this for some candelabras and cornpone), "The Dinah Shore Show," "The Carol Burnett Show" and "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson."

7. MINNIE PEARL was the first comedian elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame



NATIONAL COMEDY HALL OF FAME
Minnie Pearl

(she's also the first person to be saluted in our "Round of Applause" series).

FREE YOUTUBE ROUNDUP OF MINNIE PEARL FUN: "The Best of Minnie Pearl Comedy" (one hour); "This Is Your Life: Minnie Pearl" (30 minutes); "The Grand Ladies of the Grand Ole Opry: Minnie Pearl" (30 minutes)

We love Minnie Pearl so much it hurts! Please join us in giving her "A Round of Applause" and enjoy this recipe for "HOWDEE-LICIOUS SUMMER VEGETABLE MEDLEY shared by Raydonna Sims of the Cullman County office of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

SUMMER VEGETABLE MEDLEY

In an electric skillet or a heavy stainless skillet, heat 1/8 cup olive oil



Add:
- 1 cup chopped onion
- ½ cup chopped, seeded bell pepper Sauté until tender crisp

Add:
- ½ cup sliced fresh okra
- 1 ½ cup whole kernel fresh corn 1 ½ tsp. chopped garlic
- Sprinkle with 1 ½ teaspoons creole seasoning Sauté until okra is tender

Add:
- 1 ½ cups chopped fresh tomatoes Stir and cook 2 minutes more

- Serve with chicken fingers, catfish or as a veggie sauce for cheese grits and shrimp.
- To plate the dish, spoon a small amount of cheese grits the length of the platter or in the center of a plate, place chicken fingers or catfish on top of grits; next spoon the vegetable medley on top of chicken or fish being careful to let some of the chicken or fish show.
- For shrimp and grits, spoon a generous amount of grits in a serving dish; spoon vegetable medley on grits, then place steamed shrimp on top of vegetables. Sprinkle with more creole seasoning.
- Garnish with parsley, kale or some of the vegetables sliced and placed on the dish.

**You may substitute other vegetables or add the vegetables of your choice. Example: Asparagus works well with this dish, as well as fresh field peas.*

Reading (from Front)

Trent Moore
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Fourth-graders at East Elementary School recently received a reading time surprise when Katherine Applegate, author of the Newbery Award-winner "The One and Only Ivan," sent a message to their classes.

Cullman City Schools fourth graders have spent the month reading the New York Times bestseller, about a gorilla who lives among humans and makes friends with a baby elephant who turns his whole world upside down. East Elementary School Principal David Wiggins recently posted a photo of the students reading the book on Twitter, which caught the attention of Applegate, who sent a short message to fourth-grade teachers Kristi Jackson and Lea Casey to pass along to the local students working their way through her book.

The teachers also shared papers the students had written about the book with Applegate via social media.

"Love this," Applegate said in her messages. "Please tell your compassionate young readers I say hello!"

Casey said the students were elated when they found out Applegate knew they were reading her book and took the time to send them a message.

"Oh, the kids thought they were big time," she laughed. "They're all really loving the book, and they were so excited to have the author actually respond to them."

The bestselling book also recently became an original film on the Disney Plus streaming service, and Casey said the hope is to let the students watch the film in the coming weeks once they've finished reading the book.

"We want to watch it with the students so they can see it brought to life," she said. "It's even helpful getting into animal studies in science, because it shows the animal habitats and things we study."

Cullman City Schools Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson said she was delighted to see teachers and school leaders finding creative ways to keep students engaged in learning.

"We have such great teachers and leaders at all our schools, and it's always exciting to see students get excited about learning," she said.

The One and Only Ivan" was written by Katherine Applegate with illustrations by Patricia Castelao. The book won the Newbery Medal in 2013 and was a New York Times bestseller.

Cullman City Schools has more than 3,000 students and encompasses Cullman High School (Grades 9-12), Cullman Middle School (Grades 7-8), East Elementary School (Grades 2-6), West Elementary School (Grades 2-6), and Cullman City Primary School (Grades K-1). Cullman City Schools also hosts the Cullman City Head Start Program. Cullman City Schools consistently ranks as one of the top school systems in College ACT scores in the state of Alabama.

Family (from Front)

evolved into "Family Week" and has expanded to reflect the importance of connecting with children throughout the week/day and making a concentrated effort to implement programs that stress the importance of a child's needs and the importance of interacting together as a family.

On hand to accept the proclamation from Jacobs were ALFRA State President Kenneth Paschal and ALFRA member and Cullman County attorney Kalif R. Green.

"I have known Kenneth and have admired his leadership with ALFRA for several years," said Jacobs. "But I'm glad to meet Kalif today! It's great to know that we have a local ALFRA member working to encouraging parental involvement in Cullman County."

ALFRA encourages citizens to observe Family Day and Family Week by spending time with their families and, as Paschal explained to Jacobs, even something as simple as sharing a meal together as a family can have a positive effect on children. Paschal and Green gave Jacobs a list of "conversation starters" parents can use to engage with their children.

These suggested conversation starters include questions like:
- If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?
- If you could only eat three foods for the rest of your life, what would they be?
- What was the nicest thing you did for someone else today? What was the nicest thing that someone else did for you today?
- How would you get out of a situation where you were offered alcohol by your friends?
- If you could choose a new name for yourself, what would it be?
- If you observed a friend of family member texting while driving, what would you do?

Scientific data indicates that when both parents are actively involved in a child's life, the outcome is measurably improved. Children spending significant time with their parents and family members decreases the chances of youth suicides, school dropouts, juvenile drug abuse, teen pregnancies and incarceration. Research shows that children with hands-on parents are far less likely to exhibit risky and disruptive behavioral problems.

This is an important community and state initiative to remind parents, communities, and leaders, that a child whose parents are not engaged and involved in their upbringing and care is a child "at risk."

ALFRA and the City of Cullman ask that everyone shows their support for children and family Monday, Sept. 28, 2020 and any time during the week of Sept. 27.

To do this, families can do an activity together such as:
- Organizing a community block party
- Hosting a potluck at church
- Playing games that include the family
- Eating dinner as a family and using conversation starters
- Enjoying a movie night at the park or library

These activities will remind everyone of the precious nature of childhood and our responsibility as adults to protect and encourage our children.

Photos of families enjoying time together can also be posted on social media using the hashtags #MyFamilySelfie and #FamilyDayAL20. ALFRA encourages everyone to also feel free to share photos on the Family Day Facebook Event Page (www.facebook.com/events/1041283002994780) and to "like" the Alabama Family Rights Association Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/ALFRA1997) in order to stay informed of announcements and events.

Remember, parental engagement matters!

To find out more about ALFRA visit www.alfra.org or email info@alfra.org. To find out more about Family Day/Week, visit www.alfra.org/family-day.

Obituary Announcements: Sept. 25

Memorial graveside services for Mr. Virgil Henry will be Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Cullman City Cemetery. Mr. Henry is survived by wife Ruth Henry; daughters Debbie (Gary) McGill and Vickie (Terry) Parker; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; brother Herbert Henry; sisters Hilda Blackwood and Thelma Fletcher; and sister-in-law Edna Henry. The family will receive friends at the cemetery Sunday. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Aaron Arlis Coty Pelfrey, 32, of Double Springs entered into rest Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020 at his home. Coty was born May 29, 1988 in Jasper, Alabama. In his earlier years, he was an Eagle Scout. He loved fishing, hunting and tinkering with cars and was an avid Alabama football fan. Most of all, Coty enjoyed spending time with his family. Visitation will be held Friday, Sept. 25, 2020 from 6-8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison. Coty is survived by his wife Brieana Pelfrey; son Drake Pelfrey; parents Rodney and Deanna Cagle, and Arlis Pelfrey; brother Benjamin Cagle; sister Julie Pelfrey; and grandparents Barbara Gail Jones, and Betty and James Abbott. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Lou Nell Hall, Delaney Bates, Charles Cagle and Howard Pelfrey, Sr. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Foster and Adoptive Parent Association, P.O. Box 1156, Haleyville, AL 35565.

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Audit (from Front)

to come in and design the boat ramp to be able to handle- I mean, the issue is not necessarily can you launch 250 boats, it's where you're going to park 250 vehicles with trailers."

• The Chamber was ranked fourth in the country in the last year.

The Chamber was commended for financial transparency. According to Shabel, Jeremy Arthur, president of the Chamber of Commerce Association of Alabama, commended the Chamber on its public posting of financial documents.

• Smith said in a note to The Tribune, "As a nationally-ranked chamber of commerce, we speak to many chamber leaders throughout the nation. Our chamber has been commended for our transparency for things like posting our IRS Form 990 online, our financial review, and now, our audit report. We are not a public entity like a city or a county, but we recognize that lodging tax revenue is public money that requires a great level of accountability. Our goal in requesting this audit and sharing its results is to be more transparent than is required for a 501(c)(6) agency. We are grateful for our partnerships with the city and county leaders. Their presence as stakeholders is essential, and their direction and guidance help to ensure the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce continues to serve our community while being recognized as one of the best Chambers in the country."

NUMBERS

Note: The Chamber's fiscal year (FY) runs from March 1 until the last day of the following February. The numbers for FY 2015-18 were taken from documents that are publicly available on the Chamber website at www.cullmanchamber.org/financials/. The 2019-20 audit period ended Feb. 29, 2020 and so does not reflect the recent impact of COVID-19 and its accompanying economic shutdown that has impacted industry, business and tourism in the Cullman area since March.

Sources:

• FY 2015 and 2016 - IRS Form 990 filed in 2017
• FY 2017 - IRS Form 990 filed in 2018
• FY 2018 - financial review by Warren Averett CPAs and Advisors in 2019
• The FY 2019 numbers are those reported in the 2020 Warren Averett audit.
• IRS tax forms for 2018 and 2019, which contain certain details not found in the Warren Averett documents, were not made available. Only the review and audit documents were posted.

Total Revenues

• 2015 - $903,631
• 2016 - $935,746
• 2017 - $1,122,432
• 2018 - $1,129,149
• 2019 (audit) - $1,348,260

Despite shakeups at the Chamber in 2019, income for the agency continued its steady upward trend.

Total Expenses

• 2015 - $801,161
• 2016 - $1,020,745
• 2017 - $1,043,015
• 2018 - $1,043,015 (The same amount was given in separate documents for both 2017 and 2018.)
• 2019 (audit) - $1,393,032

Expenses, like revenues, have seen an upward trend, leaving the Chamber with two years- including the most recent- in which it saw a loss on expenses v. revenues.

Net of Revenues v. Expenses (+positive, -negative/loss)

• 2015 - (+)$102,470
• 2016 - (-)$84,999
• 2017 - (+)$79,417
• 2018 - (+)$86,134
• 2019 (audit) - (-)$44,772

Membership Dues

• 2015 - not available
• 2016 - $221,271
• 2017 - $204,936
• 2018 - $196,558
• 2019 (audit) - $206,692

Income from memberships appears unaffected by the 2019 shakeup.

Salaries

• 2015 - $310,181
• 2016 - $322,790
• 2017 - $426,634 (reported in 2018 financial review as $394,658)
• 2018 - $485,162
• 2019 (audit) - $398,386 (includes benefits)

The sharp drop in salary costs was caused by a substantial decrease in the size of the Chamber staff. Numbers for 2018 were not available, but from 2017 to February 2020, the staff shrank from 17 to six.

Number of Employees

• 2015 - not available
• 2016 - 11
• 2017 - 17
• 2018 - not available
• 2019 (audit) - Not available. Smith reported separately that the Chamber had a peak of nine employees during the audit period, and six at the conclusion of the period.

Officer/Director/Key Employee Compensation

• 2015 - not available
• 2016 - $76,034 (all specified as then CEO Leah Bolin's salary)
• 2017 - $96,598 (all specified as Bolin's salary)
• 2018 - Not available
• 2019 (audit) - Not available, but the Chamber reported separately that Bolin was receiving, at the time of her departure, an annual salary of $85,000, and received a severance payment of $24,519.30, equivalent to 15 weeks of that salary. Though she received severance pay, Bolin's 2019 departure was announced by the Chamber as a resignation.

According to Smith, "Leah Bolin's severance was calculated using the federal guidelines 5 U.S.C. 5595 and 5 CFR part 550. It was a fair and equitable package for the years and service she provided to the Chamber during her time as CEO."

Advertising Expenditures

• 2015 - not available
• 2016 - $25,563 total (listed on Form 990 as "Advertising and promotion")
• 2017 - $18,333 total (listed on Form 990 as "Advertising and promotion")
• 2018 - $3,156 (listed in review documents as "Advertising")
• 2019 (audit) - $6,848 (listed in audit documents as "Advertising")

Advertising expenses may be counted differently between the tax documents and the review and audit documents but, as the 2018 and 2019 tax documents were not made available, no comparison could be made.

End of Year Final Net Assets/Fund Balances

• 2015 - $854,986
• 2016 - $769,987
• 2017 - $849,404
• 2018 - $800,173
• 2019 (audit) - $747,063

The last several years have seen a gradual decline in fund balances with a substantial drop in 2019.

From the 2018/19 financial review to the 2019/20 audit

Numerous areas of the budget saw steady declines from 2018 to February 2020. One positive point in that trend is the decreasing long-term debt. Program and event revenues, which saw a spike from early 2018 to February 2019, saw a sharp drop coming into 2020, even before COVID-19 began forcing wholesale event cancellations.

Cash and cash equivalents on hand

• 2018 - $362,016
• As of Feb. 28, 2019 • $338,353
• As of Feb. 29, 2020 • $235,046

Members and other accounts receivable (mainly member dues and campaign revenues)

• 2018 - $167,756
• As of Feb. 28, 2019 - $93,511
• As of Feb. 29, 2020 - $80,223

Net value of property and equipment (will tend to decrease due to depreciation)

• 2018 - $890,101
• As of Feb. 28, 2019 - $831,765
• As of Feb. 29, 2020 - $772,951

Total assets

• 2018 - $1,550,496
• As of Feb. 28, 2019 - $1,390,920
• As of Feb. 29, 2020 - $1,177,181

Long-term debt

• 2018 - $282,206
• As of Feb. 28, 2019 - $228.318
• As of Feb. 29, 2020 - $221,301

Assets without donor restrictions

According to the audit report, "Revenue from membership dues and programs and events are classified as net assets without donor restrictions for financial statement purposes."

• 2018 - $623,135
• As of Feb. 28, 2019 - $578,363
• As of Feb. 29, 2020 - $532,491

Assets with donor restrictions

According to the audit report, "Net Assets with Donor Restrictions primarily consist of lodging tax receipts whose use by the Chamber have been limited by legislation to a specific purpose."

• 2018 - $226,269
• As of Feb. 28, 2019 - $221,810
• As of Feb. 29, 2020 - $214,572

Revenues from programs and events

• 2018 - $464,578
• As of Feb. 28, 2019 - $634,447
• As of Feb. 29, 2020 - $450,074

Expenditures on programs and events

• 2018 - $302,040 (more made than spent)
• As of Feb. 28, 2019 - $481,468 (more made than spent)
• As of Feb. 29, 2020 - $476,117 ($26,043 more spent than made)

Quick said about the 2020 reported loss, "One number you're not able to see that makes it well worth it is the economic impact these events make on the Warehouse District," noting that while the Chamber may lose money on some events, those events give local businesses that make up the Chamber an opportunity for increased profits. Shabel said that the purpose of the programs and events is not to generate income for the Chamber, though the body does want to break even whenever possible.

Advertising expenditures

• 2018 - $3,156 (all spent in tourism)
• As of Feb. 28, 2019 - $3,027 (all spent in tourism)
• As of Feb. 29, 2020 - $6,848 ($4,860 general, $496 tourism, $1,492 economic development)

Advertising has, contrary to the overall trend, seen a sharp rise, though advertising specific to tourism has dropped drastically.

Lodging tax receipts

• 2018 - $453,267
• As of Feb. 28, 2019 - $512,276
Not specified, but the 2018 and 2019 amounts reflect levels after disbursement for 222 interchange project.

• As of Feb. 29, 2020 - $692,690 total; $505,975 after disbursement for 222 interchange project and other adjustments.
• Lodging tax revenues were slightly down from the previous year, but not heavily impacted before the arrival of COVID-19.
• About the lodging tax, the audit report reads, "The proceeds of the 5% lodging tax levied by the State of Alabama Legislature are remitted to the Chamber by the Cullman County Commission. The Chamber will use 40% of the proceeds for the purpose of developing and promoting tourism and conventions, and 20% will be used for economic and industrial development purposes in the county. The Chamber recognizes these receipts as donor restricted net assets when they are received from the Cullman County Commission. The remaining 40% is to be used as follows: 30% of the remaining amount will be used for the purpose of developing and promoting tourist attractions and events in the county, and 70% is designated to fund debt entered into by the Cullman County Commission in order to fund the 222 Interchange Project. The Chamber entered into an agreement with the Cullman County Commission to help fund the 222 Interchange Project during fiscal year 2014. In 2020, the Chamber received $692,690 in lodging tax receipts, of which $193,953 was remitted to fund the 222 Interchange Projects debt. The Chamber's obligation began on March 1, 2013 and will cease March 1, 2023. In the event the loan is paid in full prior to the maturity date of the ten-year period, the monthly distributions required from the Chamber of Commerce for this project will cease."

Change in net assets (+positive, -negative/loss)

• 2018 - (+)$79,417
• As of Feb. 28, 2019 - (-)$49,231
• As of Feb. 29, 2020 - (-)$53,110

For two years, net assets have represented a loss for the Chamber.

General Fund expenses

• 2018 - $555,220
• As of Feb. 28, 2019 - $581,052
• As of Feb. 29, 2020 - $458,354

Tourism Program expenses

• 2018 - $214,604
• As of Feb. 28, 2019 - $242,790
• As of Feb. 29, 2020 - $273,502

Tourism program expenditures have certainly defied the downward trend, rising steadily and quickly.

Economic Development Program expenses

• 2018 - $273,191
• As of Feb. 28, 2019 - $569,190
• As of Feb. 29, 2020 - $477,555

Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures

• 2018 - $376,371
• As of Feb. 28, 2019 - $283,102
• As of Feb. 29, 2020 - $174,052

"Cash on hand" assets have seen a steep decline to less than half of what they were in early 2018.



2020 ANNUAL MEETING SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Cullman Electric Cooperative

VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, SEPT. 26TH

Watch the business meeting live at 11am on the Cullman Electric Cooperative website or Facebook

On-site registration & voting from 9-10am at Cullman EC's Eva Road office.
All members who register & vote by mail are entered into the prize drawing for one of 10 bill credits worth $100-500, or the grand prize 2010 Ford Explorer.

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