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– BUSINESS –

‘Healthy fast food!’

Downtown Nutrition juice and shake shop opens in Cullman



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Left to right are Steve Stanley, Emily Morring, Holly Morring and Dusty Stanley at the bar in Downtown Nutrition.

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CRIME

Cullman County man arrested on rape, sodomy charges in Morgan County



MORGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Christopher Scott Martin

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CRIME

Shootout at Hwy. 157 Verizon Store lands 1 in hospital; 1 on the run

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CULLMAN, Ala. – A disagreement between two brothers led to what Cullman Police Department Captain of Investigation J.P. White said was a shootout in the parking lot of the Verizon Store on Alabama Highway 157. White said 21 shots were fired. One brother was shot in a lower extremity and transported by private vehicle to St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham. The other fled the scene and has not been apprehended.

The incident happened around 9 p.m. Monday.

"They had a disagreement and both of them produced a weapon and started shooting," said White. "There were other witnesses who have been interviewed. We knew who the people were that were involved within » PAGE 8

Vinemont Schools' Christmas Love to help 70 kids

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VINEMONT, Ala. – 'Tis the season for giving, and thanks to big hearts and Christmas Love, students at Vinemont Schools that might have gone without will instead have a Merry Christmas. The Christmas Love program is dedicated to serving children who are dealing with financial hardships by recruiting sponsors and raising money for gifts for these children.

Vinemont Elementary School Counselor Lanza Willoughby estimates that Christmas Love will be able to assist around 70 children this year.

She said, "I've talked to two or three families today in tears and so thankful that we are doing this and that the community is involved in helping them out because they wouldn't have had Christmas."

This year the elementary school partnered with Vinemont Middle School to make sure as many kids who need help have the opportunity.

Community members can sponsor a family or donate money toward Christmas Love.

Organizers said community participation has been great this year and any leftover funds will be saved for any emergency situation or to help a child who might need help at another time throughout the year. The faculty and staff at Vinemont Schools are dedicated to taking care of the kids they care for every day.

Said Willoughby, "If I see a kid in need, (Vinemont Elementary School Principal) Mrs. (Kim) Brown and the faculty are the same way, we will do whatever we can do to help that child."

The school's student council got involved, too, by raising several thousand dol- » PAGE 8



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Vinemont Elementary School Principal Kim Brown and School Counselor Lanza Willoughby pose for a photo.

BUSINESS

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Fairview Town Council gives update on Hwy. 69 red light, approves budget

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The Fairview Town Council listens to public comments from resident Jerry Roberts Monday evening at its December meeting.

FAIRVIEW, Ala. – Fairview Mayor Keith Henry at Monday night's Fairview Town Council meeting gave an update on the traffic light coming to the Alabama Highway 69 and Wesley Avenue intersection. He said there's a delay due to right-of-way issues at The Hutch Restaurant and that after they are resolved, installation will hopefully begin. Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman and Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview announced in August that Gov. Kay Ivey had approved a project for improvements, including adding traffic signals, to the intersection. Shedd said the project was made possible because of the 10-cent fuel tax increase that was signed into law earlier this year by Ivey.

Back in August, Gudger and Shedd said the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) was working to acquire additional right-of-way for the project.

The configuration of the intersection is difficult, requiring a cost of at least $188,000 for the project, which is being paid from new revenue from Ivey's Rebuild Alabama Program meaning the project could not begin until Oct. 1, 2019.

The council voted to give an annual donation of $300 to the Good Samaritan Health Clinic.

Henry brought forward a new contract between the Town and the Fairview Volunteer Fire Department.

He said the contract wouldn't be decided on at the meeting, but he wanted the council to review the contract and vote on it at a later date. The contract was tabled for further discussion.

In new business, the council discussed the Town's budget and community needs. The condition of the soccer goals at Randall Shedd Community Park were cited as needing repairs. The council voted to fix and repair the soccer goals with the price to be determined at a later date. Lastly, the council approved the 2019-2020 proposed budget. From the budget, the total expenses are $307,740 with total revenue of $292,740.

In public comments, the council heard from resident Jerry Roberts, who told the council of drivers speeding and playing loud music over the weekend nights along Wesley Avenue. Roberts also brought concerns about daytime speeders, sharing his fears associated with vehicles speeding past Early Years Preschool. The council said it will do what it can and look into it.

The Fairview Town Council meets on the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Jan. 6, 2020.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Baileyton readying for Christmas

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Left to right are Councilman Windell Calloway, Councilman Wendell Peterson and Town Clerk Patricia Gilbert.

BAILEYTON, Ala. – Baileyton Mayor Johnny Dyar was out of town this week, leaving Councilman Windell Calloway to lead the council's Monday night meeting.

The Baileyton Christmas party is planned for Saturday, Dec. 14 from 5-7 p.m. The 10th annual event will be a night of fun, fellowship and food. Santa will stop by for pictures with the kids.

Hamburgers, hot dogs and other goodies will be served. Guests will receive bags of fruit to take home. The council hopes everyone will come out to celebrate Christmas.

Councilman Wendell Peterson added, "Everyone is welcome, regardless of where you are from."

Philip Widner, candidate for Cullman County Commission chairman, stopped by to introduce himself and to explain his decision to enter the race. Council members expressed concerns about roads and had questions regarding the County's budget.

After what the council said have been many months of issues with Sweetwater Security Systems, Dyar and Peterson met with the company's owner, Harold Nelson, who promised to begin installing the Town's new cameras Dec. 9.

Peterson said, "They did agree to add two cameras at the senior center at no charge."

The Town will soon have around the clock surveillance at its properties including throughout the park, storm shelters and town hall.

A new street light has been installed at Alabama Highway 69 and Holly Pond Road. The previous pole was hit by car and had to be replaced.

The council also approved adding a new light pole at Summit Road and Pan Creek Road.

The new Baileyton Town Hall is coming along. The trim is going in now and before long, the task of moving will begin. No firm completion date has been given.

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 3

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 3, 2019. 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
Dec. 2
• third-degree domestic violence; person; Dale Ave. NW
• first-degree theft of property; person; 4th St. SW; '97 Honda Accord; $500
• menacing; person; Hwy. 157
• first-degree theft of property; Equipment Leasing LLC.; 26th St. SW; trailer; $10,000
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $42

ARRESTS
Dec. 2
Carter, Kenneth S., 37
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Ramirez, Christian D., 53
• unlawful distribution of a controlled substance

Ford, Magan B., 30
• unlawful distribution of a controlled substance

Millwood, Joshua E., 29
• FTA- driving without a license
• FTA- insurance violation

Weiss, Vincent M., 33
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence

Smith, Alexis G., 22
• possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Dec. 4 - 6

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4
Yoga at the Library
• Every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
• Cullman County Public Library, 200 Clark St. NE, Cullman, AL 35055
• Bring your own mat, strap and block. These items are optional.

Sportsman Lake Park Winter Wonderland
• 5-9:30 p.m. Guests can drive through the park or park and experience the extra attractions including train rides, carriage rides and sleigh rides. Parents can take pictures of their kids with Santa or purchase a 5×7 photo in a souvenir frame for $5. The cost is $10 (cash only) per vehicle, regardless of how many people are in it.
• The schedule for the Sportsman Lake Park Winter Wonderland: December- Wednesday-Sunday: 5-9:30 p.m.; Dec. 23 is the last day for Santa and the train; Closed Thanksgiving, Black Friday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day; Dec. 26-29- Drive through only: 5-9:30 p.m.
• For more information, visit www.facebook.com/events/395857437714080 or call 256-734-3052.

Cullman County Public Library Fall Brown Bag Lecture Series: History of Holly Pond and Blount Springs
• Wednesday, Dec. 4 at noon at the Cullman County Public Library (200 Clark St. NE)
• Greg Burden is an amateur historian and author who grew up in Hanceville. Greg will be speaking about the history of Blount Springs and Hanceville. Following his talk, he will have books to sell.
• This is a free program. The library will provide snacks. Call 256-734-2720, ext. 21 or 23 for more info.

Arley Christmas Parade
• Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. Parade route is through the center of Arley.
• Bring the kids to meet Santa! Please join us after the parade at Meek Elementary School for a complimentary soup supper hosted by our local area churches and the Arley Women's Club.

THURSDAY, DEC. 5
Dr. Herman C. Ensor Lights of Love Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
• 5:30 p.m. in the Colonel Cullmann Room in Professional Office Building II at Cullman Regional
• This year's event is dedicated to the memory of Amy Drake, who passed away in September at the age of 42. Organizers will honor and pay tribute to Drake during the ceremony.
• Christmas music will be performed by the First United Methodist Sanctuary Choir and Kids Choir. Also performing will be Dr. Joe Johnson, Dr. David Shupe, Kate Shupe and Ken Simpson. The evening will conclude with the lighting of the Christmas tree atop the medical center. Light refreshments will be served during and after the ceremony.
• Donate at www.cullman-regional.com/foundation/events or call the Foundation at 256-737-2565 for more information.

Cullman Women Sing Concert
Cullman Women Sing will present "With a Voice of Singing" Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. This free concert will be at Seventh Street Baptist Church.

Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts Christmas Spectacular
• 7 p.m. in the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. Admission is free and open to the public.
• A wide variety of musical styles will be featured during the performance, as the Wallace State Jazz Band, Concert Band, Singers and Choir come together to perform Christmas classics, with a special appearance by SingKids!, a group of students in grades 3-8 who are participating in the Fall 2019 ArtsKids! program.
• From "Up on a Housetop" and "Hot Chocolate" from the movie "Polar Express" to "Silent Night" and Hassler's "Angelus ad Pastores" there's something for everyone to enjoy.
• Admission to the Christmas Spectacular is free and everyone is welcome. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Heather Gillikin at 256-352-28277 or heather.gillikin@wallacestate.edu.

FRIDAY, DEC. 6
Dodge City Christmas in the Park
• Perry Ray Park, 120 Howard Circle, Dodge City, AL
• Cookies and hot chocolate with Santa
• Friday and Saturday nights, 6-9 p.m.
• Nov. 29-30; Dec. 6-7,13-14,20-21
• Free gift for every child
• Call 256-287-0364 for more info.

UPCOMING...
Dodge City Christmas in the Park
• Perry Ray Park, 120 Howard Circle, Dodge City, AL
• Cookies and hot chocolate with Santa
• Friday and Saturday nights, 6-9 p.m.
• Nov. 29-30; Dec. 6-7,13-14,20-21
• Free gift for every child
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Santa Claus at The Foundry Thrift Store
• Make sure you're on the nice list this year and join us at The Foundry Thrift Store to meet Santa Claus. Each guest will have his or her picture taken with Santa and will also receive a magnet picture frame, a candy cane and a small toy. This is a free event for the community.
• The event will take place Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at The Foundry Thrift Store in Cullman, 1636 Second Ave. SW, Cullman.

Cards in The Park
• Cards in The Park Display (Dec. 7-31), Governor's Park in Holly Pond
• On Dec. 14, Luminaries will be lit at 5 p.m., Christmas Carols at 5:30 and Santa at
• Sponsored by the Town of Holly Pond in coordination with the Holly Pond Civitan Club. Refreshments will be served in the newly renovated Holly Pond Town Hall.

Christmas Dinner & Music by Allison Speer
• Sunday, Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. at Cullman First Nazarene Church
• Tickets are $12 for adults, $6 for kids (ages 12 & younger) and can be purchased at the church office at 5415 AL Hwy. 157, Cullman. Proceeds go to the children's department. Call 256-734-8937 for more information.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Aggies, Lady Aggies sweep Cold Springs on the road; Monday scoring recap

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BREMEN, Ala. – After a busy tournament slate in the lead up to Thanksgiving last week, local teams returned to the hardwood Monday night and Fairview was on the road to take on the Eagles and Lady Eagles of Cold Springs. The Lady Aggies got off to a fast start and knocked off the Lady Eagles 62-47 and the Aggies followed them up with an impressive 65-54 win over the Eagles.

Fairview 62 – Cold Springs 47 (varsity girls)
Elizabeth Hill knocked down a three to make it a 3-3 game early in the first quarter, but Fairview answered with a scoring run to pull ahead early in the game. A steal and layup by Katie Ball put the Lady Aggies on top 7-3 midway through the first and a three from Molly McKelvy stretched it to 10-3 with just under three minutes to play in the quarter. Morgan Lindsey added another basket for Fairview to make it 14-3 and the Lady Aggies took a 14-5 lead into the second quarter.

Fairview was dominant on the boards, particularly in the first half and a number of second-chance opportunities helped the Lady Aggies take the early lead. Neely Ellison drilled back to back threes to cut the lead to 17-10 early in the second quarter but a three from Payton Golden put Fairview on top 22-12 with five minutes to play in the period. The scoring run continued for the Lady Aggies and a steal and layup by Daisy Manasco stretched the lead to 27-14 later in the second. The Lady Eagles were able to trim the lead to 27-18 by the halftime break.

Emma Garcia knocked in a three-pointer to make it 33-21 early in the third and defensive pressure from Fairview led to some more easy buckets. The Lady Aggies built an 18-point lead that was cut to 16 when Madison Bruer hit a shot in the final seconds of the third to make it a 44-28 game going into the final frame.

A steal and quick jumper from Hill cut the lead to 44-30 at the start of the fourth and Cold Springs managed to chip away from the free throw line.

A pair of free throws from Emi Harbison made it a 10-point game midway through the quarter but a three by McKelvy on the other end put Fairview in front 49-38 with three minutes to play. Ellison knocked down another triple to cut the lead back down to 10 later in the fourth but the Lady Eagles ran out of time and the Lady Aggies held on to win it 62-47.

McKelvy led Fairview with 19 points in the win, followed by Garcia with 13 and Manasco with 12. Ball added six points for the Lady Aggies and Golden finished with five. Hill posted 22 points for Cold Springs, Ellison added 13 and Harbison finished with six in the loss.

Cold Springs will be back home tomorrow to host West Point and Fairview will return home to take on Good Hope.

Fairview 65 – Cold Springs 54 (varsity boys)
Like the Lady Aggies before them, the Aggies jumped out to a quick start against Cold Springs. An Austin Turner floater made it 4-0 early in the first and a three-pointer from Dow Nichols stretched it to 9-3 midway through the quarter. An Adam Hill free throw cut the lead to 11-7 late in the first but Fairview's Jack Brown nailed a three in the final seconds of the opening quarter to give the Aggies a 15-7 lead going into the second.



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Fairview's Katie Ball (12) takes a steal the other way for an easy basket during the Lady Aggies' win at Cold Springs Monday night.

Cold Springs' Seth Williams hit a three early in the second to make it a 21-11 game, but another scoring run from the Aggies, capped off by a steal and layup by Sawyer Daniel, extended the lead to 29-13 midway through the period.

Another bucket from Nichols made it 33-16 late in the second quarter and Brown waited until the final seconds of the half to knock down his next three and give Fairview a 38-20 lead at the break.

The Eagles battled back in the second half, trimming the lead to single digits but couldn't overcome the early Fairview lead and the Aggies left Bremen with a 65-54 win over Cold Springs.

Three Aggies finished in double digits in the road win, led by Turner with 11 and Nichols and Yarbrough who each posted 10. Williams, Brody Peppers and Micah Calvert each scored 12 for Cold Springs in the loss.

Cold Springs will be back home tomorrow to host West Point and Fairview will return home to take on Good Hope.

Other Monday scores:

- Cullman 66 – Hanceville 25 (varsity girls)
- Cullman 62 – Hanceville 59 (varsity boys)
- Falkville 57 – St. Bernard 15 (varsity girls)
- Addison 56 – Sumiton Christian 15 (varsity girls)
- Addison 63 – Sumiton Christian 61 (varsity boys)

UAB football heads to Boca Raton for C-USA championship game

Ted Feeley
UAB Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The UAB football team looks to defend its C-USA title this Saturday, Dec. 7, as the Blazers travel to Boca Raton to face Florida Atlantic in the 2019 Ryan Conference USA Championship. Kick is set for 1:30 p.m. EST/12:30 p.m. CST on CBS Sports Network.

THREE THINGS TO KNOW:

- Saturday's game pairs the two most recent C-USA champs against each other. UAB is the reigning Conference USA champion after capturing the program's first title last year, while Florida Atlantic won the league two years ago. With UAB's 27-25 victory at Middle Tennessee in last year championship game, the Blazers became the first program in league history to win the C-USA title on the road and has an opportunity to do that again this year.

- UAB enters the C-USA championship game ranked No. 5 nationally in total defense. The Blazers have been lights out all year, but especially stepped up last week in a must-win situation at North Texas. Collectively, the defense had seven sacks, 11 TFL and two interceptions, one of which was returned 76 yards for a touchdown by TD Marshall. Marshall's pick-6 proved to be the game-winning touchdown in a 26-21 Blazer victory. Additionally, UAB held North Texas to just 21 rushing yards and ranks fifth nationally in rushing defense (92.3).

- The offense has re-established its running game of late and is averaging 240.6 rushing yards per game during UAB's current three-game winning streak. The Blazers had a season-high 353 rushing yards vs. UTEP and followed that up with 166 rushing yards against Louisiana Tech and 203 rushing yards at North Texas. Junior running back Spencer Brown had 111 yards at UNT and became UAB's career leader in 100-yard rushing games with 13. He also eclipsed 3,000 career rushing yards in the process. Brown is the reigning Conference USA Championship Game MVP.

HEAD COACH BILL CLARK

Opening statement:

"Starting off, we'll go back to the last game. Obviously, we knew it was going to be a tough challenge to go to North Texas and play those guys for their Senior Day, last game and bowl game.

"We knew what kind of player Mason Fine was. Obviously, he didn't disappoint. Just their whole team – I knew they were going to battle and fight us. They did. It was a heck of a game, back and forth.

"I'm really just proud of our guys. We had some mental mistakes. We had some things not go exactly as we always planned, but I think one thing you can say about our guys is they played really hard.

"I always tell our coaches, 'The biggest testament to me as a coach is how hard your guys play for you.' I think you saw that with our players and with just the will to win. It was a great atmosphere to be in, especially in those timeouts where guys are talking about playing for each other and playing for our family.

"That's what this thing is supposed to be about. It's just really cool to be a part of that. Any time you go on the road to get a win, I think our league especially, is tough. It made it even that much more special. You love to get these things at home, but to get it on the road is always tough and always fun.

"I know you'll ask me a question about that game, but just moving forward, this was our goal all year. This is what we broke it down on. I think it's really cool to see, obviously with where we were picked and the loss of all the seniors, it was something we knew and talked about.

"Then to have some injuries and all the things this group has overcome this year to get to be in this spot – no doubt FAU is a very good team. I think they're very balanced. I think they're very good offensively.

"They have weapons across the board. Obviously, Coach Kiffin has done a great job. He's a great play caller.

"Defensively, I think that's one of the things they've really done a great job. The defense has gotten a lot better. Going to their place at home – it's going to be good to get in some good weather though, so we're excited about that.

"Give them a lot of credit. They've done a terrific job. I guess this is their second time in three years to be back, so we're excited."

On whether these results were envisioned at the time of the shutdown:

"No, I don't think at that moment in time that was what we were thinking about, but it probably makes all that much more sweet to have gone through what we've gone through. As I've told that story so many times, just all the people that fought for us and believed in us.

"I want to give the guys that were in this building and a part of that a lot of credit because they're the ones that had to live it every day. I think last year was so special, but this year is a different special to lose all those guys that we had for a while and for this group to buy into what we were doing.

"That's a bad memory that turned into a good memory. As we say a lot of times, I don't know if we'd be here today if we hadn't have had to go through that.

"Even though we wouldn't really want to wish that on anyone else, a lot of great things have happened since then."

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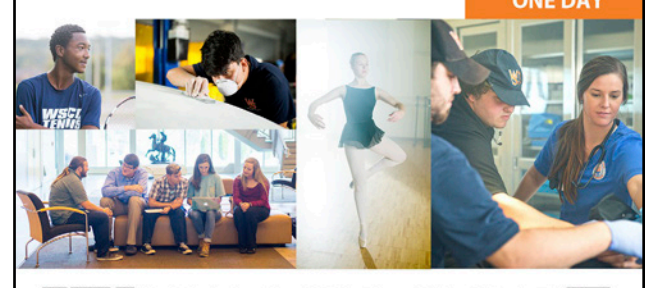
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COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2019-081

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF JOHN ROBERT SELLERS JR. TO ADOPT D.D.V.M., a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: ELIAS VAZQUEZ MARQUEZ,
whose whereabouts and location are unknown.

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of D.D.V.M., a minor child (born June 17, 2004, to Lorena Mayte Martinez Aguilar), was filed on the 31st day of October, 2019, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioner John Robert Sellers Jr. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this 2nd day of December, 2019.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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Santa to visit The Foundry Thrift Store this Saturday, Dec. 7

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Feel the need to make sure you made the nice list this year? Visit Santa from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. this Saturday, Dec. 7 at The Foundry Thrift Store in Cullman. The Foundry is offering free pictures with Santa for anyone and everyone. After having their pictures taken, guests will also receive a free magnet frame, candy cane and reindeer toy.

The Foundry Ministries Marketing Manager Charlotte Knapp shared, "Some families don't have the resources to get pictures with Santa at big retailers, and our hope is that this gets bigger and better every year.

"The heartbeat of The Foundry is that God would be glorified through our thrift stores and events. I'm really excited to offer an event where children get quality time with Santa. This is a free event for the community."

The setup will allow children to sit with Santa and share what they want for Christmas before their pictures are taken by Santa's elves. Customers can approach Santa at any time during their store visit, before or after they finish with their shopping.

The Foundry Ministries is a nonprofit organization that offers rehabilitation and "restores hope and rebuilds the lives of the addict, the ex-inmate and the destitute through Christ-centered Rescue, Recovery, and Re-Entry."

To learn more about the organization, visit www.foundryministries.com or www.facebook.com/thefoundrymission or follow them on Instagram @foundrythrift.

The Foundry Thrift Store in Cullman is located at 1636 Second Ave. SW (in South Cullman Shopping Center).



CHARLOTTE KNAPP

Santa will be at The Foundry Thrift Store in Cullman from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. this Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019.

EDUCATION

Alabama 4-H Foundation to award $35K in scholarships

Brittney Kimber
Contributor

AUBURN, Ala. – The Alabama 4-H Foundation is helping advance the education of 35 high school seniors. The foundation will be awarding $1,000 scholarships to 35 high school seniors of the 2020 graduating class.

"We are excited about the opportunities these scholarships will provide for our young people," said Molly Gregg, Alabama Cooperative Extension System assistant director of Alabama 4-H.

Nancy Alexander, an Alabama Extension 4-H specialist, said the recipients will use the scholarships in their post-secondary education.

"The scholarships can be used for any post-secondary education, whether that is attending community college, trade school or a university," Alexander said.

"Payment for tuition and fees will be made from the Alabama 4-H Foundation directly to the student's post-secondary institution to be used in the 2020-21 academic year."

Scholarship Dates and Application Guidelines

Applications are now being accepted via 4HOnline at www.4honline.com. Completed applications are due online by March 1.

As part of the application process, students must submit a resume, letter of recommendation and their 4-H story titled How Alabama 4-H Has Changed My Life.

These requirements must meet the following guidelines:

• Limit the 4-H story to 500 words or less. Also, double space the text, use Arial or Times New Roman 12–point font and have one-inch margins.

• Limit a resume to one page.

• A letter of recommendation should be from a non-family member such as, 4-H staff members, school administrators, teachers or coaches.

• Save all documents as PDFs and upload them into 4HOnline.

Scholarship winners can expect notifications by April 15.

"The Alabama 4-H Foundation is committed to ensuring that scholarship opportunities and 4-H programming continue for Alabama youth for years to come," said Seth Tuttle, development officer for the Alabama 4-H Foundation.

More Information

Scholarship recipients and their parents or guardians receive invitations to the 4-H Competitive Events Day June 26.

There, 4-H will formally recognize the scholarship winners. 4-H will also recognize scholarship recipients during high school scholarship days or graduations.

If you have questions regarding the scholarship application process, contact Nancy Alexander at 4henrollment@aces.edu.

About Alabama 4-H

For more than 100 years, Alabama 4-H has been helping young people develop into resourceful citizens and responsible leaders.

Alabama 4-H is part of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and uses regional Extension agents as well as community volunteers, corporate partners, alumni and parents to deliver youth development programs in all 67 counties.

Today, Alabama 4-H engages with more than 178,000 youth.

It seeks to empower them with the skills to lead their communities and also grow into future leaders.

Visit the Alabama 4-H Foundation or make a gift online at www.alabama4h-foundation.org.

Gus Malzahn named Dodd Trophy Coach of the Week

Auburn Athletics
Contributor

ATLANTA – Officials from the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Foundation and Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl today announced that Auburn Head Football Coach Gus Malzahn has been selected as The Dodd Trophy Coach of the Week.

The Dodd Trophy Coach of the Week award honors a football coach who led his team to a significant victory during the previous week, while also embodying the award's three pillars of scholarship, leadership and integrity.

Coach Malzahn and the No. 15 Tigers came away with a home victory over instate rival No. 5 Alabama in the Iron Bowl on Saturday, holding off the Crimson Tide in a 48-45 shootout. In a game that featured 11 lead changes and represented the second-highest scoring Iron Bowl in series history, it was the Auburn defense that came up big scoring two touchdowns off of interceptions and keeping the Crimson Tide offense scoreless for the final 13 minutes of the contest.

"The Iron Bowl seems to always have massive implications on the College Football Playoff, and that was certainly the case again this year," said Jim Terry, chairman of the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Foundation.

"In a back-and-forth affair, Auburn was able to make crucial plays when it mattered most. Rivalry games always meant a great deal to Coach Dodd. He would have loved the coaching chess match that played out during the game."

Malzahn was named Auburn's 26th head coach in 2013 after serving as Auburn's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach from 2009 to 2011, and then as Arkansas State's head coach in 2012. Since becoming head coach six years ago, Malzahn has led the Tigers to a 62-30 record, six consecutive bowl games, a Southeastern Conference Championship, two SEC West Division titles and an appearance in the BCS National Championship Game. Under Malzahn, Auburn became the first team to ever defeat two CFP No. 1-ranked teams during the same season in 2017.

In addition to Auburn's on-field accolades under Malzahn, the program has also made significant strides in the classroom under his leadership. The Tigers earned an Academic Progress Rating (APR) score of 982 last season, which represented the third-highest score in the SEC.

In addition to his coaching duties, Malzahn and his wife Kristi recently created the Malzahn Family Foundation, Inc., with the goal to give back to the local Auburn community. Currently, the Foundation is working to raise money to rebuild homes for survivors of the deadly tornado that struck Beauregard, Alabama, in early March.

"Coach Malzahn has been an incredible presence for the Auburn program both on and off the field," said Peach Bowl, Inc. CEO and President Gary Stokan.

"In a season where the Tigers faced one of the toughest schedules in college football, they've found a way to persevere, not only on the football field, but in the classroom as well."

The Dodd Trophy presented by the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl – along with the Dodd Trophy Coach of the Week Award – celebrates the head coach of a FBS team who enjoys success on the gridiron, while also stressing the importance of scholarship, leadership and integrity.

A panel consisting of all previous winners, national media, a member of the Dodd family and a College Football Hall of Fame member will identify the final list of potential recipients at the conclusion of the 2019 season.

The winner of the 2019 Dodd Trophy will be announced in Atlanta during bowl week for this year's College Football Playoff Semifinal at the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl.

Alabama coaching staff names seven players of the week following last Saturday's Iron Bowl

UA Athletics
Contributor

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – The Alabama coaching staff named seven players of the week to fill eight slots following last Saturday's Iron Bowl matchup at Jordan-Hare Stadium in Auburn. Deonte Brown, Najee Harris and Jaylen Waddle on offense; Christian Barmore, Raekwon Davis and Xavier McKinney on defense; and Slade Bolden, along with Waddle again, on special teams all earned the recognition for their play against the Tigers.

OFFENSE

Deonte Brown

• Put together one of his best starts of the season for the Crimson Tide

• The redshirt junior provided the blocks to help Alabama rack up 180 yards rushing and 515 yards of total offense

Najee Harris

• Matched his season- and career-high total for rushing yards with 146 on a career-best 27 carries while adding a touchdown

• Also recorded four catches for 26 yards

• With his effort against the Tigers, the junior eclipsed the 1,000-yard marker for the first time in his career, totaling 1,088 rushing yards so far this season

Jaylen Waddle

• Totaled a career-high three receiving touchdowns, part of the sophomore's four catches total 98 yards

• Scored from 58, 12 and 28 yards out to help the Tide post the most points scored on Auburn's defense this year

DEFENSE

Christian Barmore

• Helped contribute two tackles up front, including one for loss (-3 yards)

• The redshirt freshman continued his streak of successful games, one week removed from receiving defensive honors from the coaches for his play against Western Carolina

Raekwon Davis

• Tied for the team lead in tackles with eight stops

• Added one tackle for loss (-1 yard) to go with a quarterback hurry in the senior's final regular-season game with the Crimson Tide

Xavier McKinney

• Forced a turnover once again, creating a Tiger fumble that was recovered by the Tide defense

• Tied Davis with eight total tackles with the junior also breaking up a pass

SPECIAL TEAMS

Slade Bolden

• Totaled two tackles against the Tigers – one on punt coverage and one on kickoff team

• Forced a fumble on his punt coverage tackle with the ball going out of bounds

• The redshirt freshman also added one rush for a three-yard gain and a UA first down

Jaylen Waddle

• Returned his first career kickoff for a score, a 98-yard return from the sophomore

• The kick return for six was part of his three returns on the day, totaling 132 yards overall

• Finished with four total touchdowns and a team-high 230 all-purpose yards thanks to his combined efforts in the return game and at wideout

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.

HEALTH

Alabama's hospitals continue to improve quality by reducing healthcare-associated infections

Melanie Chervony, Rosemary Blackmon

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – For the eighth year in a row, Alabama's Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) program has been committed to protecting patients from adverse healthcare events, while promoting safety, quality and value in Alabama's healthcare delivery.

"We publish an annual report that provides information on the number of infections per category and whether the hospital performs better than the national average, similar to it, or worse than," said State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris. "In addition to the report, our staff members work with hospitals to improve the accuracy of the reporting, providing education that not only helps with public reporting, but more importantly helps hospitals collect data that is valuable in their efforts to improve care."

Alabama's hospitals performed better than the national performance level in three of the four important infection-related categories, according to the latest report by the Alabama Department of Public Health, which is for calendar year 2018.

The annual report reveals state- and hospital-specific infection rates on catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTIs), central line-associated blood stream infections (CLABSIs), and two surgical site infection measures (abdominal hysterectomies and colon surgeries).

Statewide, Alabama's hospitals performed better than the national performance level in the CAUTI, CLABSI and colon surgery categories, while performing similarly in the abdominal hysterectomy category.

"I'm extremely proud of the work our hospitals are doing to improve patient quality and safety by preventing hospital-acquired infections," said Donald E. Williamson, MD, president of the Alabama Hospital Association.

"This latest statewide report highlights the tremendous time and effort that goes into making care safer for patients by preventing the spread of infections.

"With the flu season upon us, I would add that it's important for all Alabamians to help their local hospital in this effort by avoiding visiting patients when they are sick, washing their hands when entering the hospital and getting a flu vaccination."

Harris stressed the importance of infection prevention, as delays in recovery and the worsening of the condition caused by infections can lead to a higher economic burden.

Several studies report that a simple and straightforward process, taking only a few seconds to clean hands with an alcohol-based hand rub helps to prevent HAIs and save lives, reduces morbidity and minimizes healthcare costs.

The annual report is one of several tools patients can use to learn more about a hospital's quality of care. Other measures are reported on Hospital Compare, a website operated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

"While these online resources can be helpful, they are just part of the picture," added Harris.

"Individuals should always talk with their physicians about the care needed and the best place to receive that care."

To view the report, visit alabamapublichealth.gov/hai/.

EDUCATION

Gov. Ivey announces Born Ready statewide movement

Office of Gov. Kay Ivey
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Gov. Kay Ivey and Secretary of Early Childhood Education Jeana Ross on Tuesday announced Born Ready, a statewide movement focused on raising awareness among Alabama parents of the importance of early brain development and quality early childhood learning experiences.

Innovative research at the heart of the Born Ready movement found that 95% of every child's brain develops in the first five years of life, highlighting the vital importance of helping children develop during those critical years before kindergarten.

"Your child is born ready to learn, and you're born ready to teach," said Ivey. "The Born Ready movement will inspire parents to use everyday events as teaching moments.

"Every Alabama child – no matter their geographic location or socioeconomic status -- will benefit from this movement, starting in the home and extending to all early childhood education settings."

Born Ready is an integral part of Ivey's "Strong Start, Strong Finish" education initiative.

Through Strong Start, Strong Finish, Alabama is building an education system from pre-k to workforce that helps students succeed in school and after they graduate.

For 13 consecutive years, Alabama's voluntary First Class Pre-K program has been recognized as providing the highest quality pre-school education in the United States. Born Ready seeks to build on that success by providing parents with the information and resources they need to help their children learn and prepare for school and lifelong learning.

"Born Ready's goals are to inspire and empower every parent, and to ensure every child reaches their greatest potential," explained Ross.

"Our website, BornReady.org, is a game-changing resource for Alabama families. It will provide the resources needed to build successful and contributing citizens for the future."

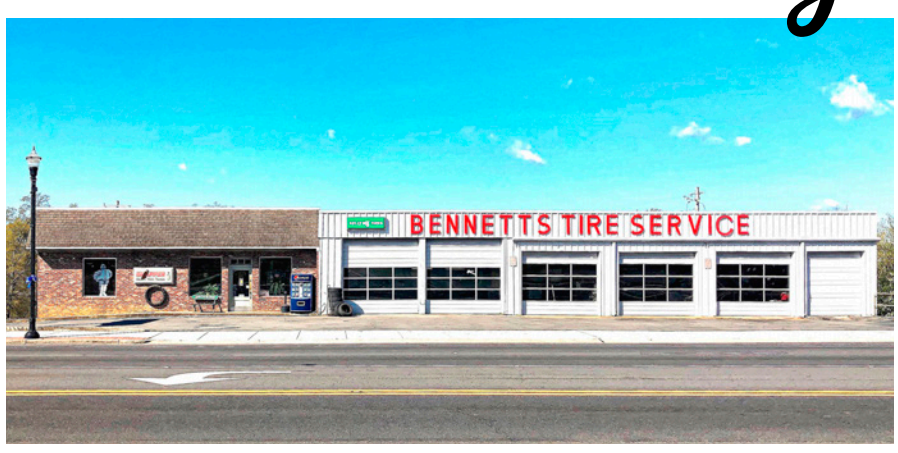
The innovative BornReady.org website houses information and easy-to-follow, science-based tips designed to show parents how they can prepare their children from the moment they are born for a future in which they reach their full potential.

The site also informs parents on what to look for in a quality early childhood education, sparking inquiry and demand for quality in their community.

"We encourage every Alabama parent to visit the site, use its incredible resources, and take the Born Ready Parent Pledge to show their commitment to helping their children learn and grow as they prepare for school," Ivey added.

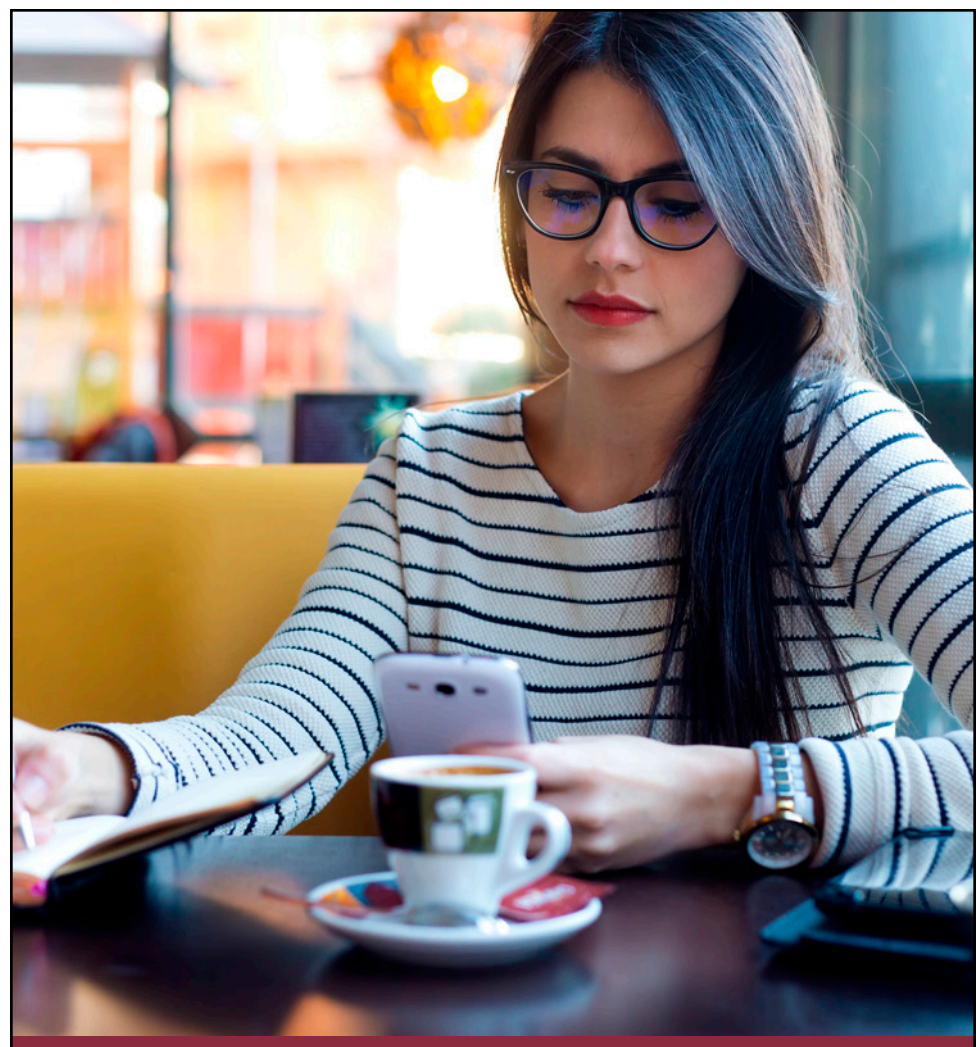
Born Ready is funded through a competitive federal grant (Alabama's federal Preschool Development Grant, Birth Through Five) to provide parents the knowledge and understanding of excellence in education for their children. For more information visit BornReady.org.

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Sports

7:00 a.m. FSEE Women's College Basketball Boise State at TCU.
9:00 a.m. FSEE College Basketball Illinois State at TCU.
12:00 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Hero World Challenge, First Round. (Live)
2:00 p.m. FSEE Women's College Basketball Maggie Dixon Classic — Texas A&M vs Florida State.
4:00 p.m. FSEE Sports Stars of Tomorrow
GOLF PGA Tour Golf Hero World Challenge, First Round.
5:30 p.m. FS1 College Basketball Pennsylvania at Villanova. (Live)
6:15 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)
6:30 p.m. ESPN College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)
FSEE NBA Basketball Brooklyn Nets at Atlanta Hawks. (Live)
7:00 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Emirates Australian Open, First Round. (Live)
TNT All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (Live)
USA WWE NXT (Live)
7:30 p.m. FS1 College Basketball Texas Tech at DePaul. (Live)
8:15 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball Wisconsin at NC State. (Live)
8:30 p.m. ESPN College Basketball Ohio State at North Carolina. (Live)
9:08 p.m. USA WWE NXT
10:00 p.m. FSEE NBA Basketball Brooklyn Nets at Atlanta Hawks.
10:15 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball Utah State at San Jose State. (Live)

Movies

9:15 a.m. TCM "The Prodigal" ★★ (1931) Lawrence Tibbett.
9:33 a.m. MAX "The Frighteners" ★★½ (1996) Michael J. Fox
10:00 a.m. FREE "Rise of the Guardians" ★★½ (2012) Voices of Chris Pine.
FX "Everest" ★★★ (2015) Jason Clarke. Climbers from two expeditions fight for survival during a fierce blizzard on Mount Everest.
TMC "She's Having a Baby" ★★½ (1988) Kevin Bacon
10:30 a.m. AMC "Happy Feet" ★★★ (2006) Voices of Elijah Wood. Animated. Born without the ability to sing, a young emperor penguin expresses himself and hopes to attract a mate through his amazing dancing talent.
10:45 a.m. TCM "The Conquerors" ★★ (1932) Richard Dix.
11:00 a.m. SHOW "When a Stranger Calls" ★★ (2006) Camilla Belle
11:25 a.m. HBO "Green Lantern" ★★ (2011) Ryan Reynolds
MAX "Rampage" ★★½ (2018) Dwayne Johnson
11:30 a.m. WE "Joyful Noise" ★★½ (2012) Queen Latifah.
12:00 p.m. TMC "Metropolitan" ★★★ (1990) Carolyn Farina A West Side loner gets a taste of high society when he becomes involved with a group of privileged young Manhattanites.
12:15 p.m. TCM "Gold Diggers of 1935" ★★★ (1935) Dick Powell. Romance strikes when a vacationing millionairess and her daughter spend their vacation at a posh New England resort.
12:30 p.m. FX "The Martian" ★★★½ (2015) Matt Damon. Left behind by his crew, a stranded astronaut must find a way to survive on Mars, while NASA and a team of international scientists work tirelessly to bring him home.
SHOW "Scream" ★★★ (1996) Neve Campbell (Premiere) A psycho killer targets a past victim's daughter, while a tabloid TV reporter homes in on his identity.
1:00 p.m. AMC "Ernest Saves Christmas" ★★½ (1988) Jim Varney.
TNT "Gladiator" ★★★½ (2000) Russell Crowe. When a Roman general is betrayed and his family murdered by the emperor, he comes to Rome as a gladiator to seek revenge.
1:15 p.m. MAX "The Fountain" ★★½ (2006) Hugh Jackman
1:20 p.m. HBO "Mortal Engines" ★★ (2018) Hera Hilmar
2:00 p.m. TCM "Wild Boys of the Road" ★★★ (1933) Frankie Darro. Tommy and Eddie share a rail car with Sally, and they decide to stay together when they reach Chicago.
WE "Big Momma's House" ★★ (2000) Martin Lawrence.
2:20 p.m. SHOW "The Dark Tower" ★★ (2017) Idris Elba
2:30 p.m. BET "Baby Boy" ★★★ (2001) Tyrese Gibson. A misguided 20-year-old juggles various women while dealing with two children and his mother's new boyfriend.
2:55 p.m. MAX "EDtv" ★★½ (1999) Matthew McConaughey
3:00 p.m. AMC "Snow Day" ★★ (2000) Chris Elliott.
FREE "Home Alone" ★★★ (1990) Macaulay Culkin. Accidentally left by his Paris-bound family, an 8-year-old makes mincemeat of two burglars in the house.
3:30 p.m. FX "Deepwater Horizon" ★★★ (2016) Mark Wahlberg. Chief electronics technician Mike Williams and other crew members fight for survival when the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig explodes on April 20, 2010, in the Gulf of Mexico.
TCM "Of Mice and Men" ★★★★ (1939) Burgess Meredith. Based on John Steinbeck's novel about the relationship between a migrant worker and his slow-witted friend.
HBO "Thank You for Smoking" ★★★ (2005) Aaron Eckhart A lobbyist for big tobacco finds it difficult to balance his duties defending a dangerous substance with those of being a good role model for his young son.
3:55 p.m. SHOW "Mile 22" ★★ (2018) Mark Wahlberg
4:30 p.m. TNT "Shooter" ★★½ (2007) Mark Wahlberg.
WE "Joyful Noise" ★★½ (2012) Queen Latifah.
5:00 p.m. AMC "The Polar Express" ★★★ (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. Animated. The conductor of a train to the North Pole guides a boy who questions the existence of Santa Claus.
BET "Tyler Perry's Good Deeds" ★★ (2012) Tyler Perry.
MAX "Friday Night Lights" ★★★ (2004) Billy Bob Thornton A high-school football coach in Odessa, Texas, tries to lead his players to the state championship.
5:30 p.m. FREE "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" ★★½ (1992) Macaulay Culkin.
TCM "The Purple Rose of Cairo" ★★★ (1985) Mia Farrow. A 1930s movie star steps off the screen to join a waitress in the audience.
6:00 p.m. FX "The Equalizer" ★★½ (2014) Denzel Washington.
7:00 p.m. AMC "Elf" ★★★ (2003) Will Ferrell. Adopted as a baby by one of Santa's elves, a man leaves the workshop to search for his family in New York.
PARMT "Scrooged" ★★★ (1988) Bill Murray. Premiere. A ruthless TV-network chief meets the ghosts of Christmases past, present and yet to come.
TCM "Lassie Come Home" ★★★ (1943) Roddy McDowall. An English boy's collie finds her way back home from Scotland after his father sells her to a duke.
WE "Last Holiday" ★★½ (2006) Queen Latifah.
HBO "The Town" ★★★ (2010) Ben Affleck A Boston bank robber looks for a way out of his criminal lifestyle after beginning a passionate romance with the woman that his gang briefly took hostage.
MAX "The Nice Guys" ★★★ (2016) Russell Crowe A down-on-his-luck private eye works with a hired enforcer to investigate the disappearance of a young woman in 1977 Los Angeles.
SHOW "Scream" ★★★ (1996) Neve Campbell A psycho killer targets a past victim's daughter, while a tabloid TV reporter homes in on his identity.
TMC "Unforgiven" ★★★★ (1992) Clint Eastwood An old gunslinger, his ex-partner and a quick-draw kid go bounty hunting in a town called Big Whiskey.
7:30 p.m. E! "Cheaper by the Dozen" ★★½ (2003) Steve Martin.
8:45 p.m. TCM "Adventures of Rusty" ★★ (1945) Ted Donaldson.
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TNT "Gladiator" ★★★½ (2000) Russell Crowe. When a Roman general is betrayed and his family murdered by the emperor, he comes to Rome as a gladiator to seek revenge.
MAX "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.
SHOW "Scream 2" ★★★ (1997) David Arquette (Premiere) A masked killer continues to pursue a California student and her friends at an Ohio college.
9:30 p.m. WE "Last Holiday" ★★½ (2006) Queen Latifah.
10:00 p.m. TCM "A Dog's Best Friend" ★★ (1960) Bill Williams.
10:05 p.m. HBO "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.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

MOVIES

DECEMBER 4, 2019

		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)	**America Says**	**Family Feud**	**Family Feud**	**Dateline** Husband is shot on a hunting trip.		**Dateline** A father's remains are found in a field.		**Dateline** A woman from South Carolina is missing.		**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**
WBIQ-PBS	4	**Ready Jet Go!** (El)	**Peg & Cat** (El)	**PBS NewsHour** (N)		**Nature** "Equus: Story of the Horse: Origins" Relationship between humans and horses.			**8 Days: To the Moon and Back** Inside the Apollo 11 spacecraft.				**Great Performances**
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**	**87th Annual Christmas in Rockefeller Center** The 87th annual tree lighting ceremony. (N) (Live)				**(:01) Making It** Couples' costumes and pet homes. (N)		**WVTM 13 News at 10p**	**Tonight Show-J. Fallon**
WBRC-FOX	7	**WBRC FOX6 News at 5pm**	**WBRC FOX6 News**	**WBRC FOX6 News at 6pm**	**Inside Edition** (N)	**The Masked Singer** Four of the remaining celebs perform.		**(:01) The Moodys** Dan returns to his childhood home.		**WBRC FOX6 News at 9pm**	**WBRC FOX6 News**	**WBRC FOX6 News at 10pm**	**(:35) TMZ** (N)
WIAT-CBS	8	**CBS42 News 5pm** (N)	**CBS Evening News**	**CBS42 News 6pm** (N)	**Entertainment Tonight** (N)	**Survivor** "A Very Simple Plan" (N)		**(:01) SEAL Team** "Kill or Cure" A warlord steals virus samples.		**S.W.A.T.** "School" The team must stop a school shooting.		**CBS42 News 10pm** (N)	**Late Show-Colbert**
WTTO-CW	9	**The Goldbergs**	**2 Broke Girls**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**Riverdale** Residents receive more videotapes. (N)		**Nancy Drew** A discovery about the car wreck. (N)		**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**The Andy Griffith Show**	**The Andy Griffith Show**
WPXH-ION	11	**Blue Bloods** A woman's ex-boyfriend is murdered.		**Blue Bloods** Frank attempts to find a missing boy.		**Blue Bloods** A felon dies in a prisoner van crash.		**Blue Bloods** An adoption dispute gets complicated.		**Blue Bloods** Danny protects a released ex-con.		**Blue Bloods** Frank intervenes in a child abuse case.	
WABM2-ABC	12	**ABC 33/40 News at 5PM**	**ABC World News**	**ABC 33/40 News at 6PM**	**Wheel of Fortune** (N)	**The Goldbergs** (N)	**Schooled** (N)	**Modern Family** (N)	**(:31) Single Parents** (N)	**Stumptown** Dex and Grey's friendship is tested. (N)		**ABC 33/40 News at 10PM**	**(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!**
A&E	42	**The First 48** A young father is murdered in his car.		**The First 48** "Officer Down" A killer targets the law.		**The First 48** A murder victim's friends hide a secret.		**The First 48** Drive-by shooting death in Oklahoma.		**(:01) The First 48** A man shot while protecting his wife.		**(:04) The First 48** Two murder suspects caught on camera.	
AMC	53	★★★ **"The Polar Express"** (2004, Children's) Voices of Tom Hanks. Animated. A conductor guides a boy to the North Pole.				★★★ **"Elf"** (2003, Children's) Will Ferrell, James Caan. A man leaves Santa's workshop to search for his family.				★★★ **"The Polar Express"** (2004, Children's) Voices of Tom Hanks. Animated. A conductor guides a boy to the North Pole.			
ANPL	47	**Extinct or Alive** The Malagasy Dwarf Hippo.		**Extinct or Alive** A turtle species is near extinction.		**Extinct or Alive: Uncovered Evidence** (N)		**Extinct or Alive** "Colombian Dinosaur" (N)		**(:03) Life After Chernobyl**		**(:03) Man-Eating Zombie Cats**	
BET	55	★★ **"Tyler Perry's Good Deeds"** (2012, Drama) Tyler Perry, Thandie Newton, Gabrielle Union. A wealthy businessman falls in love with a struggling single mother.						**Tyler Perry's The Oval** Hunter becomes uncontrollable. (N)		**Tyler Perry's Sistas** Andi acts quickly to help fallen friend. (N)		**Copwatch America** Hawk causes Kim to melt down. (N)	
BRAVO	58	**The Real Housewives of New Jersey** Melissa turns 40.		**The Real Housewives of New Jersey** "Jamaican Jailbait"		**The Real Housewives of New Jersey** (N)		**The Real Housewives of Dallas** "One Fight in Bangkok" (N)		**Watch What Happens Live**	**The Real Housewives of New Jersey** (N)		**Blind Date** (N)
CMTV	61	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**
CNBC	35	**Mad Money** (N)		**Shark Tank** A socially interactive party game.		**Shark Tank** A high-performance problem-solver.		**Shark Tank** A large database of Santa entertainers.		**Five Day Biz Fix** Transforming hotel room into restaurant.		**Shark Tank** A high-performance problem-solver.	
CNN	37	**The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer** (N)		**Erin Burnett OutFront** (N)		**Anderson Cooper 360** (N)		**Cuomo Prime Time** (N)		**CNN Tonight With Don Lemon** (N)		**CNN Tonight With Don Lemon** (N)	
COM	56	**(:15) South Park** "Buddha Box"		**(5:50) South Park**	**(:25) South Park**	**South Park**	**South Park**	**South Park**	**South Park**	**South Park** (N)	**Crank Yankers** (N)	**The Daily Show**	**Lights Out-David Spade**
DISN	49	**Good Luck Jessie: NYC**	**Jessie**	**Sydney to the Max**	**Bunk'd**	**Raven's Home** "Crewed Up"	**Just Roll With It**	**Jessie**	**Jessie**	**Coop & Cami Ask the World**	**Sydney to the Max**	**Raven's Home** "Because"	**Just Roll With It**
DSC	43	**Alaskan Bush People: Mountain Life** (N)		**Alaskan Bush People: Mountain Life** "The Big Push" (N)		**Alaskan Bush People** The family transports a windmill.		**Man vs. Bear** Humans come face to face with bears.		**(:03) Alaskan Bush People: Off the Grid** "Braving Bear Territory" Birdy goes hunting in bear territory. (N)			
E!	21	**Chrisley Knows Best**	**Chrisley Knows Best**	**Chrisley Knows Best**	**Chrisley Knows Best**	**Tom Brady: In the Room** (N)	★★ **"Cheaper by the Dozen"** (2003) Steve Martin, Bonnie Hunt. A man must handle the chaos surrounding his 12 children.				**Nightly Pop** (N)	**Botched** Patient flips out over butt implants.	
ESPN	29	**SportsCenter** (N) (Live)		**2019 Jimmy V Week**	**College Basketball** Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				**College Basketball** Ohio State at North Carolina. From the Dean E. Smith Center in Chapel Hill, N.C. (N) (Live)				**SportsCenter W/Van Pelt**
ESPN2	30	**Daily Wager** (N) (Live)		**(:15) College Basketball** Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				**(:15) College Basketball** Wisconsin at NC State. From PNC Arena in Raleigh, N.C. (N) (Live)				**(:15) College Basketball** Utah State at San Jose State. (N)	
FOOD	45	**Guy's Grocery Games** "Redemption Tournament: Part 4"		**Guy's Grocery Games** "Redemption Tournament: Finale"		**Guy's Grocery Games**		**Guy's Grocery Games** Judges compete. (N)		**The Great Food Truck Race** (N)		**Guy's Grocery Games** "DDD Holiday Showdown"	
FREE	48	**(3:00) ★★★ "Home Alone"**	★★ **"Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"** (1992, Children's) Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci. Kevin ends up in New York when he boards the wrong plane.					**"Ghosting: The Spirit of Christmas"** (2019) Aisha Dee. Premiere. Jess dies in a car accident on the way home from a date.				**The 700 Club**	
FS1	20	**NASCAR Race Classic**	**College Basketball** Pennsylvania at Villanova. From Finneran Pavilion in Villanova, Pa. (N) (Live)				**College Basketball** Texas Tech at DePaul. From Wintrust Arena in Chicago. (N) (Live)				**FS1 College Hoops Extra**	**NFL Turning Point** (N)	**NFL Films Presents**
FSEE	32	**Power of Sports**	**GeorgiaSouth.**	**Hawks Live! Pregame** (N)	**NBA Basketball** Brooklyn Nets at Atlanta Hawks. From State Farm Arena in Atlanta. (N) (Live)					**Hawks Live! Postgame** (N)	**Hawks 4th Quarter**	**NBA Basketball** Brooklyn Nets at Atlanta Hawks.	
FX	28	**(3:30) ★★★ "Deepwater Horizon"** (2016) Mark Wahlberg.		★★ **"The Equalizer"** (2014, Action) Denzel Washington, Marton Csokas, Chloë Grace Moretz. A former commando champions the helpless.						★★ **"The Equalizer"** (2014, Action) Denzel Washington, Marton Csokas. A former commando champions the helpless.			
GOLF	82	**(4:00) PGA Tour Golf** Hero World Challenge, First Round.				**PGA Tour Golf** Emirates Australian Open, First Round. Sergio Garcia and Jason Day are scheduled to compete. (N) (Live)							
HALL	72	**"Christmas Under Wraps"** (2014, Children's) Candace Cameron Bure. A doctor discovers an Alaskan town's holiday secret.				**"Christmas in Evergreen: Tidings of Joy"** (2019) Ashley Williams. A writer investigates a town's passion for Christmas.				**(:03) "Let It Snow"** (2013, Drama) Candace Cameron Bure, Jesse Hutch, Alan Thicke. An executive has a change of heart.			
HGTV	46	**Property Brothers: Buying & Selling** "A Lateral Move"		**Property Brothers: Buying & Selling** "Oh Brother!"		**Property Brothers: Forever Home** (N)		**Property Brothers: Forever Home** (N)		**House Hunters International**	**House Hunters** (N)	**House Hunters International**	**House Hunters**
HIST	40	**Vikings** Ubbe is forced into hand-to-hand combat.		**Vikings** "Ragnarok" A new battle for Kattegat.		**Vikings** "The Saga of Floki" Ivar is flooded with memories.		**Vikings** "New Beginnings; The Prophet" (Season Premiere) Bjorn struggles with responsibilities. (N)				**(:02) Vikings** Messengers arrive in Kattegat with news.	
LIFE	23	**"Christmas Lost and Found"** (2018) Tiya Sircar, Diane Ladd. Whitney mistakenly throws out a box of precious ornaments.				**"Staging Christmas"** (2019) Soleil Moon Frye, George Stults. A widower asks a woman to stage his home for the holidays.				**(:03) "Christmas in the City"** (2013, Drama) Ashley Williams, Ashanti. A woman brings the Christmas spirit back to her store.			
MSNBC	36	**The Beat With Ari Melber** (N)		**Hardball With Chris Matthews** (N)		**All In With Chris Hayes** (N)		**The Rachel Maddow Show** (N)		**The Last Word With Lawrence O'Donnell** (N)		**The 11th Hour With Brian Williams** (N)	
NGC	22	**History of the Emirates: Ancient World and Beyond** (N)		**Kingdom of the North** Landscapes of the Canadian Arctic.		**Life Below Zero** "Zero Hour" Timing is everything.		**Life Below Zero** "Winter Inferno"		**Running Wild With Bear Grylls** "Armie Hammer in Sardinia"		**Running Wild With Bear Grylls** "Nick Jonas"	
PARMT	57	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	★★★ **"Scrooged"** (1988, Comedy) Bill Murray, Karen Allen. Premiere. TV-network bigshot meets Christmas ghosts.				★★★ **"Scrooged"** (1988, Comedy) Bill Murray, Karen Allen, John Forsythe. TV-network bigshot meets Christmas ghosts.			
TBS	25	**Family Guy** "Family Gay"	**Family Guy**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**Full Frontal**	**Conan** (N)	**Full Frontal**
TCM	79	**"Of Mice and Men"** (1939)	★★★ **"The Purple Rose of Cairo"** (1985, Comedy-Drama) Mia Farrow, Jeff Daniels.			★★★ **"Lassie Come Home"** (1943, Children's) Roddy McDowall, Donald Crisp.		**(:45) ★★ "Adventures of Rusty"** (1945, Children's) Ted Donaldson, Margaret Lindsay.				★★ **"A Dog's Best Friend"** (1960, Children's) Bill Williams.	
TLC	24	**Say Yes to the Dress**	**Say Yes to the Dress**	**Say Yes to the Dress**	**Say Yes to the Dress**	**My 600-Lb. Life** "Annjeannette's Story" Struggling with food addiction.				**My 600-Lb. Life** "Vianey & Allen's Story" Vianey and Allen look to lose weight.			
TNT	26	**(4:30) ★★ "Shooter"** (2007, Suspense) Mark Wahlberg. A wounded sniper plots revenge against those who betrayed him.				**All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite** (N) (Live)				★★★ **"Gladiator"** (2000) Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix. A fugitive general becomes a gladiator in ancient Rome.			
USA	27	**(4:56) NCIS** Searching for Eli and Jackie's killer.		**(5:58) NCIS** Parsons' view of the team changes.		**WWE NXT** (N) (Live)				**(:08) WWE NXT** (N)		**(:15) Modern Family**	**(:39) Modern Family**
WE	71	**(4:30) ★★ "Joyful Noise"** (2012, Comedy-Drama) Queen Latifah, Dolly Parton, Keke Palmer.				★★ **"Last Holiday"** (2006, Comedy) Queen Latifah, Gérard Depardieu, LL Cool J. A terminally ill woman lives it up on vacation.					★★ **"Last Holiday"** (2006) Queen Latifah. A terminally ill woman lives it up on vacation.		
HBO	518	**"American Woman"** (2018) Sienna Miller. Premiere. A woman raises her grandson after her daughter goes missing. 'R'				★★★ **"The Town"** (2010, Crime Drama) Ben Affleck. A woman doesn't realize that her new beau is a bank robber. 'R'				**(:05) His Dark Materials** "The Lost Boy"		**(:05)** ★★★ **"Us"** (2019, Horror) Lupita Nyong'o. 'R'	
MAX	549	★★★ **"Friday Night Lights"** (2004, Drama) Billy Bob Thornton. A football coach leads high-school players in Texas. 'PG-13'				★★★ **"The Nice Guys"** (2016, Action) Russell Crowe. A private eye and an enforcer search for a missing woman. 'R'				★★★ **"Deadpool 2"** (2018, Action) Ryan Reynolds. Deadpool joins forces with a team of mutants to fight Cable. 'R'			
SHOW	578	**(3:55) ★★ "Mile 22"** 'R'	★ **"The Happytime Murders"** (2018, Comedy) Melissa McCarthy, Elizabeth Banks. 'R'			★★★ **"Scream"** (1996, Horror) Neve Campbell. A psychopath stalks the teens of a sleepy California town. 'R'				★★★ **"Scream 2"** (1997, Horror) David Arquette. Premiere. A psychotic slasher rampages through an Ohio college town. 'R'			
TMC	598	★ **"Battlefield Earth"** (2000) John Travolta. Enslaved humans fight to free the planet from alien control. 'PG-13'				★★★★ **"Unforgiven"** (1992, Western) Clint Eastwood. Clint Eastwood's Oscar-winning portrait of an aged gunman. 'R'				**(:15)** ★ **"Wild Bill"** (1995, Western) Jeff Bridges, Ellen Barkin, John Hurt. The past haunts the Old West gunslinger. 'R'			

Best Bets

7 p.m. on WVTM
87th Annual Christmas in Rockefeller Center

"Today" anchors Savannah Guthrie, Hoda Kotb, Craig Melvin and Al Roker host this annual special built around the lighting of the iconic Christmas tree in Rockefeller Plaza, a tradition dating back to 1931 during the Great Depression. Before that breathtaking moment, however, the program presents festive holiday performances from Chicago, Brett Eldredge, Derek & Julianne Hough, John Legend, Idina Menzel, NE-YO, Gwen Stefani, Lea Michele, Straight No Chaser and, from NBC's upcoming midseason drama "Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist," Skylar Astin and Alex Newell.

8 p.m. on DSC
Man vs. Bear

In what may be literally the wildest reality competition series ever, each episode of this new unscripted program pits three live Grizzly bears living in a Utah sanctuary in a series of challenges against three human competitors. For obvious reasons, the designated challenges will reflect the natural instincts of the bears, two males and a female named Bart, Tank and Honey Bump. There are five challenges per episode, involving such tests as a team vs. team tug of war or giant log rolling.

8 p.m. on FREE
Movie: Ghosting: The Spirit of Christmas

Aisha Dee ("The Bold Type") stars in this original Freeform holiday drama as Jess, who dares to hope for the best when she goes on a fantastic first date with Ben (Kendrick Sampson, "Insecure"). Alas, that happiness is short-lived when Jess literally "ghosts" Ben by perishing in a car accident. Totally stunned and helpless from this shocking turn of events, Jess must rely on her best friend Kara (Kimiko Glenn, "Orange Is the New Black") to help her figure out how to move on. Missi Pyle co-stars.

8 p.m. on HIST
Vikings

Season 5 of this hit historical drama climaxed with a ferocious battle for Kattegat that ended with ruthless Ivar the Boneless (Alex Hogh Andersen) fleeing the field of combat, leaving his brother Bjorn Ironside (Alexander Ludwig) to be crowned the rightful king by his mother, Lagertha (Katheryn Winnick). As the sixth and final season opens with a two-hour premiere, Bjorn struggles to fill his late father's royal shoes while wrestling with the nagging suspicion that power inevitably overshadows moral considerations.

8:01 p.m. on WBRC
The Moodys

Adapted from an Australian sitcom, this new Fox comedy about a dysfunctional Chicago family launches a limited six-episode run tonight with two back-to-back episodes. Denis Leary ("Rescue Me") and Elizabeth Perkins ("Weeds") star as Sean and Ann Moody, whose joy at having their three adult children home for the Christmas holidays is less than boundless. Jay Baruchel, François Arnaud and Chelsea Frei play Sean Jr., Dan and Bridget, the younger Moodys. The series continues next Monday and Tuesday, with two episodes each night.

9 p.m. on CNBC
Five Day Biz Fix

Spouses Chrissy and Erik Koplin have established themselves as experts when it comes to reimagining small businesses from stem to stern, with a single objective in mind: increasing revenue. In this new hour-long series, the Koplins bring years of high-end retail design experience and construction expertise to overhaul a diverse assortment of brick and mortar business for clients who can't afford to shut down for an extended renovation period.



Katheryn Winnick stars in "Vikings" on History.

OPINION

Op-Ed: Road and bridge projects

Rep. Randall Shedd
Contributor



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Rep. Randall Shedd

It's important for everyone to understand the process for road and bridge projects.

First of all, please understand that legislators do not vote to do specific projects. We compete with every other legislator in the state for the same state funding for projects in our area.

Our job is to try to develop a strategy and get in a position to convince the agency in charge (usually ALDOT) to fund and approve projects for our areas.

Secondly, road and bridge projects take a while from idea to construction to completion.

It took me five years to get the turn lane on Highway 69 at Gold Ridge Road, but I very much appreciate ALDOT Director John Cooper sticking it out with me on it!

Once funding is approved, right-of-way, utility relocation, etc. takes a lot of time even before construction can begin.

When I ran for the Legislature in 2013, I promised to stay focused on local projects.

Every project I listed as a goal in my 2013 legislative campaign has been accomplished, with the exception of Highway 278, and we continue to work on it.

Returning your tax dollars from Montgomery for projects that benefit the public in my legislative district is a part of my job I take very seriously.

I appreciate my legislative colleagues in the four counties I represent working closely with me in a team effort to secure funding and project approvals.

The following projects in or impacting my district are already underway or announced to begin this coming year:

Blount County

• $430,000 for resurfacing roads north of Blountsville and east of Holly Pond

• $10.4 million bridge project on AL Highway 79 over Blackburn Fork. Currently in preliminary engineering and R.O.W. acquisition with construction expected in 2023

• $3.2 million - Cleveland, safety improvement project at intersection of AL Highway 79 and AL Highway 160

Cullman County

• $25 million - Construction to begin Spring of 2020 to four lane Alabama Highway 157 from AL Highway 69 past Cullman Regional Medical Center to U.S. Highway 31

• $8.8 million - New bridge on U.S. Highway 278 just west of Berlin to replace the old bridge that had deficiency concerns

• $1.64 million - New Canaan for widening and resurfacing U.S. Highway 231 from Blount County line to Marshall County line

• $418,700 - Providence Community for resurfacing County Road 1435 (Paid by new Rebuild Alabama Fund)

• $188,000 - Intersection/traffic light signal at Hutch Restaurant in Fairview at AL Highway 69 and Wesley Avenue (Paid by new Rebuild Alabama Fund)

Morgan County

• Almost $1 million of projects are approved for my legislative district in Morgan County this coming year (Paid by the new Rebuild Alabama Fund):

• $400,000 - Hulaco Road, bridge replacement west of Hulaco

• $236,485 - Hulaco Road, widen and resurface from AL Highway 67 to Marshall County line

• $236,485 - Eva, for resurfacing Union Hill Church Road

Soon after the first of the year, I expect Governor Ivey will be announcing more Road/Bridge projects in my legislative district.

Immediate goals

Below are some of the road and bridge projects my local legislative colleagues and I are working on for funding and approval in my district paid from the new Rebuild Alabama Fund and other funds. I expect numerous projects will be announced within the next 24 months:

• Local road and bridge projects, in all four counties in my legislative district including municipal projects in Hanceville, Eva and others.

• State Highway and bridge projects in my district in Blount and Cullman Counties

• Turn lanes in multiple locations, including AL Highway 69 from East Point to Arab (beginning with a turn lane project at the intersection of AL 69 and County Road 747 at Simcoe)

• Passing lanes added on AL Highway 69 from East Point to Arab (Currently looking at suitable site locations)

Long-term goals

I will stay focused on the following projects working closely with my local legislative colleagues as long as I'm in the legislature. Some are attainable relatively soon. Some will require projects in segments over time due to the sheer size and scope of the projects:

• Replace 77-year-old St. Bernard Bridge

• Four lane U.S. Highway 278 from east downtown Cullman to the intersection of AL Highway 157 at East Point

• Four lane U.S. Highway 278 from east of Berlin in Cullman County to Snead in Blount County

• Improvements to AL Highway 79 to Birmingham (A route used by residents in my district driving to work in Birmingham).

Traffic congestion in these areas will only going to get worse. I'm doing all I can to address these transportation projects.

I appreciate Governor Ivey and her team working closely with my legislative colleagues and me to improve our transportation needs.

Thank y'all for letting me represent you in Montgomery!

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Obituary Announcements Dec. 4

Katie Beth Cofer of Cullman passed away Nov. 28, 2019 at the age of 37. She was born in Cullman Jan. 7, 1982 to John Dennis and Sharron Kilgo Perkins. She is preceded in death by her mother. She is survived by her husband Daniel Ray Cofer, daughter Latia Flannigan, father John Dennis Perkins, stepmother Betty Perkins and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and other family members. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Funeral Services for Garland Crabtree, 61, of Hanceville will be 2 p.m. Wednesday Dec. 4, 2019 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Tim Johnson will be officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Grove Congregational Cemetery located in Hanceville. Mr. Crabtree is survived by his children Patty Crabtree, Candy (Robert) Grantland and Kevin Crabtree; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; sisters Sheila Dill and Sharron (Adam) Krock; and niece Rachel (J.R.) Fillmore. Mr. Crabtree is preceded in death by his parents J.G. Crabtree and Margie Moore Johnson; daughter Tiffany Crabtree; brother Ricky Wheatley; and nephew Justin Dooley.

Funeral Service for Betty Louise Whaley will be 3 p.m. Thursday, December 5, 2019 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. Perry Knight & Rev. Joe McNalty officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Whaley went to be with the Lord Dec. 2, 2019, at the age of 72. She was born Jan. 2, 1947 to John Russell Sparks & Mary Evelyn Pierce Sparks. Visitation will be Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019 from 1:30-2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home. Friends may sign the online guest book at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Mina Dean Darty Lee passed away Dec. 1, 2019 at the age of 92. She was born Aug. 25, 1927 to Lee and Maggie Nix Darty in Carbon Hill, Alabama. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Tyler Bera Lee; four brothers and three sisters. Funeral services are Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019 at Moss Funeral Home Chapel at 11:30 a.m. with Rev. Matt Lacey officiating. Interment will follow services at Emeus Cemetery in Logan Alabama. She is survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other family members. Visitation is Wednesday from 10-11:30 a.m.

Brian Heath Rice, 43, of Nauvoo entered into rest Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019 at his home surrounded by his family. Brian was born Feb. 10, 1976 in Jefferson County, Alabama. He was a graduate of the Class of 1994 of Winston County High School. He enjoyed being outdoors, hunting and collecting arrowheads. Visitation will be held Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019 from noon until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, where services will follow at 2 p.m. Elder Joe Holly will officiate. Burial will be in Williams Cemetery in the Black Pond Community. Brian is survived by his mother Martha Massey Dullaghan and her husband Eddie; sons Nathan, Ethan and Riley Rice; brother Dustin Glen Rice and his wife Vanessa; sister Marcie Thompson and her husband Chris; grandma Ivadean Massey; girlfriend Erika Davida Gilbert; and a host of nephews, nieces and other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father Tom Rice; grandpa Roy Massey and grandparents Mige and Verla Rice.

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Letters to Santa

The Cullman Tribune will be publishing Letters to Santa again this year beginning in December and throughout the Christmas holiday. We would love to have all area primary and elementary school students participate.

All letters will be published online and many in print. The deadline for print is Friday, Dec. 20.

Letters should contain the child's name, age, grade and classroom/school, along with his or her message to Santa.

Letters should be mailed (or dropped off) to

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Shopping (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Small Business Saturday is a nationwide initiative encouraging communities to support their local shops and retailers. It's sandwiched between Black Friday and Cyber Monday, meaning our local small businesses have the added difficulty of the Iron Bowl during the yearly event.

Ryne Ashley, co-owner of Ashley Mercantile in Cullman's Warehouse District, reported, "Friday was our best day. We see a consistent drop off when the football games start."

On Saturday morning, Ashley Mercantile had a line prior to opening and stayed busy until around noon. Hanceville business owner Nolan Bradford had a similar experience.

"We had a few show up that morning," he said, "but afternoon and evening were dead as a doornail. Likely due to the Iron Bowl."

Many shops have extended their hours for December.

Ashley said, "During the week, we will be open from 10-7. It will give people a chance to come by. We try to keep things as reasonable as possible. At least 65% of the items in here are going to be $35 or less. If it's over $35, 9 times out of 10, it's going to be heirloom-grade goods that you're gonna buy one time and be able to pass down. That means a lot to me and my family."

Cullman County small businesses offer unique gifts and often showcase products made by local artisans or pieces owners have created themselves. They also provide personal service and courtesies that can make the shopping experience much more enjoyable.

These local businesses depend on the support of their community to survive, and in return, Cullman County benefits as a whole.

Cullman Economic Development Agency Special Projects Coordinator Susan Eller sat down with The Tribune to explain how shopping local benefits everyone in Cullman.

"We don't have a city vs. county sales tax," said Eller. "Every municipality in Cullman County gets a share of whatever is made in Cullman. I think that's what makes our community so great is because you really don't have that competition between communities."

Eller provided a breakdown of the City of Cullman's 9.0% sales tax structure:

• 4%- $0.04 goes directly to the State of Alabama

Act 81-599 1%- $0.01
• Cullman County Board of Education -10%
• City of Cullman General Fund-45%
• Cullman County General Fund-15%
• Cullman County Road Fund-15%
• Municipalities by population-10%
• Rural Fire Departments-5%

Act 75-30 1%-$0.01
• City of Cullman General Fund- 50%
• Cullman County General Fund-50%

Act 93-705 1%-$0.01
• City of Cullman General Fund-40%
• Cullman County General Fund- 40%
• Municipalities by population-20%

Acts 63,67-71 2469 1%-$0.01
• Cullman County Board of Education-60%
• City of Cullman General Fund-40%

• City of Cullman Education Tax 0.5% $0.005

• Cullman County-Education Tax 0.5%-$0.005



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Locally-owned businesses like Ashley Mercantile (pictured) depend on the community to survive.

Shopping in Cullman is beneficial to everyone in the county by giving to both city and county schools, funding volunteer fire departments and other programs.

"I wish more people were aware that if we are successful in the center of our county, the outer lying areas are going to be successful too," Eller pointed out.

When shopping out of town, such as Birmingham and Huntsville, the schools in those communities are benefiting from your tax dollars.

Right now, tax is collected from online purchases, but the tax goes to the State of Alabama with only a tiny fraction making its way to Cullman County. Of that tiny fraction, none of it goes back to our local schools.

Eller said of online shopping, "That's what is scary! The schools are getting nothing.

"As that continues to grow, the schools are the losers. By shopping local, it goes back to your roads, schools, parks and rec, and your services are cheaper. Telling people not to shop in Cullman hurts everybody."

Another compelling reason Eller gave for supporting local businesses is the support these businesses give to the community.

"If you need a cheerleader team sponsored or you need your football team sponsored, Amazon isn't going to give you any money," she said.

"They aren't going to be a name you see on the back of a T-shirt. They haven't bought an ad in the program. It's your local people, your mom and pop stores, that are going to support your local things. Those are your friends and family, so it's important that you support your local businesses.

"Everyone would like to see better roads, the schools adequately funded, the volunteer fire departments fully equipped, more parks and recreation activities and more money for the community.

"Every time we choose to shop local and keep the money in Cullman County, we are doing our part to make that happen."

Christmas Love (from Front)

lars for Christmas Love.

"Some people have more money than time and some have more time than money," Willoughby said.

This year most of the sponsors will do the shopping for the kids and their families, but Willoughby and the other volunteers will be doing the shopping for a few. There is a special joy that is experienced by giving to children in need, said those involved in the effort. Willoughby explained, "My own girls thank me and are very appreciative for what they get, but they aren't like, 'Oh my gosh! This never happens!' Some of these kids, you have that, and it's what Christmas is all about."

Shootout (from Front)

30 minutes because of some witnesses and people with them.

"So far, everyone has been cooperative except for the two shooters. They are actually from Trussville."

White said the brothers are juveniles, ages 16 and 17. Their identities have not been released.

"Right now, we're not going to release their names, but we're going to try to charge them as adults," he said. "They are in our system."

Also hit in the shootout were the Verizon building, a vehicle and a transformer box.

"They could have killed somebody just out driving on 157," said White.

A tracking dog was brought in to find the brother who fled, but he was not found.

Check www.CullmanTribune.com for the latest.

Man (from Front)

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MORGAN COUNTY, Ala. – A Cullman County man was arrested in Morgan County Monday, charged with two counts of first-degree rape and two counts of first-degree sodomy involving a victim younger than 12.

The Morgan County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) announced the arrest of Christopher Scott Martin, 40, Tuesday.

The MCSO said in a Facebook post (unedited): "On Monday, December 2, 2019, Morgan County Sheriff's Office Investigators executed a Felony Warrant for the arrest of Christopher Scott Martin, 40 of Cullman County, charged with 2 counts of 1st Degree Rape and 2 counts of 1st Degree Sodomy.

"The arrest stems from events in the Eva area of Morgan County involving a victim under the age of 12."

Martin was booked into the Morgan County Jail on a $100,000 bond.

Downtown Nutrition (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – On Tuesday morning, Downtown Nutrition officially opened for business at 324 Second Ave. SE in Cullman with a ribbon cutting sponsored by the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce. The shop specializes in meal replacement and protein shakes, as well as herbal energy teas.

Owner Dusty Stanley told The Tribune, "The quick way to describe it is 'healthy fast food!' We do meal replacement, protein shakes.

"We have some post-workout shakes, we do loaded energy herbal teas, some beauty drinks for collagen.

"But our specialty is that we can create something special for our customers. We can add extra of what they need, we can take away the things that they don't need.

"We really work with them one-on-one to create exactly what they're looking for in nutrition."

An Herbalife Nutrition distributor, Stanley was encouraged by her sister, who owns two similar shops in Mississippi.

According to Stanley, "She said, 'I think Cullman would be a great place for this store.

"I lived in Cullman for 10 years; I love the community.' And so, (it's) one of those things where God just said, 'Hey, this is where you're going,' so this is where I am."

The shop held a soft opening on Black Friday, so Stanley has had a few days to see how the community's reaction would be, and she told The Tribune, "It's been good! It's been steady. Everybody's been real receptive.

"Everybody loves the idea of having a healthy option, something quick they can get and not feel so guilty as driving through a drive-through, so we're excited and just keep looking forward to growing."

For more on Downtown Nutrition, visit www.facebook.com/downtownnutritioncullman/.



